

PLAZA NEWSLETTER (September, 2023)

According to the calendar, we have reached Risshu (which means the beginning of autumn), but the days are still very hot. As was the case in August, September is a time when many typhoons occur. Be sure to gather information on TV and the Internet.

●Japan Meteorological Agency Website : <https://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html>

●NHK News web easy : <https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/easy/>

The Plaza received 74 consultations in July. We share some of them with advice from us.

*Some content has been edited so that individuals are not identified.

Q : When I filed my tax return, I made an error in my application and would like to correct the information. I would like expert advice on how to prepare the documents.

A : Plaza does not have a consultation day with a tax specialist. We have introduced free tax consultations offered by Kumamoto City Hall. You can consult on income tax, inheritance tax, gift tax, etc. (by phone or in person). However, an appointment is required. For more information, please visit the URL below.

[Various consultations by professionals](#)

Q : I got married internationally, but I would like to get a divorce and ask many questions about legal matters.

A : We booked a "Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Nationals". Up to one free consultation on the same case and an appointment must be made in advance.

Date: 3rd Saturday of every month 14:00-15:00 or 15:00-16:00 (1 hr consultation time)

Q : I came to Japan with the status of residence of Education. Later, I changed it to Technical/Humanities/International Services when I found a job. This time, I will start working for a new company in August. At my previous job, I had National Insurance and National Pension, but this time I have Social Insurance. How should I apply to the Immigration Bureau?

A : Since his new job is similar to his previous one, his status of residence is likely to be recognized though, administrative scrivener advised to contact the Immigration Bureau just in case.

Q : I tested positive with a medical antigen kit for the Covid-19. Am I obliged to receive a medical examination and report it to the government? Also, I have a fever of 38°C so I am going to stay at home, but for how many days?

A : There is currently no obligation to see a doctor or report to the government. Do not go outside as much as possible for 5 days, starting from day zero, the day the symptoms appear. However, if symptoms persist for a long time or become worse, go to a hospital as soon as possible.

If you have any problems, please contact the Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents.

「Disaster Prevention Day」

This month, we introduce Disaster Prevention.

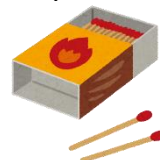
September 1 is Disaster Prevention Day. On September 1, 1923, there was the Great Kanto Earthquake. In addition, since this is the season of frequent typhoons, It has been designated this day as Disaster Prevention Day. In Japan, there are many natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons. Disasters can happen at any time. It's therefore important to be prepared for them on a regular basis. In this issue, we will show you what preparations you should make.

① Preparation of food, drinks, etc.

When a disaster strikes, water, gas, and electricity may not be available. Therefore, it is important to be prepared with water and food with long expiration dates. You should also prepare a flashlight, toilet paper, and matches. It is useful to keep them in a bag for evacuation.



② Check the evacuation site.



It is also important to know where to evacuate to in the event of a disaster.

Disaster prevention maps and hazard maps are available. Watch for them and know where to evacuate to. The maps and other information can be found on the city's website.



There is K-SAFE, which you can get information about disasters by e-mails.

We send emails in simple Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.

Please register via the QR code if you wish to receive the emails.

There is also an Anshin Notebook that contains information about disasters.

They are available at ward offices and other places.

City's disaster prevention portal
(Select language)



K-SAFE





Orugatta kids

"Orugatta kids" has been held on the 4th Sunday of every month, but from August, it will be held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Sundays!

At "Orugatta kids," children from kindergarten age to 2nd grade elementary school play origami and games, reading picture books, studying Japanese language and schoolwork, etc.

Parents can ask questions and ask for advice about Japanese schools.

Reservations are required to attend. Please be sure to call or email at least 2 weeks in advance to make a reservation.

September schedule: Sunday, 10th & 24th, 10:30-12:00

Phone : 096-359-4995

E-mail : soudan@kumamoto-if.or.jp



Educational consultation

On the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, educational consultations have begun. Specialized consultant is available to address the concerns and consultation needs of parents with children of foreign roots. Come and talk to us about anything! No reservation is required. For inquiries, contact the Plaza by phone or e-mail!

Time : 10:00 – 15:00

Inquiries

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Information on Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

The Plaza offers professional consultations including legal affairs, residence status issues, job hunting, housing and life affairs support in multiple languages. Consultants who speak English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Spanish and Nepali are available at the Plaza as the schedule below.

September Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
28	29	30	31	01 ·Spanish Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	02	03 ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese	
04	05 ·Chinese Consultation	06 ·Immigrational Consultation ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation	07 ·Korean Consultation	08 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	09	10 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·Educational Consultation ·Orugatta Kids	
11 closed	12 ·Chinese Consultation	13 ·Job Consultation ·Mental Counseling ·Tagalog Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation	14 ·Korean Consultation	15 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	16 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·Free Legal Consultation	17 ·Immigrational Consultation ·Vietnamese Consultation ·Nepal Consultation	
18 Respect for the Aged Day	19 ·Chinese Consultation	20 ·Housing Consultation ·Vietnam Consultation ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation	21 ·Korean Consultation	22 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	23 Autumn equinox Day	24 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·Educational Consultation ·Orugatta Kids	
25 closed	26 ·Chinese Consultation	27 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·German Consultation ·One-stop Consultation Service for International Students	28 ·Korean Consultation	29 ·Life Consultation in Chinese ·English Consultation	30	01	
02	03	note:Consultations 1:00p.m~5:00p.m(apart from the ones below) ·Life Consultation in Chinese 1:00pm ~ 6:00pm ·Immigrational Consultation 1:00pm~4:00pm ·Free Legal Consultation 2:00pm~4:00pm (Reservation required) ·Orugatta Kids 10:30am~12:00pm (Reservation required) ·One-stop Consultation Service for International Students 1:00pm~4:00pm				·Job Consultation 10:00am~6:00pm ·Mental Counseling 3:30pm~5:30pm ·Educational Consultation 10:00am~3:00pm	

※Consultation service could be cancelled due to consultant's personal reasons. Please e-mail or call us beforehand to check if the consultant is available.

Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents' Facebook

We regularly update information useful to you.

Follow us and be one of the first one to be informed!



Plaza's FB

We are offering variety of information useful to your life. Please check us!



Our website



Our Life affairs guidance

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Opening hours: Between 10 am and 6 pm

Closed on second and fourth Mondays and between December 29 and January 3

★If second or fourth Monday is a national holiday, the plaza will be closed the following day instead.

