

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 With Administrative Scriveners & FIA consultant

When: Saturday, February 6 and March 6 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Fukui International Activities Plaza



Free Legal Consultation for Foreigners With Lawyers & FIA consultant

When: Saturday, February 20 and March 13 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Fukui International Activities Plaza

Free remote legal consultation for foreigners With Lawyers & FIA consultant

Those that live far away or with no mode of transportation, can use their phone, smart phone, or computer to receive consultation remotely.

When: Saturday, February 27 and March 27 1:00-4:00 PM

■ Advance reservations are required. You can sign up for free remote legal consultation via the FIA website.

■ 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!

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

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

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:

Information & Consultation Corner, Café Corner, Lounge, Passport Office, Hallways

Conference Room 1-3, Hallways 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

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FIA Japanese Classes

The 2021 FIA Spring Japanese Classes will begin in May.

More information will be included in the FIA Pocket April/May edition.

Anyone interested in improving their Japanese is encouraged to apply! Have fun while learning Japanese at the FIA!

Applications/Inquiries: Information and Consultation Corner, 1st 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

Exhibit Announcement Do you know what SDGs are?

SDGs are***

An acronym for “Sustainable Development Goals”, SDGs are global goals adopted by the UN and are intended to be achieved by the year 2030. Each of our small actions contributes to the future of the Earth.

On the first floor of the Fukui International Activities Plaza in front of the main office, we have an informational display about SDGs. It introduces one SDG goal out of the 17 goals, switching every two months. It's a good opportunity to think about what every one of us can do for the world.



There is an interactive “SDG Tree” display visitors can help decorate.
Next time you come to the FIA, pick up your favorite SDG goal badge!



Event and Daily Life Information

Consulate-General of the Philippines in Nagoya now Open

A new Consulate-General of the Philippines opened in Nagoya on December 1st, 2020.

Fukui Prefecture is under the jurisdiction of the Nagoya Consulate.

Address: Hiroya Building, 3 – 31 – 3 Sakae, Naka-ku Nagoya-shi, Aichi-ken (Short walk from the Yabachō Metro Station #5 Exit)

TEL: 052-211-8811 FAX: 052-265-9700 Emergency Phone: 090-6580-6724

E-mail: nagoya.pcg@gmail.com

Consulate Hours: 9:00am – 6:00pm (Mon – Fri) Advance appointment required.



Event and Daily Life Information

Japanese Language Learning Site **Connect and Enhance Your Life in Japanese** **Free**

The Agency for Cultural Affairs has released a new Japanese language-learning site for foreign residents. It is great to use for both self-study and within a classroom setting.



Multilingual Interface

The site is available in 6 languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Vietnamese as well as romanized Japanese. (There are plans to add 14 additional languages)

Real life Examples

You can learn real Japanese for everyday situations in Japan.

Video-based Learning

There are many helpful videos for listening practice featuring everyday situations and explanation of Japanese grammar.



Learn the Basics of Japanese Grammar

You can learn about the unique features of the Japanese language, how to use Japanese verbs, and helpful information to know before beginning studying Japanese.



Access here:

(Mobile and Desktop Compatible)

<https://tsunagarujp.bunka.go.jp/>



There are many sites out there to learn Japanese and get information about life in Japan. Take a look!



The Agency of Cultural Affairs PR Magazine Mascot: Bun-chan

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: February 6, February 20, March 6, March 20 (all Saturdays), 10:00-11:30 AM

Where: Phoenix Plaza 3rd 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: February 14 (Sun), February 27 (Sat), 10:00-12:00 AM **Where:** Phoenix Plaza 3rd floor (1-13-6 Tawara, Fukui City)

When: March 14 (Sun), March 27 (Sat), 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>

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

Event and Daily Life Information

Website for Supporting Children and Parents/Carers of Foreign Origin Living in Japan

A new information site has been developed with parenting information for foreign residents raising children in Japan and raising children with non-Japanese background. Check it out!

■The site is available in the following 11 languages:

(Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Burmese, Bengali, and Nepalese)

Inquiries: Masumi Moriyama

(Associate Professor, International University of Health and Welfare Fukuoka Campus Department of Nursing)

Tel 092-407-1729 E-mail m-moriyama@iuhw.ac.jp



Access the site here

Mobile version available

<http://ecdsuishin.com/index.html>



Tax Returns

Tax returns (確定申告 *kakutei shinkoku*) are used to file tax on income from the previous year (January 1st – December 31st) to the tax office. The filing period is From February 16th through March 15th. ※There is a possibility this may be extended due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic.

For more information check the National Tax Agency website (<https://www.nta.go.jp/index.htm>)

Even if you work for a company, you may have to submit a tax return in the following circumstances.

■If you worked at two or more companies in one year.

(Even if you have changed jobs, if your new company filed a year-end tax adjustment*¹ factoring in your earning from your previous company, you do not need to submit.)

※¹ Japan's year-end tax adjustment (年末調整 *Nenmatsu Chōsei*) is a calculation of the year's income tax. Employers file this paperwork.

■If you are sending money overseas back to your home country.

(If you have dependents in your home country, you can receive a tax exemption for dependents. When you file your tax returns, you can file for a tax refund*². ※² A tax refund is when you receive money back.

◎If you are sending money to family overseas, you will be required to prove your relationship

Proof of Familial Relationship Documents→ Passport copy, Birth certificate or Family register certificate, etc.

Remittance Documents→ Receipt of foreign remittance request, Credit card (Family card) account statement, etc.

■If you have had a significant change in finances including high medical bills (including giving birth), your number of dependents increased, or your yearly income decreased, you may be able to claim up to five years of refunds.



As part of coronavirus prevention measures, we recommend filing your taxes online using the e-tax system on your computer or tablet. The National Tax Agency has a YouTube Channel with videos on tax filing you can reference.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ntachannel>



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.

This year Fukui Prefecture turns 140 years old!

Prefectural Flower: Daffodil



Prefectural Bird: Dusky thrush



Prefectural Tree: Pine Trees



Prefectural Seafood: Echizen Crab



Consultation desk about Novel coronavirus in Fukui



- ① If you are concerned you may have the Coronavirus, first call your usual doctor to consult.
 - ② 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.
 - ③ If a doctor determines a PCR test is necessary to diagnose if you are infected with the Novel Coronavirus, you will take the test at a medical facility designated by the prefecture. At these facilities, the cost of the PCR test will be free.
However, if it your first visit to the medical facility, you may need to pay a first-time patient's fee.
- 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**

Snow Safety Tips

There was record-breaking snowfall in Fukui in February 2018, and in January this year we experienced another heavy snowfall. Those not used to heavy snowfall should remember to take the following precautions:

- Wear nonslip boots, and walk slowly and contemplate each step when walking on snowy roads.
The snow may conceal ditches, irrigation canals, and curbs.
Note potentially dangerous spots around you.
- Snow may suddenly fall from roofs or trees. Be careful of falling snow.
- Do not approach snow plows or snow blowers to prevent against accidents.
- Never work alone when shoveling snow or clearing snow from your roof, and dispose of the snow in the designated area.
Participate and help in snow shoveling in your local neighborhood.
- Buses and trains may stop or be delayed due to heavy snowfall, so leave the house early to go to work or school.
- Choose your clothes and items to bring carefully. Wear bright colored clothing or hats to compensate for poor visibility in the snow.
Take a bag that will keep both of your hands free, like a backpack.



Multilingual weather information:

Japan Meteorological Agency Website:

<https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/kokusai/multi>



For local notices on snow in Fukui

search: Fukui Prefecture Disaster Information

Moving Procedures in Japan

Spring is moving season! When moving you need to submit a Leaving Residence Notification (転出届 *tenshutsutodoke*) Incoming Residence Notification (転入届 *tennyūtodoke*) and/or a Changing Residence Notification (転居届 *tenkyotodoke*). You can submit the paperwork at your local city, ward, or town municipal office.

- ① **When moving to another city, ward, or town:** Submit a Leaving Residence Notification to your current city, ward, or town municipal office, and submit an Incoming Residence Notification to your new city, ward, or town municipal office within 14 days of moving
- ② **When moving to within the same city, ward, or town:** Submit a Changing Residence Notification within 14 days of moving at your city, ward, or town municipal office
- ③ **When moving overseas:** Submit a Leaving Residence Notification to your current city, ward, or town municipal office.



When moving out of an apartment in Japan, it is custom to leave your apartment in the same condition you moved in to or you may be subject to fees. If you notice any damage to the apartment when you first move in, take photographs to document it.

When moving into a new apartment it is polite to greet your new neighbors.

In Japan it's customary to bring a small gift when greeting your new neighbors, typically daily use items such as towels, soap, or detergent worth around 500 yen.



Fukui International Association

Fukui International Activities Plaza

〒910-0004 3-1-1 Hoen, Fukui City (10 minute walk from JR Fukui Station.)

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

Information & Consultation Corner / Fukui Consultation Center for Foreign Residents

Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 2nd Monday of the month 9:00 AM - 6:00 PM / Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Closed Mondays except 2nd 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 Triphone (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) 【Triphone (third party interpretation via phone) interpretation only Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday】

In-person interpretation languages available (4 Languages)

■English Tuesday-Sunday, Every second Monday 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

■Chinese Friday, Saturday 11:45AM-5:30PM

■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.

(Café 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

(Fukui Reinan Consultation Center for Foreign Residents)

〒914-0063 2-2-4 Kagura-cho, Tsuruga City The 2nd floor of AQUATOM
(10 minute walk from JR Fukui Station.)

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”.



Open Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM / Thursday 9:30 AM - 8:00 PM

／1st and 3rd Sundays of the month 12:00 - 6:00 PM

Closed Mondays, 2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month, National Holidays, Substitute Holidays and December 29-January 3

National Holidays in February and March

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

Saturday, March 20: Shunbun no hi (Spring Equinox)

■The Lunar New Year will be celebrated on February 12th, 2021.

The Lunar New Year (The celebration of the new year in the lunar calendar) is celebrated throughout many Asian countries including China, Korea, Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia.

In Japan, the New Year is generally celebrated according to the Gregorian calendar, on January 1st.