

PLAZA NEWS LETTER (October)

The number of coronavirus patients in Kumamoto City was still high in September. Please wear a mask when you go out and wash your hands and gargle when get back home. Compared to September, it will be cooler in October. However, please be mindful that the gap between the highest temperature and the lowest one in October will become larger, which could cause you catch a cold. Please take good care of yourself.

We will introduce the number of consultations in August. The total number was 132. We had many consultations on entry procedures and residence status, job hunting, and housing.

Regarding entry procedures and residence status

• I am doing a full-time job with ESI (Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services) status. I have changed my status from ESI to Instructor to do another job. I wonder if changing status of residence will affect my application for Permanent Resident in the future. Can you give me some advice?

Regarding job hunting

- I am a permanent resident. Though I did an English teacher at an English school for 20 years, I quit the job recently. I want to look for a new job. Can you help me?
- I came to Japan as I got married to a Japanese. I want to look for a full-time job. Can you help me?
- I am doing a full-time English teacher with Instructor status. My contract will be until September. I want to look for a new job. Can you help me?

Regarding housing

- I am an international student. Though I want to apply for a public housing, I do not know how to do that. Can you help me?
- I am doing a full-time job with ESI status. I want to live in a cheaper apartment. Can you help me to look for the apartment?
- Though I live far outside Kumamoto City, I am planning to live somewhere inside or near the city. Can you help me?

Regarding COVID-19 related inquiries

- I have no idea how to book coronavirus vaccine. Can you tell me how to do that?
- Please tell me hospitals or clinics that offer PCR test in Kumamoto.
- My friend got infected with coronavirus and I am worried about the infection. Where can I get professional advice? Information about the vaccination is available on our website. If you have any problems or troubles, please contact Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents.

In Japan, autumn is a harvest time when a lot of great foods are available.

That is why, we say “Autumn fills up our bellies.” In autumn, chestnuts, Japanese pears, grapes, and rice are harvested. As autumn is the best season for many foods, many people increase their appetite.

Autumn is also the best season for reading and doing sports.

The reason autumn is the best season for reading is attributed to a poem composed by Han Yu, a Chinese poet during the Tang Dynasty. Autumn is a comfortable season with low humidity and so suitable for reading.



Autumn is also the best season for sports as the climate is suitable for exercise. So, many sports events are organized. In 1964, Tokyo hosted Summer Olympics and opening ceremony was held on October 10. To commemorate the opening of the Olympics, October 10 was designated a national holiday called “体育の日” or Health and Sports Day. Since then, people have come to enjoy sports in Autumn. In 2020, the holiday name was changed to “スポーツの日” or Sports Day and second Monday of October is designated a holiday.



As you can see, autumn is a comfortable climate. We hope you will enjoy Japanese autumn by tasting best foods, reading, playing sports, and watching rich autumn leaf colors.



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.

October Schedule

月曜日 27	火曜日 28	水曜日 29	木曜日 30	金曜日 01	土曜日 02	日曜日 03
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spanish Consultation Life Consultation in Chinese English Consultation 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vietnamese Consultation Life Consultation in Chinese Educational Consultation
04	05	06 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigrational Consultation Vietnamese Consultation Life Consultation in Chinese German Consultation 	07 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean Consultation 	08 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese English Consultation 	09	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese Educational Consultation
11 closed	12	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job Consultation Tagalog Consultation Life Consultation in Chinese German Consultation 	14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean Consultation 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese English Consultation 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese Free Legal Consultation 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Immigrational Consultation Vietnamese Consultation Life Consultation in Chinese Educational Consultation
18	19	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Consultation Vietnamese Consultation Life Consultation in Chinese German Consultation 	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean Consultation 	22 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese English Consultation 	23	24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese Educational Consultation
25 closed	26	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese German Consultation 	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Korean Consultation 	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese English Consultation 	30	31 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life Consultation in Chinese Educational Consultation
01	02	※ Consultations 1:00p.m~5:00p.m ・Life Consultation in Chinese 1:00p.m ~ 6:00p.m ・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

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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.

