

●The International Volunteer System

In order to get many Niigata citizens involved in international exchange and understanding activities, we dispatch translation and interpretation volunteers and earth supporters (event volunteers) to non-profit projects that are being carried out in Niigata. We are always looking for people willing to volunteer as needed. We eagerly await your participation.

●Niigata International Cooperation "Fureai" Fund



The Niigata International Cooperation "Fureai" Fund is an easy way to get involved in international cooperation. We collect donations from people within Niigata, and with those funds provide financial assistance to NGOs that work abroad. Donation boxes are located in "Michi no Eki" (roadway stations), onsens, hotels, and other locations in Niigata. We hope you will lend your support.

●NIA Support Members

We are looking for individuals and groups who understand and agree with our work to become support members. Becoming a support member has a number of privileges.

Shared privileges

- Borrow national flags, traditional dress, and reading materials from NIA
- Use the display panels in the International Plaza
- Receive NIA's publications and event information

Group member privileges

- Use of Internationalization Project Aid Fund (Up to 200,000 yen)
- Free rental of NIA's study room

Individual member privileges

- Receive tickets to the prefectural art museums
- Receive coupons for use at restaurants in Niigata

Yearly fees

Group membership : 10,000 yen (yearly fee)
Individual membership : 3,000 yen (yearly fee)
*Further contributions to be made in 10,000/3,000 yen payments



●Guide to Foreign Language Consultation Services

We have set up a foreign language consultation desk in order to help foreign residents who have problems or are struggling with the culture or life here in Japan. You can come in person or contact us over the phone, so we hope you make use of this opportunity.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10:00AM ~ 2:00PM		
Japanese Thai	Japanese Chinese	Japanese English

Location : Niigata International Association

TEL:025-241-1881 (Solely for consultations)

※Languages and times subject to change.



The Niigata International Plaza and the Niigata International Association are located inside Toki Messe. Please feel free to visit.

Access

- 15 minutes by bus from the JR Niigata Station
- Roughly 20 minutes by car from the Niigata Airport
- Roughly 20 minutes by car from the Niigata Chuo interchange

Business hours

Weekdays 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

※Closed on weekends and over the New Year's except if an event is being held



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Connecting, Sharing, and Living Together



NIIGATA INTERNATIONAL PLAZA
NIIGATA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION



The Niigata International Association or "NIA," was founded in 1990 to promote international exchange, international cooperation, and multicultural regional development by involving all kinds of citizens, and to help create a Niigata that is open to the rest of the world. NIA is located in the Niigata International Plaza, where everyone is welcome to use the space and look at the international information and books.



Information on International Exchange

Various pamphlets are provided, covering things such as information on international exchange and cooperation activities, and living information for foreign residents.



Study Room

Can be used for seminars or meetings; holds up to 25 people.



International Information Library

We have set up a reading space where you can read books, magazines, and newspapers. We also hold international exchange events and panel displays.

Connected to the World. Connecting the World. ~ The Main Work of NIA ~

1. Initiatives to Promote International Exchange

We work to expand the acceptance of foreign people coming to Niigata, increase awareness of international exchange in Niigata, and promote international exchange with various countries in the Northeast Asian region that have an especially strong relation with our prefecture.

Main Projects

- Technological exchange with Mongolia
- Holding classes for host families (offering home stays for assistant language teachers and foreign students)
- Holding seminars to support foreign exchange students in the job hunt
- Holding international understanding lectures for prefecture residents



At the host family classes, people interested in homestays and those interested in being host families can meet each other and interact.

2. Initiatives to Create a Multicultural Society

We work to create a multicultural society where people of different nationalities and cultures can come to understand each other's viewpoints and live together.

Main Projects

- Operating a foreign language consultation service
- Support children whose first language is not Japanese in enrolling in school
- Training multilingual disaster support volunteers
- Providing support for foreigners with medical issues



Multilingual Disaster Volunteer training. We train people to support foreign people who have different languages, cultures, and customs, during times of disaster.

3. Support the Activities of Citizens Groups

We provide support for citizen groups such as NPOs and NGOs that provide humanitarian relief in developing areas or carry out projects related to international exchange, international cooperation, or multiculturalism in Niigata.

Main Projects

- Distributing aid through the Niigata International Cooperation "Fureai" Fund.
- Distributing aid through the Internationalization Project Aid Fund.



The Niigata International Cooperation "Fureai" Fund helps improve the education environment in developing regions.

4. Training People who can Support Internationalization in Niigata

We work hard to help develop people who can carry on internationalization in Niigata by training volunteers to support a multicultural society and providing international understanding education for young people who will carry this work on into the next generation.

Main Projects

- Operating an international volunteer bank
- Holding the International Understanding Presentation Contest
- Dispatching international exchange instructors



The International Understanding Presentation Contest helps to not only create a better understanding of multiculturalism and the state of the world, but also builds strong bonds between friends.

5. Providing Information Related to International Exchange and Cooperation

We provide timely information on international exchange and cooperation for citizens groups and residents.

Main Projects

- Run a multilingual homepage (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Russian)
- Publish the newsletter "NIA Letter" (in Japanese and English) four times a year
- Distribute a mail magazine (once a month)



We provide information that will help you feel closer to international exchange and understanding through our newsletter, "NIA Letter."