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Foreign Residents Newsletter No. 71

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(Japanese) <http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/shisei/category/60-7-2-0-0-0-0-0-0-0.html>

(Simple Japanese) <http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/250/page/0000042748.html>

Call for Representatives: 14th Term

The city of Kawasaki established the Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents by city ordinance in 1996 as a way for foreign residents to participate in the government of the city. In the Assembly the foreign residents of the city choose their own topics concerning things that come up in their daily lives or problems that they face, then investigate and discuss them together before presenting the results as proposals to the mayor.

- Term of Office: 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2024 (2 years)
- Number of Representatives: 26
- Activities: Meetings are held 8 or 9 times per year, on Sunday afternoons. In addition, representatives carry out fieldwork and attend events like the city festival.
- Application Method: Send the application form by post, postmarked by 16th (Tue) November 2021
- People who meet all the following 3 conditions may apply:
 1. Do not hold Japanese citizenship.
 2. At least 18 years of age as of 1st April 2022.
 3. Listed on the Kawasaki register of residents for at least one continuous year as of 1st April 2022
- Application forms will be available in all ward offices, citizens' plazas, libraries as well as the International Center from September
- It can also be downloaded from the city's homepage



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Report to Mayor and Council for FY2020

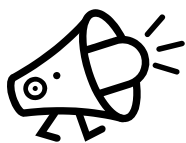
On April 23rd (Fri) Perera Lahiru Sanketha, chair of the 13th term of the Representative Assembly, Zhang Liang, vice-chair, as well as Maeda Kiyomi, chair of the International Community Subcommittee and Kodama Nontticha, chair of the Safe Living Subcommittee, submitted the annual report for fiscal year 2020 to Mayor Norihiko Fukuda.



During the report to the Mayor, they explained about the topics discussed by the Assembly, the opinions expressed at the meetings, as well as other activities during the fiscal year 2020 based on the yearly Report.

Mayor Fukuda said, "Given the impact of the Covid-19 it must have been very difficult to deliberate, but I think it is very significant to carry out the investigation and discussion even under such circumstances by finding alternative ways." He further commented "the statement from the report of the International Community Subcommittee saying that there are about 50% of people who haven't participated in community activities yet, but want to do so, is encouraging and shows growth potential. I believe that by having the representatives actively approach people and participate in events, there will be more opportunity to connect with local people and with this the community circles in each area will expand. I think that being easy for foreigners to live in is one of the key indicators of being a city that is comfortable for everyone to live in and is chosen by both Japanese and foreigners."

Furthermore, on May 27th (Thu) Assembly chair Perera Lahiru Sanketha and vice-chair Zhang Liang were invited to the City Council Education Committee and reported on the activities of the fiscal year 2020.



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

2 nd Session	2 nd Day	September 12 th (Sun) 2021
3 rd Session	1 st Day	October 17 th (Sun) 2021
	2 nd Day	December 5 th (Sun) 2021
4 th Session	1 st Day	January 16 th (Sun) 2022
	2 nd Day	February 6 th (Sun) 2022

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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

In the May session the International Community Subcommittee invited Kazuhisa Honda from Tokai University to ask for comments and advice about the topics we are currently discussing. After that we proceeded with the deliberations and narrowed down our candidates for proposals in the June session. The candidates are 1) re-proposing a multicultural lounge (tentative name) (proposal from FY 2015) and 2) having a multilingual AI chat bot.

International Community Subcommittee Chair Maeda Kiyomi

◆ Safe Living Subcommittee

In Safe Living Subcommittee we invited Natsuko Minamino from Tokai University to the May session and asked for her comments and advice about the topics we are currently discussing. After that we proceeded with the deliberations and narrowed down our candidates for proposals in the June session. The candidates are 1) re-proposing an orientation session (proposal from FY 2017) and 2) creating multilingual tools.

Safe Living Subcommittee Chair Kodama Nontticha

《 Renewal of the one-step center for general consultation on multicultural coexistence 》

The one-step center for general consultation on multicultural coexistence within the Kawasaki International Center has been renewed.



Consultation reception hours have been extended (since April 1st 2021)



Online consultations via Zoom are now possible (since July 1st 2021)



Application form for online consultation:
<https://www.kian.or.jp/kic/onestop/frm-zoom21.shtml>

【Hours】 9:00-17:00 (Except Dec 29th to Jan 3rd)

【Phone】 044-45518811

【E-mail】 soudan39@kian.or.jp

【Location】 Kawasaki International Center (Kawasaki, Nakahara-ku, Kizuki Gion-cho 2-2)

10-12 minutes' walk from Motosumiyoshi Station, Tokyu Toyoko/Meguro Line

【Fee】 0 JPY (Consultation is free of charge)

【HP】 <http://www.kian.or.jp>



Various Child Care Services

“Nursery School”, “Kindergarten” and “Certified Children’s Facility”

In Japan there are 3 child care services for children from 0 years of age until entering Elementary School: 1) Nursery School (Hoikuen), 2) Kindergarten (Yochien) and 3) Certified Children’s Facility (Nintei Kodomoen). The child care services are very complex. First, let’s contact the ward office or the health and welfare station for advice (the counters also have multilingual materials). The application for entering a Nursery School (Hoikuen) in April starts from October.

【Child’s age: 0-2 years】

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| Applies to reasons that require childcare | → | 【No. 3】 : Hoikuen, Nintei Kodomoen |
| Does not apply to reasons that require childcare | → | Temporary childcare can be used |

【Child’s age : 3 years until entering Elementary School】

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| Applies to reasons that require childcare | → | 【No. 2】 : Hoikuen, Nintei Kodomoen |
| Does not apply to reasons that require childcare | → | 【No. 1】 : Nintei Kodomoen, Yochien |

	1 - Nursery School (Hoikuen)	2 - Kindergarten (Yochien)	3 – Certified Children’s facility (Nintei Kodomoen)
Jurisdiction	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare	Ministry of education	Cabinet Office
Child’s age	0 years – entering Elementary School	3 years – entering Elementary School	0 years – entering Elementary School
Estimated child care time per day	11 hours / 8 hours	4 hours	【No.1】 4 hours
			【No.2】 and 【No.3】 11 hours / 8 hours
Application counter	< Licensed Nursery School > Ward office/Health and welfare station	Each Kindergarten	【No.1】 Each facility
	< Unlicensed Nursery School > Each facility		【No.2】 and 【No.3】 Ward office/Health and welfare station

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