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Enjoy Summer in Fukuoka!

Summer is here! With mountains, sea, festivals, and fireworks festivals, summer in Fukuoka is full of fun! In the summer issue, we will introduce summer events and places to visit that you can enjoy in and around the city.

Photo courtesy: Fukuoka city

3 Nokono-shima Island-Park (のこのしまアイランドパーク)

Flower picking event (花摘みイベント)

Marigolds - 18th June to Mid July Sunflowers - Mid July to Mid August

http://nokonoshima.com/ Tel: 092-881-2494

4 Shoryo Nagashi Fireworks (Meinohama Fireworks Festival) (第35回精霊流し花火大会)

Atagohama Marina Town Seaside Park Date: Mon, 8/15 20:00 - 20:40

5 Momochi Seaside Park (シーサイドももち海浜公園)



The best months for swimming: July to the beginning of September

Fukuoka Tower (福岡タワー)

☆Discount on entrance fee for foreigners residing in Fukuoka

☆You need to present your residence card when purchasing a ticket 7/1 - 9/30

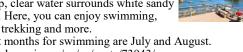
Tanabata Festival (Star festival/七タまつり)

On the south side of Fukuoka Tower July 5th to July 7th 12:00 - 22:00 https://www.fukuokatower.co.jp/

(1)Shikanoshima island (志賀島)

The deep, clear water surrounds white sandy beaches. Here, you can enjoy swimming, cycling, trekking and more.

The best months for swimming are July and August. https://yokanavi.com/en/en/route/73943/





Ÿ◆Disc golf free trial (ディスクゴルフ無料体験会) 7/10 (Sun), 7/23 (Sat), 8/14 (Sun), 8/27 (Sat)

②Uminonakamichi Seaside

Park (海の中道浜辺公園)

Ÿ◆Stag Beetle House (カブトムシハウス)

Observe and see the stag beetle for yourself.

Date: 7/16 (Sat) - 31 (Sun) https://uminaka-park.jp/event/all/

Ÿ◆Aquarium at Night

You can observe creatures that you cannot usually see, such as sleeping fish and sea otters that swim close to each other. The "Dolphin Show", which is lit up with the night view of Hakata Bay in the background, will be held from around 19:30.

7/16 - 7/18, 7/23 - 8/31,Sept (except weekdays)

https://marine-world.jp/en/

Festivals (Matsuri) in Fukuoka • • • P2 Events for children • • • P4

⑥Nogouchi River Valley (野河内渓谷) Fukuoka city Sawara-ku Iba

The Nogouchi River Valley at the foot of Mt. Iwara is the only valley in Fukuoka city and can be reached in about an hour by car

from the Hakata station. A promenade in the forest is also maintained, so you can easily enjoy nature!



Watch out for accidents at sea!

How to escape a rip current

Beware of rip currents

What is a rip current? Waves and swells hit the coast from offshore, but

the seawater that hits always tries to return to the offshore from a place where it is easy to flow. The strong current that emanates offshore at this time is called a "rip current." If a rip current is generated, it will be washed offshore without being noticed, which is extremely dangerous.

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- 1. Remain calm.
- 2. Don't swim towards the land.
- 3. Swim parallel to shore to escape the current.
- 4. Swim towards the shore after you're out of the current.
- * When the wind is too strong, save energy and float until rescue arrives.

3 basics of self-lifesaving

- ① Always wear a life jacket
- ② Prepare a means for communication using a mobile phone in a waterproof pouch.
- 3 Call "118" for maritime incidents and accidents.
- ☆ 118 is a telephone number for emergency incidents and accidents on the sea.

Speaking of summer traditions, it's time for summer festivals!



★ Hakata Gion Yamakasa (博多祇園山笠)

At Kushida Shrine and around the area (1-41, Kamikawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka city) From 1st July to 15th July

The Hakata Gion Yamakasa is a traditional Shinto ritual of "Kushida Shrine", the general guardian of Hakata. The ornamental Yamakasa, which is over 10m high, is exhibited in various parts of the city, and men in Shimekomi (loincloths), and Happi coats carry the Yamakasa around the city. In particular, "Oiyamakasa" in the early morning of the 15th July, which is the finale and the climax of the 15 days of the Hakata Gion Yamakasa festival, and could not get any more powerful.

Please check the website for more information: https://www.hakatayamakasa.com/



★ Hakozakigu Shrine Nagoshi Festival (**筥崎宮夏越祭**) At Hakozakigu (1-22-1 Hakozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka city) 16:00 - 22:00 on Saturday 30th July and 12:00 - 21:00 on Sunday, 31st July

It is a disaster relief event held at Hakozaki Shrine, one of Japan's three major Hachiman, for the god of warding off evil and good luck. A market and a charity game corner will be held there as well.

Please check the website for more information: https://www.hakozakigu.or.jp/omatsuri/nagoshisai/

★ Hakata Summer Festival (はかた夏まつり)
In the square in front of JR Hakata Station
18:00 - 22:00 from 12th to 14th August (The schedule is subject to change)

It is a summer festival held in the square in front of Hakata Station every summer. It is held for 2 to 3 days, and there are many stalls lined up, and lots of fun gimmicks such as

Japanese drum performances and stage performances by artists.



Tuberculosis Prevention Week September 24~30

In 2020, there were approximately 13,000 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

"Fukuoka and me"

In this section, we will introduce a foreign national living in Fukuoka.



Interview with Ann Umeda from Sri Lanka

Q1. Could you please tell us what brought you to Fukuoka and or Japan? Teaching English and nursing to nursing students at school, and working as a nurse/midwife in Sri Lanka in the '90s. This drew my interest to the latest technology in the medical field of Japan.

Q2. What kind of activities (work, etc.) are you currently doing in Fukuoka? I teach English and interpret English/Sinhala/Tamil to Japanese.

I participate in the International Understanding Education, so talk at schools and community centers (Kominkan) representing my country Sri Lanka and promoting Sri Lankan ethnic cooking. Being a Seventh Day Adventist Church member, I'm involved in gathering and shipping used clothes, shoes, toys, stationery, etc. to Sri Lanka, The Philippines, and Papua New Guinea. My pleasure is helping my country-people living here in Fukuoka.

Q3. How have you overcome any difficulties or obstacles in your activities or life?

- 1. Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 2. Always supported by Fukuoka Prefecture community, neighbours, friends, and church members, and learn from Japanese kids. As the Fukuoka government has Employment Service Centers, Housing support, and consultation support centers, this is another relief.

Q4. What are your thoughts on your current life in Fukuoka?

I'm blessed to live in Fukuoka surrounded by nature, greenery, mountain, rivers, hills and the sea! I thank my husband and my son for giving me the opportunity to live in Fukuoka as an ambassador representing my country, Sri Lanka.

Q5. Could you please tell our readers if you have any more messages?

If anyone of you out there is looking for solutions for your question such as consulting, English speaking dentists, doctors, clinics, gynecologists, lawyers, advice on divorce, and counselors are available. There are book stores, movers, house hunting, garbage disposal etc., you need to speak out before it's too late!!

Fukuoka City Consultation Support Center for Foreign Residents is for YOU and me!!

September 1st is Disaster Prevention Day

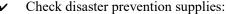
"Disaster Prevention Day" is on 1st September. Japan is a country that is prone to disasters such as earthquakes, typhoons, tsunamis, and heavy rains due to its topography and geology, and has been hit by various disasters. "Disaster Prevention Day" was set up to reduce the damage caused by such disasters. Also, "Disaster Prevention Day" is not a national holiday.

What to do at home on Disaster Prevention Day

We never know when and where a disaster will occur. It may occur when you are outside the house. Please review the emergency response plan:

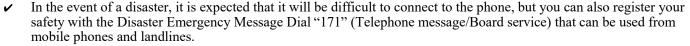
Check local evacuation sites on the disaster prevention map

Also, please check our website: https://www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-information/disaster-prevention/



- Make sure that your disaster prevention backpack (emergency backpack) packed with mobile radios, emergency food, and emergency supplies.
- Take measures to prevent furniture from tipping over
- Check food and beverage stockpiles:
- In case of emergency, prepare enough food and drinking water for about one week

Check the means of communication between family members



Register for the disaster prevention app, disaster prevention email, Fukuoka City LINE official account, etc.

Here is the list of apps and information:

Multilingual

- · Safety Tips App by Japan Tourism Agency
- · NHK WORLD JAPAN App
- Twitter "Japan Safe Travel"
- Multilingual Information on Disaster Mitigation by Japan Meteorological Agency

https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/kokusai/multi.html

Disaster Prevention handbook

https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/site/english/

• Disaster prevention info-mail service Mamoru by Fukuoka Prefecture - http://www.bousaimobile.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/

Japanese language only

- ・"Tsunagaru Plus" (ツナガル+プラス) by Fukuoka city
- ・Fukuoka city official Line account (福岡市LINE公式アカウント)
- ・ Disaster Prevention E-mail by Fukuoka city (福岡市防災メール)

Fukuoka City Disaster Information Center for International Residents

In the event of a disaster, if you are unsure of what is happening or what to do, please call us for Disaster Information Support Center. 092-262-1799 Lines open only in the event of a disaster.













International Kids' Event "Connect to the World Games from around the world and SDGs \sim " by Fukuoka City International Foundation

Please apply now and join the event! This is a summer vacation event organized by Fukuoka City International Foundation. Play fun traditional games from around the world and learn SDGs through workshops.

Date & Time: 10:30 - 12:30 on Thursday, 28th July

Event location: AJIBI Hall in Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, 8th Floor, Riverain Center Building, 3-1 Shimokawabata-machi, Hakata-ku, Fukuoka city

Application Deadline: Tuesday, 12th July

Apply here:

https://forms.gle/dT9msXpwB1B8sDTe8

If there are too many applicants, we will hold a lottery.

Contact: Fukuoka City International Foundation 092-262-1744



Summer Children Museum 2022 Guided Tour to "The Rhythm of Water" in Fukuoka Art Museum

Why don't you come see "Summer Children Museum 2022" exhibition? Curator will guide you how to enjoy the paintings. Enjoy walking around in the museum and please tell us what you feel! *Guided tour on July 9 is fully booked.

Date & Time: 10:30 - 12:10 on Friday, 19th August

Event location: Fukuoka Art Museum, 1-6 Ohori Koen, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City

Eligibility: Parents and children whose mother tongues are not Japanese

Fee: Free Apply here:

https://www.fcif.or.jp/latestnews/event/summer-children-museum2022/

Contact: Fukuoka City International Foundation 092-262-1744





School Guidance for Children with Roots in Foreign Countries 2022

Educational counseling for preschoolers to high school students is available. Please attend with your parents or guardians.

Date: 13:00 - 16:00, Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022 Venue: Health Promotion Support Center AIREF 10th Floor (5-1 Maizuru 2 Chome, Chuo-ku,

Fukuoka city) Fee: Free

Language: Japanese, English and Chinese How to apply: Application is not mandatory; however, it would be helpful if you could email us about the content you would like to ask/ discuss.

Email: tomoikifukuoka@gmail.com

Learning / experience / interaction, various summer vacation events

★Children's Art Museum during Summer Vacation 2022: The Rhythm of Water At the Fukuoka Art Museum From Thursday, 9th June to Sunday, 21st August



Children's Art Museum during Summer Vacation has been held every summer vacation since 1990. Every year has a different theme for this program. The exhibitions and workshops are held according to the theme of this program, and children can experience art while enjoying fun exhibitions and workshops. This year, we will introduce various works on the theme of the sound of water.

Admission fee: Free for under Junior High school students, 150 yen for High school and University students, 200 yen for Adults Opening Hours: 9:30 - 17:30 (open till 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays from July to October) Closed days: Mondays, and New Year holidays

★Welcome to the Picture Book Museum 2022 at Fukuoka Asian Art Museum (おいでよ!絵本ミュージアム2022) From July 19th to August 28th https://faam.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/



Specialized Counseling Services at Fukuoka City International Center

Legal Counseling

July 2nd and 20th August 6th and 17th September 3rd and 21st

1st Saturday 10:30 - 13:30 3rd Wednesday 13:00 - 16:00 Appointment: Required An interpreter is available upon request

Immigration, Residency, and Nationality

July 10th, August 14th and September 11th

2nd Sunday 13:00 - 16:00 (Reception until 15:30)

Appointment: Not required English & Chinese interpreters are available.

Personal (Psychological) Counseling

Monday 9:00 - 17:45 Tuesday 9:00 - 11:45 Thursday 9:00 - 12:45

Appointment: Required An English speaking professional is available.