

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.



[Area] 343 km²

[Population] About 1.64 million

[Mayor] TAKASHIMA Soichiro

[Average annual temperature] 18.5°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 98% 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 opened the entries for onsite programs as well as online lecture.

[Examples of training and onsite facility visits in 2023]

Field	Welfare
Type of organization	Government body
No. of attendees	13

Field	Disaster Management
Type of organization	International organization
No. of attendees	14

Field	Water Resources
Type of organization	Government body
No. of attendees	12



The tour included visits to the [Support Center for People with Disabilities and Disability Employment Support Center](#). The centers were moved to the current locations in July 2023 to provide better service. The tour participants learned about Fukuoka City’s initiatives to support individuals with disabilities and their families, and care providers.



The participants visited the [Sanno Rainwater Regulating Pond](#) which is one of the main facilities built as part of the Storm Water Management Rainbow Plan Hakata. An official from the Road and Sewerage Bureau presented an overview of the area as well as explained the city’s measures against flood damage.



At the [Tatara 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



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.



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.



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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 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.