The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents Newsletter No. 69

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<13th Term of the Representative Assembly begins>

On June 21st (Sun), the first day of the first session of the thirteenth term of the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was held at the Kawasaki International Center.

In the thirteenth term 26 representatives from 19 countries and territories where chosen from over 200 applicants. At the meeting of the first day of the first session they introduced each other and shared their aspirations about what they want to discuss in this term of the Assembly. Furthermore, Perera Lahiru Sanketha (Sri Lanka) was elected as chair and Zhang Liang (China) as deputy chair. Please expect the Representative Assembly with its new members to work on making Kawasaki an even better place to live than it is now.



Colors, Future!

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Why not attend a meeting?

——Meeting schedule for FY 2020——

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

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

Time: From 2pm to 5pm

2 nd Session	1 st Day	September 13 th (Sunday)
	2 nd Day	October 18 th (Sunday)
3 rd Session	1 st Day	November 15 th (Sunday)
	2 nd Day	December 13 th (Sunday)
4 th Session	1 st Day	January 17 th (Sunday)
	2 nd Day	February 21 st (Sunday)

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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!

《Introducing the members of the 13th 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.

- 1. Name
- 2. Nationality/Region
- 3. Reaction to becoming a representative & topics for discussion

<Chair>



- 1. PERERA Lahiru Sanketha
- 2. Sri Lanka
- 3. I am happy to be chosen as a representative and at the same time feel a strong responsibility. I want to contribute to a Japanese society that accepts foreigners with confidence as well as tackle issues like education and day care in Kawasaki.





- 1. ZHANG Liang
- 2. China
- I am very happy to be chosen as a representative. I want to contribute to Kawasaki becoming the No. 1 city in Japan, easy for both Japanese and Foreign residents to live in.



1. ADITYA Warman

- 2. Indonesia
- I am happy to be a representative.
 Culture and lifestyles may differ by origin, but I believe they all come from the wish to have a good life together.



1. KHINE Yee Mon Thant

- 2. Myanmar
- I am very honored to be chosen as a representative. With this happy feeling and based on my own experiences I hope to contribute even a little to creating a society where Japanese and foreigners can coexist better.



1. JIN Hai Hua

- 2. China
- I want to continue learning in the 13th term and have fun and efficient discussions with everyone.



L. NGUYEN Thi Thu Trang

- 2. Vietnam
- 3. With a sense of responsibility, I want to propose various ideas together with the other representatives. I want to think about the connection between foreigners and Japanese based on my experience living in Japan for a



. KODAMA Nontticha

- 2. Thailand
- I hope to use my experience from the last term and propose useful projects. I want to create an environment where working mothers and foreign mothers can raise their children easily.



L. XU Chenglong

- China
 - Using my experience from the 12th term, I want to give various ideas with the other representatives and contribute to making this city easier to live in. I want to put together more feasible proposals. I hope to help many foreigners to live in Japan and enjoy their stay.



1. SINGH Bhaskar Bahadur

- 2. Nepal
- I am very happy to be one of the representatives. I want to tell what I have noticed as a foreigner living in Japan.



1. SUCHETA Srinivasan

- 2. India
- I am happy to become a representative. I want to do work that helps people in need.



1. Stephen BOLGER

- 2. Australia
- It is the first time for me, so I am excited. It is difficult for me to express my opinion in Japanese, but I will do my best. I want to propose PR or community activities to improve the image of Kawasaki.



. JI Eunee

- 2. South Korea
- As a representative of the foreign residents of Kawasaki I want to work on creating an environment easy to live in for foreign citizens and creating a place where they can contribute to the community.



- 2. Myanmar
- I am happy that I was chosen as a representative again. Within the spread of the corona virus I want to acquire the correct knowledge and properly talk about health and hygiene.



1. **DUMAYAS Arianne**

- 2. Philippines
- 3. I am thrilled to be chosen as a representative. I want to contribute to the internationalization of Kawasaki. At the assembly I want to talk about how to improve the support and response to foreign residents in the event of a disaster.



1. BATENEV Artem

- 2. Russia
- I am feeling happy to be chosen as a representative. I want to contribute to the community. I will consider actual topics from now on, but I would also like to contribute to the operation of the assembly itself.



1. PAUL Uzzwal Kumar

- 2. Bangladesh
- I am happy to be chosen as a representative. I want to talk with everyone to make Kawasaki a better place to live in.



1. POZO Miguel Angel

- Bolivia
- I thank God for giving me the chance to participate as a representative of foreigners in Kawasaki. I want to discuss children's education, labor issues as well as our role in improving and developing society.



1. MAEDA Kiyomi

- 2. South Korea
- I am honored to be chosen as a representative of the 13th term. Using my experience from the last term, I want to share a lot of ideas with all the representatives and aim for the realization of our proposals.



1. MUHAMMAD Aiman Arif

- 2. Malaysia
- 3. Thank you for choosing me as a representative. With this chance I want to help foreigners in need, have discussions with everyone and contribute to making this city a good place to live in.



1. JUDEK Marcin

- 2. Poland
- 3. I am happy to be able to participate in the opportunity to build a relationship between Japanese and foreigners together. I want to contribute to creating a city easy for foreigners to live in.



1. YUN Ji Ha

- 2. South Korea
- 3. I feel a huge responsibility being chosen as a representative. I may not be powerful, but I want to work to help others. I want to talk about the topic of child raising (health, education, community etc) of foreigners in Kawasaki.



.. LI Huanhuan

- 2. China
 - I am happy to be able to interact with people from many regions and countries and at the same time feel a sense of responsibility to be chosen as a representative. I want to talk about how to deepen mutual understanding of Japanese and foreigners and how to make this city



. LIU Ailing

- 2. Taiwan
- Using my experience from the last term, I want to discuss with the new members of this term and bring out new ideas. I am interested in child raising topics and want to talk about this.



1. LAVERMAN Kevin

- 2. USA
- 3. I hope to contribute something to Kawasaki which I see as a second home. I will do my best working together with many people to turn Kawasaki into a city many foreigners will love and where they can live and shine in their own colors. I want to contribute ideas for Kawasaki's revitalization and international cultural exchange.



1. WADA Elena

- 2. Russia
- I am happy to be chosen as a representative. I want to do my best to help creating a better city by discussing with people from various countries and respecting each other's opinions.



. NDIAYE Marie Catherine

- 2. Senegal
- 3. Thank you for choosing me as a representative. I want to work with the feeling of gratitude and excitement. In the assembly I want to talk about topics like troubles foreigners are facing or topics we should know as residents.

The report of the Kawasaki City Foreign Residents Survey (2019) has been finalized

The results of the survey conducted in FY2019 in order to understand the awareness, conditions and needs of foreign residents living in Kawasaki City and utilize them in the city's policies, have been compiled into a report.

In this survey questions were asked among others regarding everyday life, medical care/insurance, child raising/education, participation in local activities/municipal administration, employment, administrative response. The survey form (questionnaire) was not only in Japanese, but also translations in English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and Thai were prepared. Target of the survey were 5000 randomly selected foreign residents (who do not have the Japanese nationality) over 18 years of age living in Kawasaki. The survey form was sent via postal mail and among the target 1085 people responded to the survey (Collection rate: 21.7%).

The full report & summary version can be viewed under the following URL. http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/250/page/0000116810.html

\ll 12th Term Proposals and report to the Mayor about the FY 2019 activities \gg

On April 17th (Fri) the proposals of the 12th Term Assembly and the FY 2019 activities were reported to Mayor Norihiko Fukuda. This year due to the declaration of emergency caused by the new corona virus the report was done through the executive office.

(Please participate in the National Census)

The National Census checking about the number of people, age, work etc., will be conducted towards all people (including foreigners) living in Japan as of October 1st.



From September 14th (Mon) Census staff will be distributing survey forms and IDs for online responses to everyone's homes. Those who can respond via the internet, please respond within the time frame from September 14th (Mon) until October 7th (Wed) (The survey is available in 7 languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Vietnamese).

For those who cannot respond online, a translated survey form can be handed out, so please contact the Ward office/branch of your residential area. The due date for the physical survey form is also October 7th (Wed).

Under no circumstances will either the Immigration Bureau or Police have access to the responses of the National Census. We hope for your active participation.



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

