



Introducing the Members of the 10th Assembly



Over the next two years, we will work together to investigate and discuss various problems on behalf of all the foreign residents of Kawasaki.

Chair

- ① Name
- ② Nationality/Region
- ③ Reaction to becoming a representative, and topics for discussion
- ④ Favourite phrase or ideal

Deputy Chair



- ① Joachim Senou
- ② Benin
- ③ I hope that I will be able to contribute to the realization of a system for developing a city that draws on the full power of its foreign residents.
- ④ Government for the people



- ① Charles Olson
- ② USA
- ③ I'm very interested to see what results come of these two years. I'd like to talk about an international city development as well as action against human trafficking and the exploitation of workers.
- ④ Liberty, Equality, Fraternity



- ① Sunok Kim
- ② Korea
- ③ I would particularly like to talk about social support for the elderly and children, so that people in a weak position or facing problems can lead better lives in this city.
- ④ It's OK, things will work out.



- ① Jia Hui He
- ② Malaysia
- ③ I am delighted to have the chance to participate as a representative. I hope to offer various opinions from the point of view of a young person.
- ④ Laugh a lot, eat and spend every day in happiness.



- ① Yuancong Ye
- ② China
- ③ I want to keep on loving Kawasaki like it is my second hometown.
- ④ The heavens help those who help themselves.



- ① Gajender Sharma
- ② India
- ③ I would like to talk about the internationalisation of Kawasaki.
- ④ To inspire change you have to first open yourself to accept change around you.



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- ① Siriwan Nakada
- ② Thailand
- ③ I want to discuss things that will make the city a better place to live for foreign housewives and children.
- ④ A journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step.



- ① Brandon Siefken
- ② USA
- ③ As a representative of the foreign community in Kawasaki, I will convey their voices to the city.
- ④ Happiness



- ① Elena Suzuki
- ② Russia
- ③ I expect to learn a lot. I want to know about the problems foreigners are facing in Kawasaki.
- ④ Go forward with spirit. Parenthood. Beauty



- ① Bing Qing Zhang
- ② China
- ③ I want to build on my experience in the last Assembly to discuss both the remaining issues and the new issues raised in this assembly, so that we can make good proposals.
- ④ Treasure each day. Happy Life



- ① Sang Choi
- ② South Korea
- ③ Development of a city that is easy for Japanese and foreigners to live in. A safe and secure city. Improvement of disaster measures and education of children.
- ④ Where there's a will, there's a way



- ① Fongchu Mo
- ② Taiwan
- ③ I feel the responsibility of being a representative. I would like to cooperate with everyone to discuss multilingual exchange education.
- ④ Experience and Challenges



- ① Izumi Beatriz Sonoda
- ② Brazil
- ③ I want to tackle problems as a representative by, exchanging information on education with the other representatives.

④ Advance step by step, start with what you can do.



- ① Jianquan Liu
- ② China
- ③ I want to participate in the Assembly with an attitude of “If not now, when?”.

I would like to talk about the improvement of the child rearing environment for fathers.

④ Where there's a will, there's a way.



- ① Asuka Hirachan
- ② Nepal
- ③ As a member of the generation currently raising children, I want to make Kawasaki, a city where not only foreign, but also Japanese, residents can easily raise their families.

④ Seize the moment.



- ① Edward Kezengwa
- ② Kenya
- ③ I want to discuss issues concerning child-rearing and education with the other members, and do my best to offer good proposals.

④ It always seems impossible until it's done



- ① Hailey Jimmie Wong
- ② China
- ③ I will do my best to enjoy lively discussions with the other representatives, and contribute to building an even better city.

④ It is better to regret acting than to regret doing nothing.



- ① Riezel Ramos Takahashi
- ② Philippines
- ③ I want to think about ways to build a city good for both Japanese and foreign residents.

④ Let's build a better world!



- ① Minsuk Gong
- ② South Korea
- ③ In this term, I want to do more to make people aware of the Representative Assembly.

Further, I want to talk about helping foreigners to employment in the elderly care segment.

④ Fortune visits a merry house.



- ① Jialin Ren
- ② China
- ③ I want to talk about festivals and events that are easy for foreigners to participate in.

④ Practice makes perfect.



- ① Fabio Yoshinori Kawamoto
- ② Brazil
- ③ I want to work with the other representatives to improve the lives of foreign residents living in Kawasaki.

④ É preciso amar as pessoas como se não houvesse amanhã. (Love as if there is no tomorrow.)



- ① Jerry Villamar
- ② Philippines
- ③ I want to grasp the issues foreign residents are facing, and discuss about an “attractive” city development and policies to achieve it with the other representatives.

④ There is always light behind the clouds...



- ① Oksana Bartkova
- ② Ukraine
- ③ I want to talk about the problems of all foreign residents. I will do my utmost to make the best proposals we can.

④ Two heads are better than one.



- ① Sang Woo Ha
- ② South Korea
- ③ I want to contribute to society through the Assembly, and make a city that is even better to live in.

④ The miracle of a meeting.



- ① Daniela Dittmar
- ② Germany
- ③ I want to contribute to Kawasaki as a “city of International Exchange”, to broaden the perspectives of future generations.

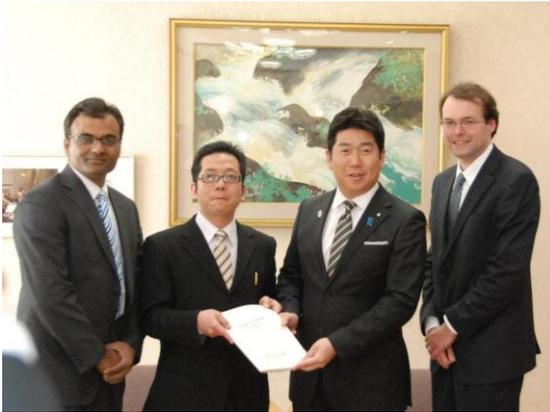
④ Der Weg ist das Ziel. (The journey is the destination.)



- ① Ngoc Bao Lin Nguyen
- ② Vietnam
- ③ I will do my best this term as well, and I hope you will support me. Let's all create a Kawasaki where we can enjoy life.

④ I am beside you.

Proposals and FY2013 Report to the Mayor and City Council



On April 10th the Chair of the 9th Representative Assembly, Ping Wang, Gajender Sharma, the Deputy Chair, and the Chair of the Life and Society Subcommittee, David Chart, presented the report for fiscal year 2013 to the Mayor, Norihiko Fukuda. The report contained three proposals: “Improvement of Services at Ward Offices (Information Provision / Service at Windows)”, “Supporting Parents and Guardians in Home Education”, “Urging Central Government to Reform the Immigration System”. “Even on a national scale, Kawasaki City’s Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents is a pioneering attempt to tackle these problems,” said Mayor Fukuda. “I’ve been reading the report while listening to your

explanation, and there have been many points with which I quickly agreed,” he continued. “I recognise the content, and will do my best to take it into account in city government.” In addition, on May 21st they were invited to give testimony to the City Council’s Citizen committee, and reported on the 9th Assembly’s proposals, and activities in the 2013 fiscal year.

The contents of the proposals are reported in detail in the annual report of the Assembly, and in Newsletter 50. The annual report, in Japanese, also includes the background of and reasons for the proposals. The Newsletter is published several languages, making it available also in languages other than Japanese and English. The annual report and newsletter are distributed in the publications corner at meetings of the Assembly, and can also be read at civic halls and libraries; you can also download the newsletter from the city’s official website.



Autumn in Japan – The Tastes of Autumn

Japan has a long-standing custom of enjoying the flavours of “seasonal food”. “Seasonal food” means that the ingredients are easily available at that season, and they taste best in this. Autumn is particularly picked out as “Autumn for Appetite”, and is blessed with abundant seasonal ingredients.

When we think of the tastes of autumn, the unique aroma of *matsutake* mushrooms is famous, but recently the harvest has been poor, the price has risen, and they have become a real luxury item. On the other hand, if we look for a taste of autumn that ordinary people enjoy, the Pacific saury (*sanma*) comes to mind. Between August and November it comes south on the sea currents from Hokkaido, and the saury, fat for spawning, are particularly delicious! The traditional way of cooking them is to sprinkle them with salt and grill them so that the outside is crisp, then sprinkle them with juice squeezed from a lemon, *sudachi*, or *kabosu*, and eat them with grated *daikon* radish. They don’t smell fishy, and go well with beer or rice.

Autumn is also a good season for fruit. Kawasaki has been a pear-producing area for a long time, and the *chojuro* variety is famous. There are places in Tama Ward where you can pick your own pears – how about taking the Nanbu line up there?



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