



## The 19<sup>th</sup> International Japanese Speech Contest

**Date: Saturday, October 16th, 2021**  
**Time: 13:00~15:00**  
**Location: Fuku Fuku Hall**

The contest has been running since 2004. The objective is to promote Japanese language proficiency. As of July 2021, nearly 36,000 foreign people live in Fukuoka city, making this event an ideal platform for foreign and Japanese residents to come together for this multicultural event. The contestants will be giving a speech in Japanese on their experience and how they feel about living in Japan, as well as their future dreams and suggestions for Japan. This is also a great opportunity for foreign speakers of Japanese to show off their Japanese skill. For those who come to listen, it is a good opportunity to get to know the lives and thoughts of foreigners and to learn their view points and ways of thinking. Please come and listen to our foreign residents' speeches.

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Fukuoka City Welfare Plaza 1F  
3-3-39 Arato, Chuo Ward, Fukuoka City

**Program:** ①Speech contest ②Award ceremony

**Entrance fee:** Free of charge by application

**Seating:** 200\*

\*Please note that only the first 200 applicants will be accepted for attendance.

Please apply from the website:

<http://www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-language/speech-contest/>

**Organized by:**

International Japanese Speech Contest Committee

**Co-organized by:**

- ◇ Fukuoka City
  - ◇ Fukuoka City International Foundation
  - ◇ Fukuoka International Student Support Association
- Contact Information:** International Speech Contest Committee, Fukuoka City International Foundation,  
4-1 Tenyamachi Hakata Ward, Fukuoka City 812-0025



To help prevent the spread of Corona viruses, preventative measures may be put in place such as a change of venue or a change in how the event is held. Please check our website for the latest information.

## September Disaster Prevention Month

September 1<sup>st</sup> is Disaster Prevention Day in Japan. This day commemorates the Great Kanto earthquake. On Saturday September 1st, 1923, a magnitude 7.9 earthquake struck the Kanto Plain.

Japan is vulnerable to nature disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, tsunami and floods because of its climate and topography. September is Disaster Prevention Month, and evacuation drills are held at schools, workplaces and communities. Let's all participate in local disaster prevention efforts. It is also important as part of disaster prevention, to know people in your area who can help each other in such event. Be prepared for a disaster on a daily basis before it happens.

### ALERT LEVELS



When a disaster occurs, a warning level is issued from the local government. The alert level is regarding evacuation. The action to be taken depends on one of the five alert levels. Alert level 5 is already a life-threatening situation where safe evacuation may not be possible, **so be sure to evacuate by alert level 4.**

Alert Level 1	Early Warning Info. (Japan Meteorological Agency)
Alert Level 2	Heavy Rain, Flood, or Storm Surge Advisories (Japan Meteorological Agency)
Alert Level 3	Evacuation of the Elderly and Vulnerable
Alert Level 4	Evacuation Order
Alert Level 5	Ensure Safety Measures

### GET HAZARD MAP

Find out what possible dangers lie in your area. Walk around your area while analyzing where potential floods and landslides are likely to occur. Get in the habit of discussing how to be careful and take care in the event of a disaster. Hazard maps are available at the city hall and ward offices.

Here is the website and QR code. Become familiar with your local evacuation point.  
<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kokusai/shisei/disasterprevention/disasterinformation.html>



### DISASTER PREVENTION HANDBOOK

The action to be taken depends on the type of disaster. In the event of a typhoon, clean things up that are likely blown away, and close any shutters and stay indoors. In the event of an earthquake, protect yourself especially your head under a sturdy table or surface. Make sure to shut off your utilities. Please read the Disaster Prevention handbook, available in multiple languages.

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/contents/bousaihandbook-36.html>



### Emergency Stock

An earthquake can happen anywhere without warning and cause major disruptions to essential services like power, gas, and water. Be prepared for any disaster before it happens.

Prepare emergency stock that should last at least 3 days, but for 5 days is recommended. It should include these suggested below:

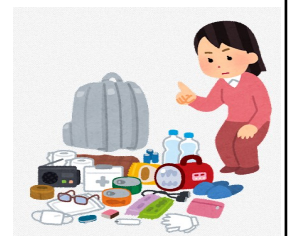
- **Emergency food:** Non-perishable, ready to eat, no cooking required, or easy to cook food (see daily items)
- **Drinking water:** 3 liters of water per person per day
- **Daily items:** Outdoor goods, such as portable cookers, fuel for cooking can also be useful.



### Emergency Kit

The Emergency Kit should be small, light and easy to access. These items should be packed and ready to “grab and go” easily and quickly.

- ◇ Non-perishable ready to eat food
- ◇ Water
- ◇ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◇ Portable radio for both FM and AM and extra batteries
- ◇ First-aid kit, medicine and regular medication if any
- ◇ Cash, passport, residence card, bankbooks, health insurance card, driver's license, credit cards, hanko (seals)
- ◇ Masks, alcohol disinfectant, disinfecting wipes, soap, thermometer
- ◇ Clothes (including winter clothes), vinyl sheets, paper cups, plates and towels, feminine supplies, personal hygiene items, charges for mobile phones



## Fukuoka City Disaster Information Center for International Residents

Thank you for thinking about disaster prevention. In the event of a disaster, if you are unsure of what is happening or what to do, please call the Foundation for Disaster Information Support Center.

**092-262-1799** Lines open only in the event of a disaster.



### Tuberculosis Prevention Week September 24~30



In 2019, there were approximately 15,000 new cases of Tuberculosis (TB) in Japan. This “modern disease” is also recognized in the younger generation. If found early, it can be cured by outpatient treatment while living a normal life, but if left untreated, it may be transferred to others or can even lead to death. Approximately 10 million new cases of TB occur annually in the world, and the countries with highest TB epidemic are developing countries, mainly in Asia and Africa. In Japan, the number of young foreign-born TB patients and elderly are increasing. The symptoms of TB are similar to those of the common cold, such as a cough, phlegm, fever, and fatigue. If you have had a cough for more than 2 weeks, or if you have any concerns about your symptoms, visit a medical facility with a mask on. **Public Health & Welfare Bureau** **Mental Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Section**  
TEL 092-711-4270 FAX 092-733-5535

### Online application system renewal for Elder's Welfare Transportation subsidy

Fukuoka City subsidizes part of the transportation expenses in order to encourage them to participate in social activities. Eligible citizens should be: Residents in Fukuoka City, 70 years old or older, and have a long-term care insurance premium level of 1 to 7 as of 2021.

One of the five types of tickets can be issued:

1. Fukuoka City Welfare Transportation IC Card
2. Taxi coupon
3. Public Minibus tickets for Imajyuku Meinohama Line
4. Fukuoka City ferry coupon
5. Taxi coupon for the west area of Sawara ward



The amount subsidized depends on the date and time of application.

Application can be made by mail or online and here are the steps for online application:

Visit the website: <https://tztz.graffer.jp/city-fukuoka/smart-apply/apply-custom/elderly-and-welfare-ticket-r3/door>  
Or access from this QR code here:

- ① Enter your date of birth
- ② Enter your e-mail address, then you will receive an application email
- ③ Enter the necessary information according to the question
- ④ Application completed: You will receive an application completion email

For further information, visit :[https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/hofuku/oldage-welfare/health/00/01/1-010207\\_5.html](https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/hofuku/oldage-welfare/health/00/01/1-010207_5.html)  
please call 0120-502-633



### The 31st Fukuoka Prize 2021 laureates announced!

The Fukuoka Prize is an international award that recognizes individuals and groups who have made outstanding achievements in the fields of academic research or arts and culture in Asia. Fukuoka has since antiquity played a significant role as Japan's gateway for exchanges with the rest of the Asian region. With its unique history in mind, the Fukuoka Prize was established in 1990 through the collaboration of the City Government, academia and private businesses in order to contribute to peace, and to further understand the extraordinary cultures of the Asian region. Since then, many laureates with distinguished achievements throughout most of the Asian region have been awarded the Prize. From 28 countries, there have been 115 laureates awarded, with many of them still active all over the world, and some later received the Nobel Prize.

#### 2021 laureates were announced as below:



Grand Prize:  
Palagummi Sainath  
(India/ Journalist)



Academic Prize:  
Kishimoto Mio  
(Japan/ Historian)



Arts and Culture Prize:  
Prabda Yoon  
(Thailand / Writer,  
Filmmaker, Artist)

The first ever award ceremony will be held online on Wednesday 29th September.

Public lectures by laureates will be held for citizens from 2nd October to 13th October. Please check the Fukuoka Prize's website for further information as the schedule may change.

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**Information about Art and Culture at home**

**1. Fukuoka City Online Library**

If you own a Fukuoka City Library Card, then you can access Fukuoka City Digital Library. If you live or work or attend a school in Fukuoka City, then you can apply for the card.  
<https://www.d-library.jp/fukuoka/>

**2. Fukuoka Asia Museum**

Enjoy “Asia Collection 100” on the website:  
<https://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/collections/>



**3. Fukuoka City Museum**

Enjoy 3D images of 7 recommended masterpieces. (Ouchi De = At home with ...)  
 Ouchi DE Fukuoka City Museum website:  
<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/museum-gakuei/charm/fcm3d.html>



**4. Fukuoka City Science Museum**

Introducing science experiments that can be done at home. In addition, the 360-degree planetarium VR video is available for a limited time until 30th September. Please check it out.  
 Ouchi De Kagakukan website:  
<https://www.fukuokacity-kagakukan.jp/news/2020/04/-de.html>

**5. Fukuoka stage**

Fukuoka Stage features fascinating music videos created by the local musicians at various places of Fukuoka City.  
[https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/contents/charm/fukuoka\\_stage.html](https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/contents/charm/fukuoka_stage.html)



**6. Fukuoka Prefectural Virtual Museum of Art**

Appreciate the works of art held at the museum from the comfort of your home.  
 Visit the website: <https://virtualmuseum.fukuoka-kenbi.jp/>

**7. edukenbi**

Learning art website for children, with activities, print outs and virtual tour.  
 Visit the website: <https://edukenbi.fukuoka-kenbi.jp/>



**Disposing of your household waste correctly in Fukuoka City**

The QR Code shows the rules of disposing household waste in Fukuoka City in multiple languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Burmese, Tagalog, Indonesian, and Nepali.

The QR Code is a registered trademark of Denso Wave Co.Ltd.



**Tutor Program**

Fees to apply from December 2021.

The Tutor Program is to support foreign residents who requires assistance with letters from schools and public offices.

This service is currently free of charge. However, a fee of 500 yen will apply per month from December, 2021. Please check our website or call us for further information.

Visit: <https://www.fcif.or.jp/latestnews/volunteer-en/tutor-application-en/>

**Specialized Counseling Services at Fukuoka City International Center**

**Legal Counseling**

September 4th and 15th  
 October 2nd and 20th

Date and Time  
 1st Saturday 10:30 ~ 13:30  
 3rd Wednesday 13:00 ~16:00

Appointment: Required

Language: An interpreter is available upon request.

**Immigration, Residency, and Nationality**

September 12th and  
 October 10th

Date and Time  
 2nd Sunday 13:00 ~ 16:00  
 (Reception until 15:30)

Appointment: Not required

Language: English & Chinese

**Personal (Psychological) Counseling**

Date and Time  
 Monday 8:45 ~ 17:45  
 Tuesday 8:45 ~ 11:45  
 Thursday 8:45 ~ 12:45

Appointment: Required

Language: An English speaking professional is available.

Please visit our website at :  
<https://www.fcif.or.jp/en/>



Please visit our Facebook at :  
<https://www.facebook.com/fukuokacityinternationalcenter/>

