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Osaka Foundation of International eXchange



Think Multiculturally, Act Osaka-ly

OFIX provides life support for residents from abroad living in Osaka with the help of volunteers.

Promoting Multicultural Coexistence

❖ Providing Information in Multiple Languages

Osaka Information Service for Foreign Residents (Free of charge)



In order for people who visit or live in Japan to feel safer and more secure, we provide a wide variety of information services and consultations in 11 languages, including Japanese, on topics from residence status to information related to daily life. Employers who hire foreign workers can also utilize this service.

- Living Guide for Foreign Residents in Osaka "Essentials for Living in Osaka" (in 11 languages and "Plain Japanese") <https://www.ofix.or.jp/life/english/>
- "Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)" (in 11 languages) <https://www.ofix.or.jp/life-in-japan-faq-english/>



Languages	English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Vietnamese, Filipino, Thai, Indonesian, Nepali and Japanese
Days & Hours	Mon. & Fri. 9:00 - 20:00* (Appointment required after 17:30) 3rd or 4th Fri. of each month 9:00 - 21:00* Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9:00 - 17:30* 2nd & 4th Sun. of each month 13:00 - 17:00 (Appointment required for in-person visit) <small>*Except national holidays</small>
Consultations	Resident status, labor, medical care, welfare, education and other general matters related to daily life
Specialist Consultations	Lawyer Consultation, Bureaucratic Consultation, Labor Consultation, Immigration Consultation, Therapeutic Counseling with a Specialist <small>*Appointment required</small>
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E-mail	jouhou-c@ofix.or.jp (Japanese, English only)
Tel.	06-6941-2297



Volunteer Interpreter / Translator Dispatch and Training



OFIX offers training for language volunteers such as community interpreters and translators and dispatches them to local governments that request their services.

These volunteers aid communication between local government staff and foreign residents.

- Volunteer <https://www.ofix.or.jp/volunteers/>



Sharing Multilingual Life Support Information

We have created videos to help with things that people from abroad have difficulty with but native Japanese people think are easy or ordinary. We introduce topics from how to visit a hospital to how to find an apartment.



- OFIX YouTube Channel https://www.youtube.com/@ofix_jp



❖ Creating an Environment and Fostering Human Resources for Multicultural Coexistence

Human Resource Development

As an opportunity to learn about multicultural coexistence with the youth living in Osaka, we dispatch registered international students etc. as supporters to offer cross-cultural awareness education classes at local schools in Osaka. Supporters also participate in other activities held by universities and related international organizations.

- OFIX Cross-cultural Awareness Education <https://www.ofix.or.jp/supporters/>



Corporate Training / Lecturer Dispatch

Plain Japanese is simplified Japanese that is easy for foreigners to understand and was created in the wake of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. OFIX conducts plain Japanese seminars for administrative staff, international exchange associations and private companies, etc.

We also provide Life Orientation for foreigners living in Osaka to learn about the rules and customs of Japan.



❖ Strengthening the Multilingual Disaster Support System for Foreign Residents

Osaka Multilingual Disaster Information Center



Osaka Prefecture and OFIX finalized an agreement for the establishment and operation of the Osaka Multilingual Disaster Information Center to provide efficient multilingual support during large-scale disasters.

Collaboration with Municipalities and Local International Exchange Organizations

We conduct disaster preparedness training drills and disaster-related volunteer interpreter/translator training sessions together with local governments and international exchange organizations so as to help build up stronger communities against disasters.



OFIX Disaster-Related Volunteer Interpreter / Translator Program

We conduct skill-up training regularly for registered volunteers and work with universities and others to encourage international students to register as volunteers to strengthen our overall multilingual disaster support.

➤ Volunteer
<https://ofix.or.jp/volunteers/>



Providing Disaster Information

We provide important information for foreign residents on the OFIX website in 11 languages.

➤ Disaster Information
<https://ofix.or.jp/disaster-info-english/>



❖ Sakai Orion International House

Sakai Orion International House is an international student dormitory operated by OFIX. Some corporate interns can also use the dorm. Various events are held to encourage international students to interact with Japanese students and members of the local community.



Rooms: 85 (single rooms only)
 Monthly Rent: 36,000 yen (incl. utilities) ※April 2024

➤ Sakai Orion International House
<https://www.ofix.or.jp/dormitory/>



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❖ Information from OFIX

OFIX Official Website and SNS

Information concerning OFIX's programs and collaborative projects with other organizations are provided on the OFIX website and social media.



➤ OFIX Website
<https://www.ofix.or.jp>



➤ OFIX Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/osakafoundation>



➤ OFIX X
https://twitter.com/OFIX_JP



➤ OFIX note
https://note.com/ofix_jp/



"OFIX News" Publication, E-Newsletter

We publish "OFIX News" quarterly to introduce OFIX's activities. We also provide the latest information by e-newsletter every month. Both are available in Japanese and English.

➤ OFIX News, E-Newsletter
<https://www.ofix.or.jp/archive/>



Yearly Report for OFIX Members

We publish a yearly report for OFIX supporting members.



Constructing Networks with Related Organizations

OFIX is strengthening its collaborative efforts to work with and exchange information with the Kinki Council of Local Authorities for International Relations and other bodies including local international exchange organizations within Osaka Prefecture.

Foundation History

Jan 25, 1989	Establishment of Osaka Foundation of International Exchange
Feb 1, 1995	Started operation and management of Orion International House after the facility was lent over to OFIX by Osaka Prefecture
Mar 31, 2009	Became owner of Orion International House after obtaining the facility from Osaka Prefecture
Apr 1, 2012	Recognized as a Public Interest Incorporated Foundation by the Osaka Prefectural Governor
Mar 13, 2015	Finalized an agreement on the establishment and operation of the Osaka Multilingual Disaster Information Center
Apr 1, 2019	Started operation of the one-stop consultation service for foreigners
Mar 9, 2022	Started operation of "The Human Resources Bank of Interpreters" and consultation service for people displaced from Ukraine

OFIX Supporting Members

Seeking Supporting Members

We are looking for corporate and individual members who would like to support the activities of our foundation and can pay the prescribed membership fees.

Corporate Member (2 or more units are requested)

Annual membership fee of 50,000 yen per unit

Individual Member

Annual membership fee of 3,000 yen per unit

<https://www.ofix.or.jp/donate/>



Member Benefits

- OFIX News (quarterly) and Report (yearly) containing information on OFIX's activities and international exchange
- Free banner advertisements for corporate members

Tax benefits for contributions made to public interest corporations

Supporting members are eligible for preferential treatment concerning income and corporate taxes.

OFIX Website Ads

Accepting Banner Ads

We are looking for banner ads to be placed on our OFIX Website!

Reasonable Advertising Rate (including tax)
Ads placed on a month-to-month basis.
Extensions available.

Japanese webpage and Multilingual webpages
(11 webpages)

5,500 yen (includ. tax)

<https://ofix.or.jp/banners/>

※ per banner frame per month



JICA Osaka Desk in OFIX

JICA Osaka Desk is set up in OFIX's office.

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Foundation Outline

Representative of the Board of Directors	Chairman Hidetaka Yoshikawa
Supervising Government Agency	Osaka Prefectural Government, Osaka Promotion Bureau, Department of Civic and Cultural Affairs
Establishment	January 25, 1989 April 1, 2012 became a Public Interest Incorporated Foundation
Aims	OFIX was founded to contribute to the development of Osaka Prefecture as an international metropolis as well as to support international friendship between residents of Osaka, by promoting internationalization and international exchange.
Principal	2,329,176,510 yen

1. Promoting the Acceptance of People From Abroad and Improving the Living Environment for Foreign Residents

Provide useful information and advice to foreign residents and train and dispatch OFIX volunteer interpreters/translators. By doing so, we promote improvement of multilingual support services for foreign residents.

Also, we aim to improve the system of mutual support and collaboration with municipal governments or international organizations by providing multilingual information in case of disaster.

3 Basic Pillars of Activities

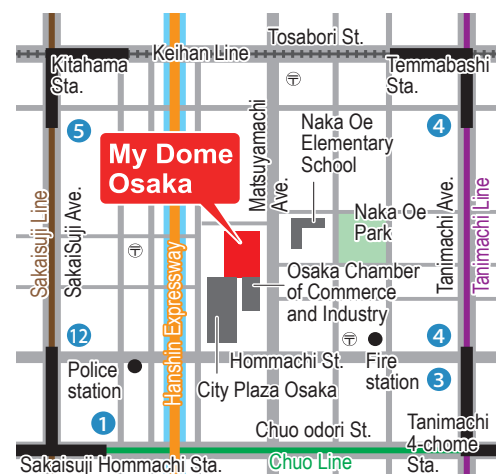
2. Global Human Resources Development

Develop global human resources in order to support multicultural coexistence by dispatching supporters to elementary, junior high and high schools for cross-cultural awareness education.

3. Dissemination of International Exchange Information

Gather and spread international exchange information and strengthen the network with related institutions in Osaka Prefecture.

Provide information about our activities through the OFIX website, SNS and OFIX News.



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