

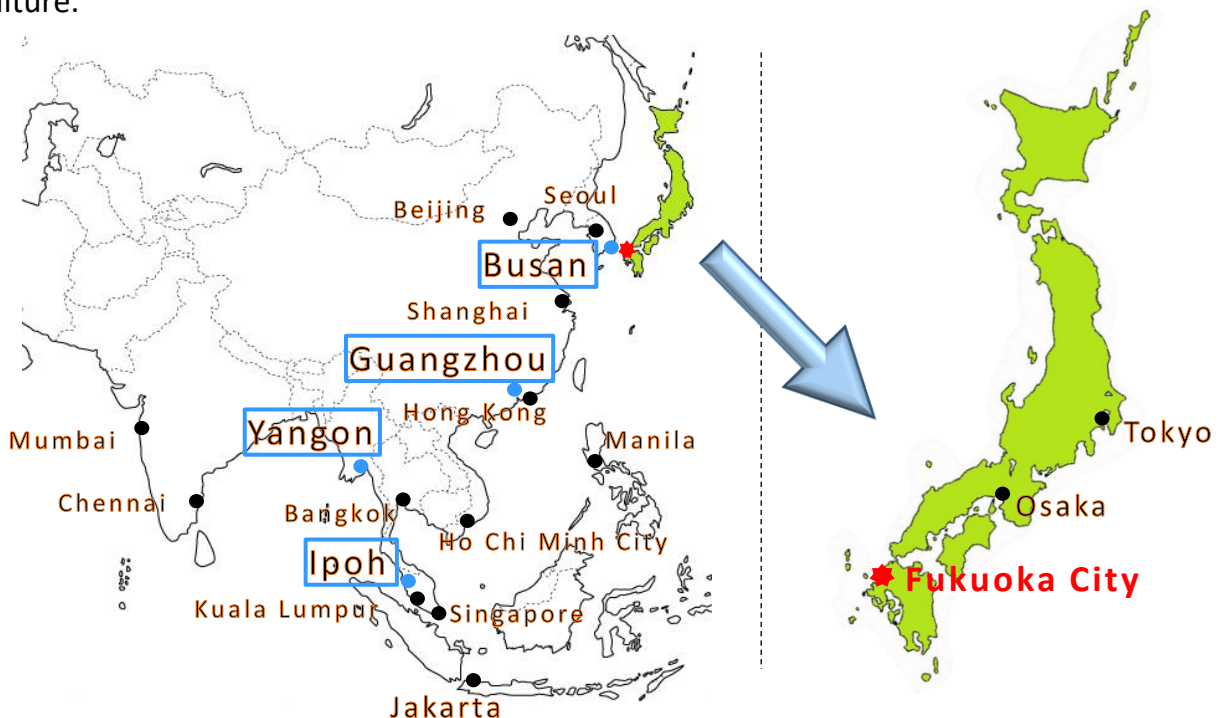
Guide to Fukuoka City's Facility Visit and Training Programs



About Fukuoka City

Fukuoka City has developed as a base for international trade to continental Asia and beyond. Today, Fukuoka continues to grow 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 is perfectly harmonized with Japanese traditions and contemporary culture.



Four cities marked with blue box in the map hold sister city agreement with Fukuoka city.

[Area] 343 km²

[Population] About 1.67million

[Mayor] TAKASHIMA Soichiro

[Average annual temperature] 18.4°C

Program Overview

With the input of many residents, Fukuoka City created the Fukuoka City Comprehensive Plan, a document laying out the city's three strategic visions; 'to create a virtuous cycle that balances improving residents' quality of life and urban growth', 'to provide an environment where various talents grow, gather and challenge', and 'to develop the Fukuoka metropolitan area as a whole and play a wide-area role'. The city is aiming to become the leading city in Asia and has been promoting urban development that achieves high level of harmony among people, the environment and urban vitality.

While Japan has been experiencing the nationwide population decline in the society, the population in Fukuoka City has been increasing due to transfer of diverse talents from other cities in Japan and abroad. Thus locating and establishment of companies also increased with Fukuoka city's municipal tax revenues remain high. As a result, more than 97% of Fukuoka residents praise the city for its vibrancy and livability.

To introduce these engagements by Fukuoka city abroad, we offer site visit and online lecture programs focused on the following fields; Urban landscapes, Welfare, Water resources, Environment, Disaster management.

[Examples of training and onsite facility visits]

Welfare

At **the Fukuoka Dementia Friendly Center**, visitors experienced the Dementia augmented reality (AR) Experience which enable the participants to experience elements of common visual symptoms of dementia, after the learning session on Humanitude® Course and Dementia-friendly design.



Water Resources

At **the Tataru Purification Plant**, an official from the Fukuoka City Waterworks Bureau gave a presentation on the plant's water treatment process, followed by a tour of its advanced water treatment facility, designed to deal with the characteristics of the plant's water source.



Urban Development

Please consult separately for the visits and programs for the following categories.
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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

Dementia Friendly City Project



Fukuoka City promotes the policy 'Dementia-friendly City Project' to aim to develop as a city where people with dementia can live as they like in their familiar neighborhoods with peace of mind. In September 2023, the city established 'Dementia Friendly Center' which is a centralized facility for the city's policy. The Center organizes the opportunity for patients to interact each others, their activities, the program for 'Humanitude®'; communication and care method for Dementia patients and Dementia AR Experience session in addition to consultation with the patients and their family members.

Regarding Humanitude®, the city has been promoting the wide spread of the learning courses for the community, companies and school children in the city, as well as fostering the dissemination of the method both at home and abroad at 'Humanitude® Promotion Headquarters', which opened inside the Center in September 2025.



Urban Development



Road & Sewerage Bureau
Sewage Treatment Centers



Water Distribution
Control Center

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.



Rinkai Incineration Plant



Practical Training of
Fukuoka Method

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, including further promoting the Fukuoka Method, semi-aerobic landfill technique, as a wider activity.



Disaster Response
Headquarters

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.



Education for disaster
prevention and mitigation



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