

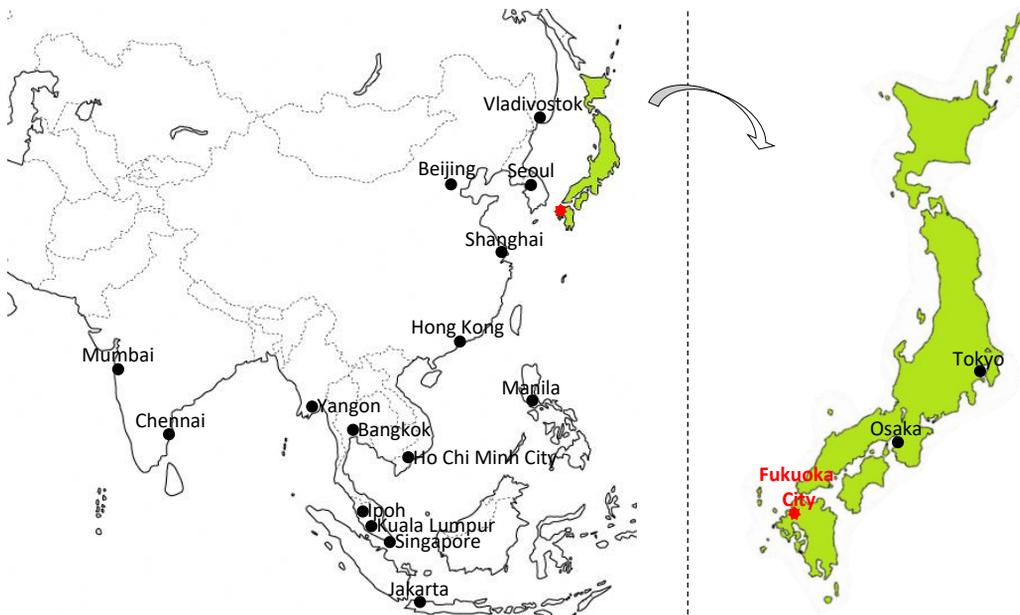
Guide to Fukuoka City's Facility Visit and Training Programs



About Fukuoka City

Fukuoka City has served as a gateway to continental Asia since ancient times. The city developed as a base for diplomacy and trade early in its history. Today, Fukuoka continues to develop as the hub of the Kyushu region and western Japan, with the establishment of a United Nations agency, as well as central government organizations, branches of major corporations, foreign diplomatic missions, and financial and service businesses.

In addition, Fukuoka Airport, major conference venues, and the downtown area are all located within a 2.5 km radius, and shrines, temples, seaside resorts, and state-of-the-art shopping facilities are compactly located in the urban heart of Fukuoka. Fukuoka is a captivating city that perfectly blends Japanese traditions and contemporary culture.



〔Area〕 343.46 km²

〔Population〕 About 1.6 million

〔Mayor〕 TAKASHIMA Soichiro

〔Average annual temperature〕 17.5°C

Program Overview

With the input of many residents, Fukuoka City has created the *Fukuoka City Comprehensive Plan*, a document laying out the city’s strategic vision to achieve a virtuous cycle that balances improving residents’ quality of life and urban growth. The city is aiming to become the leading city in Asia and has been promoting urban development that achieves harmony among people, the environment and urban vitality.

As a result, more than 90% of Fukuoka residents praise the city for its livability. At the Asia-Pacific Urban Forum, Fukuoka was selected as a model example for cities with populations of 500,000 to 1 million, being described as “compact, dynamic, and livable”. Fukuoka City is highly rated both in Japan and abroad as easy to live in and energetic.

To introduce Fukuoka’s city development, we offer Visit and Lecture programs in the following fields; urban landscapes, welfare, water resources, environment, disaster management, and others.

We are promoting the online lecture especially in recent years.

[Examples of online training]

Field	Environment
Trainee	University
Nationality	China
No. of attendees	103

Field	Water Resources
Trainee	Government officials
Nationality	Thailand
No. of attendees	52

Field	Business
Trainee	University
Nationality	Malaysia
No. of attendees	24



City officials from the Environmental Bureau gave a lecture on the Fukuoka Method, a landfill technique, connecting with a university in China online. The lecture also included the video of the landfill site, which enhanced understanding of the participants.

City officials from the Road & Sewerage Bureau gave a lecture on a reclaimed water project via the ZOOM meeting app to professors and students at approximately 50 different locations such as laboratories, offices and lecture rooms of the university.

Members of the Global Startup Center gave an online lecture to Malaysian university students about Fukuoka City’s business start-up support for foreigners from the Startup Cafe in Daimyo, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka City. Actual entrepreneurs also joined as guest speakers and shared their successful experiences.

Urban Development



Urban Landscapes

Urban development with city design in mind

Fukuoka is a city developing itself with attention to design. The urban development projects in the city not only utilize its historical resources to their full potential, but we also combine the strengths of residents, businesses, and the government. One of our flagship projects is Island City, an area created by repurposing the earth and sand generated as a byproduct when dredging shipping routes. Island City has been developed as a model example of an advanced city.



Welfare

Creating a livable city for all

Fukuoka City continues to promote barrier-free development in renovated and newly built buildings, passenger facilities, and more, so all residents can use the facilities with ease. Also, the city promotes a totally barrier-free system that utilizes both tangible and intangible elements as a comprehensive unit. In anticipation of the era of the 100-year life, Fukuoka City is promoting the Fukuoka 100 project, a project made up of 100 goals that work towards achieving a model city of advanced health.



Water Resources

City with water conservation

The city promotes using water reclaimed from treated wastewater to create a water-conservative environment. In addition, the city maintains the world's lowest leakage rate through systematic leakage surveys, renewal of distribution pipes, and efficient water operations using a water distribution control system. Furthermore, in order to deliver safe and delicious tap water, we have also set our own quality targets that are actually stricter than Japan's national standards, ensuring thorough quality management.



Urban Development

Environment

Environmentally-friendly development



Fukuoka City ensures proper management of waste disposal by enforcing measures on unlawful dumping, efficient waste collection during the night and maintaining disposal plants. The city also encourages international cooperation and supports other regions as a wider activity to introduce Fukuoka's own original environmental technology centered on the Fukuoka Method, semi-aerobic landfill technique.



Disaster Management

Creating a safe and secure city



To cope with natural disasters, which are occurring more frequently and intensely in recent years, the city strives to strengthen the functions of the newly established Disaster Response Headquarters by conducting training and workshops with the related departments throughout Fukuoka City. The city also holds evacuation drills and lectures related to disaster management and mitigation, which are popular among its citizens, as well as seminars on fire management of fire and disaster mitigation.



Other Initiatives

Urban development with Startups support



By jointly operating Fukuoka Growth Next and the Startup Cafe, both startup facilities ran by a public-private partnership, we are expanding the bases of startup businesses. At the same time, we promote the further growth of startups that are globalizing and scaling up their operations, and starting up a second business for existing SMEs, while keeping abreast of the drastically changing needs of society.



Applications and Inquiries



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URC Visit and Training



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- To apply, e-mail or post your application to the URC via the contact address provided above at least one month prior to your desired date. (If you wish to apply for a program less than one month before the date of your desired visit/training, please consult us.)
 - The URC will customize the visit and training program to suit your needs and schedule, including visit destinations and lecture contents.
 - We will discuss the details of the visit, lecture contents, and date and time after your request.
 - You can also apply to receive training online.
 - Please contact us for details if you have any other requests that are not included in this guide.
 - The lectures of the training will be given in Japanese, so you will need to arrange an interpreter.