

# FIA Pocket April & May

Announcements from the FIA

## New Japanese classes starting at the FIA! FIA Japanese Classes

**When :** Sundays 0:30-2:30 PM

**Where :** Study Room, Language Learning Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Fukui International Activities Plaza

**Level :** Four levels from Elementary 1 to Lower Intermediate.

\*There is a placement test for those taking classes for the first time.

(Levels)	Elementary 1	For those studying Japanese for the first time
	Elementary 2	For those that understand basic Japanese (around JLPT N5 level)
	Elementary 3	For those that can understand basic Japanese (around JLPT N4 level)
	Lower Intermediate	For those that understand everyday Japanese conversation (around JLPT N3 level)

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Sundays

**Course Fee :** 4,000 yen (For 20 classes) \*2,000 yen for those joining on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> session

Schedule :

First Semester April - September					
April	7	14	21	28	
May	5	12	19	26	
June	2	9	16	23	30
July	7	14	21	28	
August	4	11	18	25	
September	1	8	15	22	29

**Notice:**

\*Applications are required. Please bring your **Residence card (Zairyu Card) and Course Fee** with you when coming in to apply.

\*Please apply before 12:00 PM of the same day of first class you want to attend.

\*Even if you stop the course partway through, we cannot return the class fees.

\*You can join the course partway through.

\*Primary textbooks will be rented in class free of charge.

\*Please contact the FIA if you are no longer able to take the course after signing up.

**Applications/Inquiries:** Information and Consultation Corner, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Fukui International Activities Plaza Tel 0776-28-8800

\*Private lessons are also available, allowing you to learn at your level on a day/time that is convenient for you. Please contact the FIA for further details.

## Golden Week Holiday Closing Information

Our offices and services will be closed on the following days.

- Fukui International Activities Plaza & Room Rental Service at the FIA  
Monday, April 29 – Monday, May 6
- Fukui International Association Reinan Center  
Sunday, April 28 – Monday, May 6
- Passport Office at the FIA  
Saturday, April 27 and Monday, April 29 – Monday, May 6

\*Passports will be issued on May 6 (Sunday), but applications will not be accepted.



# Announcements from the FIA

## Newspapers and Magazines Available for the 2019 Fiscal Year

The following newspapers and magazines will be available for browsing at the Fukui International Activities Plaza and the Fukui International Association Reinan Center.



Information and Consultation Corner, Fukui International Activities Plaza

7 Newspapers in total 18 Magazines in total

	No.	Title	Country/Region of Issue	Language	Category	Frequency
Newspaper	1	福井新聞 Fukui Shimbun	Japan	Japanese	General	Daily
	2	日本経済新聞 Nihon Keizai Shimbun	Japan	Japanese	General	Daily
	3	THE JAPAN TIMES	Japan	English	General	Daily
	4	THE JAPAN TIMES alpha	Japan	English, Japanese	General	Weekly
	5	THE NEW YORK TIMES WEEKLY	Japan	English	General	Weekly
	6	人民日報海外版 People's Daily Overseas Edition	China	Chinese	General	Daily
	7	朝鮮日報 The Chosun Ilbo	Korea	Korean	General	Daily
Magazine	1	NEWS WEEK JAPAN EDITION	Japan	Japanese	General	Weekly
	2	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JAPAN EDITION	Japan	Japanese	Nature, Geography	Monthly
	3	FOREIGN AFFAIRS REPORT	Japan	Japanese	International Affairs	Monthly
	4	国際人流 The Immigration Newsmagazine	Japan	Japanese	Immigration	Monthly
	5	週刊東洋経済 Shukan Toyo Keizai	Japan	Japanese	Economy	Weekly
	6	PRESIDENT	Japan	Japanese	General	Bi-weekly
	7	PRESIDENT WOMAN	Japan	Japanese	General	Monthly
	8	CNN ENGLISH EXPRESS	Japan	English, Japanese	English Study	Monthly
	9	HIRAGANA TIMES	Japan	English, Japanese	Japanese Study	Monthly
	10	通訳翻訳ジャーナル Interpretation/Translation Journal	Japan	English, Japanese	English Study	Seasonal
	11	聴く中国語 Kiku Chugokugo (Chinese by Listening)	Japan	Chinese, Japanese	Chinese Study	Monthly
	12	THE ECONOMIST	U.K	English	Economy	Weekly
	13	TIME ASIA EDITION	Hong Kong	English	General	Weekly
	14	READER'S DIGEST(Asia)	Hong Kong	English	General	Monthly
	15	読者 Duzhe	China	Chinese	General	Bi-weekly
	16	人民中国 People China	China	Japanese	China Affairs	Monthly
	17	SELECOES READER'S DIGEST	Brazil	Portuguese	General	Weekly
	18	SELECCIONES	Mexico	Spanish	General	Monthly

Library and Document Corner, Fukui International Association Reinan Center

4 Newspapers in total 7 Magazines in total

	No.	Title	Country/Region of Issue	Language	Category	Frequency
Newspaper	1	福井新聞 Fukui Shimbun	Japan	Japanese	General	Daily
	2	THE JAPAN TIMES	Japan	English	General	Daily
	3	THE JAPAN TIMES alpha	Japan	English, Japanese	General	Weekly
	4	東方新報 Toho Shinpo	Japan	Chinese	General	Weekly
Magazine	1	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC JAPAN EDITION	Japan	Japanese	Nature, Geography	Monthly
	2	留学ジャーナル Study Abroad Journal	Japan	Japanese	Study Abroad	Seasonal
	3	CNN ENGLISH EXPRESS	Japan	English, Japanese	English Study	Monthly
	4	HIRAGANA TIMES	Japan	English, Japanese	Japanese Study	Monthly
	5	通訳翻訳ジャーナル Interpretation/Translation Journal	Japan	English, Japanese	English Study	Seasonal
	6	聴く中国語 Kiku Chugokugo (Chinese by Listening)	Japan	Chinese, Japanese	Chinese Study	Monthly
	7	韓国語学習ジャーナル hana Korean Learning Journal hana	Japan	Korean, Japanese	Korean Study	Bi-Monthly

Up to 5 books and magazines can be borrowed per person for up to 2 weeks.

(Excluding non-borrowable materials and the newest editions of magazines)

Please visit the counter to sign up for a free library card or to inquire about lending services.



# Free Consultation for Foreigners

Free consultation regarding residency status, bringing your family to Japan, naturalization, legal matters, employment, marriage, traffic accidents and debt, etc.



## Free Immigration and Residency Consultation for Foreigners

**When:** Saturday, April 6 and May 11, 1:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Language Learning Room 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Fukui International Activities Plaza

With Administrative Scriveners

## Free Legal Consultation for Foreigners

**When:** Saturday, April 20 and May 18, 1:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Language Learning Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Fukui International Activities Plaza

With Lawyers

- Advance reservations are required.
- Please contact us in advance if you need an interpreter. (English, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog, and other languages available.)

These services are also available at the Fukui International Association Reinan Center, Tsuruga City. Call for details!

**Applications:** Fukui International Activities Plaza [Tel](tel:0776-28-8800) 0776-28-8800 / FIA Reinan Center [Tel](tel:0770-21-3455) 0770-21-3455

# Fukui Local Company Joint Information Session for International Students

Global companies in Fukui will be there! Be sure to come, as it is a great opportunity to learn about Fukui companies!

**When:** Saturday, April 20, 1:00-3:30PM (Registration from 12:00 PM)

**Where:** Special Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Fukui International Activities Plaza

**Applications/Inquiries:** Mr. Ishikawa and Mr. Doi, Fukui Bank Overseas Support Team

[Tel](tel:0776-50-7519) 0776-50-7519 (Japanese only) [Email](mailto:fbk01402@fukuibank.jp) fbk01402@fukuibank.jp



## Event and Daily Life Information

### Cooking Course for Japanese and Foreign Nationals

## Let' make Omu Rice!

**When:** Sunday, May 12, 1:30-4:00 PM

**Where:** Cooking Practice Room, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, AOSSA  
(1 minute walk from JR Fukui Station.)

**Limit:** 25 participants  
(All ages, genders, and nationalities welcome.  
Families are also welcome!)

**Cost:** 700 yen **Application Deadline:** Wednesday, May 8

**Inquiries/Applications:** Ms. Kobayashi, Earth Link [Tel](tel:090-8965-8580) 090-8965-8580 [Email](mailto:bctusm@yahoo.co.jp) bctusm@yahoo.co.jp

### Menu

- Omu Rice  
\*sweet and savory tomato-based fried rice wrapped in a soft thin omelette
- Salad
- Soup



# International Ground Golf Tournament & BBQ Party

Ground golf is a sport created in Japan. The rules are very simple and even beginners can learn quickly. From children to the elderly, and people who don't know Japanese – anyone can play! After the tournament, we will hold a barbecue!

Please reserve your spot in advance if you are interested. We will stop accepting applications when the number of applicant reach the quota.

**When:** Saturday, June 8 12:30-4:30 PM (Afterwards, we will visit surrounding tourist spots with those interested.)

**Where:** Shimizu Botanical Garden  
(62-9 Mikunicho-saki, Sakai City)

**Cost:** 1,000 yen

\*In the case of rain, from 12:00-2:00 PM only the BBQ will be held.

Also, only half the fee will be charged.

**Application Deadline:** Friday, May 31

**Inquiries:** Mr.Hirata, International Sakai [Tel](tel:090-2034-5761) 090-2034-5761 [Email](mailto:751961hirata@ezweb.ne.jp) 751961hirata@ezweb.ne.jp



For foreign residents and related Japanese persons living, working, or studying in Sakai City

## Free Counseling for Foreigners



Free counseling regarding residency status and changes thereto, renewals, visas, employment, marriage, bringing your family to Japan, naturalization, nationality, and family registry.

**When:** Sunday, May 26 and Sunday, June 23 1:00-4:00 PM

\*if there are no applicants by May 17<sup>th</sup> (Fri), or June 14<sup>th</sup> (Fri) at 5pm, the counseling session for that respective month will be cancelled.

**Where:** Harue Naka *Kominkan* (Community Center) in Sakai city (17-17 Zuioji, Harue-cho, Sakai City)

**Inquiries:** Mr.Hirata, International Sakai [Tel](tel:090-2034-5761) 090-2034-5761 [Email](mailto:751961hirata@ezweb.ne.jp) 751961hirata@ezweb.ne.jp

\*Please reserve your appointment in advance.

\*English, Chinese and Portuguese interpretation available with advance notice.

## Solo Story-telling for Disaster-Prevention “Life’s Relay Baton” Free

NPO “Inochi-no-Baton” will be performing their solo story-telling piece “Inochi-no-Baton” together with its English version “Life’s Relay Baton”. Please reserve your spot in advance if you are interested.

**Performers:** Japanese narration: Hitomi Iwata English narration: Lemi Duncan  
Clarinet: Kenta Nakajima

**When :** Sunday, May 26 2:00-3:30 PM

**Where :** Meeting Room 402, Phoenix Plaza 4<sup>th</sup> floor (1-13-6 Tawara, Fukui City)

**Limit :** 50 participants

**Inquiries :** Mr.Kato [Tel](tel:090-3224-3611) 090-3224-3611 [Website](https://www.bousaihistorikatari.jp/) <https://www.bousaihistorikatari.jp/>



## English Walk - Walk through Cherry Blossoms - Free

Come enjoy a walk around Fukui City while speaking in English!  
 Volunteer interpreters will be available, so you can participate even if you are not confident in your English abilities. Everyone is welcome!

Please send your name and contact information if you are interested.

We won't accept any more applications once we reach max number of participants

**When:** Saturday, April 6, 1<sup>st</sup> walk: from 10:30 AM 2<sup>nd</sup> walk: from 2:00 PM

**Meeting Place:** Fukui Chuo Park (3-11 Ote, Fukui City)

Fukui Spring Fun Festival, Fukui Citizens International Association FCIA booth

**Limit:** 10 Japanese, 10 foreign residents per walk



## Japanese Support Class for Children with Foreign Roots Free

Volunteer Japanese teachers help them learn not only Japanese needed for daily / school life but also with their homework. Please see below to apply.

**When:** April 11, April 25, May 9, May 23 (all Thursdays), 4:00-5:00 PM

**Where:** Phoenix Plaza 3<sup>rd</sup> floor (1-13-6 Tawara, Fukui City)



## Japanese Exchange Classroom "Shaberiba" Free

Shaberiba is a place for Japanese and foreigners to enjoy conversations in simple Japanese. You don't need to speak Japanese well. Anyone who wants an opportunity to meet new people is welcome. Just come and join us!

**When:** April 13, April 27, May 11, May 25 (all Saturdays), 10:00 AM -12:00 PM

**Where:** Fukui City Volunteer Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Happiring (1-2-1 Chuo, Fukui City)



### Applications/Inquiries:

Fukui Citizens International Association(FCIA) Tel 0776-97-5020 Fax 0776-97-5022

Email [fukuikokusai@fcia.jp](mailto:fukuikokusai@fcia.jp) Website <http://www.fcia.jp> Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fukuikokusai>

## 2019 Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) Session 1

This standardized test measures and certifies Japanese ability for non-native speakers of Japanese. Testing is offered at five levels (N1, N2, N3, N4 and N5), and is held annually in July and December.

**When:** Sunday, July 7 \*Session 2 is currently planned for Sunday, December 1.

**Where:** Your test location (such as University of Fukui, etc.) will be written on the exam admission ticket you will receive after applying.

**Cost:** 5,500 yen (tax included)

**How to apply:** Online or by mail \*Applications by mail can be found at your local bookstore. Purchase required.

\*You can even apply from your smartphone or tablet.

**Application Deadline:** April 22 (Mon.) (Postmarked by April 22)

\*Internet applications will be accepted until 5:00 PM.

**For details, visit the JLPT home page! ⇒ [info.jees-jlpt.jp](http://info.jees-jlpt.jp)**





## Fukui International Activities Plaza

〒910-0004 3-1-1 Hoen, Fukui City

[Tel] 0776-28-8800 [Fax] 0776-28-8818

[Email] info@f-i-a.or.jp

Room Rental	
Open	9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Closed	National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 28-January 4



【Access】 10 minute walk from JR Fukui Station.

Information & Consultation Corner	
Open	Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Closed	Mondays except 2 <sup>nd</sup> Monday, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 29-January 3

Cafe Corner	
Open	9:00-11:00 AM, 12:00-5:00 PM
Closed	National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 28-January 4

## Fukui International Association Reinan Center

〒914-0063 2-2-4 Kagura-cho, Tsuruga City (The 2nd floor of AQUATOM)

[Tel] 0770-21-3455 [Fax] 0770-21-3441

[Email] reinan@f-i-a.or.jp



From JR Tsuruga Station by bus:

Take bus number ②,④,⑤,⑧,⑩ and get off at “Kagura-cho”

or take bus number ⑫ and get off at “Kids Park Tsuruga”.



【Access】 20 minute walk from JR Tsuruga Station.

Open	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday	9:30 AM - 6:00 PM
	Thursday	9:30 AM - 8:00 PM
	1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month	12:00 - 6:00 PM
Closed	Mondays, 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 29-January 3	

## Website Information

We offer this newsletter, information about international exchange events, and useful info for foreign residents in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Portuguese on our website. Check it out!

<http://www.f-i-a.or.jp/>

►You can also access our site from your mobile phone.

[Jp] <http://www.f-i-a.or.jp/k/>

[En] <http://www.f-i-a.or.jp/k/en/>



## National Holidays in April and May

Sunday, April 29: *Showa no Hi* (Showa Day)

Monday, April 30: National Holiday

Tuesday, May 1: *Shintennou Sokui no Hi* (Coronation Day of the new Emperor)

Wednesday, May 2: National Holiday

Thursday, May 3: *Kenpo Kinenbi* (Constitution Memorial Day)

Friday, May 4: *Midori no Hi* (Greenery Day)

Saturday, May 5: *Kodomo no Hi* (Children's Day)

⑥ Sunday, May 6: Substitute Holiday