

# PLAZA NEWS LETTER(JULY)

It rains a lot and gets very hot in July. In July 2020, record-breaking heavy rain hit Kumamoto Prefecture and caused a series of damages including flood. In July, the highest temperature will be over 30°C. As high temperature can cause dehydration, please keep yourself hydrated to avoid heat stroke. June saw the drop of the number of coronavirus patients in Kumamoto City. However, please wear a mask when you go out and wash your hands and gargle when get back home. Please also avoid dining with lots of people and the clouded places to prevent the infection.

We will introduce the number of consultations in May. The total number was 100. We had many consultations on job hunting, housing, Japanese classes, and interpretation and translation.

## Regarding job hunting

- I came to Kumamoto as I got married to Japanese. I want to do a job in Kumamoto. Can you help me find a job?
- As I have quit current job, I need to do a new job. Can you help me find it?

## Regarding housing

- I am an international student and live in an apartment near my university with my wife. I am interested in living in public housing. Can you tell me how to apply for the public housing?
- I am working in Kumamoto City. Though I live with my family in a house, I want to live in public housing. Can you help me write an application form?

## Regarding Japanese classes

- I will take Japanese-Language Proficiency Test in July. I heard about the class for the test. Can I sign up for the class?
- I want to live in Japan for a long time. However, I am not good at speaking and listening to Japanese. I want to learn Japanese from scratch. How can I do that?

## Regarding interpretation and translation

- I will get married to a Japanese. To complete the procedure, I need to submit some documents to city office. But they are written in English. I need to translate them into Japanese. Can you help me translate them?

## Regarding COVID-19 related inquiries

Some asked where they can take PCR test while others asked when they can receive vaccination. We also took up consultations on emergency loan. Information about the medical institutions offering PCR test, coronavirus vaccination and emergency loan system is available on our website.

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

Though we are in the middle of rainy season, after the season ends, summer will start. During summer, it will be extremely hot. In this April, Ministry of the Environment started to issue “Heat Stroke Alert.”



When extreme heat is expected, the alert will be issued. With the alert, Ministry of the Environment and Japan Meteorological Agency call us to be on alert to prevent the heat stroke. If you have heat stroke, you will be unable to cool down your body and consequently will feel ill or fall unconscious in the worst case.

Heat Stroke Alert says “As we have possibility for the extreme heat and heat stroke today (or tomorrow), please take preventative measures including drinking water a lot, wearing a hat and using UV umbrella.”

You can know the announcement of Heat Stroke Alert from many sources such as weather information, TV news, weather forecast, etc. Please check the latest information on Ministry of the Environment website. If you register with the ministry e-mail or LINE, they will send you Heat Stroke Alert via e-mail or LINE.

●Ministry of the Environment Heat Stroke Alert Information site (Information in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean is available)→<https://www.wbgt.env.go.jp/>

●Information distribution from Ministry of the Environment LINE app

When you download LINE app, you need to add Ministry of the Environment as your friend. After the registration, you also need to register your prefecture and region. Please see the following website for detail. →[https://www.wbgt.env.go.jp/line\\_notification.php](https://www.wbgt.env.go.jp/line_notification.php)

●Heat Stroke Alert mail delivery service

You can go to the following URL to read QR code for registration for mail service.

→[https://www.wbgt.env.go.jp/alert\\_mail\\_service.php](https://www.wbgt.env.go.jp/alert_mail_service.php)

You can use the service between April 28 and October 27, 2021.

It seems we will have very hot summer. Please keep yourself updated with information to prevent heat stroke. You are wearing a mask due to the spread of COVID-19. However, wearing a mask can raise the possibility to get heat stroke. When you go out, please keep yourself hydrated and take a rest in cool place. When you are in non-clouded place, you can take off a mask and take a rest.



## Introduction to Foreigner' scommunity

This time, we will introduce Kumamoto Nepali Society Japan.

Our society was established for the Nepali people living in Kumamoto.

About 400 Nepali people live in Kumamoto City. Many of them are international students learning Japanese. Some have got a job in Kumamoto after graduating from Japanese language and business school.

As the number of Nepali people living in Kumamoto is increasing, the society was created to help Nepali people when they have some trouble. Nepali people in Kumamoto are united to support Nepali students whose Japanese are not proficient and resolve problems caused by the spread of COVID-19.

We also organize international exchange events to introduce Nepali cultures and volunteer activities. We will plan and organize more events and activities. Please join them.

☞ We made video with Kumamoto International Foundation to introduce Nepal. You can watch the video on the following website.

<https://www.kumamoto-if.or.jp/kiji003599/index.html>



### Basic information of Nepal

Name : Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal

Area : 14.7000 km<sup>2</sup> (1.8 times larger than Hokkaido Island)

Population : 29,700,000 Population increase rate: 2.1% (Reference: 2019 Asian Development Bank)

Capital: Kathmandu

Ethnic groups: Parbati Hindu, Magar, Tharu, Tamang, Newar, etc.

Official language: Nepali

Religion: Hinduism (81.3%), Buddhism (9.0%), Islam (4.4%) and others

Kumamoto Nepali Society Japan

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## Information on Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

The Plaza offers life affairs support in multiple languages such as English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Tagalog, etc. Professional consultations including legal affairs, residence status issues, job hunting, and housing are also provided.

### July Schedule

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月曜日	火曜日	水曜日	木曜日	金曜日	土曜日	日曜日
28	29	30	01 ・Korean Consultation	02 ・Spanish Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	03	04 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Educational Consultation
05	06	07 ・Immigrational Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	08 ・Korean Consultation	09 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	10	11 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Educational Consultation
12 closed	13	14 ・Job Consultation ・Tagalog Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	15 ・Korean Consultation	16 ・Life Consultation in Korean ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	17 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Free Legal Consultation	18 ・Immigrational Consultation ・Vietnamese Consultation ・Educational Consultation
19	20	21 ・Housing Consultation ・Vietnam Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	22 National Holiday "Marine Day" ・Korean Consultation	23 National Holiday "Sports Day" ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	24	25 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Educational Consultation
26 closed	27	28 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	29 ・Korean Consultation	30 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	31	01
02	03	※E: Consultations 1:00p.m~5:00p.m. ・Life Consultation in Chinese 1:00pm ~ 6:00pm ・Immigrational Consultation/Housing Consultation 1:00p.m~4:00p.m ・Free Legal Consultation 2:00p.m~4:00p.m (You need reservation) ・Educational Consultation 1:00p.m~3:00p.m (You need reservation)				

### Professional Consultation

- Immigration consultation: Consultation on residence status and immigration affairs between 13:00 and 16:00 on every first Wednesday and third Sunday
- Housing consultation: Consultation on housing or apartment hunting between 13:00 and 17:00 on every third Wednesday
- Free legal consultation: Consultation on any legal matters between 14:00 and 15:00 or 15:00 and 16:00 on every third Saturday
- ★ Reservation required for legal Consultation
- Job consultation: Consultation on job hunting between 10:00 and 18:00 on every second Wednesday

※ 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.

### We are uploading life affairs guidance online!

We are introducing information and tips useful to your life in Kumamoto City online. Though we planned to give face-to-face life affairs guidance, because of the COVID-19, we are providing online guidance. Guidance is given in plain Japanese and English. Please check our guidance on the URL below!

(You can watch the guidance on homepage or Facebook page of Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents)

<https://www.kumamotoif.or.jp/plaza/list00151.html>

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



Our homepage



Our Facebook

### Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

**Location:** 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Kumamoto City International Center

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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 Mondays is a national holiday, the plaza will be closed next day instead.