

# The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents Newsletter No. 74



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## 〈14<sup>th</sup> Term of the Representative Assembly begins〉

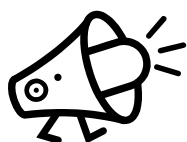
On April 17th (Sun), the first day of the first session of the fourteenth term of the Kawasaki City



Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was held at the Kawasaki International Center.

In the thirteenth term 26 representatives from 18 countries and territories were chosen from over 200 applicants. At the meeting of the first day of the first session they introduced themselves to each other and expressed their aspirations on what they want to discuss in this term of the Assembly.

Furthermore, PERERA Lahiru Sanketha (Sri Lanka) was elected as chair and LI Huanhuan (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.



## Why not attend a meeting?

— Meeting Schedule for FY 2022 —

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

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

Time: From 2pm to 5pm

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	September 11, 2022 (Sunday)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	October 16, 2022 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	November 13, 2022 (Sunday)
4 <sup>th</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	January 15, 2023 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	February 19, 2023 (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 14th 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 and topics to discuss

< Chair >



① **PERERA Lahiru Sanketha**

② Sri Lanka

③ I am very honored to have been selected as a representative again following the previous term. I would like to discuss together with everyone so that we can make great proposals for the best city in Japan, that is comfortable for both Japanese and foreigners to live in.

< Deputy Chair >



① **LI Huanhuan**

② China

③ I am very pleased to be selected as a representative. I would like to use my experience from the previous term to work together with the members of the 14th term to discuss ideas in a friendly and efficient manner, while also respecting everyone's opinions.



① **ABDUL Jalil**

② Indonesia

③ I am happy to be chosen as a representative. I want to create a community for foreigners to enjoy their life in Kawasaki. I want to help foreigners who have difficulties in their daily lives and contribute to making Kawasaki a comfortable place to live.



① **LEE Ji Yeong**

② Korea

③ I am very honored to have been selected as a representative. I would like to contribute to the creation of a livable community where no one is left behind and people can feel connected to each other.



① **ITO Yurika Karen**

② USA

③ As a representative, I would like to make the most of the opportunity I have been given and contribute something to Japan and Kawasaki, while being aware of my responsible words and actions. I would like to discuss how to make Kawasaki a place where foreigners want to live!



① **OH Dahye**

② Korea

③ I am nervous and anxious about this first experience, but more than that, I am looking forward to it. I would like to discuss with representatives from a variety of positions about the lives and problems of foreign residents in the "new normal" era.



① **NGUYEN Truong Giang**

② Vietnam

③ I am very honored to be selected as a representative. Together with the other representatives, I will work hard to create a proposal to improve people's lives.



① **NGUYEN Nu Huong Giang**

② Vietnam

③ I am very honored to be selected as a representative. I would like to contribute toward creating an environment where foreigners can live comfortably and fit into the community through interaction with Japanese people in the community.



① **DAI Shu**

② China

③ I am pleased to be chosen as a representative. I would like to come up with ideas about creating a town filled with the smiles of children, and a foreign community, and create a Kawasaki that we can leave behind for our children to be proud of even 10 or 20 years from now.



① **THAPA Ramesh**

② Nepal

③ I am very happy to be chosen as a representative. I would like to discuss what I have experienced and realized in Japan along with the representatives, and contribute to creating a more livable community.



① **DUMAYAS Arianne**

② Philippines

③ I am honored to be selected as a representative. I would like to use my previous term experience to identify what we can do as a Representative Assembly, and discuss recommendations that can be implemented.



① **NODA Yuwaree**

② Thailand

③ I am very happy to have the opportunity to interact with foreign residents who are also Kawasaki citizens. I would like to share ideas with you all to make Kawasaki a more diverse city and a better place to live.



- ① **BA Abou**
- ② Senegal
- ③ I am happy to be chosen as a representative and feel a heavy responsibility. The topic I want to discuss the most is multiculturalism.



- ① **HRISTOVA Gabriela**
- ② Bulgaria
- ③ Thank you for the wonderful opportunity. I look forward to interacting with community residents. I hope to contribute to the vitalization of Kawasaki and the building of relationships between Japanese and foreign citizens.



- ① **FIGUEIRO Kim Lilian**
- ② Brazil
- ③ I believe that it is an important activity to represent foreign citizens. I would like to use my experience as a mother to increase opportunities for exchange between foreign and Japanese families.



- ① **BRITCINA Tatiana**
- ② Russia
- ③ I am honored to be selected as a representative. I would like to help promote multiculturalism in Kawasaki. At the Assembly, I want to discuss efficient information dissemination, and be actively involved in the Assembly's operation.



- ① **MAY Azael**
- ② Mexico
- ③ I am very honored to be chosen as a representative. I would like to listen to the voices of other foreign residents and work together with them to make Kawasaki a better place to live.



- ① **MUHAMMAD Aiman Arif**
- ② Malaysia
- ③ I would like to make use of my experience from the previous term and share new ideas with the representatives to solve the problems of foreigners. I would like to contribute to the creation of a safer and friendlier community for foreigners.



- ① **YANG Tzu Yi**
- ② Taiwan
- ③ I am very honored to be chosen as a representative. I hope to discuss with other representatives about childcare for foreigners, and contribute to creating a more comfortable environment.



- ① **JUDEK Marcin**
- ② Poland
- ③ I am happy to be selected as a representative. I would like to work with the other representatives to discuss initiatives that will help both Japanese and foreigners to live safely and securely.



- ① **YUN Ji Ha**
- ② Korea
- ③ I am very happy to be chosen as a representative. I would like to discuss education for foreign children living in Kawasaki.



- ① **LI Chen**
- ② China
- ③ I am very honored to be selected as a representative. At the Assembly, I would like to discuss foreign resident childcare, educational support, and fostering a sense of belonging to the community.



- ① **LIU Yingjie**
- ② China
- ③ I am very happy to have been chosen as a representative. I want to fulfill my responsibilities as a representative and make a contribution. I hope to make proposals on issues such as medical care and childcare.



- ① **LIN Fang An**
- ② Taiwan
- ③ I am very excited to take on new challenges. I would like to discuss measures to promote interaction between Japanese and foreigners living in Kawasaki in order to further deepen international understanding.



- ① **LAVERMAN Kevin**
- ② USA
- ③ I am grateful to have been chosen as a representative again this term. Building on experience from the previous term, I would like to discuss and work together so that citizens can live safely and securely with one another, and enrich their lives by bringing out their different colors.



- ① **ROTINI Federica**
- ② Italy
- ③ I am very happy to have been chosen as a representative. Together with the others, I will do my best. Based on my experience, I would like to discuss with representatives the issues facing single-parent families from abroad and make their lives easier.



## 13<sup>th</sup> Term Proposals and 2021 Activities: Report to Mayor and Council



On Friday, April 15, PERERA Lahiru Sanketha, Chair of the 13th Representative Assembly, ZHANG Liang, Deputy Chair, MAEDA Kiyomi, Chair of the International Community Subcommittee, and KODAMA Nontticha, chair of the Safe Living Subcommittee, submitted the annual report for FY2021 to Mayor Norihiko Fukuda and made recommendations on “Multilingual Support for Childcare,” “Orientation,” and “Multicultural Lounge” (tentative naming). Mayor Fukuda said, “It is important not only for foreign residents but also for Kawasaki citizens as a whole to create a

comfortable living environment in Kawasaki as their ‘second home.’ I am grateful for all three of these important recommendations. The Representative Assembly is very well known throughout Japan, and I think it will be a model for the rest of the country to see how they are working together with the government in a very positive manner.” In addition, on Friday, May 27, the chairpersons were invited to the City Council Education Committee and reported on the recommendations of the 13th term and the activities for FY2021.

For more details on the recommendations, please refer to the FY2021 Annual Report or Newsletter No. 73. The Annual Report and Newsletter will be distributed at the Representative Assembly’s Resource Corner and can also be read on the city’s website, at civic centers, libraries, and other locations.

### 《 Child Rearing Information 》

## Do you know about the Community Child Rearing Support Centers?



Many foreign parents raising children may feel anxious because they cannot consult with anyone about child-rearing. In Kawasaki, there is a “Community Child Rearing Support Center” in each ward as a place where children from 0 years old up to elementary school age, and their guardians, can enjoy playing with other children and parents. At the Community Child Rearing Support Centers, you can obtain information and consult on child rearing, and various events are planned. Of course, the ability to interact with other parents who are also raising children is also a big attraction. Childcare staff are also available, so you can relax and feel the joy of child-rearing. We encourage everyone to check out a local childcare support center near you!

< List of Community Child Rearing Support Centers >

<https://www.city.kawasaki.jp/kurashi/category/17-2-10-9-0-0-0-0-0-0.html>

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