



# Kokusai Hiroba

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

Operated by FIEF, Kokusai Hiroba (3F ACROS Fukuoka) is engaged in various projects to promote international exchange in Fukuoka Prefecture, offering a place for foreign and local residents to exchange information and a consultation desk for students from abroad.

## 1 Exchange Space

A place where many can come together and talk, regardless of nationality. There are also regular Japanese language classes for foreigners, and events that offer a taste of the world.



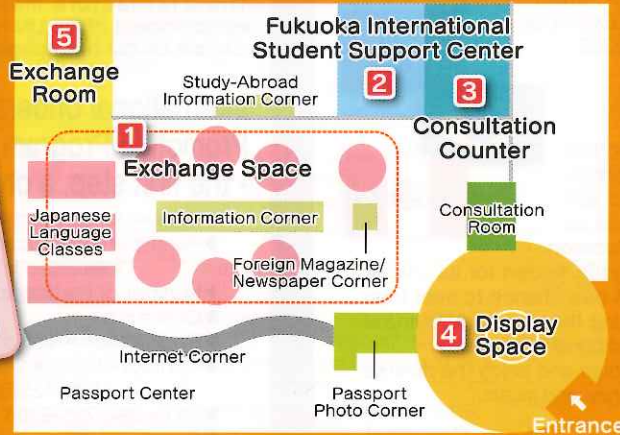
Kokusai Hiroba Cafe



African Day@Kokusai Hiroba



Japanese Classes



## 2 Fukuoka International Student Support Center

Providing comprehensive lifestyle, part-time job and employment support to international students in Fukuoka Prefecture, so that they can focus on their studies without worry.



## 3 Consultation Counter

Providing information about international exchange and study abroad, as well as support for resident foreigners.



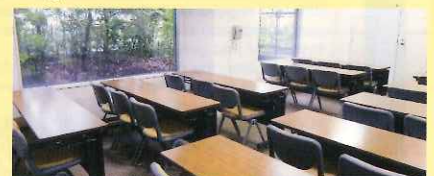
## 4 Display Space

A display space for NPOs and international exchange organizations within the prefecture to introduce their activities.



## 5 Exchange Room

Used for seminars and lectures on international exchange and counselling for foreigners.



## Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation (FIEF)

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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

TEL:092-725-9204 FAX:092-725-9205  
Opening hours: 8:30-17:45 /  
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, public holidays, Dec 29 - Jan 3

3F Kokusai Hiroba

TEL:092-725-9200 FAX:092-725-9206  
Opening hours: 10:00-19:00 Closed: Dec 29-Jan 3





# Kokusai Hiroba Event Information July, August, September



In collaboration with various NPOs and international exchange organisations within the prefecture, events are held at Kokusai Hiroba to introduce the cultures and lifestyles of foreign countries. Please feel free to come and participate!

## Event

### "Sekai e GO!" - multicultural experience for kids

- ▶ Date=Saturday 12th July 14:00~16:00
- ▶ Participants=Elementary school age
- ▶ Number of Participants=Approx. 30 ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ 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/



An international understanding event for children to experience culture and games together with Fukuoka's foreign residents, who introduce their various home countries and regions from around the world. (Details on our homepage)

### Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ▶ Date=vol.22 North Asia Sunday 27th July 14:00~16:00
- ▶ vol.23 South America Sunday 28th 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
- ▶ 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. 22 focuses on North Asia, Mongolia, known for its unique environment and lifestyle traditions. A rare chance to hear from guest speakers engaged in protecting these natural/cultural assets, including a performance of traditional instruments. Vol. 23 focuses on South America. Come and enjoy the diverse cultures of Brazil and Peru through dance and music.

This event, which draws many with an interest in foreign countries, features various international activities and the chance to hear about the world's cultures and lifestyles directly from Fukuoka's foreign residents and Japanese who have experience abroad. There's also plenty of time to interact with the guest speakers and other participants, while enjoying tea and sweets! With the "Around the World" theme we visit different regions each time, so even regular participants can always find something new. Instead of just general information easily found online, this is a valuable opportunity to hear about the speakers' own experiences and fields of expertise. Immerse your senses in foreign culture at Kokusai Hiroba Cafe!



Coordinators:  
Kamil,  
Sumi

## Lecture

### 57th Japanese Cultural Seminar

- ▶ Date=Saturday 26th July 15:00~18:00
- ▶ 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

The Japanese Cultural Seminar is a lecture event by those active on the front lines of various fields. The theme of the 57th seminar is "Hakata Dolls". (Details on our homepage)

### 21st Habitat Hiroba

- ▶ Date=Friday 1st August 18:30~19:30
- ▶ 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 21st lecture marks the 17th anniversary of the establishment of the UN Habitat Fukuoka Head Office. (Details on our homepage)

### International Understanding Education Promotion Program "Model Class Presentation" - the first step, a chance to meet guest teachers

- ▶ Date=Monday 4th August 15:00~17:00
- ▶ Participants=Educators, organizations/individuals interested in international understanding education
- ▶ Number of Participants=60
- ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ 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/

An event to promote International Understanding Education, which introduces/dispatches Japanese with experience working and living abroad and foreign guest teachers to schools and community centers within the prefecture. Partake in a sample class by a veteran speaker and learn more about the program. (Details on our homepage)

## The latest event information is online!

Visit our homepage for the latest event information:

Smartphone Accessible



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

## Study-Abroad Information

### Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba

- ① vol.1 Let's go to America!
- ② vol.2 Let's go to Australia!

- ▶ Date=① Sunday 13th July 14:00~16:00
- ▶ ② Sunday 3rd August 14:00~16:00
- ▶ Number of Participants=Approx. 40
- ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Registration=Req'd (Phone, FAX)
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶ FAX=092-725-9206 ▶ URL=www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/



Those who have studied abroad speak about their recent experiences in everything from preparation, student life and what to expect upon coming home! The latest information will also be provided by foreign government agencies (America, Australia)

# 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	4	5	6
		B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	A	B	C	D	E,F,G	I
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		B	C	D	★	★
28	29	30	31			
		B				

## August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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					F,G	H,I
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	A	B	C	D	E,F,G	H
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		B	C	D	F,G	H,I

## September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		B	C	D	F,G	H,I
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	A	B	C	D	E,F,G	H,I
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		B	C	D	★	★
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	Participation Fee	Contact (TEL/E-mail)	Details
Tue	A Chisana 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	chikushijf@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
	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 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug, 13 <sup>th</sup> Sep (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat each month)	26 <sup>th</sup> Jul, 23 <sup>rd</sup> Aug, 27 <sup>th</sup> Sep (4 <sup>nd</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 092-641-2501
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/Thursday 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 (7/11, 8/8, 9/12) 13:00-16:00  
②4th Friday each month (7/25, 8/22, 9/26) 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 (7/26, 8/23, 9/27) 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 (7/20, 8/17, 9/21) 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 (7/26, 8/23, 9/27) 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.kitakyushu-international.jp/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html](http://www.kitakyushu-international.jp/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html)

## Kurume City Hall

### Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (7/19, 8/16, 9/20) 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](mailto:kokusaikoryu@ktie.or.jp)

## Rainbow Plaza

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

- Time and Date / 2nd Sunday each month (7/13, 8/10, 9/14) 13:00-16:00
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese  
※For other languages, please advise in advance
- 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 consultation for Non-Japanese Residents

- Time and Date / 1st and 3rd Saturday each month (7/5·19, 8/2·16, 9/6·20)  
(1)10:30~ (2)11:15~ (3)12:00~ (4)12:45~
- Languages / Japanese, English, Chinese  
※For other languages, please advise in advance
- 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 10:00-17:00, Thursday 10:00-13:00,  
Saturday 14:00-20:00
- 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** Fukuoka City International Foundation Rainbow Plaza 092-733-2220

**U R L** [www.rainbowfia.or.jp/foreigner/](http://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.



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

Application documents are available by post. Please contact Kokusai Hiroba if interested. Find the latest on our **Facebook**! Simply click 'Like'.

