

◆ Himeji Job Fair for International Students

Announcing the Himeji Job Fair, sponsored by Himeji city, for international students studying abroad in Japan! Free shuttle buses from Sannomiya to the venue! 16 companies from Himeji and Harima are participating! We'll offer plenty of programs, including advice on job hunting and immigration status, booths showcasing Himeji's many charms, a stamp rally, and more! This event is perfect for international students who want to work in Japan!

Date: December 16, 2025 (Tues)

Time: 10:30 – 16:00

Location: The Himeji Arcrea Convention Center, First Floor, Exhibition Hall B

Participation Fee: None! Free to participate, but RSVP is required.

Audience: Foreign international students who are currently studying, recently graduated, or recently graduated and currently employed but looking to change jobs. Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) level N3 or higher is recommended.

RSVP: <https://himejijobfair.net/top/>

Please direct any inquiries to Pasona Group Global Corporate Headquarters via email: himejijobfair@pasona.co.jp

◆ International Language Festival in Akashi

There's a college in Oita prefecture where about half of the students and instructors are all foreigners. That's where the International Language Festival first started—and now we're holding it in Akashi!

This festival is an event for each and every person's own language; it's a place for your own precious words and cultures to reach others. Children, adults, Japanese people, foreigners—anyone can enjoy this event. Let's open new doors to 2026 with one final fabulous festival this year!

Date: December 29, 2025 (Mon)

Time: 10:30 – 15:30

Location: Akashi shimin hiroba (Papios Akashi, Second Floor)

Info: Experience languages and cultures! Languages represented include Tamil, Vietnamese,

Burmese, Russian, Ukrainian, Finnish, Jamaican Patois, and Arabic. Enjoy a lesson on the Mlabri language with linguist Itō Yūma-sensei, music and dance performances, portrait art, calligraphy, a traditional *karuta* card game event, and an introduction to snacks of the world!

Language: Japanese, English, etc.

Participation Fee: None! Free to participate.

Audience: Children, adults, Japanese people, foreigners—everyone is welcome!

Sponsor: The Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Language Festival Executive Committee

For inquiries, please contact Etō at the Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University Center for Language Education via email langfest.apu@gmail.com

More Info: <https://www.language-festival.org/>

Instagram: <https://x.gd/WM3bx>

◆ Let's Enjoy Japanese New Year!

Come celebrate Japanese new year! We've got *kakizome*; the first calligraphy of the new year, *sugoroku* board games, and *ozoni* rice cake vegetable soup. Let's start the new year off fun!

Date: January 11, 2026 (Sun)

Time: 13:00 – 16:00

Location: Kobe International Community Center (KICC), Shin-Nagata, First Floor Exchange Space

Language: Japanese

Participation Fee: None! Free to participate.

Capacity: 30 people*

(*Please note that registration will close if capacity is reached.)

Audience: Those with foreign roots who are elementary school third-year or older.

Sponsor: Kobe International Community Center

Registration: <https://www.kicc.jp/ja/events/5383>

Please direct any inquiries to the Kobe International Community Center via phone at 078-742-8908

◆ The “All about HIA” Booklet is Now Available in English!

You may have seen the Japanese edition of our “All about HIA” booklet; now the English version has also been posted to our website! Enjoy “ComeHIA” in a variety of languages!

For more information, see: https://www.hyogo-ip.or.jp/torikumi/kokusaikoryu/jigyo_gaiyo.html

◆Notice of Temporary Closure and Year-End and New Year Closure of Hyogo International Plaza (Library)

The Hyogo International Plaza Library will be closed all day on December 19, and 26. From Friday, December 26, 2025, through Sunday, January 4, 2026, will be the year-end and New Year closure.

◆Notification of book inventory

The Hyogo International Plaza International Resource Center will be closed for inventory from February 16 to 27, 2026.