

All About HIA

公益財団法人兵庫県国際交流協会

Hyogo International Association

HIA aims to promote international exchange and



contribute to developing a multicultural society!



2025
English Edition

Creating an international society for everyone

1 Creating a Multicultural Society

We aim to foster a multicultural society where foreign residents can live safely and thrive as members of the community.

Japanese Language Community Education

We offer Japanese language courses to enable foreign residents to acquire language skills necessary for daily life here in Hyogo.



Creating a Comfortable Living Space

Working with local volunteer groups, we create spaces where foreign residents can live comfortably and provide classes to study Japanese as well as their native languages.



Supporting the foreign Community

Working with community support organizations, we provide foreign residents with useful information and opportunities to socialize in their local communities.



Establishing an International Organization Network

We established an international organization network to tackle issues together and to provide opportunities for local organizations to connect.



Hyogo Information and Advisory Service Center

We provide consultations in 24 languages to meet the needs of foreign residents. We also offer legal consultations with attorneys and immigration officers.



Preparing for Disasters

To support foreign residents during natural disasters, we offer training including practicing living in evacuation shelters and we work to improve communication and information dissemination methods.



Facilities Operated by the HIA

① Overseas Offices

We operate 3 overseas offices to broaden our global network funded by Hyogo prefecture.

What We Do:

- Promote international exchanges in a variety of fields with our sister states and affiliated regions
- Support companies in Hyogo in expanding their businesses overseas
- Promote Hyogo Prefecture's local products and tourism at various events
- Support academic and educational exchanges by universities and schools



Hyogo Prefecture has established friendship and sister partnerships with seven states and provinces around the world and promotes international exchanges with 14 regions based on specific themes. In addition, 31 municipalities within the prefecture have formed friendship and sister partnerships with 68 cities worldwide.

Established on April 1, 1990, Hyogo International Association (HIA) is a public interest incorporated foundation fully funded by Hyogo Prefecture. Our mission is to promote multicultural societies and international exchange led by residents. Our guiding principles are to create communities where people of diverse backgrounds can live together in harmony and to encourage international exchange that paves the way for the next generation.

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International Exchange Paves the Way to a New Era



We cultivate new exchanges for today's youth, promoting international cultural exchange within the country as well as cross-country exchange on an individual level.

Strengthening Hyogo's International Network

We promote cultural exchange and strengthen our future-focused international network by accepting personnel from our sister states and affiliated regions to strengthen our collaborations.



Oxbridge English Summer Camp

We host students from Oxford and Cambridge in the UK; they visit local universities and high schools to hold exchange events and English conversation classes.



Promoting Grassroots International Exchange

We promote grassroots international exchange and multicultural events for Hyogo residents and support citizen's cultural exchange activities.



Organizing Homestays

We organize homestays with Japanese families for foreign students to introduce the charms of Hyogo and deepen mutual understanding with local residents.



International Exchange Caravan Project

Our Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) host events throughout Hyogo prefecture, giving residents an opportunity to encounter different cultures.



School Exchanges and Trips to Japan

Fostering understanding and friendships with overseas youth supports the development of workers that thrive in international communities—AKA, Hyogo fans!



Holding International Cooperation Seminars

We hold seminars that promote cultural exchange and encourage Hyogo residents to think about international issues and cooperation.



②Hyogo International Plaza

Provides a Space and Information for Putting International Exchange into Practice

Resource Center

Newspapers, magazines, books, and more! We offer 13,000 items in 15 languages including foreign language books and Japanese language learning materials (2,000 of which are children's books in 12 languages). Everyone is free to read, and residents of the prefecture can borrow up to five items for two weeks.



Exchange Gallery

Our Exchange Gallery is a space for international exchange for all Hyogo residents, created in cooperation with Hyogo's international exchange organizations and NGOs. We display photos and art, hold seminars and workshops, and host cultural exchange events where you can relax and chat in a variety of languages.



Hyogo Information and Advisory Service Center

Free! No appointment needed. Come ask questions any time!

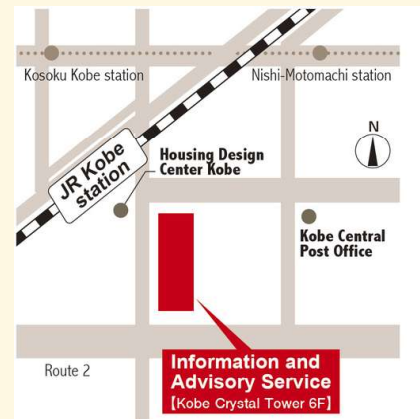
All foreign residents of Hyogo welcome!

Come by the Hyogo Information and Advisory Service Center's Consultation counter to ask anything about living here in Hyogo. Our Consultation Center offers services through two outlets: the "Information and Advisory Service Center", available Monday through Friday, and the "NGO Network for Foreigner's Assistance KOBE", available on weekends and some holidays. Services are offered in 24 languages; please see the complete list below.

Information and Advisory Service Center

Kobe Crystal Tower 6F, 1-1-3 Higashi-Kawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe
Tel (078)382-2052

General Life Consultations	Monday through Friday 9:00 - 17:00
Legal Consultations	Monday 13:00 - 15:00
Immigration Consultations	Third Thursday of every month 13:30 - 16:30



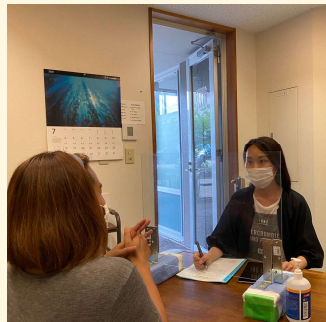
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, end-of-the-year and new years holidays
Please note: legal or immigration consultations require an appointment.

NGO Network for Foreigner's Assistance KOBE

1-28-7, Nakayamate dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe
(Located inside the Catholic church)
Tel (078) 232-1290

General Life Consultations	Saturday and Sunday 9:00 - 17:00
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Closed: end-of-the-year and new years holidays



Scan the QR code to become friends with the Hyogo International Association on LINE. Phone consultations are available via LINE on weekdays.



[Supported Languages] Japanese, English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai, Nepali, Burmese, Khmer, Malay, Mongolian, Sinhala, Hindi, French, German, Italian, Russian, Ukrainian, Urdu, and Bengali

[Main Office] TEL (078)230-3260

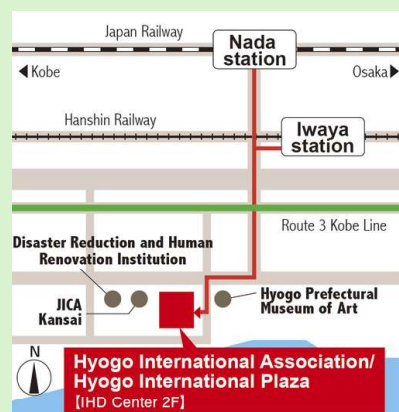
[Hyogo International Plaza] TEL (078)230-3060
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Weekdays (Mon-Fri) 9:30 - 17:00

*Closed: public holidays, year end holidays and special book inspection period



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