## ■Nagoya International Center Services - Visit or call the NIC 3F for more information - 052-581-0100



The Nagoya International Center is a 7-minute walk or a 2-minute subway ride from Nagoya Station.

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- The Nagoya International Center Library and Information Counter are open 9:00 19:00.
- © Closed on Mondays, December 29 January 3, & the second Sundays of August & February.
- Paid car-parking is also available at the Center and in the immediate vicinity.

#### ★Information Counter 情報カウンター

Information service for foreign residents on daily life and sightseeing in Japan available in 7 foreign languages. Japanese & English are available Tuesday to Sunday (9:00 – 19:00). Reservations **not** required. See our website for service times in other languages.

**■Tel:** 052-581-0100 **■E-mail** <u>info@nic-nagoya.or.jp</u>

#### ★Free Personal Counseling 外国人こころの相談

Native English-speaking counselors are available on Sunday by appointment only to provide support to foreign residents who have difficulties with their lives in Japan. To arrange a counseling session call the NIC 3F Info Counter at 052-581-0100.

#### ★Free Legal Consultations 外国人無料法律相談

Free Legal Consultations with a certified lawyer available on Saturdays 10:00 - 12:30 by reservation only. To make an appointment, please leave your name & phone number on the answering machine at 052-581-6111. A counseling support staff member will call you back at a later date to schedule an appointment with you.

### ★Free Civic Advisory Service for Foreign Residents 外国人行政相談

Information & advice in English for foreign residents on anything related to government administration such as labour laws, immigration, divorce, & taxation. Phone or visit us **Tuesday to Saturday** 10:00 - 12:00 & 13:00 - 17:00. Reservations not required.

Tel: 052-581-0100. See our website for service times in other languages.

#### ★Free Counseling Service for Refugees and Asylum Seekers 難民相談

The Kobe-based Refugee Assistance Headquarters (RHQ) provides a confidential counseling service for refugees, convention refugees, their family members, and asylum seekers in English and Japanese on every Thursday of the month (10:00 - 16:00) at the NIC 3F Info Counter. Reservations are required. For more information call RHQ at 078-361-1700 (website www.rhq.gr.jp/english).

#### **★The NIC Library** ライブラリー

Over 10,000 English language books including travel guides, popular manga, non-fiction, fiction, children's books, and Japanese study guides. Borrow up to 6 books for a period of 14 days! Membership is free and open to everyone resident in the Chubu Area. A form of ID that shows your current address is required. Children can also get cards!

# - The NIC's Free Civic Advisory Service -

# A Valuable Resource for Foreigners and Japanese Living In & Around Nagoya



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Did you know that the Nagoya International Center has a Gyoseishoshi available on Tuesdays and Saturdays to answer questions regarding immigration, labor laws, pension-related queries, family matters, and more?

A Gyoseishoshi can provide support to foreign nationals residing in Japan when applying for residence status, work qualifications, business start-ups, or naturalization.

The NIC offers free over-the-counter guidance on these types of matters to help foreigners who may be having difficulty with certain procedures or paperwork or simply need a few queries cleared up. Official matters can pose a challenge even in one's native tongue at times, so it can particularly be difficult at times in a country such as Japan, where usual western conventions are replaced with their local equivalents. We are

#### **Immigration and Visa Related Matters**

Since 1989 Gyoseishoshi have been authorized by the government to represent foreign nationals in immigration-related documentation procedures.

They can assist you with certificate of eligibility applications, change of status of residence applications, extension of period of stay applications, permanent residence applications, and certificate of authorized

## They can also assist in other procedures:

- International marriage procedures
- Procedures to obtain operating permission for the construction industry, industrial waste operation, antique dealing, and other industries
- Business establishment and incorporation procedures
- Documentation of inter-corporate contracts
- Consultations related to inheritance, wills, and other related matters

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Staying Up-to-Date with the NIC			
Social Media	Radio Broadcasts		NIC Disaster Information
Follow us @the_nic	ZIP-FM 77.8	Sat. 6:17am in English & Portuguese Sun. 6:17am in Chinese & Korean	Should a disaster occur in Nagoya City, check the  Disaster Information section on the top page of the  NIC website for information in Japanese, English,
<b>f</b> Find us on Facebook			Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and easy Japanese. Bookmark http://www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/saigai/for a direct link to updates.

# Nagoya International Center Events - Please note all prices, dates, times, and locations are subject to change -

#### ■Vote in the NIC Photo Contest!

#### NICフォトコンテスト

Entries to the NIC Photo Contest have now closed, but you can still take part by voting to help us select the winners! All photos submitted are on display at the Information Counter on the 3rd floor of the Nagoya International Center (until Nov. 29), where visitors can vote for their three favorite submissions.

#### (Voting ends on Nov. 15.)

Even if you're unable to visit NIC and vote, you can still "vote" via Facebook. All photos received can also be viewed on the NIC English Facebook page. "Like" your three favorite photos, and the number of "likes" each photo receives **by Nov. 15** will be added to the number of votes.

The photos with the most votes and "likes" will be determined the winning submissions.

## High School Visit Program

高校へ行こう!~外国人の子どもと保護者のための学校訪問プログラム The NIC is running a free tour of Nagoya City Chuo Senior High School 名古屋市立中央高等学校 (Naka Ward) for children of foreign nationality on Tue. 17 Nov. (18:00 – 20:00). Meet in front of the wicket gates at Kurumamichi Station on the Sakura-dori Line at 18:00. Participants will be guided around the school and will be able to talk with teachers about admission requirements, school life, and prospects after graduation. English, Spanish, Portuguese, Filipino, and Chinese interpreters are available by reservation. The tour is free, however places are limited to the first 20 applicants.

**Reservations** are required and can be made by e-mailing info@nic-nagoya.or.jp, calling (052-581-0100), or visiting the Nagoya International Center 3F Information Counter before 16

## **● Children's Story Book Time**

外国語で楽しむ絵本の会



Listen to foreign volunteers in the NIC's 3F Library as they read story books in their own respective languages from the library's vast collection of international children's books. Participation is free, and no reservations are required!

#### **★**Upcoming Schedule

Sun. **8 Nov.** (14:00 – 14:30) English

Sun. **22 Nov.** (14:00 – 14:30) French & English

### Development Training for Supporters of Foreign Students and Children – Practical Course 外国人児童・生徒サポーター養成研修【実践編】

A training program (over 3 sessions) for supporters, carers and teachers of foreign students and children, and also people with prior practical experience who are looking to resume working with such children. Conducted in Japanese, the course aims to help participants understand the circumstances of foreign children and related issues, and to learn how to provide appropriate support. Places are limited to 40, which will be determined by lottery.

When: Sat. **26 Dec.**, Sun. **17 Jan.** and Sat. **20 Feb.** (10:30 – 16:00) Where: Nagoya International Center 5F Conference Room 1 **Cost:** 2,000 Yen (covers all 3 sessions)

**Applications:** Contact the NIC Exchange & Cooperation Division (Phone: 052-581-5689; E-mail: seminar-vol@nic-nagoya.or.jp) between Thu. 12 and Mon. 30 Nov.

## **● NIC International Exchange Walk in Nagoya (2015 Autumn)** NIC国際交流ウォーキング2015秋

Hosted by NIC's volunteer Walking Guides, a 2.5km walk which will take you from Kokusai Center through Shikemichi (四間道), Confectionery Wholesalers' Street (菓子問屋街), ending at Noritake Garden (ノ リタケの森). Enjoy strolling through tasteful streets featuring shopping, temples, and other historical buildings. Interpreters for multiple languages will be accompanying the walk.

When: Sat. 28 Nov. (9:00 – 12:00)

Where: Meet at the Nagoya International Center 1F Lobby at 9:00. **Cost:** 100 Yen (covers insurance and printed materials) **Reservations:** Visit or contact the NIC 3F Information Counter. E:mail: nicwalking@nic-nagoya.or.jp; Phone: 052-581-0100. Please

include your name, nationality, cell phone number, and preferred language. Maximum 30 places (20 foreign nationals and 10 Japanese), first in first served, so hurry to secure your place and get a chance to learn a bit about the city!

#### ■ Visit us at the NIC

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# The Foreign Artists Exhibition - 30th Anniversary Show – 3-8 November

外国人芸術作品展 - 30周年 - 11月3日~8日

That's right, we are about to complete our third decade of exhibitions, held with the kind support of NIC, and are looking forward to another memorable event. The Central Japan International Society (CJIS) has been organizing this exhibition annually since 1986 and, with some of the original founding artists still participating, has established a strong tradition of displaying a wide range of works by foreign artists living in the Chubu Region for local citizens to enjoy.

When: Tue. **3 Nov.** to Sun. **8 Nov.** (10:00 - 19:00; 10:00 - 17:00 on 8 Nov.) Where: Nagoya International Center 4F Exhibition Rooms 1, 2 and 3

**Admission:** Free

Website: www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/fae

Inquiries: E-mail nagoyafae@hotmail.com, fax 052-774-0483, or call 090-1275-9717.



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