

# FIA Pocket December & January

## Announcements from the FIA

### 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, December 7 and January 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, December 21 and January 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, Vietnamese, and other languages available.)

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

**Applications:** Fukui Consultation Center for Foreigners [Tel](tel:0776-88-0062) 0776-88-0062

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

### Year End & New Year Holiday Closings for the Fukui International Activities Plaza & Fukui International Association Reinan Center

Fukui International Activities Plaza & Fukui International Association Reinan Center

Sunday, December 29, 2019 – Friday, January 3, 2020

Room Rental Service at the FIA

Saturday, December 28, 2019 – Saturday, January 4, 2020

Passport Office at the FIA

Saturday, December 28, 2019 – Sunday, January 5, 2020

\*Passport Issuance will open from January 5<sup>th</sup> (Sun.), but will only begin accepting applications from January 6<sup>th</sup> (Mon.).



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### Fukui International Activities Plaza Café **New Menu !**



The Fukui International Activities Plaza first floor café corner has added financiers and scones to its menu! Stop by and try for yourself.



#### **Financier 180 yen**

Savory almond-hazelnut flavor Financiers topped with whole walnuts, made with thick rich butter.

#### **Chocolate Chip Scone 180 yen**

Satisfying crunchy scones with mellow cranberries, accented with chocolate chips go perfectly with coffee.



### Fukui International Activities Plaza **Wi-Fi is Now Available at the FIA!**

Wi-Fi can be used in the following areas of the Fukui International Activities Plaza:

**1<sup>st</sup> Floor** Information & Consultation Corner, Café Corner, Lounge, Passport Office, Hallways

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor** Conference Room 1-3, Hallways    **Basement** Multi-Purpose Hall, Foyer

\*Details on how to use Wi-Fi will be posted in the Fukui International Activities Plaza.

\* Wi-Fi reception may be weaker or service may be unavailable in certain areas.



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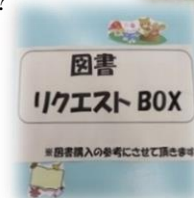
### **Please Fill Out Our Questionnaire!**

In order to provide better services at the Fukui International Activities Plaza and the Fukui International Association Reinan Center, the Fukui International Association is currently administering a survey. Your opinions are of the utmost importance to us, and we hope to continue to respond to your needs. The survey can be found on our website (<https://www.f-i-a.or.jp/>). Those that come to the FIA and fill out the questionnaire will receive a packet of pocket tissues.



### Information and Consultation Corner, 1st Floor FIA Library and Document Corner, Fukui International Association Reinan Center **Book Request Box Now Open!**

Are there any books you'd like to have available at the Information and Consultation Corner?  
Write them down on a piece of paper and submit them through the Request Box!





## 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.

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

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



## Event and Daily Life Information

### Japanese Support Class for Children with Foreign Roots

Volunteer Japanese teachers help children with foreign roots learn not only Japanese needed for daily life and school, but also with their homework. Please see below to apply.

**When:** December 12, December 26, January 9, January 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”

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 the opportunity to meet new people is welcome. Just come and join us!




**When:** December 14, January 11, January 25 (all Saturdays), 10:00-12:00 AM

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



#### Applications/Inquiries:

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

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

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, January 26 and Sunday, February 23, 1:00-4:00 PM

\*if there are no applicants by January 17<sup>th</sup> (Fri), or February 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  090-2034-5761

\*Please reserve your appointment in advance.

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

# Fukui's Minimum Wage Increased to 829 yen

As of October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the minimum hourly wage in Fukui has been increased to 829 yen.

These changes apply to all laborers and employers in the prefecture. Paying less than this wage is illegal, and a fine of 500,000 yen will be issued to employers in violation of this law. If you feel that your pay is not at or above this level, please consult the Fukui Labor Bureau or nearest Hello Work (Public Employment Security Office).



# Hospitals, Clinics, and Emergency Centers Open on Holidays

For information on other area hospitals and clinics providing care on holidays, please consult the “Hospitals Open on Weekends and Holidays” section of the FIA’s mobile phone site, <http://f-i-a.or.jp/k/> (Japanese and English language only).



Emergency Centers & Medical Clinics	Care Provided	Days Open	Hours of Operation
<b>Fukui City Holiday Emergency Center</b> <b>Location</b> 4-14-30 Joto, Fukui City <b>Tel</b> 0776-22-2099	Internal	Saturdays	7:00-11:00PM
		Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 30 - January 3	9:00AM-11:00PM
<b>Fukui Pref. Children’s Emergency Center</b> <b>Location</b> 4-14-30 Joto, Fukui City <b>Tel</b> 0776-26-8800	Pediatric	Mondays - Saturdays	7:00-11:00PM
		Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 30 - January 3	9:00AM-11:00PM
<b>Fukui City Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic</b> <b>Location</b> 3-4-1 Daiganji, Fukui City <b>Tel</b> 0776-26-8468	Dental	Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays, December 30 - January 3	9:00AM-12:00PM (Reception until 11:30AM) 1:00-5:00PM (Reception until 4:30PM)
<b>Ōno City Holiday Emergency Care Center</b> <b>Location</b> 117-6-1 Shinokura, Ono City <b>Tel</b> 0779-65-8999	Internal Surgery	Saturdays	1:00-5:00PM 6:00-9:00PM
		Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays, December 31 - January 3	9:00AM-12:00PM 1:00-9:00PM
	Pediatric	Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 31 - January 3	9:00AM-12:00PM 1:00-9:00PM
<b>Tsuruga City Holiday Emergency Care Center</b> <b>Location</b> 2-16-52 Chuo, Tsuruga City <b>Tel</b> 0770-25-5311	Internal Pediatric Dental	Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 31 - January 3	[Dec. ~Mar.] 9:00AM-12:00PM (Reception until 11:45AM) 1:00-3:00PM (Reception until 2:45PM)

\*Information Updated November 30, 2019

◆The Children’s Emergency Medical Consultation Hotline provides counseling about a child’s sudden illness.

**Tel** 0776-25-9955 or Quick-Dial #8000 (Japanese language support only.)

Hours: Weekdays and Saturdays: 7:00PM-9:00AM

Sundays, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays: Open from 9:00AM to 9:00AM the following day



## Echizen City International Association Office Relocation

The Echizen City International Association moved to the following address on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

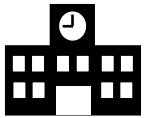
New address: Shimin Plaza Takefu (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), 1-11-2 Fuchu, Echizen City 915-0071

\* Accessible through the AL Plaza Takefu 3<sup>rd</sup> floor parking lot entrance, located inside the “Open Share Office 2”.



**Inquiries:** Echizen-shi International Association (EIA) 0778-24-3389 0778-24-5951 info@e-i-a.or.jp

## New Special High School Admissions Program for Non-Japanese Students in Fukui Prefecture 2020



Asuwa Senior High School and the newly established Takefu Commercial Senior High School will accept a total of 6 non-Japanese students in need of special Japanese instruction set to graduate junior high school in March 2020. For more information and instructions on how to apply, visit the Fukui Prefectural Government Senior High School Education Division website.

- Fukui Prefectural Government Senior High School Education Division: <http://www.pref.fukui.lg.jp/doc/koukou/> (Japanese only)

For Foreigners

## Counseling for Victims of Domestic Violence (DV)



Counseling is now being offered by women for women suffering from domestic violence.

No Japanese language ability needed and confidentiality will be strictly observed.

**Domestic Violence (DV)** is defined as verbal and/or physical abuse, withholding of money for daily life, banning contact with friends or other outside acquaintances, and forcing childbearing against your wishes.

Location	Times
Fukui International Activities Plaza 0776-28-8800	Thursdays: 10:00AM-5:30PM *Closed National holidays, Substitute Holidays and Dec. 29 - Jan. 3
Seikatsu Gakushukan(You-I Fukui) Counseling Room (14-1 Shimorokujo-cho, Fukui City) 0776-41-7112	Except on Thursdays: 9:00AM-4:45PM *Closed Mondays (except National Holidays), the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month, the day following a National Holiday (except Saturdays, Sundays, and Substitute Holidays), Dec. 28 - Jan. 4

◆Please contact us if you need an interpreter. (English, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog and other languages.)

## National Holidays in December and January

Wednesday, January 1: *Ganjitsu* (New Year's Day)

Monday, January 13: *Seijin no Hi* (Coming of Age Day)

\*Please note that schools, hospitals, municipal and public facilities, trash collection and other services may shut down for all or part of the New Year Holidays (From the end of December to the beginning of January).



## 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 / Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents [Tel] 0776-88-0062

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
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## Fukui International Association Reinan Center

(Fukui Reinan Consultation Center for Foreign Residents)

〒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 ②,④,⑤,⑧,⑩,⑬,⑭ 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	

## Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents We can now accept consultation in 13 languages!

In-person interpretation languages available (4 Languages)

English	Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday	Chinese	Every second Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (AM only), Friday, Saturday
Portuguese	Friday, Saturday	Vietnamese	Saturday, Sunday

\* Work schedule may be subject to change. Please inquire in advance to check if necessary.

Video call and triophone (third party interpretation via phone) interpretation services available (13 languages)

[Tel] 0776-88-0062

English, Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Nepalese, Tagalog, Thai, Spanish, Hindi (Daily)

Russian, French (Monday – Friday) Indonesian (Monday, Friday)