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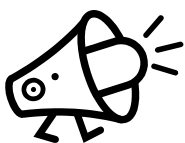
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<12th Term of the Representative Assembly begins>

On April 22nd (Sun), the first day of the first session of the twelfth term of the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was held at the Kawasaki International Center. At the first meeting Deputy Mayor Fujikura handed the new representatives their certificate of appointment and said: "For the next two years you will act as representatives for all the foreign residents living in Kawasaki. I hope you will have lively discussions, many ideas and proposals."



After that the 26 representatives, who were chosen from over 200 applicants and who come from 22 countries and territories, introduced themselves and spoke about what they hoped to discuss during this term of the Assembly. Irwan Sutanto (Indonesia) was elected as chair and Kiyomi Maeda (South Korea) as deputy chair. The new representatives pledge to work to make Kawasaki an even better place to live than it is now.



Why not attend a meeting?

—Meeting Schedule for FY 2018—

Location: Kawasaki International Center (10 minutes' walk from Motsumiyoshi Station, Tokyu Toyoko/Meguro Line)

Map: <http://www.kian.or.jp/accessmap.shtml>

Time: From 2pm to 5pm

3rd Session, 1st Day: October 14th (Sunday)

3rd Session, 2nd Day: November 25th (Sunday)

4th Session, 1st Day: January 20th (Sunday)

4th Session, 2nd Day: February 24th (Sunday)

Anyone may come to listen to the discussions of the Assembly, which are held in Japanese. Why don't you come and see the Assembly at work!

< Open Forum >

- The Assembly will hold an Open Forum on December 16th (Sunday).
- Location: Nakahara Civic Center
- Time: 2pm to 5pm (planned)

<Introducing the members of the 12th Assembly>

Over the next 2 years, we will work together to investigate and discuss various problems on behalf of all the foreign residents of Kawasaki.

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| ① | Name |
| ② | Nationality/Region |
| ③ | Reaction to becoming a representative and topics for discussion |

<Chair>

<Deputy Chair>



- ① **Irwan Sutanto**
- ② Indonesia
- ③ I want to discuss with everyone building on my experience from the last term.



- ① **Kiyomi Maeda**
- ② South Korea
- ③ I'm very happy to be chosen as a representative. In the Assembly I want to focus on building an environment easy to work in for foreign residents. I want to share many ideas.



- ① **Anita Hrishikesh**
- ② India
- ③ Like a bridge for the mutual understanding of Japanese and foreign residents, I want to work together with the other members to contribute to building a safe and secure community in Kawasaki.



- ① **Fazlat Sharoon Ali**
- ② Fiji
- ③ I want to share the experience I have made living in Japan for 20 years with the foreign fellows in Kawasaki and support them to have a pleasant life. Also, I want to contribute to Kawasaki becoming a global city.



- ① **Lakmal Pradeepa Wevita**
- ② Sri Lanka
- ③ I want to make a community where foreigners and Japanese live together, a city that is even easier to live in for everyone.



- ① **Mahabat Urakova**
- ② Kyrgyzstan
- ③ I want to understand Japan and the foreigners living here more deeply, discuss about the problems they are facing and think about solutions. I want to discuss about employment as well as child care



- ① **Eric Farly Wulu**
- ② Liberia
- ③ I'd like there to be more Japanese classes and therefore want to talk about this topic.



- ① **Tomio Milton Ogoshi**
- ② Brazil
- ③ I hope to be able to help many foreigners who live in Japan to enjoy their stay.



- ① **Hai Hua Jin**
- ② China
- ③ I'd like to discuss with the others, so that those people in Kawasaki having trouble with cultural differences or language barriers can be more confident about the everyday interactions.



- ① **Nontticha Kodama**
- ② Thailand
- ③ As a representative I want to take responsibility and propose a lot of useful projects. By leveraging on my point-of-view as a mother I want to create an environment that makes child-raising easier for foreign residents.



- ① **Chenglong Xu**
- ② China
- ③ I want to contribute even a little to building a Kawasaki easy to live in for foreigners. I want to discuss with the other representatives about childcare for children of foreigners.



- ① **Anita Adhikari Gotame**
- ② Nepal
- ③ I don't know yet what we can achieve as representatives, but I want to do by best together with the other members.



- ① **Xiangmei Jiang**
- ② China
- ③ Having been chosen for the 2nd term in a row, I'm starting with fresh feelings. This term I want to contribute as best I can as a resident of Kawasaki.



- ① **Ilya Shirokoradyuk**
- ② Russia
- ③ I'm honored to get the chance to contribute to improving the everyday life of Japanese and foreigners living in Kawasaki. I'm looking forward to fruitful discussions with the other representatives.



- ① **Miriam Suzuki**
- ② Philippines
- ③ Today there are many industries in Japan that wouldn't work properly without the help of foreigners and I believe it's an important question how to support these foreigners.



- ① **Kyoungsim Choi**
- ② South Korea
- ③ I want to learn and discuss together and work towards problem solving, so that foreigners and Japanese living in Kawasaki can deepen their mutual understanding and make it a city even easier to live in.



- ① **Kyawt Kyawt Khine**
- ② Myanmar
- ③ I'm happy to be able to interact with people from the region and from many different countries. I want to discuss especially about Kawasaki's medical examination guide, so that people from abroad understand it better and can get an examination.



- ① **Heather Terada**
- ② USA
- ③ I'm very happy to be able to participate in the Assembly. As I think the number of foreigners is growing, I want to help them to get used to living in Japan and to share their unique point-of-view.



- ① **Duong Huong Tran**
- ② Vietnam
- ③ I want to propose support for foreigners to live safely and enjoy their life more.



- ① **Artem Banetev**
- ② Russia
- ③ I'm very happy to become a representative. I'm very grateful about it. I strongly feel I want to contribute to the community I live in.



- ① **Uzzwal Kumar Paul**
- ② Bangladesh
- ③ To make Kawasaki the number one city in Japan, I want to talk about the problems of foreigners living here, but also appeal points.



- ① **Miguel Angel Pozo Rodriguez**
- ② Bolivia
- ③ I want to discuss about the problems of obligations and rights foreigners have as residents in Japan, because I think it's important for a better life and a better living.



- ① **Julien Lassalle**
- ② France
- ③ I believe there are still many things difficult to understand, like the national pension and health insurance system or income tax. And for child raising.



- ① **Ailing Liu**
- ② Taiwan
- ③ I want to contribute to the regional activation and intercultural exchange of Kawasaki by giving my ideas.



- ① **Jairo Lopez**
- ② Venezuela
- ③ It's a special honor to be chosen for me as I have no experience in governance. I want to do my best to contribute to the community of Kawasaki.



- ① **David Romanda**
- ② Canada
- ③ I want to discuss about how to deepen the mutual understanding about manners and other things between Japanese and people from various countries.

11th Term Proposals and 2017 Activities: Report to Mayor and Council



On Wednesday, April 18th, Jia Hui He, Chair of the 11th term of the Representative Assembly, together with Deputy Chair Edward Mwimbi Kezengwa as well as Casey Jay Kuester, chair of the Information and Social Education Subcommittee, and Xiangmei Jiang, proxy of the chair of the Local Community Life Subcommittee, presented the Assembly's report for FY 2017 to Mayor Norihiko Fukuda and gave their proposals about "Orientation classes for foreign residents", "Support for foreigners and multi-cultural coexistence in times of disaster" and "Child day care application". Mayor Fukuda responded by saying: "The number of foreign residents in Kawasaki is growing, their

countries, territories and cultural background being more and more diverse and detailed initiatives are becoming crucial. This terms' proposals really put the keywords of the Representative Assembly into practice: "From demanding to participating". I definitely want to make practical use of the various tools the Assembly has prepared." And on Thursday, May 24th, they were invited to speak to the Council's Culture and Education Committee and reported on the 11th term's proposals and their activities in FY2017.

The details of the proposals can be found in the Annual Report for 2017 (in Japanese) and in Newsletter No. 62. The Annual Report also includes detailed explanations of the background and reasons for the proposals. The Newsletter is published in several languages, so it is possible to read the proposals in languages other than Japanese. The Annual Report and Newsletter are distributed to the information corner of the Representative Assembly and can also be read in civic centres and libraries across the city. The Newsletter can also be downloaded from the city's official website.

Guidance about High School admission for children with migration background

- Time: September 16th (Sun), 1pm ~ 4pm
- Location: Kawasaki International Center

Interpretation can be provided for the whole program on that day. Subject of the program will be the explanation of the "Guidebook for admission to public schools" published by the Kanagawa Educational Committee and introduction of high schools. Furthermore, individual consultation will be possible as well.

<Participation Fee> Free

<Available languages for interpretation> English, Chinese, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog

*In case any other language support is needed, please send a request two weeks in advance.

<Application> Kawasaki International Association (Reception time: Monday ~ Saturday, 9:30am ~ 4:30pm)

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Looking forward to your opinions or impressions about the Assembly and this newsletter.