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Communicating Hyogo's Initiatives in Its Path for Enhancing Globalization



Effort to support learning Japanese & Mother Languages

Japanese Class and Practical Japanese Course for Foreign Residents in Hyogo

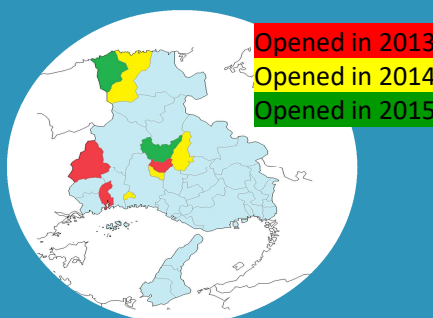


Learning disaster-related vocabulary, expressions, as well as prevention measures

We offer the Japanese Course, where you can learn necessary sentences or vocabulary to communicate in Easy Japanese and the Practical Japanese Course, which is helpful for daily life activities like shopping or during disasters. Both courses accommodate lifestyles outside of the classroom.

Project to Establish Japanese Courses as a Safety Net

With a focus on utilizing the courses as a safety net during disasters, the project to open new Japanese Courses began in 2012 in collaboration with nine cities/towns where there were no courses. By the end of 2015, there were classes in all 41 cities/towns of Hyogo, and now they have become the base for Japanese language education, the source for daily life information, and disaster information center for safety confirmation and disaster-related information.



All cities/towns were covered by 2015

Japanese Textbooks in 5 Languages were developed - "Dekiru? Dekita!! Japanese for Daily Life"



Available in English, Chinese, Portuguese, Vietnamese, and Spanish

Japanese textbooks were developed for foreign residents to get accustomed to daily life in Japan with materials on basic Japanese used in daily life, Japanese customs, and the rules of each region. You can download this textbook from the HP of the Hyogo International Association along with "My Daily Life Notebook" and "Activity Design Book (for teachers)."

Mother Language Education Support and Mother Language Education Seminar



Pamphlet to encourage mother language education in Portuguese

In order to support mother language education in each region, we do the following activities: providing subsidies for the "Ibasho" for Foreign Resident and Youth initiative, facilitating seminars for mother language education to help instructors in the area, supporting mothering language courses, and developing and distributing educational materials for mother language education in Vietnamese, Portuguese, and Spanish. In 2019, we have developed a pamphlet for mother language education awareness in Portuguese.

"Ibasho" for Foreign Residents and Youth initiative



The Japanese course

We provide subsidies to Japanese courses, education support classrooms, and mother language learning classrooms for foreign residents and students in Hyogo in order to let these places become a community and "ibasho," a place to belong, for foreign students and residents. These classrooms also act as a safety net for daily life support and during disasters. 55 facilities will be subsidized in 2020.

Grass-roots Exchange News



Seminar on Food Culture

Grass-roots International Exchange

We offer events such as Seminars on Food Culture to help develop an understanding and interest in different cultures from a familiar viewpoint through world cuisine, and the English Conversation Saloon to provide an opportunity to socialize in English for Hyogo residents to participate actively in international exchange and to build a multicultural society at the grass-roots level.

Last year, we had a good time learning about Korean cuisine from a chef of the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Kobe and discussed environmental problems caused by plastic waste in English at a Consul General Café in Kobe with diplomats invited from the US Consulate General Osaka.

WE MANAGE THE HYOGO MULTICULTURAL COUNSELING CENTER

The Hyogo Multicultural Counseling Center opened on April 1, 2019 to give foreign residents consultations on daily life affairs. By combining the Information and Advisory Service Center, that has been providing consultations on daily life affairs to foreign residents in five languages since April 1994, and an NGO, that provides weekend services, the Hyogo Multicultural Counseling Center now offers consultations in 11 languages for seven days a week. Please feel free to consult with us about your concerns and problems related to daily life in Hyogo and Japan.



Consultation



Information Center entrance

Services	Operating Hour	Location (address and contact information)	Types of Consultations and languages supported
Weekdays	Monday-Friday 9:00-17:00 (excluding public holidays)	Information and Advisory Service Center 1-1-3 Higashi-kawasaki-cho, Chuo-ku, Kobe Kobe Crystal Tower 6F TEL 078-382-2052	Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish
			<External Interpreter> Vietnamese, Korean, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai, Nepalese
Weekends	Saturday and Sunday 9:00-17:00 (excluding the New Year holidays)	NGO Network for Foreigners' Assistance KOBE 1-28-7 Nakayamate-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe (inside the Kobe Central Catholic Church) TEL 078-232-1290	Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese
			<External Interpreter> Korean, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai, Nepalese

Introducing Our Five Overseas Offices

We have five offices overseas. Each of them have a wide range of activities in fields such as culture and economics.



European Representative Office of Hyogo Prefecture (Paris)

Exhibited a booth at the Japan Expo, Europe's biggest Japanese culture event



Hyogo Business & Tourism Center (Hong Kong)

Presentation to promote Hyogo tourism in Hong Kong



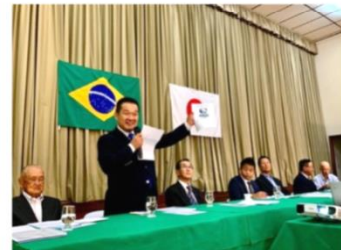
Hyogo Business and Cultural Center (Seattle)

Promoting the charms of Hyogo at the Japanese Cultural Community Center



Hyogo Prefectural Government Cultural Centre (Perth)

Promoting Hyogo's sake at the reception of the Consulate General of Japan in Perth



Hyogo Brazil Office (Curitiba)

Announcing the Logo for the 50th anniversary of friendly relations between Parana and Hyogo

We Provide Support to Foreign Students

Hyogo Scholarship for Private Financed Foreign Students

Since 1988, we have granted scholarships to about 5,500 privately financed foreign students in Hyogo to help them study with ease. Once the recipients for the year have been chosen, an awarding ceremony takes place in July, where the chief of HIA awards the recipient with a certificate. (The year's ceremony has been canceled due to the spread of COVID-19 infections.)

About 150 students have been awarded this year, and we hope that they will study diligently while discovering the many charms of Hyogo.



Presenting the award in 2019

Comments

- ✿ This scholarship reduces my parents' burden, and I was able to focus more on my studies. It helped me a lot to buy many textbooks that I needed.
(From China; University of Hyogo)
- ✿ I was able to reduce my hours at my part time job and started to attend Japanese classes thanks to this scholarship. I became one of the top students in my class.
(From Pakistan; Kwansei Gakuin University)
- ✿ The scholarship allowed me to reduce my part-time job hours and enabled me to dedicate myself to my studies. I was also able to join in the club activities at the university and made a lot of friends.
(From Vietnam; University of Marketing and Distribution Sciences)

Hyogo Culture Pass

The Hyogo Culture Passes are distributed to foreign students to experience Hyogo's historical and cultural assets in 90 facilities at free of charge or a discounted price.

Comment: When I studied in Japan, I visited famous sightseeing cities like Osaka and Kyoto, but I was able to visit many attractions in Hyogo thanks to the Culture Pass. I became a fan of Hyogo! I was also able to visit my favorite art museums because of the Culture Pass. (From China; Kobe International University)



Introducing the Hyogo International Plaza



Resource Center

It is a library with about 25,000 books in Japanese and foreign languages. If you live, work, or study in the prefecture, you can borrow up to 5 books per person for 2 weeks (with the exception of some materials). It has a wide range of collections, including materials on multiculturalism, textbooks for learning Japanese and Japanese language education, fiction novels and picture books in foreign languages, and travel guidebooks (domestic and international travels).

International Gallery

We organize exhibitions here in order to promote the understanding of international exchange and cooperation here.



Please check our homepage for information on transportation, hours, event information.



<https://www.hyogo-ip.or.jp/shisetsuannai/plaza/plaza2.html>



HIA's Initiatives Against COVID-19

Prefectural and Municipal International Associations of Hyogo prefecture cooperating to provide information for foreign residents



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