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Foreign Student and Business Exchange Salon

We are holding a "Foreign Student and Business Exchange Salon" event which aims to deepen the mutual understanding between international students who want to work in Fukuoka and local companies that are interested in acquiring highly-skilled overseas human resources, and laying the groundwork for international students to settle in Fukuoka.

A social event for
international students
and local companies



In a relaxed atmosphere, you can listen to useful stories about job hunting, exchange questions and opinions, and exchange business cards. International students who want to get a job in Fukuoka, or international students who are worried about job hunting or are worried about working in Japanese society, can feel free to join. We are waiting for your application! Please check our website for further information.

<https://www.fcif.or.jp/event/salon/>

Date and Time

November 25th, 2021 (Thu) 18:00 - 20:00

December 7th, 2021 (Tue) 18:15 - 20:30



Job Hunting Talk Session for International Students

This session is designed for international students who wish to find a job in Fukuoka. Guest teachers are foreign workers, working at local companies that employ foreign students. They will speak about their experiences in job hunting and the human resources in global companies.

This year, it was held at STARTUP CAFE on October 26th (Tuesday) with the theme of "What are required to become a global human resource professional?" In this talk session, we held a panel discussion and exchanged opinions from the perspective of "the job satisfaction of international students in Fukuoka, and the development of companies by making use of international students."

Starting a business in Fukuoka



Do you have a business idea and want to make it happen here in Japan? STARTUP CAFE's Global Startup Center helps startups establish a foothold in Fukuoka City.

<https://startupcafe.jp/en/support-en/global-startup-center-en/>

Free Consultation on Immigration, Residence and Nationality for Foreign Nationals

Please check our website here for further information:

<https://www.fcif.or.jp/en/en-consultation/immigration/>

Let's have a safe and secure New Year holidays

The year-end and New Year holidays are a busy and relaxing time. In order to end the year safely and healthily and start a new year, take daily preventive measures!

Beware of infectious diseases!

From autumn to winter when the temperatures drop and the air becomes drier, infectious diseases such as colds, influenza, and norovirus increase. In particular, it is important for each person to be careful about their health management and take preventive measures, especially as the novel coronavirus infection is not subsiding. But we can take precautions, for example:

- ✓ Wear a mask when you go out.
- ✓ Wash your hands and gargle frequently.
- ✓ Avoid crowds and unnecessary outings to crowded areas.
- ✓ Get into the habit of exercising moderately, get enough sleep and a well-balanced diet, and boost your immunity.



Beware of crimes such as snatch thefts

Crime such as burglary and snatch thefts tend to increase during the year-end and New Year holidays. It is necessary to raise awareness of crime prevention on a daily basis so that you will not be involved in crime.

- ◇ Get in the habit of locking your house even when you take the trash or are out for a short time.
- ◇ As a countermeasure against snatch thefts, hold your bag on the opposite side from the road while being aware of your surroundings.
- ◇ Don't walk while listening to music and looking at your mobile phone.
- ◇ Avoid dark, deserted, or out-of-the-way areas, such as alleys or parking lots.
- ◇ Be aware of your surroundings and take safety precautions
- ◇ Carry a personal alarm around for your safety.



Be aware of road safety during Christmas and New Year's holiday period

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The number of road accidents tends to be more in the second half of the year, especially in December. During New Year's Day holidays, there are many opportunities to drink alcohol. Please do not drink and drive a motor vehicle, motorbike, or even a bicycle. Above all, please drive safely.



- * To protect yourself and your passengers, each person in a motor vehicle must wear a seat belt.
- * A child seat must be attached and used for children under six years of age.
- * "Don't drink and drive".
- * Do not serve alcohol to someone going to drive.
- * Do not lend a car to someone who has consumed alcohol
- * Do not ride in a car whose driver has consumed alcohol.



Emergency phone numbers

110番



◆ Police: Call 110

◆ Fire Brigade/ Emergency medical service: Call 119

* [Interpretation service in Fukuoka City Fire Department]

119番

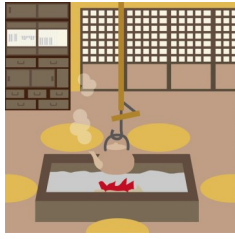


The Fukuoka Fire Department answers 119 calls in foreign languages via the telephone interpretation center.

https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/syobo/yobo/ff/gaikokuzin_2.html

Osoji (Big cleanup)

History of Osoji



cleanup.

The basis of Osoji is the removal of soot that was carried out at “Shogatsu-kotohajime” (meaning to begin preparations for welcoming the New Year) on December 13 since the Edo era. When “Irori” (meaning a traditional Japanese sunken hearth) was being used in the houses, soot (black carbon powder from smoke and flames) covered the whole interior of the house, so people cleaned and swept off the soot. This custom started to be called “Susuharai”.

Also, it seems that soot removal was not just a year-end cleaning, but also a sacred event to welcome the Toshigami-sama deity.

At Osoji, people clean the dirt in their house that has been accumulated over the course of the year. There seems to be various places to clean. It seems that they often wipe windows, clean screen doors, and clean areas that are not normally cleaned, such as ventilation fans. Also, when cleaning, some people make a checklist of where to clean and do a thorough cleaning.



Osoji Superstitions

Cleaning up at the end of the year does not always mean good at the end of the year. December 29th, December 31st and January 1st are said to be unlucky days to clean up. The reason is that December 29th is reminiscent of "suffering" because it contains 9, and December 31st is the day to welcome the Toshigami-sama deity, so it is rude to the god to clean up in a rush. On January 1st, it was said that fortune would run away if you did a big cleaning on New Year's Day as you would clean up fortune, so it was said that it is unlucky to clean on that day.

New Year Holidays Household Waste Collection

Household waste collection is closed during the year-end and New Year holidays (December 31st to January 3rd). Please check this site (QR code provided) for the latest update for the Household waste collection dates transferred.

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About garbage separation and recycling



<http://kateigomi-bunbetsu.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/en/>

Please check this link for the information on how to separate and dispose of garbage and recyclable items.



December 1st is World AIDS Day

In 2020, the number of new HIV infections in Japan was 750, and the number of new AIDS patients was 345, for a total of 1,095. In Fukuoka city, 26 new HIV infections and 9 new AIDS patients were reported, for a total of 35 people.

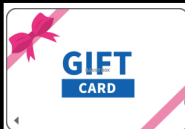
HIV infection is a sexually transmitted disease (STD). Many HIV infection are not recognised until the onset of AIDS because the period of no subjective symptoms continue for several years. Finding the HIV infection early and receiving proper health care and treatment can delay the onset of AIDS.

The AIDS/HIV test is a simple blood test and can be done for free of charge and anonymously at health centres nationwide. To get accurate results, take the test at least 3 months after the date of possible infection. It may be cancelled to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

For further information, please contact the telephone

Health Centre	AIDS Dial	Test days	
	<i>Weekdays: 9:00 – 17:00</i>	<i>Days tests are given</i>	<i>Time</i>
West ward	092 651 8391	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	9:00 – 11:00
Hakata Ward	092 441 0023	2 nd and 4 th Thursday	9:00 – 11:00
		2 nd and 4 th Wednesday	16:00 – 18:00
Central Ward	092 712 8391	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays (Appointment required)	9:00 – 11:00
South Ward	092 541 8391	1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays	9:00 – 11:00
Jonan Ward	092 822 8391	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday	9:00 – 11:00
Sawara Ward	092 846 8391	1 st and 3 rd Wednesday	9:00 – 11:00
West Ward	092 891 0391	1 st and 3 rd Mondays	9:00 – 11:00

Please tell us what you think of FCIF newsletter for a chance to win 1 of 10, ¥1,000 QUO cards!



★ We're always looking to improve FCIF newsletter, and the best way we can think of to do this is to ask readers what they want.

To be in with a chance of winning a prize, please complete the survey below by December 31st, 2021 and the results will be announced to the winners in January, 2022.

We will not use your answers for any purpose other than improving our service.



<https://forms.gle/fMHLDSJ4b5YPPGGUy9>

Information for foreign nationals regarding COVID-19

Consultation method when symptom onset of COVID-19

If you have symptoms such as fever, first contact your doctor or other local medical institution by phone.

If you are uncertain about where to consult, please check the website below:

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/uploaded/attachment/125986.pdf>

Information about Financial support, Find a job, Housing benefits and more

Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus, you have less hours of work at your part-time jobs, or lost employment, or having difficulties with paying living expenses?

If you live in Fukuoka City and are registered as a resident here and meet certain conditions, you can receive support. For further information, contact us at FCIF (092-262-1799) or check the website here:

<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kokusai/shisei/COVID19gaikokujinsoudanj.html>

Tutor Program

The service fee is free until March, 2022



The Tutor Program is a language support program for foreigners.

We support foreigners who are having difficulties with reading handouts written in Japanese from nursery and schools.

Normally, it costs 500 yen per month as a service fee, but it is free until March 2022. For further details regarding the service or apply, please call us or check our website, Fukuoka City International Foundation.

COVID-19 vaccination certificate for overseas travel

The vaccination certificate is issued to those who need it for international travel. For other purposes, please use "Certificate of vaccination for COVID-19" or "Record of Vaccination for COVID-19" which are issued when vaccinated.

There are two methods to acquire the certificate, either apply via internet or post.

The following documents are required for application.

- ① An Application Form for the Vaccination Certificate of COVID-19 (If you are applying online, then you do not need this, just fill in online)
- ② A Copy of your passport where the passport number is shown.
- ③ The "Certificate of vaccination for COVID-19" or "Record of Vaccination for COVID-19" which you received after vaccination.

※ Other documents may be required in some cases. For details, please check the website of your municipality.

- ④ A copy of an identity verifying documents (such as driver's license or health insurance card. This is to confirm the shipping address)
- ⑤ Power of attorney (all delegators are required to sign themselves) and identity verification documents of the agent

※ Only when the agent submits on behalf of a delegator. For inquiries regarding vaccination and vaccination certificate application, please contact the Fukuoka City COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center.

Telephone number : 092-260-8405 (Lines open every day 8:30 to 17:30)

Calls can be made in English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Spanish and Portuguese.

Specialized Counseling Services at Fukuoka City International Center

Legal Counseling	Immigration, Residency, and Nationality	Personal (Psychological) Counseling
November 6th and 17th December 4th and 15th	November 7th and December 5th	Monday 8:45 ~ 17:45 Tuesday 8:45 ~ 11:45 Thursday 8:45 ~ 12:45
1st Saturday 10:30 ~ 13:30 3rd Wednesday 13:00 ~ 16:00	2nd Sunday 13:00 ~ 16:00 (Reception until 15:30)	
Appointment: Required An interpreter is available upon request	Appointment: Not required English & Chinese interpreters are available.	Appointment: Required An English speaking professional is available.