

Committee for the Promotion of

A Multicultural Fukushima City

【FIRST MEETING】

DATE & TIME: WED. NOVEMBER 28TH 2019 FROM 1:30PM

LOCATION: FUKUSHIMA CITY HALL 4TH FLR. CONFERENCE ROOM



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1. Current Domestic Situation & Issues

【Current Situation】

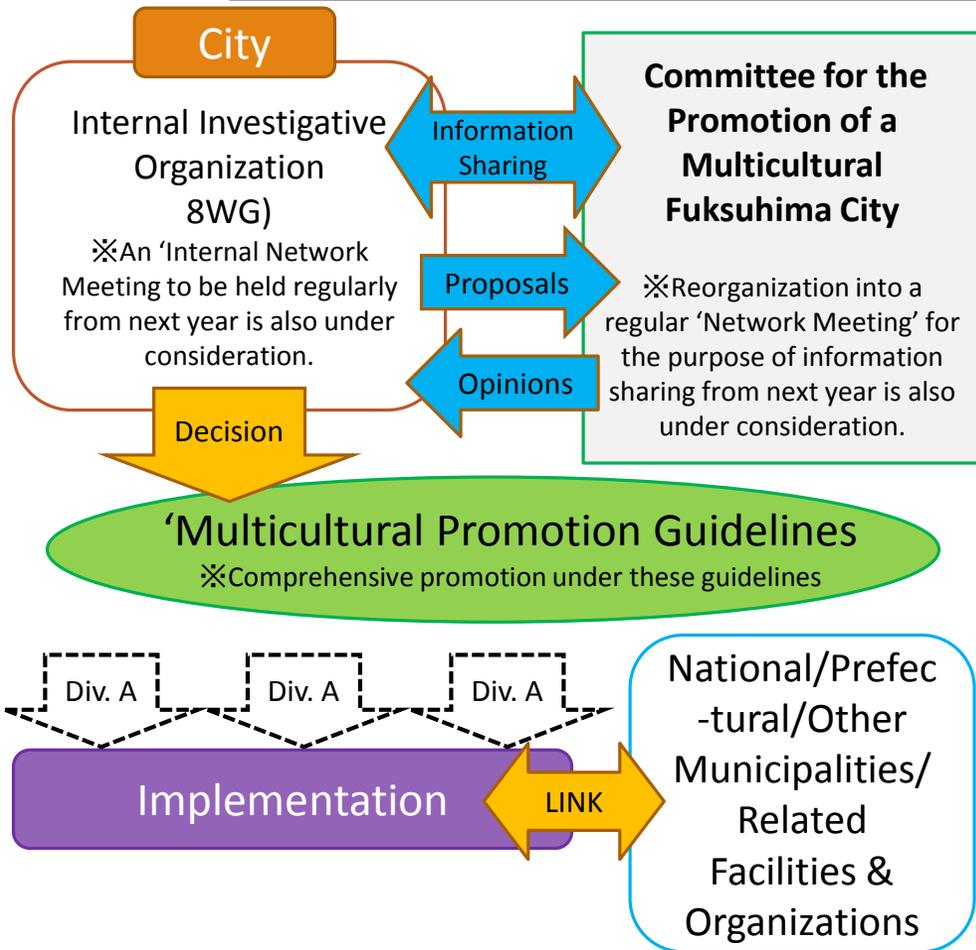
- Foreign Visitors to Japan 2009: approx 6.8 mil. people ➡ 2018: approx 31.2万 mil. people
2018 tourism expenditure: 4.5189 trillion yen (153,000 per person)
- Foreign Residents: approx 2.1 million in 2009 ➡ approx 2.6 million in 2018
- Status of Residence: Permanent Resident/Special PR ↓ : 41% Exchange ↑ : 12%
Technical Intern ↑ : 12% Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services ↑ : 8%
- Foreign Laborers: approx 560,000 in 2009 ➡ approx 1, 460,000 in 2018

【Issues】 Serious **labor shortage** as a result of falling population, **school truancy** of foreign children and students.

【References】

- ‘Regional Multiculturalism Promotion Plan’, formulated March 2006.
- ‘Combined Response to the Acceptance & Integration of International Human Resources’, announced December 2018.
- Enforcement of the revised ‘Immigration Refugee Law’ (creation of a new status of residence system) from April 2019.
- Establishment of the Japanese Education Promotion Law (expansion of Japanese education opportunities for foreign people) in June 2019

2. Role of the Committee



To carry out an investigation regarding the following points, which will ensure foreign residents are able to live securely and which are required for them to cooperate as regional partners in the implementation of town-planning.

- ① Investigation into a draft of **guidelines for the purpose of promoting 'A Multicultural Fukushima' (Promotion Guidelines)**
- ② Review of the **Guide for Living in Fukushima City**
- ③ Other issues regarding **information sharing**

※ Opinions received from the Committee will be fed back to the 'Internal Investigation Organization' and a decision made by the City.

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 1)

(1) Foreign Resident Population

① Population of foreign nationals by nationality/region

Country・Region Name / Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
① China	1,038	1,004	912	701	576	578	585	576	583	575	568
② The Philippines	446	445	360	350	363	378	381	379	383	388	433
③ Vietnam	28	25	26	15	15	26	47	88	162	207	288
④ South Korea	210	215	207	185	162	173	169	190	183	174	165
⑤ Nepal	6	15	12	7	28	31	50	115	116	95	67
Other	272	271	238	224	206	226	260	292	315	353	398
Total	2,000	1,975	1,755	1,482	1,350	1,412	1,492	1,640	1,742	1,792	1,919
Increase/decrease compared to the same month the year prior	30	-25	-220	-273	-132	62	80	148	102	50	127
Percentage increase/decrease compared to the same month the year prior	2%	-1%	-11%	-16%	-9%	5%	6%	10%	6%	3%	7%
Comparative to the same month the year prior	102%	99%	89%	84%	91%	105%	106%	110%	106%	103%	107%

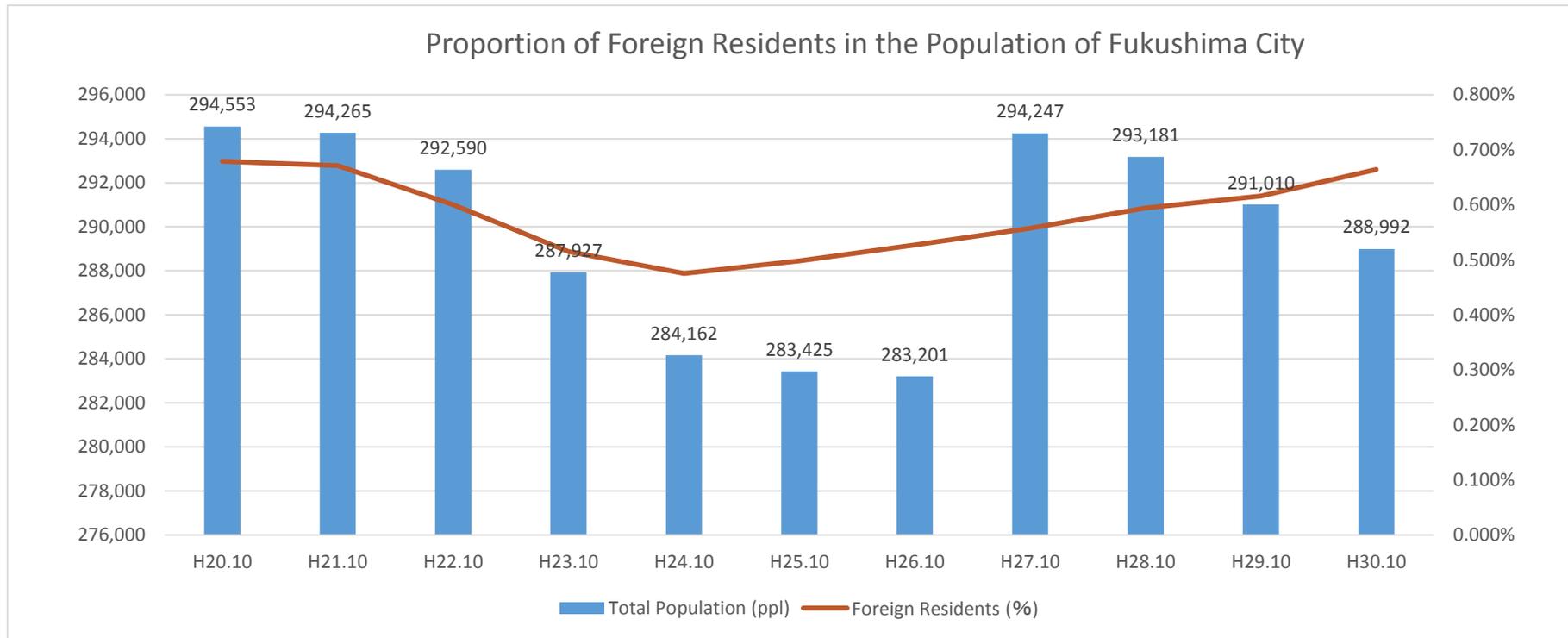
※Prior to 2011, North Korea was included in the numbers for South Korea

※October for each year

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 2)

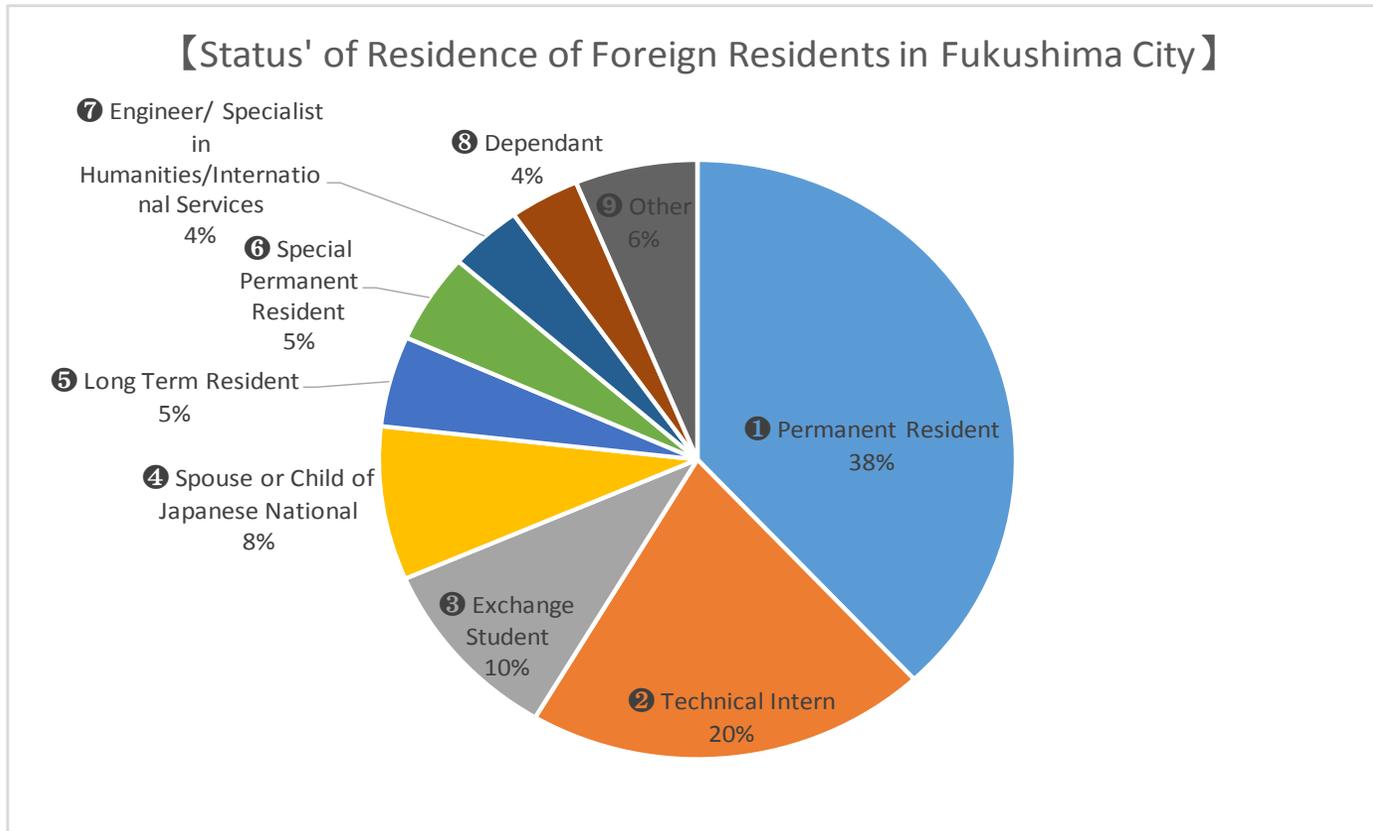
(1) Foreign Resident Population

② Proportion of foreign residents in comparison to total population



3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 3)

(2) Foreign Residents Status of Residence (current as of the end of 2018)



【Reference】 Domestic Foreign Residents (current as of the end of 2018)

① Permanent Resident	771,568 ppl. (Distribution ratio 28%)
② Exchange Student	337,000 ppl. (Distribution ratio 12%)
③ Technical Intern	328,360 ppl. (Distribution ratio 12%)
④ Special Permanent Resident	321,416 ppl. (Distribution ratio 12%)
⑤ Engineer/ Specialist in Humanities/ International Services	225,724 ppl. (Distribution ratio 8%)

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 4)

(3) Circumstances of Foreign Laborers

	Businesses Hiring Foreign Employees (offices)		Distribution ratio (%)	Foreign Workers (people)		Distribution ratio (%)
		Internal Dispatch/Contracting 【Comparative Rate】			Internal Dispatch/Contracting 【Comparative Rate】	
Fukushima Prefecture Total	1,544	159【10.3】	100.0	8,130	1,221【15.0】	100.0
Fukushima Public Employment Security Office	310	45【14.5】	20.1	1,734	276【21.3】	21.3

※Current as of the end of October 2018

【Nationality】

- ① Vietnam 2,324 ppl. /28.6% (dispatch etc. 273 ppl.)
- ② China 1,863 ppl. /22.9% (dispatch 217 ppl.)
- ③ The Philippines 1,461 ppl. /18.0% (dispatch 364 ppl.)

【Industry】

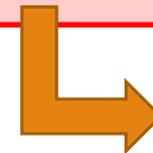
- ① Manufacturing 3,382 ppl. (41.6%)
- ② Wholesale / Retail 1,094 ppl. (13.5%)
- ③ Construction 697 ppl. (8.6%)

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 5)

(4) Foreign Residents in the Education Sector

① Returned and foreign national students at elementary and junior high schools in Fukushima City (current as of May 2019)

Section	Number	Itemization
① Children/students who are returned Japanese nationals	21	Elementary: 13, Junior High: 8
② Children/students with foreign nationality	33	Elementary: 22, Junior High: 11
Total	54	



Children/students who require Japanese language assistance:

Total: 11

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 6)

(4) Foreign Residents in the Education Sector

② Summoning of foreign youth to carry out language education etc.

○The City is making use of [the JET Program \(the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program\)](#), run by CLAIR, a section of the Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, to summon foreign youth from overseas.

Classification	Country of Origin	Hired Number	Main Occupation
ALT (Assistant Language Teacher)	America, Canada, etc.	15	Assistance in foreign language classes at elementary and junior high schools etc.
CIR (Coordinator of International Relations)	Australia	1	Assistance in office work related to the international affairs of Fukushima City

✕In addition to the above, the Fukushima City Board of Education also employs one previous JET program participant as an ALT

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 7)

(4) Foreign Residents in the Education Sector

③ Exchange students enrolled at universities within the city (current as of November 2018)

1) Fukushima University: 106 students 【Itemization】 China: 51, Vietnam: 23,
Germany: 4, Other

2) Prefectural Medical University: 8 students 【itemization】 Nepal: 2, Bangladesh: 2,
Taiwan: 1, Other

3) Other Universities etc.: (Sakura no Seibo College, Fukushima Gakuin University, Fukushima Gakuin College) 0 Students

3. The Fukushima City Internationalization Report (PART 8)

(5) International Tourism

① Foreign lodgers in the city (cumulative total)

(※As this data was collected by the national government as a reference, numbers differ to actual total)

【Pre-Disaster】

2010: 13,057 ppl.



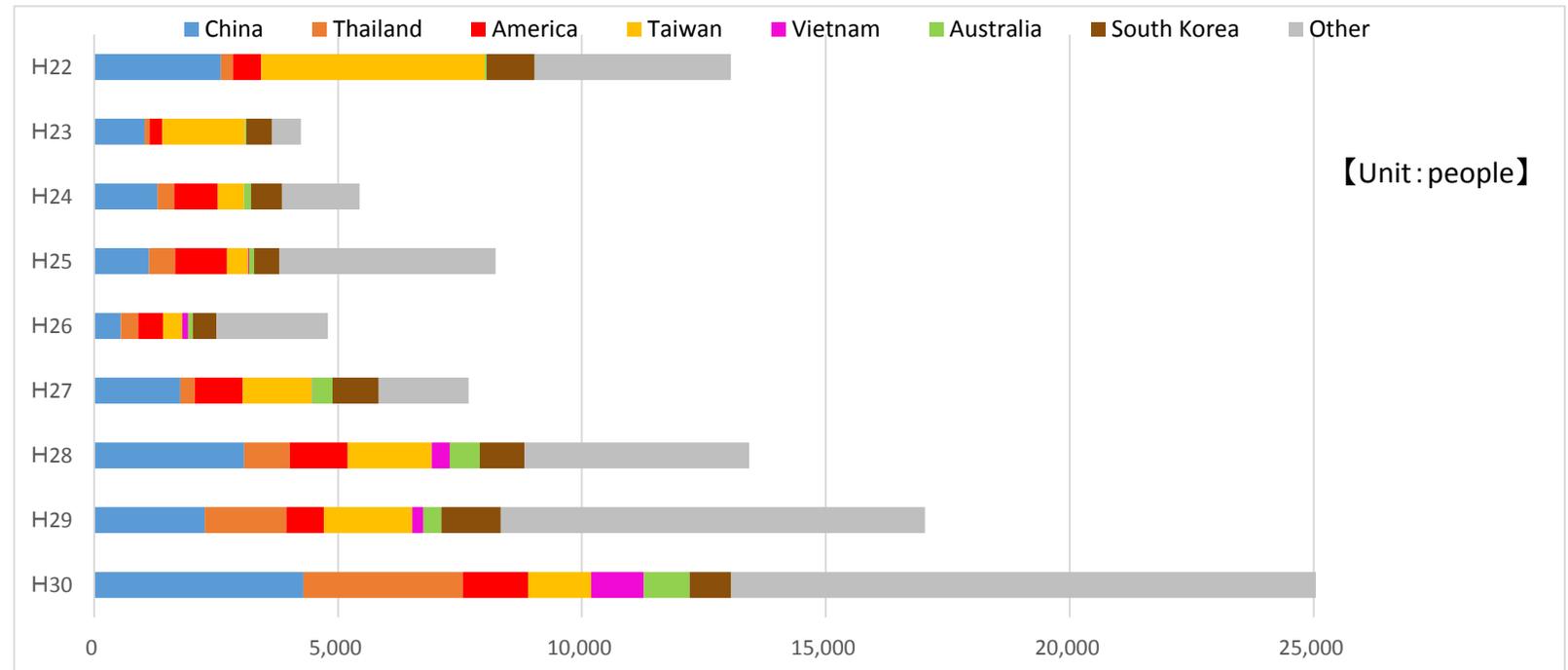
【Post-Disaster】

2011: 4,240 ppl.



【Current】

2018: 25,200 ppl.



4. Surveys & Questionnaires: Foreign Residents Questionnaire

(1) The Foreign Resident Questionnaire carried out jointly by Fukushima Prefecture and Fukushima City.

【Implementation】 From the end of October to November 15th 2019

【Process】 Sent out randomly to citizens over the age of 20

384 residents (※2,800 residents across the whole prefecture)

※Questionnaire sheet translated into Chinese, English, Korean and Vietnamese in correspondence with the recipient's nationality

【Questions】 As shown in complimentary documents

(2) Exchange Student Monitoring Survey

※Question contents the same as above (1). Regarding the implantation period and detailed process, however, it is hereafter planned to cooperate with universities accepting students to implement the survey.

(3) Survey of companies employing foreign nationals

※A door-to-door survey of businesses is currently under separate consideration.

5. The Multicultural City Fukushima Promotion Guidelines

For the purpose of the establishment of a draft of guidelines to promote ‘**A Multicultural Fukushima City**’ (as Promotion Guidelines below), an investigation will be carried out with the following included:

- (1) These guidelines are positioned as **basic actionable guidelines** for the purpose of implementing the ‘**Fukushima City Integrated Plan**’ (chapter 5, paragraph 8: promotion of regional internationalization).
- (2) The guidelines should respond to the sudden changes in internationalization, and should **exceed in adaptability**.
- (3) The guidelines should be conscious of **project coordination with other internal divisions** as well as their **connection with the budget**.

6. The Guide for Living in Fukushima City

(1) Current **Lifestyle Guidebook**

※ Please see attached documents as a reference

(2) Increase Provided Languages

【Current 4 Languages】 Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean

【Additional 3 Languages】 **Vietnamese, Thai, and Indonesian** will be added alongside the above languages.

◀ Reference ▶ ※ Ranking of nationalities in Fukushima City by population (top 7 countries)

① China, ② The Philippines, ③ Vietnam, ④ Korea, ⑤ Nepal, ⑥ Indonesia, ⑦ Thailand

(3) Broadening of published contents

※ Disaster information, various procedures for tax or public assistance etc.

7. Other Issues

The 'Promotion Guidelines (Draft)' will be established with the following points in mind:

- (1) The ascertainment and sharing of information regarding the lifestyle conditions etc. of foreign residents.
- (2) The coordination and role allotment of related organizations and facilities.
- (3) Coordination and regulation with regards to the 'Fukushima City Integrated Plan' for the next period (from 2021).

8. Opinion Exchange & Free Discussion (PART 1)

If you are carrying out any projects etc. or have any information regarding the following support sectors associated with foreign nationals, please inform us. Please also share any opinions you have on these topics.

(1) Communication Support

① The creation of **multi-lingual information** in the region

(provision of lifestyle information, counselling counters etc.)

② **Educational support** related to Japanese language or social studies

(orientation, training and lectures etc.)

8. Opinion Exchange & Free Discussion (PART 2)

(2) Lifestyle Support

- ① **Residence** (provision of information, orientation after entering a residence, neighborhood association membership, counsellors etc.)
- ② **Education** (school attendance information, Japanese learning support, international understanding education, etc.)
- ③ **Work Environment** (job-seeking support, improvement of job-seeking environment, industry support, etc.)
- ④ **Medical Treatment, Health & Welfare** (foreign language support, multi-language medical appointment forms etc., medical interpreters etc.)
- ⑤ **Disaster Prevention** (multi-lingual evacuation guidance etc., ascertainment of the location of foreign residents, interpreting volunteers during a disaster etc.)

8. Opinion Exchange & Free Discussion (PART 3)

(3) Multicultural Town Planning

① **Development of consciousness** in regards to the regional community

(education, base-making, exchange events, etc.)

② Independence and **social participation** of foreign residents

(networks, local social planning, etc.)

(4) Other

Revitalization of the region, improvement of multicultural understanding among citizens, and 'Universal Design' town planning.

9. Office Notices

✂ The next committee meeting is planned for:

Date: **Mid-January**

Location: **Fukushima City Hall Main Building 4th Floor Conference Room**

✂ Based on the results of today's meeting, a **tentative version of the 'Promotion Guidelines (Draft)'** and a **review draft of the 'Guide to Living in Fukushima City'**, will be presented at the following meeting.

✂ The progress of the meetings of this committee will be uploaded to the City home page, and will be open to opinions from a wide spread municipal residents.

Although it is a great inconvenience, please submit your opinions to this office by **Wednesday December 18th**

【Information】

福島市国際交流協会 F-IFA

Fukushima City International Friendship Association

The Fukushima City International Friendship Association (Office: Fukushima City Hall, Settlement and Region Exchange Division) carries out the following activities:

1. The planning and execution of projects regarding international exchange

Fureai Network Projects ('Yui-Yui Festival', 'Wataiken', international understanding lectures, etc.)

2. Contact with international exchange groups and the execution of coordinated projects

Indonesia Day, Philippine Festival, JICA, etc.

3. Friendly exchange with foreign countries

(through member organizations)

4. A variety of information collection and provision

(international exchange information, information for foreign residents, etc.)



Information sharing through publishing the 'Universe' magazine, the City Association HP & Facebook

【Information】

福島市国際交流協会 F-IFA

Fukushima City International Friendship Association

◆ Members (current as of the end of October 2019)

【Group】 Organizations: 18 【Individual】 Adults: 75/Students: 74



◆ Membership Fee

【Group】 10,000 ¥ / year 【Individual】 Adult: 1,000 ¥ / Student: 500 ¥

◆ Member Privileges

- ① Organization information listed on association HP.
- ② Receive PR magazine 'Universe' (4 times/year)
- ③ Able to participate in 'Fureai Network Projects' at members price
- ④ Able to hold booth at international exchange events, Yui-Yui Festa etc. (free)
- ⑤ Able to utilize support system for international exchange projects (Up to 100,000 ¥)

