

# The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents Newsletter No. 70



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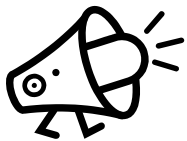
## <Greeting from the Chair>

Hello everyone. This is Perera, Chair of the 13<sup>th</sup> Term.

In Kawasaki City, where about 46,000 foreign citizens live, many efforts are being made for us foreign citizens. One of these, the "Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents" was established in 1996.

The origin of us representatives may vary, but we are one in our desire to make Kawasaki a better place for foreigners to live in. Through the assembly we are working on many projects, so if you are interested, please come and visit us. We are looking forward to you.

Perera Lahiru Sanketha, Chair of the 13<sup>th</sup> Term



## Why not attend a meeting?

— Meeting schedule for FY 2021 —

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	April 11 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	May 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2021 (Sunday)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	June 20 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	September 12 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (Sunday)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	October 17 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	December 5 <sup>th</sup> 2021 (Sunday)
4 <sup>th</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	January 16 <sup>th</sup> 2022 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	February 6 <sup>th</sup> 2022 (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!

# 《 Subcommittee Discussion Reports 》

## ◆ International Community Subcommittee

This is Maeda Kiyomi, Chair of the International Community Subcommittee. In this Subcommittee we work on 3 topics: 1) Multicultural exchange, 2) Contribution to the regional community and 3) building an online community led by the government. Until now we have discussed about the 1<sup>st</sup> topic of Multicultural exchange. In our discussions the opinion came up that “a lot of efforts are being made at the International Center, but information about these don’t reach foreigners” and the question was raised “why the Center and the Ward Offices don’t work together more closely”.

In the next meetings we will focus on solving the issues raised in the discussions with the aim to contribute to enriching the lives of foreigners living in Kawasaki as much as possible. Furthermore we hope to make good proposals so that the efforts done by Kawasaki City may serve as a model for other local governments.

International Community Subcommittee Chair Maeda Kiyomi

## ◆ Safe Living Subcommittee

This is Kodama Nontticha, Chair of the Safe Living Subcommittee. In this subcommittee we deal with 3 topics: 1) Medical care & insurance, 2) Nursery schools & kindergartens and 3) Disaster prevention. Until now we have discussed about topic 1) medical care & insurance. During these discussions the questions were raised “whether it is possible to request the dispatch of a medical interpreter individually” and “how the multilingual support for 119 works”.

In the next meetings I will do my best as the Chair to summarize our proposals by listening to all members’ opinions.

Safe Living Subcommittee Chair Kodama Nontticha

## Introduction of a new representative

As representative member Stephen Bolger (Australia) had to resign for personal reasons, we welcome Sara Deena Scarf as a new member into the assembly.



Sara Deena Scarf (USA)

I’m joining the assembly in the middle of the term, but I will do my best with a sense of responsibility. I hope we can work together to create a safer environment.



## Discovering Asao Ward with its rich nature and unique history Attractions of Asao Ward, the northwestern part of Kawasaki

### <Ozenji Furusato Park>

Ozenji Furusato Park is a park created with the theme of water and greenery to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the municipality. There is a walking path making most of the rich nature of the Tama Hills and a large lawn perfect for picnics, so both children and adults can have a good time here. There is also an observatory from where you can see Mt. Fuji on a sunny day as well as a river where you can play in the water in the summer, so there are various ways to enjoy the location. As there is a parking lot on the premises, it is an especially recommendable spot for families with small children.

### <The exclave Okagami district>

On the southwestern side of Asao Ward is the Okagami district. This place, which can be reached from Kakio Station on the Odakyu Line via the lush Asao Walking Course, is an exclave geographically surrounded by Machida (Tokyo Prefecture) and Yokohama (Kanagawa Prefecture). The background of this is said to be in 1938, when the original Okagami village was asked to merge with either Yokohama City or Kawasaki City and decided to merge with Kawasaki City after discussing with Kakio village, with which it had a close relationship. There is an elementary school in Okagami district, but since there is no junior high school, junior high school students have to commute to school by train from the nearby Tsurukawa station to Kakio station.

Yun Ji Ha / Xu Chenglong

## Do you know the Fureai Child-rearing Support System?

I'm a foreign mom of 2 children. I have no relatives nearby. I have no one to count on. When I have challenges in child-rearing, I'm always wondering what to do. One year ago I learned about the Fureai Child-rearing Support System and now child-rearing has become really fun and easy.

The Fureai Child-rearing Support provides for example temporary day care for children from the age of 4 months until 6th grade of elementary school. It's very easy to use. First, you contact the Fureai Child-rearing Support Center of the area you live in and tell them why you want to use the system, for example for transportation, refreshing and because of work. Then, they will match you with a helper who will support you for about a week according to your needs. Once they find a helper for you, the Center will contact you. After that you will meet with the helper and a someone from the Support Center. At the meeting you can decide whether you want to hire the helper or not. Finally, when you decide to use the System, you will register as a member. The annual membership fee is 1,200 yen and usual rates are 700 yen per hour on weekdays and 900 yen per hour on weekends and holidays. The moment I learned about the system, I really thought I'm lucky to live in Kawasaki.



Kodama Nontticha

# How to spend your time at home during times of Corona



## How about starting a vegetable garden at home?

It is nice to eat vegetables that you grew yourself. The days spent at home become more enjoyable. Vegetable prices can be high at times, so it also helps to save money. I'd like to introduce the preparations for a vegetable garden at home. First of all, if you live in a house for rent, ask the landlord if you are allowed to grow vegetables. Then you need to prepare what is necessary for the vegetable garden. The necessary items can be easily bought in a 100-Yen shop. Also, consider, what kind of vegetables you want to grow. Summer vegetables, especially tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers or goya are easy to grow. At the end you only have to look forward to the summer harvest.

Dumayas Arianne

## How about playing the traditional Vietnamese game "Banh Dua?"



(1) Hold a ball in one hand and 10 chop sticks in the other hand. While throwing the ball up into the air, spread the chop sticks on the floor and grab the ball when bouncing once. (2) Throw the ball up again and take 1 chop stick when the ball bounces once. Repeat this for 2, 3 chopsticks. If you cannot grab the ball or a chop stick, it's counted as a mistake. In that case it's the next persons turn. (3) When it's your turn again, you can continue where you left of. The one who grabs all 10 chop sticks first, wins.

Nguyen Thi Thu Trang



## Introducing the Multicultural Promotion Section's social media accounts

We are distributing useful information for the everyday life of foreign citizens as well as information on Kawasaki's measure for multicultural coexistence. Please check out our Facebook and Twitter accounts using the below URL or QR codes.



**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/kawasaki.tabunk/>  
**Twitter** [https://twitter.com/kawasaki\\_tabunk](https://twitter.com/kawasaki_tabunk)



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