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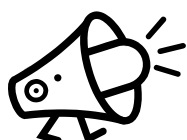
## 15<sup>th</sup> Term of the Representative Assembly Begins



On April 21st (Sun), the first day of the first session of the 15th term of the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was held at the newly renovated Kawasaki City Hall, Main Building.

Twenty-six representatives from 20 countries and regions were selected from among more than 200 applicants for the 15th term. During the first day of the first session, they introduced

themselves to each other and expressed their aspirations for what they wanted to discuss at the Assembly. SENE Aissatou Thimbo (Senegal) was elected as chair and SRINIVASAN Sucheta (India) as deputy chair. Please expect the Representative Assembly and 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 2024 —

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

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

Time: From 2pm to 5pm

2 <sup>nd</sup> Session	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	September 8, 2024 (Sunday)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	October 13, 2024 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	November 10, 2024 (Sunday)
4 <sup>th</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	January 19, 2025 (Sunday)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	February 16, 2025 (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!

# 《Introducing the Members of the 15th Assembly》

Over the next two years, we will represent all foreign residents of Kawasaki, cooperating together while investigating and deliberating various issues. We look forward to working with you.

[ 1. NAME 2. NATIONALITY/REGION 3. ONE WORD MESSAGE ]

< Chair >



1. **SENE Aissatou Thimbo**
2. Senegal
3. I am very happy to have been selected as a representative. I would like to properly understand my duties and rights as a both a foreign resident and a Kawasaki resident and be able to proactively contribute to society.

< Deputy Chair >



1. **SRINIVASAN Sucheta**
2. India
3. I am very happy to be chosen as a representative. Since Kawasaki is now celebrating its 100th anniversary, I would like to contribute to the creation of a livable and happy city for everyone.



1. **ADIDAYA Yoza**
2. Indonesia
3. I am very encouraged that foreign citizens have the opportunity to contribute to the realization of a multicultural society in Japan. At the Assembly, I would like to discuss issues faced by foreign residents including disaster prevention.



1. **ITO Yurika Karen**
2. USA
3. I would like to do my best to make use of my experience from the previous term and work together with the new members to make our activities useful for the citizens of Kawasaki.



1. **OOI Shu Keat**
2. Malaysia
3. I am excited by the opportunity to take on new challenges. I would like to share ideas and discuss issues closely related to the lives of foreigners, including housing and higher education.



1. **KAMATA Fatima**
2. Brazil
3. I am very honored to be selected as a representative during the 100th anniversary of the city. I would like to contribute to the effort for coexistence between local and foreign residents, while continuing the activity in which I have been involved.



1. **GIESECKE Florian**
2. Germany
3. I am honored to be chosen as a representative. As one of the residents, I would like to contribute to the creation of a city in which both foreigners and Japanese can feel comfortable living.



1. **KIM Sooyeong**
2. Korea
3. I felt surprised and pleased to be chosen as a representative, and I also feel great responsibility. I hope to discuss the dissemination of disaster prevention information for foreigners and international exchange among a range of generations.



1. **SHAN Wangshu**
2. China
3. I am very happy to have been chosen as a representative. At the Assembly, I would like to discuss medical assistance and disaster prevention education for foreigners.



1. **JEONG Jaehun**
2. Korea
3. I am very happy to be selected as a representative. Kawasaki is an attractive city where people can live happily beyond language barriers. So that more people will know about it, I would like to discuss together that attractiveness of Kawasaki.



1. **SNG Chin Guan**
2. Singapore
3. I am very honored to be chosen as a representative. At the Assembly, I would like to discuss child rearing and multiculturalism.



1. **DAO Thi Hai Hang**
2. Vietnam
3. I am very honored to be chosen as a representative and feel a sense of duty. At the Assembly, I would like to discuss welfare, healthcare, education, international exchange, and support for the elderly.



1. **ZHANG Yao**
2. China
3. I am very happy to be selected as a representative. I would like to think together about building a living environment of vibrant community communication, including with foreign residents, and about creating a city in which it is easy to live.



1. **PARK Hyejin**
2. Korea
3. I am very happy to be chosen as a representative. Even though we have different nationalities, as a resident of Kawasaki, I would like to contribute through active discussion together, so that everyone can feel comfortable living in this city.



1. **HIRANO Joymie**
2. Philippines
3. I am very honored to be selected as one of the representatives. I look forward to discussing how we can improve the quality of life for foreigners and Japanese alike that will create a multicultural Kawasaki.



1. **HRISTOVA Gabriela**
2. Bulgaria
3. I am happy to have been selected as a representative again this term. I would like to use my experience from the previous term, get along well with and discuss with the members of the 15th term, so that we can come up with good proposals.



1. **VU Hong An**
2. Vietnam
3. I am very honored to be selected as a representative. I would like to work together with the other representatives to contribute to making Kawasaki an even more livable city.



1. **PUSTOVSKIKH Anastasia**
2. Russia
3. I am very happy to be chosen as a representative and also feel a sense of responsibility. I would like to discuss with the members of the Assembly about what is needed now for foreign citizens in Kawasaki.



1. **FURUYA Fumiko**
2. China
3. I am thankful to be selected, but I also feel a great sense of responsibility. I would like to discuss child rearing, education, multiculturalism, and other topics, and work together to create the "happiest Kawasaki" where people can live comfortably.



1. **POKHAREL Narayan**
2. Nepal
3. I am very honored to be chosen as a representative. I would like to use AI to create a point of contact that can help people from all countries with their problems in their own language.



1. **POZO Miguel Angel**
2. Bolivia
3. I am very happy to be chosen as a representative. I would like to exchange ideas with others about health care, insurance, and education, and strive to create a comfortable living environment.



1. **POLANSKI Piotr**
2. Poland
3. I am very happy to be selected as a representative. I would like to discuss housing issues for foreigners and Japanese language learning support in kindergartens.



1. **YANG Tzu-yi**
2. Taiwan
3. I am honored to be selected as a representative. I hope to use my experience from the previous term to contribute to even more meaningful discussions, while respecting the thoughts and opinions of the 15th term members.



1. **RAHMAN Ziaur**
2. Bangladesh
3. I am very honored to be chosen as a representative. Together with the other representatives, I would like to discuss various problems of foreigners living in Kawasaki.



1. **LI Ci**
2. China
3. I am very honored to be selected as a representative. I would like to actively express my opinions as a representative. I would like to discuss issues such as childcare and creating a city that attracts foreigners.



1. **LEWIS James**
2. United Kingdom
3. I am very proud to have been selected as a representative for Kawasaki. I would like to discuss together from the little things that can have a positive effect on the whole city of Kawasaki.

# 14<sup>th</sup> Term Proposals & FY2023 Activity: Report to Mayor & Council



On April 19 (Fri), PERERA Lahiru Sanketha, Chair of the 14th Representative Assembly, LI Huanhuan, Deputy Chair, HRISTOVA Gabriela, Chair of the Safe Life Subcommittee, and ITO Yurika Karen, Chair of the Information and Society Subcommittee, submitted the annual report for FY2023 to Mayor Norihiko Fukuda, and made proposals on “prenatal and postnatal support,” “Long-term care insurance,” and “Japanese language learning.” Mayor Fukuda commented, “So far, we have received a variety of proposals, and while I think we have done a good job of reflecting them,

there are still some areas where we are lacking. This year’s proposals made me realize that, in light of the increasing number of foreign residents in Kawasaki, we need to work even more on updating things. I would like to make effort in community improvement so that people will think that Kawasaki is a comfortable place to live, and come to think of it as a ‘second hometown’ for them.” In addition, on May 23 (Thur), Chair PERERA and Deputy Chair LI were invited as witnesses to a meeting of the City Council Education Committee, where they reported on the proposals of the 14th term and activities for FY2023.

For more details on the proposals, please refer to the FY2023 Annual Report or Newsletter No. 79. The Annual Report and Newsletter will be distributed at the Representative Assembly meeting’s Resource Corner and can also be read on the city’s website, at civic centers, libraries, and other locations.



《New Consultation Center for Foreign Residents》

## Kawasaki Multicultural Plaza has opened!

This is an exciting announcement for all foreign residents living in Kawasaki! The “Kawasaki Multicultural Plaza” opened on the second floor of Kawasaki City Hall, Building Three. At this plaza, you can consult about any problems or concerns you may have in daily life. Consultation can be done by telephone, online, via the internet, or in person. Consultation is available for various problems and concerns in daily life, such as Japanese language learning, education, child rearing, and status of residence. Consultations are free of charge, but telephone and online consultations will incur telecommunication charges.

Supported languages are English, Chinese, Filipino, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Nepali. Please refer to the website for more detailed information, such as the days of the week on which consultations are available for each language.

<https://www.city.kawasaki.jp/250/page/0000158879.html>



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