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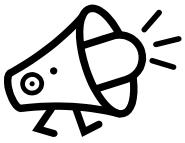
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16th Term of the Representative Assembly Begins



On Sunday, April 19, the first day of the first session of the 16th term of the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was held at Kawasaki City Hall, Main Building.

Twenty-six representatives from 20 countries and regions were selected from among more than 400 applicants for the 16th term. On the first day of the first session, following the appointment ceremony, each representative introduced themselves and set out what they hoped to discuss at the Assembly. JEONG Jaehun (Korea) was elected as chairperson and DIAZ Albert Joseph Hilario (Philippines) as deputy chairperson. 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 2026 ——

Location: Kawasaki International Center (10 min walk from Motosumiyoshi Station, Tokyu Toyoko/Meguro Line)
Map: https://www.kian.or.jp/accessmap.shtml
Time: From 2pm to 5pm

2nd Session	2nd Day	September 13, 2026 (Sunday)
3rd Session	1st Day	October 18, 2026 (Sunday)
	2nd Day	November 15, 2026 (Sunday)
4th Session	1st Day	January 17, 2027 (Sunday)
	2nd Day	February 14, 2027 (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 16th 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. A SHORT MESSAGE — WHAT I WANT TO DISCUSS]

< Chairperson >



1. **JEONG Jaehun**
2. Korea
3. I am honored to have been chosen as a representative. Drawing on my experience last term, I want to put forward proposals that make Kawasaki easier to live in for foreign and Japanese residents alike.



1. **ABDULLAH Madani**
2. Syria
3. As someone who lives in Kawasaki, I hope to help build a livable, warm city where everyone, whatever their generation or background, can live as a member of the community with peace of mind.



1. **VECEREK Marian**
2. Slovakia
3. Working toward a city of multicultural coexistence where everyone can live with peace of mind, I want to discuss creating opportunities for Japanese and foreign residents to meet and deepen mutual understanding.



1. **KASAI Andrea**
2. Mexico
3. I am from Mexico. Studying, living and raising children in Japan brought to my awareness how much multicultural coexistence matters. I want to help build a community where everyone can live with peace of mind.



1. **KIM Ji Na**
2. Korea
3. I want to support foreign residents in settling in with peace of mind and adapting to their new surroundings as quickly as possible.



1. **ZAKIR Ibna**
2. Bangladesh
3. Born and raised in Kawasaki-ku, I returned after ten years in my home country. I hope to do my part, however small, to help make Kawasaki—a city I love dearly—an even more appealing place for everyone.

< Deputy Chairperson >



1. **DIAZ Albert Joseph Hilario**
2. Philippines
3. I want to work a future where all children—including my own—can grow up beyond the barriers of nationality and language.



1. **ANTARIKSA Istas**
2. Indonesia
3. As a foreign resident of many years, I want to work with the other representatives on the systems that are hard to understand and hard to rely on — taxes, emergencies — and make Kawasaki easier for foreign residents to live in.



1. **OTGONBAYAR Batbuyan**
2. Mongolia
3. I want to create a community where foreign and Japanese residents can interact and support one another. I'm hoping to expand our international exchange network through events such as the Tama River Marathon.



1. **KAWAI Zuni**
2. Paraguay
3. I want to help build a community where foreign and Japanese residents understand one another and can live with peace of mind.



1. **KOSTYAKOVA Ksenia**
2. Russia
3. Expanding support for schoolchildren of foreign nationality and of mixed heritage, and introducing a mentor system to help them settle into school life.



1. **SHIMURA Julia**
2. Germany
3. Having lived in Japan for over 10 years, I will do my best to make our living environment even better—for our children and for us.



1. **ZHU Ziyue**
2. China
3. I would like to cherish the bonds with everyone in the community, support one another, and contribute to building a community where we can all live with smiles on our faces. I look forward to working with you all.



1. **JEONG Eunhwa**
2. Korea
3. I joined out of a wish to contribute to the community. As the world grows more international, I will work toward a community where migrants and long-standing residents alike can live together happily.



1. **SRI DEWI Sumiarsih**
2. Indonesia
3. I joined the Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents hoping to draw on my experience of life in Japan and bring the voices of foreign residents into how the community is built. I want to contribute to multicultural coexistence and to a community that is easy to live in.



1. **SHRESTHA Merita**
2. Nepal
3. I want to discuss strengthening guidance sessions and information meetings, so that children who finish junior high school abroad and then come to Japan can get appropriate information regarding their educational paths and future plans.



1. **SUN Jian**
2. China
3. I want to discuss ways for foreign residents to receive the information they need digitally, and ways to use digital tools to share what foreign residents are doing in the community with their Japanese neighbors.



1. **CHEN Yingyu**
2. Korea
3. I am greatly honored to have been chosen as a representative. At the Assembly I want to discuss issues of housing, medical care and employment for foreign residents, and help advance multicultural coexistence in Kawasaki City.



1. **DITTE Katharina**
2. Germany
3. I am greatly honored to have been chosen. I want to connect newcomers to Kawasaki with Japanese volunteers and with foreign residents who arrived before them, so they can settle in and live here with peace of mind.



1. **DHOMSE Pooja Vijay**
2. India
3. I am greatly honored to have been chosen as a representative. I hope to do what I can for a city of multicultural coexistence, where people of many different backgrounds understand one another.



1. **HABIBZADEH VANEGHI Houshang**
2. Iran
3. I am working toward a Kawasaki City where Japanese and foreign residents respect one another and live together peacefully.



1. **FRIEDMAN Max Hasti**
2. United States
3. I am glad to have been chosen. This is my first time taking part in a body like this, and I mean to work alongside everyone to make a real contribution.



1. **HOSANY Ahmad Yousouf**
2. Mauritius
3. I am very glad to have been chosen as a representative. I want foreign residents to understand their duties and rights as citizens of Kawasaki properly, and to be able to contribute actively to society.



1. **LAI Thi Duyen**
2. Vietnam
3. I want to discuss how events held in Kawasaki City are introduced and announced.



1. **RAESAENEN Petteri**
2. Finland
3. I am very glad to have been chosen as a representative. So that Kawasaki City remains an easy place for everyone to be, I want to discuss ways of creating more opportunities for international exchange in everyday life.



1. **LEWIS James**
2. United Kingdom
3. I am honored to serve in this role for the next two years. I will work to promote mutual understanding between Kawasaki City's Japanese and international communities.

15th Term Proposals & FY2025 Activity: Report to Mayor & Council



On Monday, April 27, ITO Yurika Karen, Chairperson of the 15th Representative Assembly, SURINIVASAN Sucheta, Deputy Chairperson, SHAN Wangshu, chairperson of the Safe and Secure Living Subcommittee, and JEONG Jaehun, chairperson of the Multicultural Society Subcommittee, submitted the annual report for FY2025 to Mayor Norihiko Fukuda, and made proposals on “Child Rearing and Education” and “Disaster Prevention and Response.” Mayor Fukuda commented, “I am grateful that you have given concrete shape to the work on these issues. The leaflet on the Japanese education system that the Representative Assembly developed is put together from a point of view that Japanese people find hard to see, and we would like to make use of it. We also want to put arrangements in place so that the multilingual point-and-communicate boards can be used properly at evacuation shelters to support foreign residents in a disaster.” In addition, on Thursday, May 21, Chairperson Ito and Deputy Chairperson Surinivasan were invited as witnesses to the City Council’s Education Committee, where they reported on the 15th term’s proposals and on activities for FY2025.

For more details on the proposals, please refer to the FY2025 Annual Report or Newsletter No. 85. The Annual Report and Newsletter are distributed at the Representative Assembly meeting’s information corner, and can also be read on the city’s website, at civic centers, libraries and other locations.

Why not take part in the Open Meeting?

Open Meetings are intended to let as many people as possible know about the Representative Assembly and to receive opinions and questions from a wide range of participants. Anyone can take part, and for those who are not fluent in Japanese, the representatives will interpret.



■ Date & Time: Sunday, December 13, 2026, 2pm to 5pm (planned)
■ Location: Nakahara Civic Center Hall (about a 4-minute walk from Musashi-Kosugi Station, JR Nambu Line / Tokyu Toyoko / Meguro Line)

★ The program is still being planned, but we want this to be a meeting where we can exchange views with as many people as possible.
★ Japanese residents and foreign residents alike — please do come and join in!

【INQUIRIES】

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