Guide to Fukuoka City's Facility Visit and Training Programs





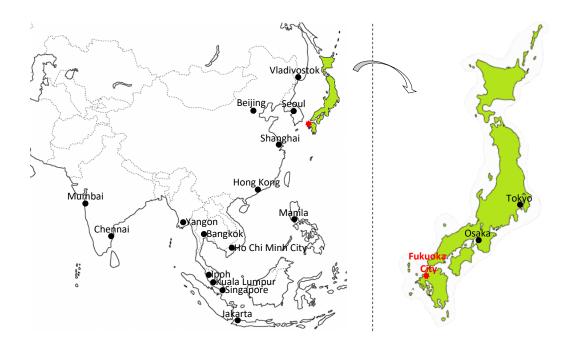




About Fukuoka City

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 western Japan, with the establishment of a United Nations agency, as well as national 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 harmonized with Japanese traditions and contemporary culture.



[Area] 343 km² [Population] About 1.63 million [Average annual temperature] 18.0°C

[Mayor] TAKASHIMA Soichiro

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 96% 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 have reopened the entries for the physical facility visit as well as the online lecture.

[Examples of online training and physical facility visits]

Field	Water Resources
Nationality	Philippines
No. of attendees	65
Format	Online





The participants from the Philippines connected online to attend a lecture given by an official of the Fukuoka City's Road and Sewerage Bureau on "Fukuoka City's Reclaimed Water Project" for "promotion of Water-Conscious City'.

	Field	Disaster Management
	Nationality	Thailand
	No. of attendees	14
	Format	Physical facility visit





The students from Thailand has used the facility in Fukuoka Citizens Disaster Prevention Center and experienced the simulation of evacuation methods in earthquake and fire situation to deepen their understanding about disasters.

Field	Others (International Policies)
Nationality	South Korea
No. of attendees	16
Format	Physical facility visit





Members of the International Affairs Department of Fukuoka City gave a face-to-face lecture about the current status of internationalization of Fukuoka city to the students from South Korea. The students presented their analysis of the issues for the Fukuoka city Challenges for Fukuoka City to become the place for career development of foreign talents afterwards.

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. The Island City, newly created by land reclamation, promotes environmentally friendly urban development, while giving due consideration to the urban landscape.















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 where everyone can actively participate.



















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.





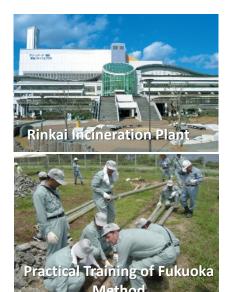








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Environment Environmentally-friendly development

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



- 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 apply for physical facility visit as well as to receive training online.
- Please contact us for details if you have any other requests that are not included in this guide.
 - Also please organize your own transport method for the facility visit.
- The lectures of the training will be given in Japanese, so you will need to arrange an interpreter.