



# Kokusai Hiroba



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Events introducing the cultures and lifestyles of other countries are held at Kokusai Hiroba with the cooperation of various NPOs and exchange groups within the prefecture.



## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

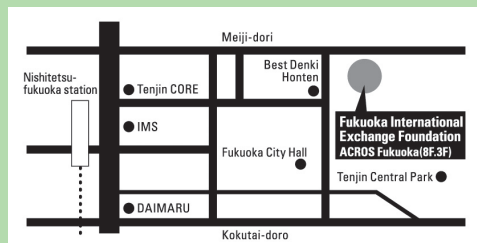
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Closed on: Saturday, Sunday, holidays, December 29-January 3

3F Kokusai Hiroba

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Opening hours 10:00-19:00 / Closed on: December 29-January 3





# Kokusai Hiroba Notices & Event Information

(July, August, September)

Operated by the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, Kokusai Hiroba carries out many projects as a center for information exchange and interaction between local and foreign residents, a point of contact for international students, and as a base for spreading Asian youth culture.

Visit our homepage for the latest event information!

[www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/)



## Event

### Humanitarian Diplomat "Chiune Sugihara" 6000 Visas for Life - A Long Journey Exhibition Pre-event

- ▶Date=Sunday 7th July  
Display 13:00-17:00 Lecture Event 14:00-15:00
- ▶Number of participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Req'd (phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact=Chiune Sugihara Exhibition Executive Committee  
092-739-3215
- ▶FAX=092-771-0208
- ▶E-mail=seiji\_takemura@kyudensangyo.co.jp
- ▶URL=[www.chiune-sugihara.jp/](http://www.chiune-sugihara.jp/)

During WWII, diplomat Chiune Sugihara issued visas granting passage through Japan in order to save Jewish refugees (Visas for Life). A display of photographs and a lecture by Takaharu Furue, director of "Chiune Sugihara Visas for Life", will be held as a pre-event for the exhibition beginning July 11th at the Fukuoka Asian Art Museum.

### Around the world with Kokusai

#### Hiroba Café

- ▶Date=Vol.16 - South Korea: Sunday 28th July, 14:00-16:00  
Vol.17 - India/Sri Lanka: Sunday 29th September, 14:00-16:00
- ▶Number of participants=Approx. 50
- ▶Cost=Supporting Members: Free General: ¥300
- ▶Registration=Req'd (phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation  
092-725-9200
- ▶FAX=092-725-9206
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Introduction to the world's countries and their cultures by foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education.

Vol. 16 is the South Korea edition, introducing traditional arts and crafts from Fukuoka's closest international neighbour!



The 17th Café focuses on India and Sri Lanka. Come and learn about the cultures and cuisines of these neighbouring nations, as well as experiencing each country's individual charm!

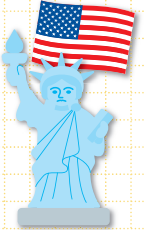


## Study-Abroad Information

### Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba Vol.1 "Let's go to America!"

- ▶Date=Sunday 4th August, 14:00-16:00
- ▶Number of participants=30 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Req'd (phone, FAX)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation  
092-725-9200
- ▶FAX=092-725-9206
- ▶URL=[www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/)

This time we invite speakers who have studied in America to talk about everything from preparation to student life, as well as how to make the most of your experience abroad. The Fukuoka American Center will also offer information.



## Lecture

### 15th Habitat Hiroba

- ▶Date=Thursday 1st August, 13:00-15:00
- ▶Number of participants=Approx. 50 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Req'd (phone, FAX, email)
- ▶Contact=UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office 092-724-7121
- ▶FAX=092-724-7124
- ▶E-mail=[habitat.fukuoka@unhabitat.org](mailto:habitat.fukuoka@unhabitat.org)
- ▶URL=[www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/](http://www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/)

A joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. This time the UN Habitat Fukuoka Head office celebrates 16 years since its establishment with a lecture on 'Nepal'.

### 50th Japanese Cultural Seminar

- ▶Date=Saturday 27th July, 15:00-17:00
- ▶Number of participants=100 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Req'd (phone, email)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Student Support Center  
092-725-9201
- ▶E-mail=[bunkajuku.fissc@gmail.com](mailto:bunkajuku.fissc@gmail.com) ▶URL=[www.fissc.net](http://www.fissc.net)

The Japanese Cultural Seminar features presentations by people active on the front line of various fields. This month's presentation by Theatre Douke includes a performance of "3 little pigs" in Chinese. Participants can join in a social event following the seminar.

## Volunteers (assistants/interpreters) needed for 8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

- Dates: Wed 9th - Sat 12th October ■Venues: Hotels in Fukuoka City, ACROS Fukuoka, Tenjin Chuo-Koen
- Duties: Event assistants (reception, ushering, etc.), Interpreters (English, Spanish, Portugese)
- Enquiries: 8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention Executive Committee Office  
092-725-3309
- URL: [www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/project/overseas/world.php](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/project/overseas/world.php)
- facebook: [www.facebook.com/fukuoka.kenjinkai](http://www.facebook.com/fukuoka.kenjinkai)



We look forward to hearing from you!



coordinators:  
Kurashige/Nakatsuchi

Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai consist of emigrants from Fukuoka and their descendants. The Worldwide Convention, an opportunity for 21 Kenjinkai from 9 countries across North and South America to gather as one, will be held in Fukuoka this October. We are looking for volunteers who can assist at the commemorative ceremony, hometown visits, Kenjinkai fair, interactive photography exhibit and other events.

## Let's bring the International Linear Collider Project (ILC) to Kyushu!

The International Linear Collider Project, which will draw closer to solving the mystery of our universe's creation by reproducing its supposed beginning, the "Big Bang", is attracting worldwide attention. As part of the project, the international community will collaborate to construct a giant accelerator, where researchers from around the world will try to unravel mankind's greatest mystery, the birth of the universe. The Sefuri mountain range that straddles the border of Fukuoka and Saga Prefectures is a likely candidate site for this giant accelerator, which will only be built in one location in the world. It's selection would lead to the formation of an "international academic research city" that would be the focal point of many leading global technologies, and Kyushu would become a hub of human resources, technology and knowledge with Fukuoka and Saga at its heart.

※ILC Asia - Kyushu Promotion Council homepage [www.ilc-asia-kyushu.org/](http://www.ilc-asia-kyushu.org/)



# Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

★ Kokusai Hiroba Café ★ Habitat Hiroba ★ Japanese Cultural Seminar

■ Human Rights Counseling for Foreigners

■ Immigration and Residency Process Consultations

A ~ I indicate Japanese classes. Please check the table below to see which classes are being held.

## July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 E,F,G	7
8	9	10 B	11 C	12 D	13 F,G	14 H,I
15	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D	20 E,F,G	21 H,I
22	23	24 B	25 C	26 D	27 ★	28 ★
29	30	31 B				

## August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1 ★	2	3	4
5	6	7 B	8 C	9 D	10 F,G	11 H,I
12	13	14 B	15 C	16 D	17 E,F,G	18 H,I
19	20	21 B	22 C	23 D	24 F,G	25
26	27	28 B	29 C	30 D	31	

## September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2	3	4 B	5 C	6 D	7 F,G	8 H,I
9	10	11 B	12 C	13 D	14 E,F,G	15 H,I
16	17 A	18 B	19 C	20 D	21 F,G	22 H,I
23	24	25 B	26 C	27 D	28 ★	29 ★
30						

★When events are held at Kokusai Hiroba, classes will be held in the Exchange Room.

★As the schedule for Japanese classes is subject to change, please visit our home page for the latest information.

## Japanese Classes @ Kokusai Hiroba

	Name of Class	Time	Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	A Chiisana Kokusai Koryu no Kai	10:00-12:00	1000 yen/month (Trial lesson free)	(Phone&FAX) 092-662-7690 chiisanainfo@gmail.com nihongonoguchi@u01.gate01.com	Everyday conversation (focus on speech, following the year-long conversation curriculum. We may add sentence structure if needed.) Pronunciation practice (correction of pronunciation) Level : Beginner, Intermediate
Wed	B Cosmos Japanese Class	①11:00-12:30 ②13:30-15:00	100 yen/class or 400 yen/month	(Phone & FAX) 092-807-7053 berisario_sarinas@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, Japanese Language Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Thu	C F H Japanese Class	13:30-15:30	500 yen/month	(Phone) 090-7539-3739 (FAX) 0940-36-9359 fumika@forest.ocn.ne.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar Individual tutoring for people aiming for JLPT (N1 ~ N5) Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Fri	D Japanese Class Friday Club	14:00-16:00	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month	(Phone) 080-3946-8859 * English, Chinese okay torianon-2@jcom.home.ne.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar JLPT training (N1 ~ N4) 4th week each month is a 'free-talk' session. Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sat	E Nihongo Hiroba	10:30-12:00	Free	chikushijfl@yahoo.co.jp	This class by Chikushi Jogakuen University students focuses on conversation as a means of communication for all levels. Come and join us! Level : Intermediate, Advanced
	F Meeting for Learning Japanese	13:30-15:30	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-806-3704 090-4779-6816 nihongowomanabukai@hotmail.co.jp	We will help you with daily conversation, grammar, and Japanese Language Proficiency Test preparation. Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sun	G Yokoso Japanese Class	16:30-18:20	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-801-2974 nihongo822@hotmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar Japanese Language Proficiency Test classes: Levels 1, 2 Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
	H Sunday Conversation Salon	10:30-12:20	100 yen/class	nichiyo2525@yahoo.co.jp	Enjoy speaking Japanese on a theme of your choice in this relaxed environment. We are not picky on grammar, but will work to improve your level of expression and listening. Level : Intermediate
	I Nihongo Hiroba Ichi · Ni · San	13:30-15:00	200 yen/class or 500 yen/month * extra material fees may apply	nihongohiroba123@yahoo.co.jp	Beginner : learn basic grammar using a textbook, and improve conversation skills. Intermediate and above: improve on expression. Level : Beginner, Intermediate

※Please visit our home page for volunteer-run Japanese classes around Fukuoka Prefecture (~80 locations).

## Free Consultation for Foreigners (1) Kokusai Hiroba

	Human Rights counseling for non-Japanese	Immigration and Residency Process Consultations
Date	13 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 10 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat each month)	27 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 24 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep (4 <sup>th</sup> Sat each month)
Time	13 : 00 ~ 16 : 00 (appointment not required)	13 : 00 ~ 16 : 00 (last entry 15 : 30, appointment not req.)
Language	Japanese, English	Japanese, English, Chinese * For other languages, please advise in advance
Corresponding Organisation	Fukuoka Legal Affairs, Bureau Civil Liberties Commissioner First Division	Fukuoka Gyoseishoshi Lawyers Association
Consultation Content	Human rights issues relating to foreigners, including employment, housing, marriage, etc.	Citizenship, immigration, residency, etc.



# Free Consultation for Foreigners (2) other venues

## Fukuoka Labour Bureau

### Free consultation related to working conditions

- Time and Date / Every Tuesday, 2nd and 4th Thursday each month (11&25/7, 8&22/8, 12&26/9) 9:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Content / Consult directly with an inspector or advisor. (Also available by phone)

**Venue** Inspection Division, Fukuoka Labour Bureau  
4F Fukuoka National Government Building ANNEX  
(2-11-1 Hakataekihigashi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka)  
**Contact** Fukuoka Labour Bureau Labour Standards Department Inspection Division  
092-411-4862

## Tenjin Attorney's Center

### Free legal consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Time and Date / ①2nd Friday each month (12/7, 9/8, 13/9) 13:00-16:00  
②4th Friday each month (26/7, 23/8, 27/9) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / ①Japanese, Chinese ②Japanese, Chinese, English
- Registration / Required (via phone) Weekdays 10:00~16:00
- Content / Counseling on general civil affairs, labour or household problems, immigration and criminal cases.

**Venue** Fukuoka Prefectural Bar Association Tenjin Attorney's Center  
(2F Minami Tenjin Bldg., 5-14-12 Watanabe-dori, Chuo-ku Fukuoka)  
**Contact** Fukuoka Bar Association 092-737-7555

## International Village Center

### Legal Consultation

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month (27/7, 24/8, 28/9) 13:30-16:30
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone)
- Content / Consultation regarding employment, housing, marriage, divorce, naturalisation, human rights, etc.

### Consultation concerning Immigration Procedures

- Time and Date / 3rd Sunday of each month (21/7, 18/8, 15/9) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone) \*only if an interpreter is needed
- Content / Consultation related to procedures for invitation, changing residency status, re-entry, Deviation of Status, permanent residency, foreigner registration, international marriage, nationality, etc.

### Psychological Counseling

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month (27/7, 24/8, 28/9) 9:30-12:30
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone)
- Content / A clinical psychologist is available for consultation and will work together to resolve psychological issues relating to trouble and stress in personal relationships.

**Venue** Kitakyushu International Association International Village Center 3F,  
(1-1-1 Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku, Kitakyushu)  
**Contact** Kitakyushu International Association Foreigner Consultation Helpdesk  
093-671-2606  
**U R L** www.kitaq-koryu.jp/jp\_new/

## Kurume City Hall

### Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (20/7, 17/8, 21/9) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultations on international marriage, naturalisation, nationality problems etc. Appointment not required.

**Venue** Kurume City Hall 3F Meeting Room (15-3 Jounanmachi Kurume)  
**Contact** Kurume Convention 0942-31-1717  
**E-mail** kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp

## Rainbow Plaza

### Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 2nd Sunday each month (14/7, 11/8, 8/9) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese  
※Must contact in advance for other languages
- Content / Consultation on residency status, naturalisation, international marriage etc. Reception closes 15:30.

### Free Legal Counseling for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 1st and 3rd Saturday each month (6&20/7, 3&17/8, 7&21/9) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese  
※Must contact in advance for other languages
- Registration / Required (homepage)
- Content / Consultation with lawyers from the Fukuoka Lawyer's Association. 45mins per person.

### Free Personal Counseling for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / Monday 10:00-18:00, Thursday 10:00-12:30,  
1st and 3rd Saturdays 16:15-19:00,  
other Saturdays 15:00-19:00
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Registration / Required (via phone)
- Content / Counseling by a clinical psychologist.

### Free Health Consultation for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / every Wednesday 17:00-19:00  
(occasionally not held so please check in advance via phone, etc.)
- Languages / Japanese, English
- Content / A Japanese volunteer doctor provides consultation on various health matters. Don't worry all alone—feel free to stop by for a consultation. However, medical treatments, medications or prescriptions are not issued due to legal restrictions.

**Venue** Rainbow Plaza(8F IMS 1-7-11Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka)  
**Contact** Rainbow Plaza(Fukuoka International Association) 092-733-2220  
**U R L** www.rainbowfia.or.jp

## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation

**Become a Supporting Member!**  
(join any time)

At the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, our international exchange projects are carried out with the understanding and cooperation of as many people as possible. We are always looking for members who agree with our founding objectives.

### Founding Objective

Utilizing Fukuoka Prefecture's special geographical and historical characteristics, FIEF cooperates with other prefectural international exchange organizations to promote international exchange amongst citizens. As well as strengthening Fukuoka Prefecture's position as a focal point for international exchange, this deepens relationships with Asian countries and the rest of the world, contributing to greater mutual prosperity and world peace. [Establishment Date: 27th June 1989]

### There are benefits to becoming a Supporting Member!

- Our "Kokusai Hiroba" newsletter delivered 4 times a year, and free entry to our "Kokusai Hiroba Café" events.
- Usage of the Exchange Room inside Kokusai Hiroba (up to 30 people).
- One free set of ID photos (including passport) per year (normally ¥1,200 per set).
- Discounts at supporting organizations, including World Gourmet Hiroba registered stores, the Fukuoka Prefectural Museum of Art, travel agencies and hotels.

★Tiempo Iberoamericano joined us from April 2013! Supporting Members can receive discounts at restaurants and language/dance classes!★



For more details on benefits, please visit our homepage.

To receive the Supporting Membership Application by mail, please contact Kokusai Hiroba.

**Annual Membership**  
valid for 1 year from date of payment  
Students:¥1,000/person General:¥2,000/person Corporate:¥10,000/organization