

PLAZA NEWS LETTER(February)

January saw the surge of coronavirus infection in Kumamoto City. Please wear a mask when you go out and wash your hands and gargle when you get back home to stem the infection. As it will be very cold in February, please take good care of yourself not to catch a cold.

We will introduce the number of consultations in December (2021). The total number was 84. We had many consultations on job hunting, Japanese classes, and interpretation and translation.

Regarding job hunting,

- I want to find a part-time job in Kumamoto. Can you help me?
 - I am Japanese and got married to a Korean person. He wants to look for a job in Kumamoto. Can you help us?
 - I am an international student. I want to look for a full-time job in Kumamoto. Can you help me?
- ➡We provide job consultation service every third Wednesday at plaza.

Regarding Japanese classes,

- I am an international student. I want to study Japanese. What should I do?
 - I am a spouse of international student and want to learn Japanese. What should I do?
- ➡We have Japanese club at Kumamoto City International Center.
- I want to learn Japanese from scratch. How should I do that?
- ➡Japanese beginner's class is available.
- ➡Regarding Japanese club and Japanese beginner's class, you need to come to Kumamoto City International Center for registration.

Regarding interpretation and translation,

- I need to translate Japanese Certificate of the Family Registry into English. How can I do that?
- ➡There are professional translation and interpretation companies in Kumamoto.

Regarding COVID-19 related inquiries

- Can you tell me hospitals or clinics that provide PCR test in Kumamoto?
 - My business company has been damaged by coronavirus. I need some advice to revive my business. Can you tell me where to call for advice?
- Information about the coronavirus and vaccination is available on our website.
- If you have any problems or troubles, please contact Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents.



Every February, Kumamoto International Foundation organizes various events and symposium to offer citizens an opportunity to experience and learn multicultural co-existence.

Symposium



Date and time: February 26 (Sat) 2pm~5pm

Venue : 6th floor Kumamoto City International Center

Keynote speech by Toshihiro Menju, executive director of Japan International Cooperation Center, and presentation of consultations at support centers in Kumamoto Prefecture are to be scheduled.

CIR Cafe



Date and time: February 17 (Thu)
2pm~3:30pm

Venue: 2nd floor Kumamoto City International Center

Fee: 500 JPY

CIR staff from the US, Germany, and South Korea will introduce their cultures

Theme: World multicultural co-existence

Multicultural Saturday

Foreign communities in Kumamoto and their cultures will be introduced.

Schedules

- February 5: Islamic community(**canceled**)
- February 12: Vietnamese community(**canceled**)
- February 19: Nepalese community

Venue: 2nd floor Kumamoto City International Center

Time: 2pm~3:30pm (10:30am~11:30 am on 19th)

★Free of charge

Co-sponsored events

We cooperative with JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) to organize events.

JAXA/JICA Collaboration Cafe "Let's build and learn artificial satellite!"

We will connect Tonga, Tanegashima Island, and Kumamoto via zoom to learn SDGs, disaster management, and the universe.

Date and time: February 5 (Sat) 10:00am~11:45am

Venue: 2nd floor Kumamoto City International Center ★Free of charge

★The event is for primary and junior high school students.

JICA Collaboration Film Screening "Mujica: A message from the world poorest president to Japanese"

Date and time: February 19 (Sat) 14:00~15:30

Venue: 7th floor Kumamoto City International Center ★Free of charge

For an application, please contact JICA Kumamoto Desk: jicadpd-desk-kumamotoshi@jica.go.jp

※Depending on the COVID-19 situation, the events might be cancelled or held online.

We appreciate your understanding.

Application and contact

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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.

February Schedule

月曜日	火曜日	水曜日	木曜日	金曜日	土曜日	日曜日
31	01	02 ・Immigrational Consultation ・Vietnamese Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	03 ・Korean Consultation	04 ・Spanish Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	05	06 ・Vietnamese Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Educational Consultation
07	08	09 ・Job Consultation ・Tagalog Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	10 ・Korean Consultation	11 National Day ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	12	13 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Educational Consultation
14 Closed	15	16 ・Housing Consultation ・Vietnamese Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	17 ・Korean Consultation	18 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	19 ・Free Legal Consultation ・Life Consultation in Chinese	20 ・Immigrational Consultation ・Vietnamese Consultation ・Educational Consultation
21	22	23 The Emperor's Birthday ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・German Consultation	24 ・Korean Consultation	25 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・English Consultation	26	27 ・Life Consultation in Chinese ・Educational Consultation
28 Closed	note: Consultations 1:00p.m.~5:00p.m. ・Life Consultation in Chinese 1:00p.m. ~ 6:00p.m. ・Job Consultation 10:00a.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

Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

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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.

