



Kokusai Hiroba

A place for local and foreign residents to mix and exchange information.

Fukuoka is home to people of various cultures and races from around the world. The importance of international understanding education continues to grow as we look towards the realisation of a multicultural society where people of various cultural backgrounds work together.

Through the Project for the Promotion of International Understanding Education, Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation creates an opportunity to consider and learn about the world by dispatching foreigners and Japanese who have experience living overseas to schools and community centers around the prefecture, as well as holding skill improvement seminars for these guest teachers and regular international exchange events for people of all ages.



"Sekai e GO!"
multicultural experience
for kids



Guest Teacher Dispatch/
Introduction Program



Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



Guest Teacher Skill
Improvement Seminar



Model Lesson Presentation



Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

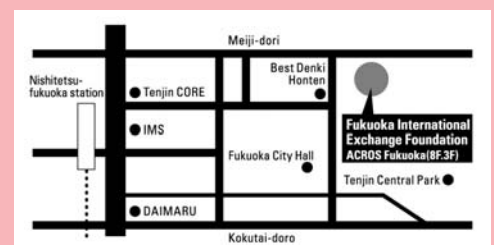
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Opening hours 8:30-17:45 /
Closed on: Saturday, Sunday, holidays, December 29-January 3

3F Kokusai Hiroba

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





Kokusai Hiroba Event Information April, May, June



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. Please feel free to come and participate.

Event

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe Vol.21 South Asia

- ▶Date=vol.21 Sunday 25th May, 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. Vol. 21 introduces South Asia! (Please visit our homepage at a later date for more details.)



Lecture

Habitat Hiroba

- ▶Date=Vol.19 Tuesday 1st April, 18:30~19:30
Vol.20 Sunday 1st June, 14:00~15:00
- ▶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/

Joint lecture series by UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office and Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation.

The theme for vol. 19 is the Philippines. In November last year, the large-scale typhoon Yolanda struck the Philippines. Yoshinobu Fukasawa (Regional Director of the UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office) reports on UN Habitat activities in the disaster-affected area.

(Please visit our homepage at a later date for more details.)

The 2014 Support Program for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization

FIEF provides support for activities by private organizations based within the prefecture that promote grass-roots level international exchange amongst citizens. Application guidelines are outlined below.

Eligible Organizations (must satisfy all of the following)

- (1) Activities are based within Fukuoka Prefecture
- (2) Not receiving regular assistance from national or local Public Organizations
- (3) Non-Profit Organization
- (4) Not related to political or religious activities
- (5) Not a member of or closely related to criminal organizations

Eligible Projects (held within the prefecture)

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

Details of Support

- (1) Provision of venue: the 'Kokusai Hiroba' open space or conference room
- (2) Financial support: Up to half of the relevant expenses for a project, to a maximum of 200,000 yen per project.
- (3) PR assistance.

Applications

Ongoing. As a general rule, applications should be made at least 3 months prior to the commencement of the project. Please also contact FIEF prior to applying. Please bring the application forms after arranging a time and date with the staff in charge.

Application Deadline: 3 months prior to project commencement.

*Note: Applications will be closed if the total amount granted reaches the budget limit for the fiscal year.

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

The "NPO Wheelchair Dance Popularization Society", a project supported by the Support Program for Activities Promoting Regional Internationalization in 2013, received the Prince Takamado Award.



Receiving the Prince Takamado Award



Courtesy visit to Vice-Governor Ebii



* NPO Wheelchair Dance Popularization Society:

The field/organization of wheelchair dance has established chapters around the nation with the aim of creating a social environment where wheelchair users can enjoy recreation just like anybody else. In addition to their work with special needs schools and trial classes at regular schools, volunteer activities have also spread to South Korea, providing education at schools and opportunities for instructors to learn in Japan.

* The Prince Takamado Memorial Foundation for Japan-Korea Exchange Award Project:

The Prince Takamado Award is a project that aims to discover and publicly honour individuals or organizations whose efforts have brought remarkable results in grassroots youth exchange in the fields of education, culture or sport in Japan and Korea.

The latest event information is online!

Visit our homepage for the latest event information:



Smartphone Accessible



www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

Kokusai Hiroba Calendar

★ Kokusai Hiroba Café ★ Habitat Hiroba
 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.

April

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

May

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

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
						1 ★ H,I
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	18 A	19 B	20 C	21 F,G	22 H,I
23	24	25 B	26 C	27 D	28 E,F,G	29 H
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★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	Participation 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 nayutami_bien@yahoo.co.jp	Everyday conversation, grammar, Japanese Language Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Thu	C F H Japanese Class	13:30-15:30	200 yen/class or 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	500 yen/month	(Phone) 080-3946-8859 * English, Chinese okay kinyoclub.nihongo@gmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar JLPT training (N1 ~ N4) 4th week each month is a 'free-talk' session. Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sat	E Nihongo Hiroba	10:30-12:30	Free	(Phone) 090-6773-9125 bigaft_02@docomo.ne.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
	G Yokoso Japanese Class	16:30-18:20	500 yen/month	(Phone&FAX) 090-1365-6029 nihongo822@hotmail.com	Everyday conversation, grammar Japanese Language Proficiency Test classes: Levels 1, 2 Level : Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced
Sun	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	12 th Apr, 10 th May, 14 th Jun (2 nd Sat each month)	26 th Apr, 24 th May, 28 th Jun (4 th 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 (4/10・24, 5/8・22, 6/12・26) 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 (4/11, 5/9, 6/13) 13:00-16:00
②4th Friday each month (4/25, 5/23, 6/27) 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

Kitakyushu International Association

Legal Consultation

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month (4/26, 5/24, 6/28) 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 (4/20, 5/18, 6/15) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean
- Registration / Not Req'd ※unless an interpreter is needed (phone in advance)
- Content / Administrative scriveners provide consultation on processes for change of residency status and period, bringing family into Japan, re-entry procedures, naturalisation & permanent residency, foreigner registration, international marriage, nationality and more.

Psychological Counseling

- Time and Date / 4th Saturday of each month (4/26, 5/24, 6/28) 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/freedvice.html

Kurume City Hall

Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (4/19, 5/17, 6/21) 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 (4/13, 5/11, 6/8) 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 (4/5・19, 5/3・17, 6/7・21) 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

Let's work together... International Exchange

Looking for Supporters!

[Supporting Members]

The membership fee contributes to supporting:

- Exchange with friendship cities of Fukuoka Prefecture
- International Understanding Education
- Scholarship programs for international students and other projects. Please lend us your assistance.

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]

Annual Membership
(valid for 1 year from date of payment)
Students: ¥1,000/person
General: ¥2,000/person
Corporate: ¥10,000/organization
(multiple memberships OK)

[Benefits]

- Our "Kokusai Hiroba" newsletter delivered 4 times a year, and free entry to our "Kokusai Hiroba Cafe" events. (held every 2nd month, normally ¥300 per person)
- Usage of the Exchange Room inside Kokusai Hiroba (fits 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.



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(join any time)

Please contact us if you would like Supporting Membership Application materials sent by mail. Find the latest on our [Facebook](#)! Simply click 'Like'.

