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川崎市

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Participation in the Kawasaki City Mayor's Cup Boccia Tournament

On Saturday, January 17, the 4th Kawasaki Mayor's Cup Boccia Tournament took place at Culttz Kawasaki Sports Center. Among many applicants, Team "OFZ" was chosen by lottery to participate from the Representative Assembly.

In the morning, matches in the "Competitive Division" took place, and we watched impressive professional games. The professional matches were more intense than we expected, and we were amazed by the high level of skill and focus. We also got to try online boccia, where players can participate by remotely controlling an arm.

In the afternoon, the "Recreational Division" matches finally began. In this division, four teams played in a round-robin format on a single court. The team with the highest total score advanced to the final tournament.

Scenes from online boccia

Since it was the first time for all members of Team "OFZ," we were nervous and unfortunately lost the first match. However, after revising our strategy and regaining focus, we managed to win the second and third matches. All the teams were highly skilled, and the games were very intense. Unfortunately, we fell short in total points and couldn't advance to the final tournament.

At the end of the event, a lottery was held among the participants, and we won the grand prize: priority entry for the 5th Boccia Tournament! When someone commented, "That'll make a great gift for the junior representatives," the venue filled with smiles.

Although it was our first time participating, we genuinely felt that this is a tournament everyone can enjoy together—elderly people, children, families, and individuals with physical disabilities. We hope even more people will join next year.

ZHANG Yao

Mayor Fukuda also came to the venue and offered warm support.

15th Term Representative Assembly [PROPOSALS]

After two years of research and deliberation, the Representative Assembly has submitted a set of “proposals” to Kawasaki City, highlighting the issues they consider most important. We, the 15th-term representatives, have compiled the following requests as our proposals. These proposals are scheduled to be submitted to the mayor in April along with the annual report.

[1] Provide clear and easy-to-understand information about Japan’s education system so that foreign residents can raise their children and further their education with peace of mind.

Utilize the leaflet on the Japanese education system that was developed by the Representative Assembly.

[2] Promote the development of systems that foster multicultural coexistence and support foreigners in evacuation shelters during disasters. (Supplementary Opinion and Reiterated Proposal from the FY2017 Proposal)

1. Utilize the disaster prevention and response leaflet developed for foreign residents by the Representative Assembly.

2. Update the multilingual tools created by the Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (referred to as “CLAIR” below), which are included in the evacuation shelter operations manual for earthquakes with long-term evacuation, to the latest versions.

3. Include materials on supporting foreign residents, based on the multilingual tools developed by CLAIR, in the evacuation shelter operations manual for wind and flood disasters.

4. Conduct training on supporting foreign residents for city staff involved in evacuation shelter operations.

For details on the proposals, please refer to the “Annual Report of the Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents <FY 2026>.” The annual report is available at the Representative Assembly meeting venue, as well as at ward offices, community centers, libraries, and other locations. It can also be downloaded from the city website.

Representative Assembly website (QR code at right)

Looking Back on the Representative Assembly

The term of the 15th Representative Assembly has come to an end as of March 2026. We would like to share messages from the representatives completing their terms.

出会い、イベント、体験、勉強たくさんの２年間でした。川崎市、この機会に感謝します。
Спасибо!

副委員長として、生活実態を議論し、提言が施策に繋がる姿に深く感動しています。よろしくお願いします。
Best gards,Sucheta

部会として良いアウトプットができそうで安心しています。ありがとうございました。ガブリエラ

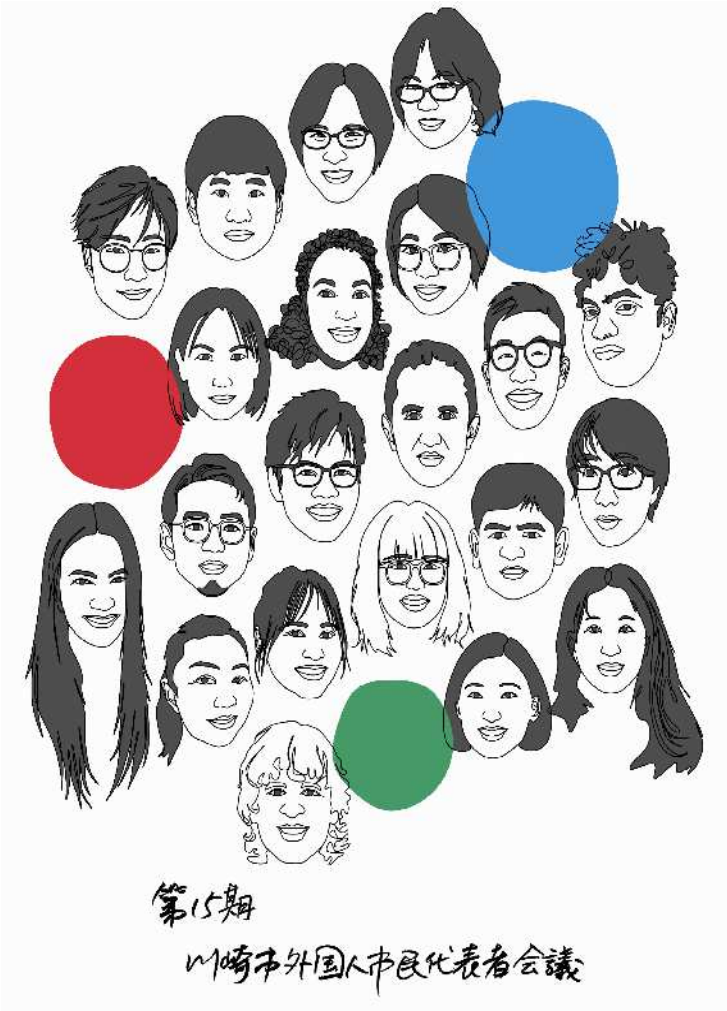
2年間大変お世話になりました。多様な背景を持つ方々の意見に触れ、大変勉強になりました。張遥

私の第2 のふるさとの川崎。これからも宜しくお願いします。
ブーホンアン

多文化交流で学び深め、人の思いやりの大切さを実感
機会を得ることができました。
ポカレル　ナラヤン

２年間、外国人市民代表として活動し、多くの学びと貴重な経験を得ることができました。李詞

川崎への情熱を持つ素晴らしい人々と、2年にわたり意見交換ができたことに感謝します。Obrigada
Fatima Kamata



あっという間すぎました！かけがえのない経験でした！皆さんの力は素晴らしいです！！本当にありがとう！！ James

部会長２年と急遽委員長で計4年。厳しい面もありましたが皆様の支えに感謝いたします。キャレン

2年間はあっという間に終わりますが、川崎市のためにもっと頑張っていきたい気持ちは終わりません。　単望舒

多くの挑戦を乗り換えて前に進めました。2年間ありがとうございました。ギーゼッケ
フロリアン

川崎市に感謝。この２年、微力ながら貢献をしました。素敵な街を16期の皆様でより良く。スン チン グアン

川崎での出会いと活動に感謝！これからもこの街が大好きです。　鄭

外国人の視点で生活の不便さに向き合った2年間取り組みが必要な人に届くことを願います。朴慧珍

自分が暮す川崎と、外国人の視点から関わることができ、貴重な経験でした。多謝！
楊 子宜

川崎が今後より一層暮らしやすい町になることを願っています。古谷史子

代表者会議に参加した経験は私の人生の財産です。この経験を糧に、多文化共生を考え続けたいです。
金　寿瑛

外国人のコミュニティーのために尽力してくださって川崎市に感謝します。
ポソミゲル

Greetings from the Assembly Chairperson

First, I want to sincerely thank everyone who showed interest in the meeting and attended as observers, as well as the office staff and all others who supported the meeting.

We, the representatives of the 15th Representative Assembly, visited the “Fureai-kan,” the “Kawasaki Ukiyo-e Gallery,” and the “Tokaido Kawasaki Exchange Hall” as part of our learning activities and had the chance to experience different cultures and values. With each new learning experience, we sincerely thank Kawasaki City for its warm support and committed effort toward multicultural coexistence.

In 2024, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the city’s founding, we hosted the “Alumni Reunion of the Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents.” This event offered a valuable chance to connect with former representatives and learn about the history and spirit of our work. We look forward to continuing to build relationships with like-minded colleagues, regardless of generation or nationality.

Additionally, under the “Colors, Future! Action” theme of “Global × Sports,” we continued our exchange with the Fujitsu Frontiers American football team for the second straight year. Through sports and events, I felt that mutual understanding among residents of diverse cultures grew deeper.

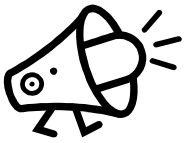
In our public relations activities and events, representatives created quizzes about their home countries and Kawasaki City, aiming to promote coexistence and empathy while also showcasing our initiatives and Open Meetings.

Furthermore, although deliberating on and finalizing the proposal draft was not an easy task, holding Open Meetings to gather a wide range of opinions from participants and seeking advice from residents and experts to refine the proposal proved to be an invaluable experience. We were reminded once again of the importance of creating a space where diverse opinions are respected.

I hope Kawasaki City will keep embracing diverse cultures as part of its unique character, making it an even more appealing and livable city. I also sincerely wish that this assembly remains something meaningful for many people in the future.

We successfully concluded the 15th term, and I sincerely thank everyone who cooperated with us.

ITO Yurika Karen



Why not attend a meeting?

—— 16th Term First Session First Day ——

Date & Time: Sunday, April 19th, 2026, from 2pm to 5pm

Location: Kawasaki City Hall, Main Building, 2nd Floor Hall (1 Miyamoto-cho, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki City)

Anyone is welcome to listen to the Assembly’s discussions. Come and watch the Assembly in action!

[INQUIRIES]

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