

Chapter 3

Comfortable and Meaningful Life

Civil Activities

For supporting
Local Activities

◆Town Development by Civil Collaboration/ The Activities of Civil Public Interest◆

⇒Civic Collaboration Promotion Office

We are trying to propel "Town Development by Civil Collaboration" which both civil and government cooperate and tie up.

We revitalize the activities of civil public-interest activity group (NPO and Volunteer Group etc.), enhancing function of "Sasebo Civil Activity Exchange Plaza", based as civil public-interest activities and promoting leverage subsidy system.

Sasebo Civil Activity Exchange Plaza
 5-1 Tono-cho
 (the site of the old Tono Elementary School)
 TEL/FAX 23-6070

【Open days】

- Tuesday-Saturday
10:00am-10:00pm
- Sundays and Holidays
10:00am-6:00pm

3rd fl	NPO Office	NPO Office	Stairs	NPO Office	Rest room		
Hallway							
2nd fl	NPO Office	Conference room C	Conference room B	Stairs	Conference room A	Rest room	
Hallway							
1st fl	Support room (Social welfare council volunteer center)	Exchange space		Stairs	Working space	Conference room D	Rest room
Hallway				Entrance			

● **Consult about volunteer activities and NPO**

There are various areas of civil activities' group such as welfare, environment, international relationship, etc. within Sasebo City. If you want them to join you or you want to join them, you can consult anything about activities of volunteer group and

For inquiries and consultations

⇒ Sasebo Social Welfare Council Volunteer Center

- Address 5-1 Tono-cho
Sasebo Civil Activities Exchange Plaza 1F
[TEL23-3905](tel:23-3905)

- Open days Every Tuesday~Sunday
(Excluding Japanese National holidays and December 29th~January 3rd)
- Opening time 10:00 am~6:45 pm
(Until 5:00pm on Sundays)

・ In addition, the prefectural government also has a Support Center for residents.

⇒ KENMIN (People in Nagasaki) Volunteer Activities Support Center

- Address Dejima Koryu Kaikan 5F,
2-11 Dejima-cho Nagasaki-City
[TEL095-827-4852](tel:095-827-4852)

- Open days Every Tuesday~Sunday
(Excluding December 29th~January 3rd)
- Opening time 9:00 am~10:00 pm
(Until 5:00 pm only on Saturdays, Sundays, and Japanese Holidays)

● Consultations about Procedure for Nonprofit Organization Law (NPO Law)

The prefecture has the window for NPO Establishment Certification.

○ Where to apply for corporation establishment

⇒ Nagasaki Prefecture, Residents Life Department
Gender Equality · Residents Cooperation Division

DejimaKouryuKaikan 3F 2-11 Dejima-cho Nagasaki-City
[TEL095-824-1111](tel:095-824-1111)

⇒ North Prefecture Development Bureau, Administrative Department
Administration and Planning Division

3-25 Kobata-cho
[TEL23-4211](tel:23-4211)

◆The Self-Governing Association (Chonaikai) Activities◆

●Main activities ⇒ Civic Life Division

The Self-governing associations such as Neighborhood Associations called "Chonaikai" closely connected with their living for your safe and comfortable living in various fields such as environmental beautification, prevention of disaster, crime, and traffic accident, senior citizens' club and children's club, etc. In addition they try to improve citizens' welfare serving as a liaison with the city.

●To support Chonaikai's activities

The city approves corporations for holding property that Chonaikai owns (Meeting place, etc.) and loans and aids for new construction or reconstruction of meeting place. Also, it has a subsidy system for electricity expenses of security lights.

●Support for crime prevention activities

⇒ Traffic Safety and Anticrime Promotion Office

There is a subsidy system for local anticrime activities in Chonaikai.

◆Social Worker/Child Committee Activities◆

Social Worker・Child Committee provide advice for the citizens and help you empathically for the general welfare including the issue of elderly, child and so on. Please contact us anytime.

Contact information of nearby Social Worker・Child Committee
⇒Health Welfare Policy Division

◆Gender Equality Promotion Center 「Spica」◆

⇒Human Rights Gender Equality Division
Arkas SASEBO 2F, 2-3 Miura-cho
TEL23-3828

It is the hub of activities aiming for the realization of gender-equal society in which each of you can fully exercise your individuality and abilities regardless of gender. The center is equipped with "Interaction Corner (including books and information)", "Seminar Room", "Test Kitchen", "Creative Room" and so on. You can use Spica as a place for seminars and interactions.

●Seminar・Spica Festival

For the realization of gender-equal society, we hold seminars to learn about various field and 「Spica Festival」 to promote empowerment in which both men and women can live by their own values. We will notify you of the date and more by "Koho-Sasebo [the Monthly City Report]".

●Information magazine "Spica"

"Spica" is circulated to every household and published once a year. It provides the implementation status and information of gender equality of the country.

●Information service・network

We provide books about gender equality and information magazine of other cities in the interaction corner, also support for the organizations registered at Spica.

◆Human Rights/Antidiscrimination Measures◆

⇒Human Rights Gender Equality Division

To remove prejudice and sense of discrimination, we aim for bright society where the human rights are respected through educational activities to spread correct understanding and appreciation of human-rights issues including antidiscrimination issues.

○ Specific educational activities

We are trying to promote human rights consciousness by holding lectures about human rights enlightenment, publishing human rights series in "Koho-Sasebo [the Monthly City Report]", circulating the leaflets on human rights to every household and more.

◆Consumers' Center◆

⇒Consumers' Center 3-1 Hirase-cho [TEL22-2591](tel:22-2591)

For stability and improvement of your living, we conduct services of consultation for consumers and measurements. Please feel free to visit.

○ **Consultation for Consumers' Complaints**

We provide consultation for trouble in contract in your life and complaints about products or services. In addition you can consult a lawyer for free.

(The 3rd Tuesday of every month 1:00pm~4:00pm by advance reservation only)

○ **Delivery Lecture**

On your request we go over to the place where you are to hold lectures to provide information on illegal business, etc. Please make use of it for studies in the region or a group.

○ **Consumers Extension Course**

There are courses on helpful information for your living by specialist instructor. (6 courses a year)

○ **Video Library**

You can borrow videos about consumers for free.

○ **Services of Measurements**

We conduct inspections of scales for use in a trade at stores or proof at stores or hospitals and on-site inspection of product interior content, etc.

How to access the website of Consumers' Center

Sasebo City Website → **General Information** → **ANSHIN (Means "Ease")**
→ **Consumer** → 『**Consumers' Center Website**』

Culture and Exchange Bond between the people

◆Cultural Network◆

- **Cultural group registration system** ⇒ Cultural Promotion Division
In Sasebo City, we have information registry system for the cultural organizations which aspiringly perform cultural activities mainly in Sasebo to support. With this system, we make a Cultural Organization Chart with their registered information to correspond for all sorts of inquiry, to introduce their activities on information magazine "Bunkatte Nani ? (What is Culture ?)" to support their activities. Also we are trying to advance cultural network around the city by way of exchanging updated information between Sasebo City and cultural organizations.

◆Cultural Promote◆

- **Sasebo "Yume Daigaku [Dream college]"**
⇒ **Sasebo "Yume Daigaku" Office**
4-30 Miura-cho **TEL25-9555**
 FAX25-9545

Sasebo "Yume Daigaku" is the place for civil made lifelong learning in order to learn with change of the time, to talk about sensation and dreams in the future. Why don't you join with us in creating "yourself" at Yume Daigaku? For all citizens, we are promoting lifelong learning through leaders' lectures from various fields, introducing Civil Cultural Organization's activities. In principle, lectures are held at "Arkas SASEBO" on every 3rd Thursdays of the month. We can accept up to 2,000 members for students. (Closed when reached a quorum). Annual charge is 15,000yen. For family membership, 14,000yen per person. It is every January when we recruit students.

◆Friendship and Exchange◆

- **Introducing Sasebo's Sister Cities and Sister Port**
⇒ International Policy Division

- **Albuquerque (New Mexico State, U.S.A.)**

In June of 1965, when US navy Rear Admiral visited Sasebo City, "Sister City" was one of the topics of conversation and it became true later. Albuquerque is located in the middle of New Mexico State and increasing attention as tourist city.

※Concluded / November 1st, 1966

- **San Diego Port (California State, U.S.A.)**

In San Diego city, there was an Association of around 150 People from Nagasaki Prefecture. The main leaders were from Sasebo City. In 1980, the Association members met mayor of Sasebo City when he visited San Diego. Taking that opportunity, we started to have friendship exchange.

San Diego Port is surrounded by 5 different cities including central city San Diego and divided into Commercial Port, Industrial Port, Fishing Port, and Leisure Port.

※Concluded / October 19th, 1982

● **Xiamen (Fujian Province, China)**

We have historically old exchange between Fujian, China and Nagasaki Prefecture. Nagasaki City and Fuzhou City became Friendship City in 1980, while Nagasaki Prefecture and Fujian became Friendship Prefecture in 1982. This has made Sasebo a Friendship City with Xiamen in accordance with a strong request by Nagasaki Prefectural Japan-China Friendship Association.

※Concluded / October 28th, 1983

● **Coffs Harbour (New South Wales State, Australia)**

Since 1964, Seiwa Joshi Gakuin had engaging exchange student program and oversea musical trip with Australia. And we became Sister City with tourist resort city, Coffs Harbor to deepen exchange for tourism industry.

※Concluded / June 6th, 1988

● **Paju (Kyonggi Province, Republic of Korea)**

In October, 2007 Sasebo City received the intention from Paju City, Korea to establish sister city relationship with Sasebo City. Paju is the city aims to develop internationally through the project "Ubiquitous Future City", Industry and Sightseeing. As Korea is very close to Sasebo and that population of Paju is expanding as a commuter town of Seoul, this international Friendship with Paju enabled us to expect active exchanges at the popular level by way of attracting more tourists and of expanding cultural, economical and tourism exchange.

※Concluded / November 6th, 2008

● **Shenyang (Liaoning Province, China)**

As the capital of Liaoning province, Shenyang is the traffical, economical and cultural center. Actually under construction of the express traffic service with vicinal cities and area for development, one great economical zone called "Shenyang Economical Zone" is scheduled to be completed by 2020. As for the exchange activities at first, Shenyang and Sasebo started some exchanges in the field of Sightseeing on a private level. As Shenyang hoped to extend the exchange activities not in the field of sightseeing but also in the broader field including economy, Sasebo and Shenyang concluded Friedly exchange agreement.

※Concluded / May 31th, 2011

● **Kokonoe Machi, Oita Prefecture (Kusu County, Domestic Sister City)**

They have been providing vegetables and fruits since 1955, and taking this opportunity, we became Sister City. Since then, we continue to have economic exchange and cultural exchange each other.

※Concluded / July 26th, 1991

● **To all Foreigners who live in Sasebo**

Please feel free to contact International Policy Division at any time. (12F, Sasebo City Office)