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# Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents Newsletter

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## Seventh Representative Assembly Convenes

### One Person's Problem Is Everyone's Problem

The first meeting of the Seventh Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was held on April 20 (Sun.) at the Kawasaki International Center. The new Representatives were presented with commissioning letters from Mr. KIKUCHI, director of the Citizens and Children's Bureau, along with words of encouragement and appreciation for their services. The Representatives then introduced themselves and stated their hopes and ambitions for the assembly. The Representatives discussed and decided on a method for electing a chairperson and vice-chairperson, and Yong-Jae CHO (South Korea) and Elok HALIMAH (Indonesia) were elected to fill the two posts, respectively. Chairperson CHO remarked, "Working with all of you, I will do my best to achieve as much as possible." We look forward to seeing how the Seventh Representative Assembly will build on its 12-year history, since 1996, to promote its agenda.



## FY2007 Deliberation Results Presented to the Mayor and City Assembly



### From the Recipients of Assistance to the Givers of Assistance!

On April 17 (Thu.), Chairperson Ree Il CHUNG and Vice-Chairperson Guiyu LI of the Sixth Representative Assembly presented the *FY2007 Annual Report* to Mayor ABE and made proposals in three policy areas: high school advancement, disaster prevention and emergency response policies, and the dissemination of information at the Kawasaki Ward Office. Mr. CHUNG proposed the possibility of enlisting foreign residents as volunteer interpreters in times of disaster, and Ms. Li highlighted the need for a support system that helps students advance to senior high school after completing their compulsory education. In response, the Mayor said, "We will diligently strive to gain the understanding of the City Assembly and the citizens of Kawasaki with regard to these proposals and work to see that they are reflected in the city's policies." A report was also presented to the Citizens' Affairs Standing Committee of the City Assembly on May 28 (Wed.). For details of the proposals, see the *FY2007 Annual Report* and issue no. 33 of this newsletter.

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● **Useful Information:** The *FY2007 Annual Report* is available at the information desk for foreigners at ward offices, civic halls, and libraries.



# Introducing Your Seventh Representative Assembly



For two years, these individuals will work together as representatives of the foreign residents of Kawasaki to deliberate issues that are relevant to the entire community. Your support for their efforts is greatly appreciated.

- (1) Name
- (2) Nationality
- (3) Your feelings about becoming a representative, issues you want to see addressed by the Assembly
- (4) Favorite word(s) or saying

## Chairperson



- (1) **CHO, Yong Jae**
- (2) South Korea
- (3) I want to help create an environment where permanent foreign residents can quickly become assimilated as local residents.
- (4) I never regret the things I do.

## Vice-Chairperson



- (1) **ELOK, Halimah**
- (2) Indonesia
- (3) I am pleased and excited to be serving as a representative, but I also feel somewhat nervous.
- (4) Terima kasih (thank you in Indonesian)



- (1) **ADHIKARI, Sudeep**
- (2) Nepal
- (3) I am concerned about helping foreign students find jobs while they are studying at Japanese universities and vocational schools.
- (4) Growing older is mandatory, growing up is optional.



- (1) **ISHIKAWA, Sairung**
- (2) Thailand
- (3) I want to work to give the foreign residents of Japan access to the information they need, to help Japanese residents better understand the cultures of foreign residents, and to help those facing challenges in everyday life.
- (4) Genki (in Japanese, a bright and happy disposition) and egao (smile)



- (1) **UEDA, Shin Shya**
- (2) China
- (3) I want to ensure that the foreign residents of not only Kawasaki but also all of Japan are accepted by native Japanese residents.
- (4) A heart full of gratitude is sure to bring greater serenity in all areas of life, starting at home and extending out to one's larger community.



- (1) **JIANG, Hong**
- (2) China
- (3) I would like to focus more on native-language education for foreign residents.
- (4) Do what you say, and do it as best as you can.



- (1) **KIM, Sung Mi**
- (2) South Korea
- (3) I would like to discuss issues related to the welfare of foreign residents and how to provide greater support in this area.
- (4) Small moments of happiness



- (1) **JIN, Bei**
- (2) China
- (3) What can we do to make Kawasaki City more foreign-resident-friendly?
- (4) Not fulfilling one's dreams is not a tragedy, but letting go of one's dreams is.



- (1) **KIM, Yongdok**
- (2) North Korea
- (3) The comfortable coexistence of foreign residents and Japanese residents in Kawasaki
- (4) Do not live today for today, but live today for tomorrow!



- (1) **KUSHTA, Olena**
- (2) Ukraine
- (3) I am very proud to have been elected to serve as a representative. I would like the Assembly to discuss issues related to living environments, welfare, and health.
- (4) Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.



- (1) **KO, Uigap**
- (2) North Korea
- (3) I would like to become a pioneer in creating a city that is foreign-resident-friendly.
- (4) There is always someone in the world who will help you in times of trouble.

● **Useful Information:** Many multilingual resources for foreign residents are available at the Kanagawa Multilingual Information Center for Daily Life at the Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship (Earth Plaza). Be sure to take advantage of this information ([www.k-i-a.or.jp/plaza/shisetsu/forum/tagengo/](http://www.k-i-a.or.jp/plaza/shisetsu/forum/tagengo/)). Also, the Kanagawa Plaza for Global Citizenship offers educational consultations for foreign residents. (Hours: 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; Thursdays: easy Japanese and Chinese; Fridays: easy Japanese and Spanish; Sundays: easy Japanese and Tagalog; visit [www.k-i-a.or.jp/plaza/shisetsu/forum/soudan](http://www.k-i-a.or.jp/plaza/shisetsu/forum/soudan))



- (1) **GON, Suminori**
- (2) South Korea
- (3) I want to work to achieve a better multicultural society.
- (4) Wholeheartedness



- (1) **SUZUKI, Shinkin**
- (2) China
- (3) I will work hard as a representative of the foreign resident community. I would like to discuss issues related to education.
- (4) Treasure every encounter, for it will never happen again.



- (1) **SENDA, Mariana Oana**
- (2) Romania
- (3) Improving support for Japanese-language education and bolstering education for international understanding provided to Japanese children
- (4) "Ambition is so powerful a passion in the human breast, that however high we reach we are never satisfied."—Machiavelli



- (1) **THAOWAN, Kittichai**
- (2) Thailand
- (3) I am very happy to be serving as a representative.
- (4) Isshokenmei (hard work and diligence)—Strive diligently to do something you cannot do, and you are likely to achieve it.



- (1) **TAKAHASHI, Rosa**
- (2) The Philippines
- (3) I feel a sense of responsibility. I would like to address the issue of children's education.
- (4) If you work hard, you can fulfill your dreams.



- (1) **ZHANG, Xue Feng**
- (2) China
- (3) In recognition of the fact that the foreign resident community is growing, I would like to work to ensure the achievement of a truly multicultural society.
- (4) The world is one.



- (1) **NAKAMORI, Julia Midori**
- (2) Brazil
- (3) I want to work to make this community one where all children can have a comfortable life.
- (4) Understanding—It is important for people to understand that everyone is different, regardless of their nationality.



- (1) **PARK, Hae Sook**
- (2) South Korea
- (3) I would like to make this a society where the vulnerable do not have to struggle all on their own and where entire communities can work hard to meet the challenges they face together.
- (4) Water flows to the lowest point. Respect the moderation of nature and learn to have a temperate attitude.



- (1) **PALAD, Belfe**
- (2) The Philippines
- (3) I would like to discuss the uncertainty involved in the medical treatment of foreign residents in times of disaster.
- (4) Kapayapaan at Pagkakaisa (peace and harmony)



- (1) **BE, Gang Dok**
- (2) North Korea
- (3) Human rights and the rights of foreign residents in the future
- (4) Let's hold one another's hands.



- (1) **FURUYA, Fumiko**
- (2) China
- (3) I feel a strong sense of responsibility. I will work hard to help make our community a better place to live.
- (4) Heart-to-heart communication. Great wisdom looks like folly. Even if you have something to be proud of, do not flaunt it. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.



- (1) **MOCHAMAD, Asri**
- (2) Indonesia
- (3) I am happy to be a representative. I am looking forward to working hard for the foreign resident community.
- (4) Patience is a virtue.

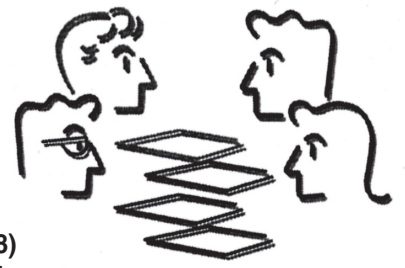


- (1) **YOU, Han**
- (2) China
- (3) I would like to discuss education for international understanding to achieve a multicultural society.
- (4) If you are ambitious, you will achieve your goals.



- (1) **YUNAZ, Ihsanul Afdi**
- (2) Indonesia
- Let's work together to make Kawasaki a more multicultural city.
- (4) Do the best, let God do the rest.

# Summary of Assembly Meetings



## First Meeting, Day 1 (April 20)

- Presentation of commissioning letters
- Election of chairperson and vice-chairperson  
(Chairperson: Yong-Jae CHO; Vice-Chairperson: Elok HALIMAH)
- Confirmation of this year's schedule

## First Meeting, Day 2 (May 18)

- Discussion of deliberation topics
- Deliberation methods (establishment of subcommittees to address specific themes)
- Site visits (observation of the Kanagawa Foreign Residents' Council)
- Consideration of involvement in various events (Open Forum, Citizens' Festival, and Multicultural Festa Mizonokuchi)

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## ★ FY2008 Meeting Schedule ★



### Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents

**Location:** Kawasaki International Center **Time:** 2:00–5:00 p.m.

**Second Meeting: Day 1—June 15 (Sun.); Day 2— July 6 (Sun.)**

**Third Meeting: Day 1—Sept. 28 (Sun.); Day 2—Nov. 16 (Sun.)**

**Fourth Meeting: Day 1—Jan. 25 (Sun.); Day 2—Feb. 22 (Sun.)**

**Note:** Assembly meetings are open to the public. Please feel free to attend.

**Open Forum:** Dec. 14 (Sun.) **Location:** Takatsu Civic Hall **Time:** 2:00–5:00 p.m.

**Note:** Anyone may participate. This is an opportunity for members of the general public to share their ideas with their Representatives.

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## Multilingual Consultation Office

The City has an office that provides multilingual consultation services for those who are having problems or concerns with everyday living.



### ● Foreign Resident Consultation Desk (Kawasaki International Center)

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m.–12 noon, 1:00–4:00 p.m.

**Location:** Kawasaki International Center (a 10–12 min. walk from Motsumiyoshi Station on the Tokyu Toyoko Line)

**English:** Mon.–Sat.; **Chinese:** Tue., Wed., and Fri.; **Korean:** Tue. and Thu.; **Spanish:** Tue. and Wed.

**Portuguese:** Tue. and Fri.; **Tagalog:** Tue. and Wed.

### ● Kawasaki Ward Office

**English:** 1st and 3rd Thu., 2:00–4:30 p.m.

**Chinese:** 1st and 3rd Tue., 2:00–4:30 p.m.

**Tagalog:** 1st and 3rd Wed., 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

### ● Asao Ward Office

**English:** 1st and 3rd Thu., 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

**Chinese:** 1st and 3rd Tue., 9:30 a.m.–12 noon

**Tagalog:** 1st and 3rd Wed., 2:00–4:30 p.m.

### ● Thank You Call Kawasaki (Kawasaki Contact Center, telephone consultations)

**Hours:** 8:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. **Languages:** Japanese and English **Tel:** 044-200-3939 **Fax:** 044-200-3900

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## List of Kawasaki City Multilingual Public Relations Materials

Kawasaki City has created multilingual versions (translations or Japanese versions with furigana) of many government documents on topics ranging from child rearing and education to disaster prevention. Please be sure to take advantage of these resources.

You can find them at ward offices, civic halls, and libraries. This information can also be found on the Representative Assembly's Web site.

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