

FIA Pocket February & March

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, February 1 and March 7, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Language Learning Room 1st, 2nd Floor, Fukui International Activities Plaza

With Administrative Scriveners

Free Legal Consultation for Foreigners

When: Saturday, February 15 and March 21, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Language Learning Room 1, 2nd 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

Fukui International Activities Plaza Café

How about a hot drink?



Hot chai 330 yen Indian-style milk tea with cinnamon and other spices

Hot yuzu (Citrus fruit) tea 330 yen

Traditional Korean tea made that smells of fresh yuzu

We also serve coffee, black tea, hot chocolate, milk, and café au lait!
Try it with our sweets, financiers and chocolate chip scones!



Stop by and try for yourself.



Announcements from the FIA

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:

1st Floor Information & Consultation Corner, Café Corner, Lounge, Passport Office, Hallways

2nd 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.



SSID: FreeWiFi_FUKUI

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/>



Event and Daily Life Information

Free Legal Consultation for Foreigners

A lawyer and FIA staff are available for consultation for foreign residents on any personal problems or legal issues.



(Ono City) For foreign residents and related Japanese persons living, working, or studying in Ono City

When: Sunday, March 1, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: 205 conference room, 2nd floor, yuitopia (Tada-Kinen-Ono-Yushu-Kaikan 1-19 Tenjin-cho, Ono City)

Application deadline: Friday, February 21

To Apply: Send the Legal consultation information sheet (available for download at the below URL) via FAX or email.

URL http://www.city.ono.fukui.jp/shisei/koryu/kokusai_koryu/free-legal-advice.html (starting February 1)

Applications: Ono City Hall Secretariat and Public Relations Division **Email** hisyo@city.fukui-ono.lg.jp

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

When: Sunday, March 22, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: 101 conference room, 1st floor, Harue Naka *Kominkan* (Community Center) in Sakai city
(17-17 Zuijoi, Harue-cho, Sakai City)

To Apply: Send the Legal consultation information sheet (available for download at the below URL) via FAX or email.

URL <https://www.city.fukui-sakai.lg.jp/kurashi/soudan/20200322houritusoudan.html>

Application: Sakai City Hall General Affairs Division **Tel** 0776-50-3010 **Fax** 0776-66-4837

To prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, this event has been canceled as of March 19, 2020

Language support is available in English, Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Nepalese, Tagalog, Thai, Spanish, Hindi, Indonesian, Russian, and French. We may be able to accommodate other languages. Please inquire in advance.

Japanese Support Class for Children with Foreign Roots **Free**

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: February 13, February 27, March 12, March 26 (all Thursdays), 4:00-5:00 PM

Where: Phoenix Plaza 3rd 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 the opportunity to meet new people is welcome. Just come and join us!

When: February 8, February 22, March 14, March 28 (all Saturdays), 10:00-12:00 AM

Where: Fukui City Volunteer Center, 4th 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 **[Website]** <http://www.fcia.jp> **[Facebook]** <https://www.facebook.com/fukuikokusai>

Regarding the outbreak of Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China

According to the WHO and the National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia can be spread by limited human-to-human transmission. It is important to continue regular precautions for cold and flu season including as cough etiquette and hand-washing.

If you are returning or entering Japan from Wuhan China and experience symptoms such as cough or fever, wear a surgical mask and contact a medical institution to be examined. While being examined, alert the doctor that you have recently been in Wuhan City.



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 |
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| Fukui International Activities Plaza [Tel] 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) [Tel] 0776-41-7112 | Except on Thursdays: 9:00AM-4:45PM *Closed Mondays (except National Holidays), the 3 rd 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.)

That is a criminal offence!

The following acts are prohibited by the law. Absolutely avoid them.



1. Buying, selling or giving away bank accounts

You are asked to sell your bank account. You open a bank account and sell the passbook and cash card.

→ That account is then used to commit fraud or illegal money transfers.

2. Illegally buying and selling cell phones

You are asked to sell your cell phone. You sign a contract for a cell phone and sell it without consent from the cell phone company. → That cell phone is then used to commit fraud or other criminal acts.

3. Illegal money transfers

You apply for “a part-time job just transferring money” posted on an Internet bulletin board and make deposits, withdrawals, or transfers of money. → That money was obtained by fraud or illegal money transfers.

4. Illegal deliveries

You transfer goods sent to your house to another place, which you consider a part-time job.

→ Those goods were obtained by fraud or other criminal acts.

5. Use of forged credit cards

You shop with a credit card given to you that bears the name of another person, which you consider a part-time job.

→ That credit card was forged.


6. Illegal work

You were told that a job was an easy way to make money, but it was actually hard work at low pay.

Your passport was taken and lost your freedom of movement.

→ You may be told to shoplift or commit other illegal acts.

If you carelessly seek “easy ways to make money” and get involved in crime, it will result in a sad ending. There will be many victims, and you will be arrested and deported.

Consult with police if you have any trouble. → Fukui Prefectural Police  0776-22-2880

February 7: Fukui Prefecture's Birthday **Hometown Day (*Furusato no Hi*)**

Fukui Prefecture was established in its present form on February 7, 1881. This day has been designated as Hometown Day, a day for residents to learn more about the local area and to grow closer to Fukui, their home for the future. On “Furusato no Hi” the following cultural facilities are free of charge! (However, special exhibits/collections may still require paid entry.) Be sure to make use of this excellent opportunity to learn more about Fukui's culture and history!

| Facility name | Location | Telephone No. (Japanese only) |
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| Ichijodani Asakura Family Site Museum | 4-10 Abaka-cho, Fukui City | 0776-41-2301 |
| Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum | 51-11 Terao, Muraoka-cho, Katuyama City | 0779-88-0001 |
| Fukui Fine Arts Museum | 3-16-1 Bunkyo, Fukui City | 0776-25-0452 |
| Fukui Prefectural Museum of Cultural History | 2-19-15 Omiya, Fukui City | 0776-22-4675 |
| Wakasa History Museum | 2-104 Onyu, Obama City | 0770-56-0525 |
| Fukui Prefectural Museum of Ceramics | 120-61 Ozowara, Echizen Town, Nyuugun | 0778-32-2174 |
| Fukui Varve Museum | Within Jomon Roman Park grounds 122-12-1 Torihama, Wakasa Town | 0770-45-0456 |

Join in Fukui's Traditional Events!

Ono City Echizen Ono Winter Story

Lights and snow lanterns give the area a fairy-tale like feel. “Decchi Yokan* Festival” and “Frusato Aji Monogatari” are events where you can enjoy the foods of Ono's winter. Fireworks that beautifully light up the winter night sky is a must-see.

When: February 1-2 (Saturday/Sunday)

Where: Echizen Ono Yui Station Area etc. (Ono City)
(15 minute walk from JR Echizen Ono Station)

Inquiries: Ono City Tourist Association [Tel](tel:0779-65-5521) 0779-65-5521

* “Decchi Yokan” Sweet bean paste jelly



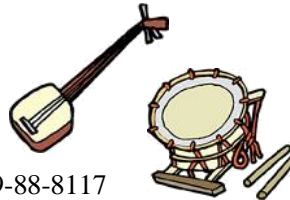
Katsuyama City Katsuyama Sagicho Festival (Ritual Bonfire)

In this unique festival, towers with stages are built in each neighborhood by local residents, and a group of men and children dressed as women in red under-kimonos perform to *taiko* drums, *shamisen*, traditional Japanese flutes, and bells. This ceremony is carried out to pray for a good harvest for the year.

When: February 22-23 (Saturday/Sunday)

Where: Around Katsuyama City, Benten Ryokuchi Park
(5 minute walk from Echizen Railways Katsuyama Station)

Inquiries: Katsuyama Sagicho Festival Committee Office [Tel](tel:0779-88-8117) 0779-88-8117



Obama City Omizu-okuri (Water-Sending Ritual)

In this fantastic Buddhist ritual, the resident priest of the Jingu-ji Temple clad all in white pours *Okōzui* (meaning “holy water”) from a bamboo cylinder into the river, while worshippers holding burning torches view the proceedings.

When: Monday, March 2

*The climax of this ritual, which starts in the morning, comes after nightfall when ordinary people are allowed to observe.

Where: Jingu-ji Temple (Jingu-ji 30-4, Obama City)

*Following the ceremony, the procession moves to the Unose River, into which the *okōzui* is poured.

Inquiries: Wakasa-Obama Tourist Information Office [Tel](tel:080-6360-6192) 080-6360-6192



Looking for Information about Fukui's History, Culture, Local Events, or More? Check Out These Website and SNS!

Fukui Tourism Guide

(Available in Japanese, French, English, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Russian, Thai)

If you're planning to travel or explore Fukui then check out this website! There's a lot of useful information on places to visit, food, *onsen*, and places to stay on Fukui's first official sightseeing guide!

[URL](http://www.fuku-e.com/) <http://www.fuku-e.com/>

Experience_fukui (Available in English)

Want to learn more about Fukui and experience Japan like never before?

Visit our Facebook page “Experience_fukui”. You can also find us on YouTube and Instagram!



National Holidays in February and March

Tuesday, February 11: Kenkoku kinen no hi (National Foundation Day) Sunday, February 23: Tenno Tanjobi (The Emperor's Birthday)

Monday, February 24: Substitute Holiday Friday, March 20: Shunbun no hi (Spring Equinox)

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 | |
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| 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

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| Open | Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 2 nd Monday of the month | 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM |
| | Tuesday, Thursday | 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM |
| Closed | Mondays except 2 nd Monday, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 29-January 3 | |

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

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)

In-person interpretation languages available (4 Languages)

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| English | Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM | Chinese | Every second Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (AM only), Friday, Saturday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM |
| Portuguese | Friday, Saturday 11:45AM-5:30PM | Vietnamese | Saturday, Sunday 11:45AM-5:30PM |

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

Cafe Corner

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| 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.

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