

# FIA Pocket *December & January*

## Announcements from the FIA

### Foreign Community Leaders Appointment Ceremony

On September 26<sup>th</sup>, 32 foreign residents were appointed as community leaders to work as a pipeline connecting local governments and the local foreign communities. Congratulations to everyone appointed!



#### 【Why are foreign community leaders important?】

Foreign community leaders work to help those that haven't yet adjusted to life in Japan and can't speak Japanese well. Many don't know where to go for problems or where to get information and are stressed by cultural differences in daily life. Foreign community leaders step in to help who needs it.

#### 【What do foreign community leaders do?】

Foreign community leaders work together with local government and non-profit organizations to provide information about disaster preparedness and daily life info to local foreign communities in their native languages via SNS. They also are able to share with local government what local foreign communities need and provide a unique perspective to come up with solutions to help foreign residents live safely in Fukui.



【Appointment Ceremony and Training】

#### 【Working towards 'multicultural' society in Fukui】

Let's all work together to make Fukui a happy and safe place to live for everyone, regardless of age, gender, religion, language, and nationality.

### Year End & New Year Holiday Closings

#### for the Fukui International Activities Plaza & Fukui International Association Reinan Center

Fukui International Activities Plaza

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 – Sunday, January 3, 2021

Fukui International Association Reinan Center

Sunday, December 27, 2020 – Monday, January 4, 2021

Room Rental Service at the FIA

Monday, December 28, 2020 – Monday, January 4, 2021

Passport Office at the FIA

Tuesday, December 29, 2020 – Sunday, January 3, 2021



# Announcements from the FIA

## October – February FIA Japanese Classes



Schedule: October 2020 – February 2021

Oct					
Nov			Completed classes		
Dec		13*	20		
Jan			17	24	31
Feb	7	14	21		

**When:** Sundays from October till February

**Where:** Study Room1・2, 2nd 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.

**Max number of students:** 15 per class

**Course Fee:** 4,000 yen (For 15 classes)

\*2,000 yen for those joining on or after the 8<sup>th</sup> session

Class	Time	(Levels)
Elementary 1	10:30-12:00	For those studying Japanese for the first time
Elementary 2 A	13:00-14:30	For those that can understand some basic Japanese (around JLPT N5 level)
Elementary 2 B	14:45-16:15	
Elementary 3 A	13:00-14:30	For those that can understand basic Japanese (around JLPT N4 level)
Elementary 3 B	14:45-16:15	
Lower Intermediate	10:30-12:00	For those that understand everyday Japanese conversation (around JLPT N3 level)

### Notice :

- \* Applications are required. Please bring your **Residence card (Zairyu Card) and Course Fee** with you when coming in to apply.
- \* You can join the course partway through.      \* We do not offer refunds if you quit the class partway.
- \* 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.
- \* Wearing a mask is required to attend class.      \* Wash your hands well before class starts.

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

Tel 0776-28-8810

## The FIA website is now available in 12 languages!

The Fukui International Association website was available up until now in Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Vietnamese. However, we have recently added an automatic translation system available in the below languages.

Available languages: English, Traditional Chinese, Simplified Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Nepalese, Thai, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Indonesian, and Burmese (12 languages total)

【How To Use】 Click on the “Foreign Language / 外国語 (がいこくご)” icon at the top of the page and choose your desired language



## Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 Information Portal

We have created an information portal featuring links to all important prefectural and national announcements regarding the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) as well as important information on support available.

You can view it from the Fukui International Association website.

Available languages: English, Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, and Easy Japanese

[https://www.f-i-a.or.jp/ja/covid-19\\_en/](https://www.f-i-a.or.jp/ja/covid-19_en/)



# 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 With Administrative Scriveners & FIA consultant**

**When:** Saturday, December 5 and January 9 and February 6, 1:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Fukui International Activities Plaza



**Free Legal Consultation for Foreigners With Lawyers & FIA consultant**

**When:** Saturday, December 19 and January 16 and February 20, 1:00-4:00 PM

**Where:** Fukui International Activities Plaza

● **Advance reservations are required. Please contact us in advance if you need an interpreter.**

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

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

**Applications:** Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents  0776-88-0062

Fukui International Activities Plaza  0776-28-8810 / FIA Reinan Center  0770-21-3455

## Free remote legal consultation for foreign residents!

Anyone can join and receive legal consultation, even if you live far away or have no means of transportation!

**Time :** Saturday, December 26 and January 30, 1:00 – 4:00 PM

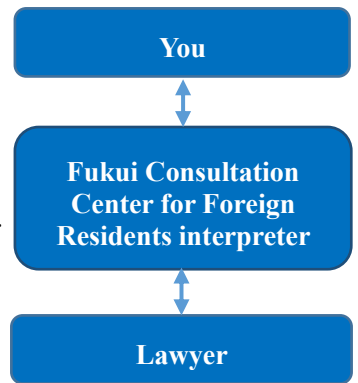
**Consulting professional :** Lawyer & FIA consultant

● Make an appointment by phone or via our website and alert staff if you require interpretation services.

To Apply : Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents  0776-88-0062

Fukui International Activities Plaza  0776-28-8810

★ You can participate using a phone, smartphone, PC, or tablet!



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!



## Event and Daily Life Information

### World Culture Introduction Charity Lecture: USA

☆ Local ALT Leah will introduce her home state of Florida! ☆

**When:** Saturday, December 5 1:30-4:00PM

**Where:** Higashi-jugo Community Center in Sakai city (25-11-1 Nagabatake, Sakai-cho, Sakai City)

**Lecturer:** Leah Burkett (ALT at Mikuni Jr. High School, originally from Florida) ☆ She will present in Japanese ☆

**Cost:** Free (Optional donations are welcome!)

**Applications/Inquiries:** Mr. Hirata, International Sakai   090-2034-5761  812905hk@gmail.com



## Event and Daily Life Information

### 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. Guardians can also study or receive consultation. Please see below to apply.

**When:** December 5, December 19, January 16 (all Saturdays), 10:00-11:30 AM

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



### Japanese Exchange Classroom “Shaberiba” **Free**

At Shaberiba, foreign residents and local Japanese people can have fun getting to know each other while practicing reading, writing, listening, and speaking. Just come and join us!

**When:** December 13 (Sun), December 26 (Sat), January 10 (Sun), January 23 (Sat), 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)

**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>

※Events may be cancelled due to the effects of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

## Information about “New Tuition Support Program” for Higher Education

There is a new program to help high school students that want to continue their education but are concerned about the financial costs of tuition.

[Information] Students can receive exempted or reduced tuition and enrollment fees and can receive a scholarship.

(Type of scholarship you do not need to return the money).

The amount of tuition support will depend on the student’s household income, the type of school (University or Vocational School etc.), and whether they will commute from home or live on their own.

[Eligible Students] Students from residence tax-exempt households with a drive to learn and study.

#### [Eligible Foreign Residents]

Those with Special Permanent Residency,

Permanent Resident, or on a Spouse or child of Japanese national or a Spouse or child of Permanent resident.

Those with a Long-Term Resident that have been recommend by their school’s principle and determined to intend to live in Japan permanently.

[Eligible Educational Institutions] University, Junior College, Vocational High school (4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> year only), Vocational School

[Applications] Apply through your current school

[More Information, Inquiries]

○Japan Student Services Organization Scholarship Consultation Center

Phone: 0570-666-301 (Mon – Fri 9am - 8pm) <https://www.jasso.go.jp/index.html>

○Ministry of Education Special Site Tuition Support for High School Students

<https://www.mext.go.jp/kyufu/index.htm>



## Fukui's Minimum Wage Increased to 830 yen

As of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, the minimum hourly wage in Fukui has been increased to 830 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).



## Event and Daily Life Information

### 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).

Medical institutions & Care Provided	Location	Days Open	Hours of Open
<b>Fukui City Holiday Emergency</b>	Tel: 0776-22-2099	Saturdays	7:00-11:00PM
Internal	4-10-30 Joto, Fukui City	Sundays, National Holidays, 12/30-1/3	9:00AM-11:00PM
<b>Fukui Pref. Children’s Emergency Center</b>	Tel: 0776-26-8800	Mondays - Saturdays	7:00-11:00PM (Reception until 10:45 PM)
Pediatric	4-10-30 Joto, Fukui City	Sundays, National Holidays, 12/30-1/3	9:00AM-11:00PM (Reception until 10:45 PM)
<b>Fukui City Holiday Emergency Dental Clinic</b>	Tel: 0776-26-8468	Sundays, National Holidays, 12/30-1/3	9:00AM-12:00PM
Dental	3-4-1 Daiganji, Fukui City		1:00-5:00PM (Reception until 4:45PM)
<b>Ōno City Holiday Emergency Care Center</b>	Tel: 0779-65-8999	Saturdays	1:00-9:00PM (Excluding Pediatrics Department)
Internal, Surgery, Pediatric	117-6-1 Shinokura, Ono City	Sundays, National Holidays, 12/31-1/3	9:00AM-9:00PM
<b>Tsuruga City Holiday Emergency Care Center</b>	Tel: 0770-25-5311	Sundays, National Holidays, 12/31-1/3	9:00AM-12:00PM (Reception until 11:45AM), 1:00-3:00PM (Reception until 2:45PM)
Internal, Pediatric, Dental	2-16-52 Chuo, Tsuruga City		

\*Information Updated November 30, 2020

- ◆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.)



### Consultation desk about Novel coronavirus in Fukui



If you are concerned you may have the Coronavirus, first call your usual doctor to consult.  
 If you don’t know who to call, call the **Fukui Coronavirus General Consultation Center**.  
 Phone Number: **0776-20-0795** Available Hours: 7am – 9pm (Including weekends and holidays)  
 ※If you call outside of available hours, an announcement will play with an alternate cellular number to call.  
 ●If you need interpretation, call the **Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents**.  
 (Available languages and open hours listed on page 6) Tel **0776-88-0062**

### 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.  
 ●Advance reservations are required. Please contact us if you need an interpreter. (English, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog and other languages.)

Location	Times
Fukui International Activities Plaza <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Tel</span> 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) <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Tel</span> 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

# Fukui International Association

## 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

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	

**Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents We can now accept consultation in 16 languages!**

**Video call (13 languages) and Triophone (third party interpretation via phone) (16 languages) interpretation services available**

Tel 0776-88-0062

English, Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Nepalese, Tagalog, Thai, Spanish, Hindi 【Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday】  
 Russian, French, Indonesian 【Tuesday-Friday, Every second Monday】  
 Burmese, Mongolian, Khmer (Cambodian) 【Triophone (third party interpretation via phone) interpretation only Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday】

#### In-person interpretation languages available (3 Languages)

English	Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday	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

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
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	

## National Holidays in December and January

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

Monday, January 11: *Seijin no Hi* (Coming of Age Day)