



Kokusai Hiroba

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

The Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation carries out exchange projects to promote individual-level exchange with regions that have friendship ties with the prefecture. We are also engaged in youth development and promoting mutual understanding through exchanges with the Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai we support, located in 21 regions in 9 countries around the world.

Exchange with Friendship regions

Since 2010, mutual high-school student exchanges have been held with Bangkok, Thailand. In May this year, 20 high school students from Bangkok visited Fukuoka Prefecture and experienced home stay, exchange with local high schools and a tour of a car factory. Later, in July, 10 high school students from Fukuoka Prefecture were sent to Bangkok.

Fukuoka Prefecture's Friendship Ties:

State of Hawaii (USA), Jiangsu Province (China), Bangkok (Thailand), Delhi (India), Hanoi (Vietnam), Southern Coastline of Korea (1 City, 3 Provinces)



▲Bangkok high school student visit (Yanagawa High School)



▼Bangkok high school student visit (Meizen High School)



▲Fukuoka high school students visit Bangkok

Exchange with Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai

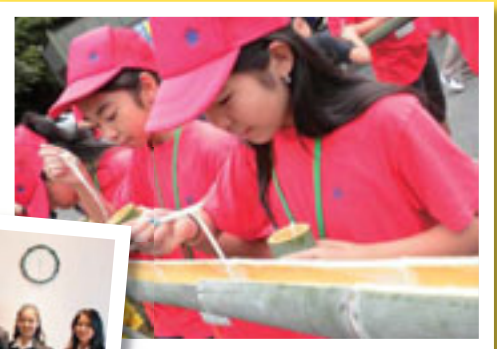
Consisting of those who emigrated from Fukuoka in the past and their descendants, Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai exist in 21 regions of 9 countries throughout North and South America, and serve as a valuable connection to Fukuoka Prefecture. FIEF carries out various projects, including hosting youth from immigrant families, to stimulate activity among the Kenjinkai and promote exchange with the prefecture.

Countries where Overseas Fukuoka Kenjinkai are located:

Canada, America, Mexico, Colombia, Peru, Brazil, Bolivia, Paraguay, Argentina



▲Short-term visit program for Kenjinkai youth



◀Descendants of immigrants studying in Fukuoka



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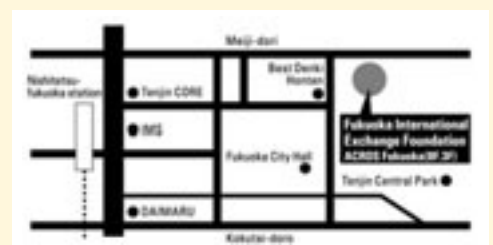
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8F Planning & Exchange Div.

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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 **October, November, December**

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

4th Nigeria Day @ Kokusai Hiroba

- ▶ Date=Saturday 4th October 13:30~16:30
- ▶ Cost=Free
- ▶ Contact=Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation 092-725-9200
- ▶ URL = www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/



A showcase of fascinating Nigeria by Kyushu's resident Nigerians! Participants of all ages can enjoy games and songs, as well as trying on native dress. Come and experience Nigeria at Kokusai Hiroba!



Last year's Nigeria Day

Around the World with Kokusai Hiroba Cafe

- ▶ Date=vol.24 South East Asia
Sunday 30th 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. Vol. 24 focuses on South East Asia. (Details on our homepage)

Study-Abroad Information

Study-Abroad Experience Hiroba vol.3 Let's go to Canada!

- ▶ Date=Sunday 5th October 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! Representatives of the Canadian Embassy PR Division will also provide the latest information.

The latest event information is online!

Visit our homepage for the latest event information:



www.kokusaihiroba.or.jp/

Lecture

Habitat Hiroba

- ▶ Date=22nd : Wednesday 1st October 18:30~19:30
23rd : Monday 1st December 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 theme for vol. 22 is the Philippines.(details on our homepage)

Japanese Cultural Seminar

- ▶ Date=59th : Saturday 25th October 15:00~18:00
60th : Saturday 20th December 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

The Japanese Cultural Seminar is a lecture event by those active on the front lines of various fields. The 59th seminar is a lecture by Noh actor Shingo Katayama, entitled "An introduction to Noh". The 60th seminar is an open Q&A/advice session by seminar director, Mrs. Aoki. (content may change. see homepage for details)

Japanese Language Volunteer Seminar!

Fukuoka International Exchange Foundation assists volunteer-run Japanese language classes, which provide a place for exchange in local communities, and supports training of volunteer Japanese teachers.

This year, Japanese language education specialists will be invited to give seminars on various topics in Fukuoka (Kokusai Hiroba), Kitakyushu (Yahata Nishi Lifelong Learning Center), and Kurume (elpia Kurume Lifelong Learning Center).



① "Class activities to encourage student continuation"

(Speaker: Sachiko Sawada)

[Kitakyushu] Saturday 18th October 14:00~16:30

[Fukuoka] Sunday 19th October 10:00~12:30 *limited spaces left

[Kurume] Sunday 19th October 15:00~17:30

② "The role of Japanese classes and the potential of volunteers"

(Speaker: Uichi Kamiyoshi)

[Kurume] Saturday 15th November 10:00~12:30

[Fukuoka] Saturday 15th November 15:00~17:30 *limited spaces left

[Kitakyushu] Sunday 16th November 10:00~12:30

③ "Introducing: our Japanese class!"

(Facilitator: Uichi Kamiyoshi)

[Fukuoka] Saturday 17th January, 2015. 14:00~16:30

If you're involved in Japanese language classes or have an interest in Japanese language education, join us to learn and exchange ideas!

For details, including how to register, please see our homepage!

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

November

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

December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 ★	2	3 B	4 C	5 D	6 F,G	7 H,I
8	9	10 B	11 C	12 D	13 E	14 H,I
15	16 A	17 B	18 C	19 D	20 ★ E,F,G	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 F,G	28
29	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	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	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
	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	11 th Oct, 8 th Nov, 13 th Dec (2 nd Sat each month)	25 th Oct, 22 nd Nov, 27 th Dec (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 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 (10/10, 11/14, 12/12) 13:00-16:00
②4th Friday each month (10/24, 11/28, 12/26) 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 (10/25, 11/22, 12/27) 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 (10/19, 11/16, 12/21) 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 (10/25, 11/22, 12/27) 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.kitaq-koryu.jp/lifeinfo/freeadvice.html

Kurume City Hall

Free consultation for foreigners

- Time and Date / 3rd Saturday each month (10/18, 11/15, 12/20) 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

Rainbow Plaza

Free consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for foreign nationals

- Time and Date / 2nd Sunday each month (10/12, 11/9, 12/14) 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
(10/4, 18, 11/1, 15, 12/6, 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/

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'.

