



Registered Foreigners in Kawasaki City (By Ward) As of the End of September 2010 (Unit: Number of People)

Kawasaki Ward	Saiwai Ward	Nakahara Ward	Takatsu Ward	Miyamae Ward	Tama Ward	Asao Ward	City Total
11,939	3,772	4,420	3,843	2,776	3,753	1,953	32,456

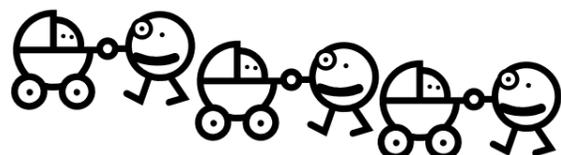
Assistance for Raising Children in Kawasaki City —Useful Information for Foreign Residents #1—

Introducing a selection of services and organizations designed to assist parents raising children in Kawasaki City.

● Foreign Language Version Maternity Record Books

As a supplement to the maternal record books in Japanese, foreign language versions are available in several languages.

Languages available: English, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Chinese, Indonesian, Spanish, Portuguese.



● Maternity Health Classes for Foreign Nationals

Foreign parents raising children gather along with their children to discuss issues and exchange information.

Kawasaki Ward: Rabbit Club
Takatsu Ward: Belle Femme
Miyamae Ward: Rainbow Club

● Volunteer interpreters available

Volunteer interpreters are available for newborn and infant medical checkups and childcare consultations.

*Support other than that introduced here is also available. Consult the nearest ward office for more information.

Introducing Multilingual Resources in Kawasaki City



Do you know how many multilingual resources are provided by Kawasaki City? The "Kawasaki City Multilingual Publications List" (with kana pronunciation guides) contains over 100 listings of multilingual resources on topics such as raising children, education, medical care and disaster prevention. The "Kawasaki City Multilingual Publications List" can be consulted at ward offices, civic halls and libraries, and is also published on the Kawasaki City website (on the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents page) We will introduce a selection of these multilingual resources.

<Resources on Life in General>

■ For Foreign Residents Living in Kawasaki City

Provides a list of information desks for foreign residents living in Kawasaki City.

Languages: Japanese (with kana pronunciation guides), English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, Russian

Locations available: Foreigner registration service counters and the Kawasaki City website (on the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents page)

<http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/25/25zinken/home/gaikoku/kaigi/index.htm>

■ Hello Kawasaki

Information regarding functions, events and organizations in Kawasaki City.

Languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog

Locations available: Bulletin boards in ward offices, civic halls and libraries. International centers. Also available for download from the Kawasaki International Association website.

<http://www.kian.or.jp/index.html>



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We welcome your ideas and input regarding the newsletter and Assembly.

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Eighth Assembly Discussions Begin

—With Three Key Phrases in Mind



From Demands to
Participation

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Personal and
Universal

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Mutual Understanding
& Common Life

Halimah ELOK, President of the Eighth Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents

Going into my fifth year as a Kawasaki resident, I often realize the significance of the three key phrases describing the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents. When I first learned of the Representative Assembly in 2007, my attention was immediately drawn to the first key phrase, "From Demands to Participation." The following year, I began to participate in the Representative Assembly. Through deliberation and the proposal of solutions to issues regarding social life and education for foreign residents, we are slowly putting the concept behind this key phrase into practice. Beginning with the Eighth Assembly, I would like to place a stronger emphasis on this first key phrase, "From Demands to Participation," to promote active involvement in our monthly assemblies and other activities. Each representative is involved in various activities within their community, which is an important way of participating in society.

The second key phrase, "Personal & Universal," is an important foundation of the Representative Assembly. Not only do the 26 representatives come from various nationalities, they also have diverse backgrounds. These differences can be transformed into an asset, which enables us to contemplate issues from various perspectives to help us find solutions during our deliberations.

The last key phrase, "Mutual Understanding & Common Life," signifies that life in Kawasaki is shared by both Japanese and foreigners. Foreigners should not shrug their shoulders and say, "I'm a foreigner so it doesn't matter." While it is crucial for us to gain understanding from the Japanese residents, it is equally imperative that we make an active effort to gain this understanding. Along with my fellow representatives, I would like to keep these three key phrases in mind throughout our involvement in the Eighth Assembly and in other activities.

We're Hosting an Open Forum!

Time & Date: Sunday, December 5, 2010 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Location: Main Conference Room, Takatsu Civic Hall (12th Floor, Nocty Plaza 2)
2-minute walk from JR Nambu Line Musashi-Mizonokuchi Station 2-minute walk from Tokyu Den-en-Toshi Line & Oimachi Line Mizonokuchi Station

The Open Forum is a venue for both Japanese and foreign residents to exchange opinions to help make Kawasaki City a better place to live. Let your opinion be heard! We look forward to having as many participants as possible.

No registration is required. Please come directly to the venue. (*Those requiring childcare and/or an interpreter should register by phone by Monday, November 22.)

For more information: Foreign Resident Policy Section, Human Rights and Gender Equality Office, Citizens' and Children's Affairs Bureau, Kawasaki City

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Discussions in Two Sections

—Social Life Section & Education Section

During the assemblies convened on Day 1 (June 13) & Day 2 (July 11) of the Second Meeting for Fiscal Year 2010, representatives exchanged their opinions regarding topics to be discussed at the Representative Assembly. It was decided to separate these discussions into two sections: Social Life and Education.



Social Life Section

Members: David CHART (Section Leader), Karol KORONCZI (Section Deputy Leader), Sudeep ADHIKARI, Jie WU, Halimah ELOK, Hernán OCAMPOS, Hui GENG, Sojin JUNG, Kittichai THAOWAN, Rosa TAKAHASHI, Maralgoo DASHIDOROV, Xi CHEN, Jinky NATANIYA, Julia Midori NAKAMORI, Asri MOCHAMAD.

Due to the extensive scope of the topics covered by the Social Life Section, previous discussions had focused on a specific topic. It was therefore decided to emphasize the following two points. The first point was to discuss as many issues as possible within a limited time frame. The second point was to choose topics agreed by every section member.

Keeping these two points in mind, the section was divided in two groups to determine the topics for discussion. Once an agreement had been reached, the two groups reunited to determine the order of the topics. Topics were broadly divided into two groups. The first group included topics that would not require much time for discussion. It was decided to discuss these topics first. The second group included topics that would take time to discuss. The order of these topics was also discussed.

As topics requiring less time, five were chosen:

(in order of discussion) 1) Immigration control (parents' visa eligibility in particular), 2) Weekend opening hours of the administration, 3) Increasing the number of foreign language books in the library, 4) Assistance for exchange students, and 5) Issues regarding housing assistance.

Among the topics requiring more time, the first to be discussed is the labor and pension issue. The order of the other topics will be determined at the September Assembly, which will be followed by a discussion of the first issue regarding immigration control.

(David CHART)



Education Section

Members: Edmond DUNCAN (Section Leader), Anna YANAGISAWA (Section Deputy Leader), Yeong Il AN, Ruchika VEMURI, Ping WANG, Orietta OIDE, Deke OPANGO, Ke Hsing HSU, Sang Hwa KIM, Xinqin LINGMU, Chang Ho PARK.

In the Education Section, the following six topics were chosen for discussion: 1) Implementation of policies resulting from previous proposals, 2) Assistance for guardians (including bullying and education on international understanding), 3) Information, 4) Daycare, 5) Japanese language assistance for adults, and 6) Guarantee of children's right to education. Regarding the second issue of assistance for guardians, many ideas and opinions were offered based on section members' personal experience as parents raising children, and through issues faced by foreign residents in their day-to-day lives. Concerning the third issue about information, section members expressed their wish to discuss effective methods for delivering information to those who require it, in addition to the content of the information.

The goal of the Education Section meeting convened during this assembly is to address a broad range of topics, such as assistance for guardians and bullying

(Edmond DUNCAN)

★FY 2010 Meeting Schedule★

Location: Kawasaki International Center (Closest Station: Tokyu Toyoko Line Motosumiyoshi Station)

Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Fourth Meeting Day 1 Sunday, January 23 Day 2 Sunday, February 20

*Everyone is welcome to come to observe the meetings. Feel free to attend!



Visits to Municipal Facilities



A visit to a municipal facility was organized on Day 2 of the First Assembly to help Kawasaki City representatives become more familiar with the city, in the hope that they will be able to use this knowledge in future discussions. Kawasaki Fureai Hall (Fureai Kan) was chosen as the destination for this visit, organized on August 1, 2010. Attendance was optional and 13 representatives participated.



Director MIURA with Participants in the visit



Introduction of Kawasaki Fureai Hall (Fureai Kan) facilities and operations

Members of the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents visited the Kawasaki Fureai Hall (Fureai Kan) on Sunday, August 1, 2010. Kawasaki Fureai Hall (Fureai Kan) is a venue that encourages Japanese and foreign residents to interact with children and elderly people. Events for both children and the elderly are run here.

During this visit, Director Tomohito MIURA spoke to us about Kawasaki Fureai Hall's (Fureai Kan) history, children who have connections with foreign countries, and details about the facility's engagements. Looking at Kawasaki Fureai Hall (Fureai Kan) past activities, I sensed that issues faced by foreigners in the past remain the same as those faced by foreigners today. This is an issue that should be discussed by the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents in the future.

Walking around the facility, we saw many children. As indicated by the facility's name, children at Fureaikan were all busy playing regardless of their nationality. I was very touched by the scene. In a room at the back of the first floor, I noticed a large quantity of resources on foreigners.

Newspaper clippings and books were neatly arranged on bookshelves. I am sure that these resources will be useful to us in the future.

After our visit to Fureaikan, I once again had the impression that the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents needs to put in more effort.

(Kittichai THAOWAN)

In the afternoon, those who were able to participate visited the Kawasaki Peace Museum and the Kawasaki City Museum.

At the Kawasaki Peace Museum, we saw various exhibitions about the history of war and peace. Participants expressed their impressions of air-raid shelters and the state of Japan during the war. They also mentioned wanting to bring their children for a visit.

At the Kawasaki City Museum, we learned what Kawasaki used to look like by comparing drawings from the Edo period to present-day topographical maps. Participants asked where their current homes could be found on the old maps, and the curator explained what their lots looked like in those days.



Learning what Kawasaki used to look like from an old map