

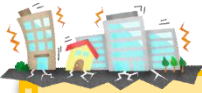
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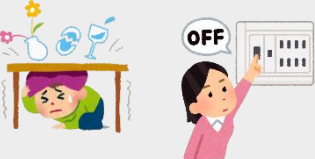



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Natural Disasters that Occur in Japan – What to do in the Event of an Earthquake –

On January 1st, 2024, there was a large earthquake in Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture and many people suffered. Japan is one of the most earthquake-prone countries in the world. Earthquakes that cause a lot of damage are not limited to certain areas of Japan, but can occur throughout the entire country. Foreign residents living in Nagasaki Prefecture should also consider “what should I do if an earthquake occurs?” and prepare for earthquakes.

Your situation	Actions and precautions to take in the event of an earthquake –
When inside your home or a building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Take cover under a table. It is dangerous when things fall from above and shelves topple.• Once the shaking has stopped, turn off the gas or stove.• Before escaping, turn off the electricity by switching the breaker to “切る(OFF)”. <p>When the electricity is cut off during an earthquake, and then restored, appliances such as stove tops can turn on automatically and start a fire.</p>
When outside 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cover your head with your bag to protect yourself from falling objects, and escape to a safe location. Be careful near buildings, as broken glass, walls and signs may fall on you.• Buses and trains may stop running during an earthquake. Don't rush home, and instead wait at a safe location. Many people will be trying to return home at the same time, so the stations and roads will be crowded and dangerous.
When driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slowly pull over to the left hand side of the road and turn the engine off.• Do not lock the doors. Leave the keys in the car and escape outside.
When near the beach or river 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• If there is a big earthquake out at sea, a tsunami may form. Get away from the sea and rivers, and go to a high place.• If you are not sure, ask a nearby Japanese person “津波は大丈夫ですか?” “tsunami wa daijoubu desuka?” (are we safe from tsunamis?)
When escaping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do not go near a cliff. Cliffs may collapse.• When there is danger of a tsunami, get far away from the sea and riverside and escape to a high place.• If you are unsure of a safe place to escape to, ask a nearby Japanese person “どこに逃げたらいいですか?” “doko ni nigetara iidesuka?” (where should I escape to?)”

After an earthquake, do not light a fire in your house. If a gas pipe broke, then gas may leak into your room. It is also possible for a water pipe to have broken, in which case water may not come out, so fill up your bathtub to store water.

Interviewing CIR Daun Choi!



CIR Daun Choi from the International Affairs Division of the Nagasaki Prefectural Government Office will be finishing her post in March 2024, after five years on the job. Through events of the Nagasaki International Association, such as the Youth International Understanding Class, “Let’s talk with a CIR!”, and the Nagasaki International Festival, Daun Choi has shared Korean culture with many citizens of Nagasaki Prefecture. This time, we interviewed Daun Choi.

Q1. Out of all the various jobs you performed as a CIR, what was the most memorable experience for you?

At the Nagasaki International Festival, I was able to meet various residents of Nagasaki Prefecture who I normally would not have had the chance to meet. Even though it was just a short time, it was a very enjoyable time as it made me happy to be able to talk to everyone individually and teach them about Korean culture.

Q2. As a CIR, what have you learned from your interactions with the residents of Nagasaki Prefecture?

Through the various lectures I held, I felt troubled by the lack of response from the participants. However, once I understood that Japanese people have a mature personality of not wanting to express their opinions out of consideration for their surroundings, I realized that I shouldn’t worry about everyone’s responses and I should just proceed at my own pace.

Also, in the “Let’s talk with a CIR!” sessions, I taught the Prefectural residents about Korean culture using a mixture of Korean and Japanese, and conversely learned a lot about Nagasaki and Japanese culture from the Prefectural residents!

Q3. What do “international exchange” and “intercultural exchange” mean to you?

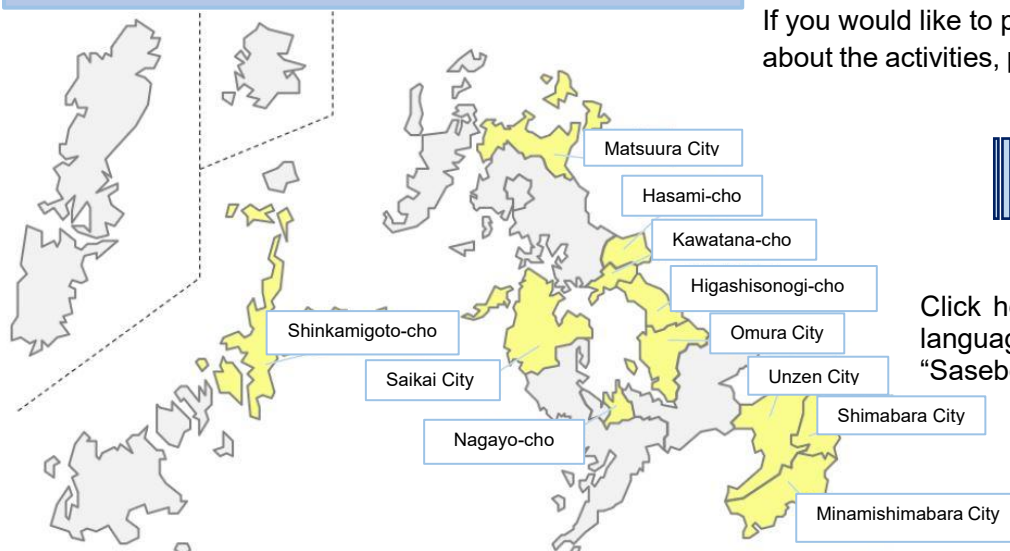
I believe “international exchange” and “intercultural exchange” mean to “be in harmony”. Everyone has their own standpoint and way of thinking. However, I believe that through actual contact, you can understand each other’s opinions and change your impression. I believe that is the most important thing. This may be an over exaggeration, but I believe that by thinking “I want to understand them! I want to know more!”, world peace can be achieved. I believe that international exchange is not only about harmonizing one with another, but also about harmonizing the entire world together (becoming one).

To all the residents of Nagasaki Prefecture, even if you are unable to go to Korea, there are many events in Nagasaki Prefecture where you can experience Korean culture. It would make me so happy if you would continue your interest in Korea! Thank you for the past five years!

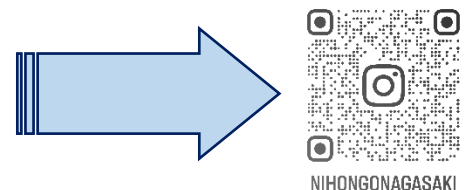
About the Japanese Language Classes in Nagasaki Prefecture

The Nagasaki Prefectural Government and the Nagasaki International Association are working on creating local Japanese language classes that allows foreign residents to connect with local residents while learning Japanese. In the local Japanese language classes, groups talk about a topic and participate in activities related to Japanese culture. There are also Japanese language classes held by private organizations in “Nagasaki City”, “Sasebo City”, “Isahaya City” and “Goto City” which are not displayed on the map below, so for further details, please check out the Nagasaki International Association website!

Towns and cities that currently have local Japanese language classes established:

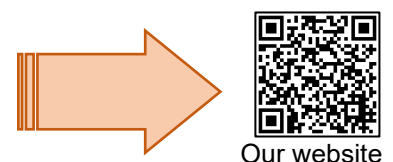


Applications are currently open for foreign resident participants for the local Japanese language classes in each of the town and cities shown on the map on the left. If you would like to participate or would like to know more about the activities, please check out the Instagram page!



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Click here for information on the Japanese language classes in “Nagasaki City”, “Sasebo City”, “Isahaya City” and “Goto City”!



Our website



Elementary/Junior High School

Japanese children attend elementary school from the age of 6, and junior high school from the ages of 12 to 15. Foreigner children can also attend elementary school and junior high school in Japan. Tuition and textbooks are free at public schools established by the local town or city. "Special needs schools" are also available for children with disabilities.

School Attendance Assistance

Elementary school and junior high school students from low-income households may receive money to buy necessary items to study at school (e.g. uniform, school backpack, stationary, etc.) and buy school lunches. The answers to questions such as "how much will I receive?" and "who is eligible to receive the money?" vary depending on the town or city you live in. For further details, please consult your local town or city hall.

Senior High School

Junior high school graduates can attend senior high school if they pass the entrance examination. There are also "part-time" high schools that offer classes at night, and "correspondence" high schools where students study online.

Senior High School Tuition Support Fund

Tuition is free for senior high school students attending a public school. Although high-income households are not covered by the free tuition, about 80% of all senior high school students in Japan receive free tuition. Applications for the subsidy are made at the school after admission into a senior high school.

Senior High School Scholarship Grants

Senior high school students from low-income households receive money to buy textbooks and things needed to study. Applications are made at the school or the Prefectural Government of residence.

University

Senior high school graduates are eligible to sit for entrance examinations for universities and specialty schools. If they pass the entrance examination, they may attend the university or specialty school.

Tertiary Education Scholarships

Various scholarships are available from the National Government, Prefectural Government, and companies. Consult the organization offering the scholarship to apply. There are two types: the type which you do not have to pay back (grant type) and the type which you gradually have to pay back after graduating (loan type). There also may or may not be interest charged.

You can read "Guidebook on Living and Working", which is written in multiple languages, on the Immigration Services Agency website. You can access it from the QR code on the right!



<Reference> Guidebook for Living and Working

Working ~ For Foreigners Living in Japan Japan ~ (Immigration Bureau of Japan)

What kind of consultation center is the Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Centre for Foreign People?

We provide consultation services in 22 languages so that foreigners living in Nagasaki Prefecture can live comfortably and safely. You can consult with us by phone, email, or in person about any problems regarding residence status, work, medical care, welfare, lifestyle, etc. Consultations are free of charge.

Consultation methods

- Consultation in person / Within the Nagasaki International Association (Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)
- Consultation by phone / 095-820-3377
- Consultation by e-mail / soudan@nia.or.jp



Consultation hours Monday to Saturday (9:00am to 5:00pm)

*Closed on Sundays, public holidays, and from December 29th to January 3rd

Expert consultation session for foreign people

You can have a free consultation with an administrative scrivener about matters related to residence status, legal matters, work, etc. If you would like a consultation, please make a reservation.

- Date & Time: The 4th Saturday of every month (1:30pm to 4:30pm)
(This schedule is subject to change, so please check our website or Facebook page for any updates.)
- Location: Nagasaki Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign People (Dejima Koryu Kaikan 1st Floor, 2-11, Dejima-machi, Nagasaki City)
- TEL: 095-820-3377

Announcement from the NIA

Recruiting volunteers for business support!

We are currently accepting applications to become volunteers. We offer trial periods so you don't have to commit right away. What do volunteers do?

Photocopy some newspaper articles, clean the exchange floor, keep periodicals organized, and help out with other small office duties. Volunteers work in pairs: one Japanese person, one foreigner). If you're interested in volunteering, we encourage you to come be a part of our team!

《Volunteer Days》 Every Thursday and Friday (1:00pm to 4:00pm) ※Except for National Holidays

※ We are looking for volunteers who will be available from April, 2024.

《Number of Positions》 Two foreigners (one for Thursday, one for Friday)

《Eligibility》 Able to volunteer for over a year

《Transportation fee》 1,000 yen once a week

《Contact》Nagasaki International Association (TEL : 095-823-3931/ E-mail : nia@nia.or.jp)



The helpful guidebooks are available in English, Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese for free!

Please tell your friends
about these guidebooks!

The Nagasaki International Association creates and provides free guidebooks for foreign people living in Nagasaki Prefecture. We hope you find them useful!!

All the guidebooks are available to download from our website!



“A Guidebook for Living in Nagasaki Prefecture”

You can find all the basic information you will need to live in Nagasaki Prefecture in this guide. It will teach you about residency matters, what you can do at your city or town hall, Japanese traffic laws, how to sort your rubbish, and other rules and manners that are followed in Japan. This is an indispensable book for the living safely and comfortably in Nagasaki!



“Guide for Using Medical Institutions”

This guide was made to assist foreign people when they visit the hospital so that they can feel less anxious. This guide includes lists of things you need when going to the hospital, types of hospitals, as well as illustrations of body parts and lists of symptoms to assist in explaining what's wrong. It also includes a medical questionnaire that should be filled out prior to visiting the hospital in order to make communication as smooth as possible. This guide is slim and compact, so it's easy to carry with you in the event of an emergency.



“Things You Need to Know Before Disaster Strikes!!”

Japan is often said to have more natural disasters than foreign countries. It's impossible to say when an earthquake, typhoon, or flood will occur. This guidebook tells you how to prepare for natural disasters and how to respond to them. Don't wait for a disaster to strike before thinking to prepare! Take this guide and start preparing today!



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We are open from Mon.-Fri. except public holidays. 9:00-17:30

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