

“Fukuoka Model”: a “City with a Good Balance between People, Environment and Urban Vitality”

Fukuoka City believes that the value of a city is to be found in a good balance between various components such as “comfortable space,” “urban vitality,” and “abundant nature,” for both residents and visitors.

In 2011 the UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office put forward six components for leading urban life in a sustainable and healthy way in fast-growing medium-sized cities in Asia, which were: “life,” “education,” “transportation,” “safety and security,” “business and economy,” and “global environment.”

Fukuoka City is praised as being a “livable” city at home and abroad. Its urban development approach, referred to as the “Fukuoka Model,” provides a good balance of the six components to support a high quality of life.

The “Fukuoka Model” represents a “city with a good balance between people, environment and urban vitality,” which Fukuoka City is creating.

Fukuoka: One of the World’s Most Livable Cities

“A compact, dynamic and livable city”

—*The State of Asian Cities 2010/11*

UN-HABITAT Fukuoka Office



“The world’s Top 25 of the most livable city”

—*Fukuoka city has been introduced by MONOCLE since 2008*

Fukuoka’s “Livable” City Development

About half a century ago when the Japanese economy was growing rapidly, big cities in the country were competing to promote urbanization and industrialization.

However, Fukuoka has continued to create a city that can be developed sustainably, a city that values greenery and water by restricting development outside level land.

It is this attitude which the city is proud of and makes it “livable” as well.

Themes for Visits and Lecture

With its rapid economic and social development, Japan has experienced various problems such as rapid urbanization and population growth as distortions of society. Fukuoka City offers “visits and lecture” to those interested in urban development, to share the “experience” and “knowledge” it has gained through overcoming these issues.

Come to Fukuoka for hints on comfortable city development for your own region. Fukuoka City, which has developed considerably through its history of cultural exchange with Asia, believes that it has a role to play in offering visits and lecture, and thereby contribute to the future of Asia.

Urban Landscapes

Wellspring of a sustainable city that attracts people

A well-designed urban landscape consists of not only the exteriors of buildings but also other components such as lush greenery in the city center, creative use of above- and under- ground space, compact urban functions that make life convenient, control of the city’s urban development to make the best use of architectural characteristics, and people-friendliness. These diverse urban design components attract people and drive the wheels of commerce, and the city can take a path to sustainable development.



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| Visit | Seaside Momochi district/ Island City/ Fukuoka City subway |
| Lecture | Urban landscape administration/ Universal design/Greening |

Welfare

A comfortable city for the elderly

Japan has one of the world’s most rapidly-aging societies, and highest life expectancies. Fukuoka City customizes care services for the elderly to suit the city’s current circumstances by making full use of the health and welfare services system for the elderly established by the government. Various sectors in the city make every effort to offer care services to satisfy users and their families, such as improvement of facilities using the latest equipment, and hospitality to respect human dignity.



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| Visit | Fukuoka City Citizen Welfare Plaza (Fuku Fuku Plaza) with assistive products exhibit space/ Welfare facilities for the elderly |
| Lecture | Health and welfare services system for the elderly/ Nursing care insurance system/ Pension system |

Water Resources

Creating a city that conserves water

Lacking a major river and plentiful water resources, Fukuoka City experienced droughts with long-term water restrictions in 1978 and 1994. Since then, we have been Japan’s leading city in terms of valuing water resources, and we are working on various plans to make the most effective use of them.



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| Visit | Treated water facility/ Flood prevention facility in the city’s urban areas |
| Lecture | Raising awareness about water conservation/ Specific rate |

Environment

Environmentally-friendly “Fukuoka Method” accredited by the UN

The world has a common challenge to dispose of waste in an environmentally-friendly way.

The “Fukuoka Method” has been implemented as standard for waste disposal landfill in several Japanese regions. It has three features: reduction of one cause of global warming by suppressing methane gas production, installation at relatively low cost, and easy maintenance and management.

Fukuoka is creating a city that curbs waste disposal at landfill sites by being aware of garbage minimization, reusing and recycling waste materials, and burning rubbish at incinerators safely and stably.



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| Visit | Clean Park Rinkai (waste incineration disposal facility) / Western landfill site |
| Lecture | Waste charge / Education for creating a recycling society |

Disaster Management

Protecting citizens’ lives: High quality crisis management system and disaster management education

Crisis management is, in the case of emergencies, indispensable for protecting citizens’ lives 24 hours a day, every day. This includes the establishment of high quality crisis management, and training of Fukuoka City firefighters on a daily basis. In times of disaster, the number of lives protected depends on composed behavior and awareness of disaster management by each citizen.



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| Visit | Fukuoka Citizens’ Disaster Prevention Center/ Fukuoka City Disaster Emergency Command Center/ Fire stations |
| Lecture | Prevention techniques/ Fire-fighting and rescue techniques/ Emergency techniques |

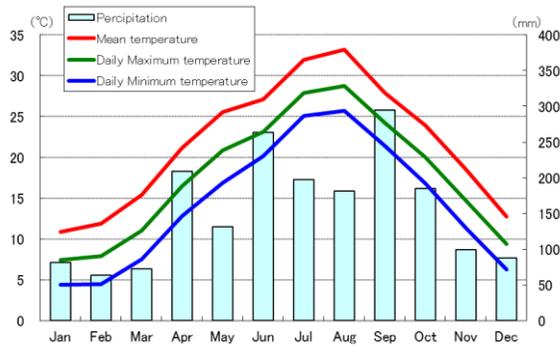
Note: All the facilities but Disaster Prevention Center are exclusive to people engaged in disaster management.

Overview of Fukuoka City

Fukuoka City is the hub city of Kyushu, which is located in western Japan. Northern Kyushu, including Fukuoka City, is one of the four biggest metropolitan areas in Japan, along with Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.

■Area: 342km² ■Population: 1.57 million (As of January, 2018)

Climate



Normals (2015~2017)

Source: Japan Meteorological Agency

Charms of Fukuoka City

City of "Hospitality" since ancient times

Open to the sea, Fukuoka City has flourished through exchange with Korea and China since ancient times.

The city warmly welcomes visitors with its free and open atmosphere and feeling of hospitality.



Compact city: a good balance between beautiful natural surroundings and urban attractions



Rich nature

While walking in the city, which embraces Hakata Bay, you can feel the mountains and sea.

There are a number of parks with lush greenery in urban areas where people can enjoy beautiful seasonal flowers throughout the year.



Urban attractions

It takes 10 minutes by subway from Fukuoka Airport to the city center and 20 to 30 minutes from the city center to major sightseeing spots. This compact city is also ideal for shopping.



To Apply for a Visit and Lecture, Contact:



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URC Arranges Visits and Lecture to Suit Your Needs and Schedule

Fukuoka City visits and lecture sessions are customized to suit your needs and schedule according to: date, venues, and content of lectures.

○In order to request a visit or lecture session, please contact the above office (URC) first. The application deadline for visits and lecture sessions is one month before the date of participation.

Note: Even if the deadline is missed, application for visits and lecture sessions may still be accepted. Please consult with URC.

○After you contact us, details such as dates, venues and content of lectures will be arranged through consultation.

Fukuoka City Visit and Lecture

—Guide for a Comfortable City—



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