



# Kokusai Hiroba

**Our roots are in Fukuoka, Our dreams are worldwide**  
Creating a shared future through our bonds with Fukuoka

From 9 -12th October 2013, members of Kenjinkai from around the world will come together in Fukuoka. A Kenjinkai Fair, photography display, youth and business seminars will be held in order to commemorate this Worldwide Convention.



Some 37 Fukuoka Kenjinkai exist overseas, established by immigrants to North and South America, as well as staff of various businesses residing throughout Asia and Europe.

## 8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention

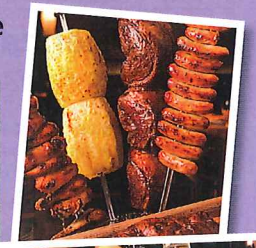
Organized by : 8th Worldwide Fukuoka Kenjinkai Convention Executive Committee

### Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Fair (held jointly with Fukuoka Villages Fair)

Enjoy food, music and dance from around the world!  
A special stage with Samba, Hula, Salsa and other dances, as well as a Bossa Nova performance!  
Sat 12th & Sun 13th October  
Venue: Tenjin Chuo Park (ACROS Fukuoka south side)

### Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai Photo Exhibit

Introducing the history and current activities of Kenjinkai from around the world!  
Mon 7 ~ Mon 14 October, Venue: 1F Atrium, ACROS Fukuoka  
Tue 8 ~ Sun 13 October, Venue: 1F Lobby, Kyushu Geibun-kan



### Youth Seminar

Booking Required

A Fukuoka native now active in Hollywood returns home!  
Lecture by Akihito, special makeup artist who worked on such films as Terminator 4 and Transformers.  
\*held jointly with pop-culture website, asianbeat  
Sat 12 October, Venue: Kokusai Hiroba, 3F ACROS Fukuoka

### Business Seminar

Booking Required

- North America Seminar  
Thu 10 October, 18:00 - 20:00  
Venue: Fukuoka Asia Business Center
- South America/Brazil Seminar  
Fri 11 October, 17:00 - 18:30  
Venue: 7F Conference Room, ACROS Fukuoka

※Please see the homepage for event details. [URL]www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/project/overseas/world.php



## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

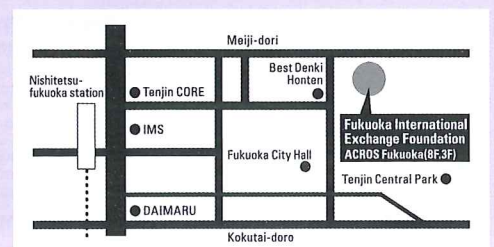
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Closed on: Saturday, Sunday, holidays, December 29-January 3

3F Kokusai Hiroba

TEL:092-725-9200 FAX:092-725-9206  
Opening hours 10:00-19:00 / Closed on: December 29-January 3



# Kokusai Hiroba Notices & Event Information

(October, November, December)

Operated by the Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation, Kokusai Hiroba carries out many functions as a place for citizens and foreign residents to exchange information, a point of contact for international exchange students, and as a base for spreading Asian youth culture.

See our homepage for the latest event information:

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



## Event

### Nigeria Day @ Kokusai Hiroba



- ▶Date=Saturday 5th October, 13:30 ~ 16:30
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200

Kyushu's resident Nigerians introduce the lifestyle and culture of their home country, including traditional dance and a fashion show of native dress. There will also be talks about Nigerian business and the country's abundant potential.

★A Nigeria exhibition will be held alongside the event in the Kokusai Hiroba entrance gallery, Wed 25th Sep - Sat 5th Oct.

### Around the world with Kokusai Hiroba Café



#### Vol.18 Southeast Asia

- ▶Date=Sunday 24th November, 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 ▶E-mail=info@kokusaihiroba.or.jp
- ▶URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/



Kokusai Hiroba Cafe introduces the world's countries and their cultures through foreign and Japanese guest teachers who are active at schools around the prefecture as part of International Understanding Education.

The theme for the 18th Café is Southeast Asia, introducing the Philippines and Indonesia!

## Study-Abroad Information

### America Study-Abroad Consultation

- ▶Date=Friday 4th October, 15:30 ~ 17:30
- ▶Number of participants=30 ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Registration=Req'd (phone, HP)
- ▶Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶URL=www.fulbright.jp/study/event/sodan.html



An explanation of studying abroad at America's universities and graduate schools by Fulbright Japan (Japan-U.S.Educational Commission). Individual questions/consultation regarding the various English proficiency tests (TOEFL IBT, Eiken, IELTS) is also available.

### Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba vol.2 - Let's Go to Canada!

- ▶Date=Saturday 19th October, 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/



We invite speakers who have studied in Canada to talk about everything from preparation to student life, as well as what to expect after coming home. Information will also be provided by the Canadian Embassy and the Canadian Government Trade Office, West Japan.

## Lecture

### Habitat Hiroba

- ▶Date=Vol. 16 Tuesday 1st October, 18:30 ~ 19:30  
Vol. 17 Sunday 1st December, 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
- ▶URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/

A joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation. The theme for vol. 16 is 'Peace Building', and vol. 17 is a report of activities in Sri Lanka!

### 52nd Japanese Cultural Seminar

- ▶Date=Saturday 26th October, 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
- ▶URL=www.fissc.net

'Fukuoka Prefecture International Cooperation Leader Cultivation Program Report'

A report of findings by university students who participated in the 'Fukuoka Prefecture International Cooperation Leader Cultivation Program', held by the prefectural government in collaboration with the UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office.

## Display (Entrance Gallery)

### Display of Best Entries from the 13th World Habitat Day Children's Drawing Contest

- ▶Date=Friday 15th - Monday 25th November
- ▶Cost=Free
- ▶Contact=UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office 092-724-7121
- ▶URL=www.fukuoka.unhabitat.org/

A display of top works from the drawing contest commemorating 'World Habitat Day' - designated by the UN General Assembly each year in October as 'a day to consider our living environments'.

### Staff Picks! Event Highlights

Coordinator:  
Okada

With presentations by those with first-hand experience and the latest study-abroad information from foreign governments and other related organizations, the Study-abroad Experience Hiroba has been very well received. Some of the past participants even made up their mind to go abroad thanks to the event!  
I think this event provides a motivation boost for those with a vague "I'd like to go someday ..." idea of studying abroad by giving them an opportunity to concretely think about their aspirations.



## Applications Open: Support for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization

We provide support for activities by private organizations based within the prefecture that aim to progress regional internationalization by promoting grass-roots level international exchange amongst citizens. Application guidelines are outlined below. Please take a look if you're planning international exchange projects!

### Eligible Organizations

(must satisfy all of the following)

- Activities are based in Fukuoka Prefecture
- Not receiving regular assistance from national or local Public Organizations
- Non-Profit Organization
- Not related to political or religious activities
- Not a member of or closely related to criminal organizations

### Eligible Projects

(held within the prefecture)

- Exchange projects or support/consultation for foreign residents (including students)
- Projects aiming to develop international understanding amongst youth
- International understanding/exchange projects aiming to create a more multicultural society
- Other projects contributing to regional internationalization

### Details of Support

- Provision of venue: the 'Kokusai Hiroba' open space or conference room
- Financial Support: Grants of up to half of the expenses, to a maximum of 200,000 yen per project.
- PR assistance.

### Applications

Applications are accepted at all times; however please contact our staff prior to submitting an application. Please bring the application form when meeting with our staff.  
Submission Deadline: in general, **3 months prior to start of project.**  
※Note: Applications will be closed if the total amount of grants issued reaches the budgeted limit for a given financial year.

※For more information, please visit our homepage or contact us by phone. Enquiries: 092-725-9200 [www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp](http://www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp)

# 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.

## October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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## November

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## December

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23	24	25	26	27	28 ■	29
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30	31					

★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.

★Kokusai Hiroba will be closed over the New Year period, 29 Dec – 3 Jan.

## Japanese Classes @ Kokusai Hiroba

	Name of Class	Time	Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	<b>A</b> Chisan Kokusai Koryu no Kai	10:00-12:00	1000 yen/month (Trial lesson free)	(Phone&FAX) 092-662-7690 chisanainfo@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>B</b> Cosmos Japanese Class	①11:00-12:30 ②13:30-15:00	100 yen/class or 400 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 092-807-7053 nayutami_bien@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, Japanese Language Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Thu	<b>C</b> 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	<b>D</b> 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	<b>E</b> 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
	<b>F</b> 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
	<b>G</b> 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
Sun	<b>H</b> 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
	<b>I</b> 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	12 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat each month)	26 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec (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 (10&24/10, 14&28/11, 12&26/12) 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 Hakatakihigashi, 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 (11/10,8/11,13/12) 13:00-16:00  
②4th Friday each month (25/10,22/11,27/12) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / ①Japanese, Chinese ②Japanese, Chinese, English
- Registration / Required (via phone) Weekdays 10:00~16:00
- Content / Lawyers provide 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 (26/10,23/11,28/12) 13:30-16:30
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone) ※First 3 reservations
- Content / Consult with lawyers regarding trouble at work, traffic incidents, housing, marriage, divorce, etc.

### Immigration, Residency, Nationality Procedures Consultation

- Time and Date / 3rd Sunday of each month (20/10,17/11,15/12) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone) \*only if an interpreter is needed
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultation on procedures regarding changing residency status, bringing family into Japan, extending period of residency, re-entry, naturalisation, permanent residency, foreigner registration, international marriage and nationality.

### Psychological Counseling

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month (26/10,23/11,28/12) 9:30-12:30
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Required (via phone) ※First 3 reservations
- 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  
(3F COM City, 3-15-3 Kurosaki, Yahatanishi-ku, Kitakyushu)

**Contact** Kitakyushu International Association  
Foreigners Information Center 093-643-6060

**U R L** www.kitaq-koryu.jp/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html

## Kurume City Hall

### Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (19/10, 16/11, 21/12) 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 (13/10, 10/11, 8/12) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese  
※Must contact in advance for other languages
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultation on processes regarding residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, naturalisation & permanent residency, international marriage, etc. Reception until 15:30

### Free Legal Counseling for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 1st and 3rd Saturday each month (5&19/10, 2&16/11, 7&21/12) 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/foreigner/



## 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 (held every 2nd month, cost: 300 yen).
- 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.



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