

◆ The 26th WAIWAI Children's Meetup: Let's All Have Fun Playing and Making New Friends!

Date: December 7, 2025 (Sunday)

Time: 13:00 - 15:30 (Reception opens at 12:30)

Location: Himeji Higashi Civic Center

Info: Try on traditional clothing from around Asia, play games from Asia, enjoy a janggu drum performance, and more! (Please bring your own water bottle and indoor shoes)

Language: Japanese

Number of Participants: No limit

Fee: None! Free to participate

Audience: Non-Japanese children and Japanese children, as well as their guardians, caretakers, and teachers.

Sponsor: The WAIWAI Children's Meetup in Himeji Executive Committee

Registration Deadline: November 25 (Tuesday)

How to Register: Advance registration required. Please send the following information about your child or children via email: 1) your child's name, 2) cultural background, 3) what school they attend, 4) their age, and 5) what grade they currently are enrolled in at school.

For Inquiries or to Register: Please email 禹初江 (う ち ょ が ん) (of the Himeji Tohori Daycare Center) at waiwai@kengaikyo.sakura.ne.jp

◆ Kimono Party for Resident Foreigners!

Info: Participants can enjoy wearing a kimono and get a commemorative photo taken. Plus, you can learn about Japanese culture by wearing kimono!

Dates: December 14, 2025 (Sunday)

Times: 13:15 - 15:45, 14:15 - 16:45

Audience: Resident foreigners, *Nikkeijin* (non-Japanese people of Japanese descent)

Participation Fee: Children 500 yen, Adults 1000 yen

Participants: Many people (families, couples, groups, etc., are all welcome)

Location: The grounds of Dainichi shrine, Fukae Kaikan Floor 3.

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/LiCHsTzsMc72>

Application & Clothing Reservation Form: <https://forms.gle/jrn7bxEH6QobMJg87>

Japanese Flyer: <https://x.gd/mXkFD>

English Flyer: <https://x.gd/IDIDQ>

Inquires: Multicultural Clothes Volunteers Wadancegokko

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/wadancegokko/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/wadancegokko/>

◆ Preschool for Children with Foreign Roots

Dates: January 10, 2026 (Saturday) – March 21, 2026 (Saturday)

Time: 10:30 - 12:00

Location: Children's Multicultural Center Moi

Info: A preschool for children with foreign roots who are not yet in school. Learn vocabulary used at school, practice hiragana, participate in activities to increase vocabulary, learn numbers, and so on.

Sponsor: Futaba International Plaza

How to Apply: You can apply via the Line app (<https://lin.ee/8QEhaiY>), over phone, or via email.

Inquiries: NPO Kobe Foreigners Friendship Center (KFC)

TEL: 078-612-2402 E-mail: kfc@social-b.net

More Information: <https://social-b.net/kfc/>

◆ Notice of change in opening hours of Hyogo International Plaza (Library)

The Hyogo International Plaza (Library) changed its opening hours from Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-17:00

Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, New Year holidays, and special closing periods

◆ Notice of Temporary Closure of Hyogo International Plaza (Library)

The Hyogo International Plaza (Library) will be closed all day on November 25, December 5, and 19.

The last opening day of the year will be December 25.

Please note that the library may be closed on certain days due to internal reorganization, database maintenance, or other operational work.

◆ You can now search for books at the Hyogo International Plaza

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<https://hia-plaza.opac.jp/>