

(individual member

Application Form for  
Funabashi International Relations Association  
(FIRA)

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Name		/		
Date of birth	year	month	day	
Address	zip code			
E-mail	@			First language
Phone number				
Phone number (Cell phone)				
Purpose of joining FIRA:				

**Do you speak any other languages except your first language?**

Language:	Level: 1. Daily conversation 2. Business 3. International conference Interpretation experience: Yes No Translation experience: Yes No
Certificate or self- evaluation	
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Certificate or self- evaluation	
Experience of living abroad	

**Japanese Classes**

Are you interested in volunteering at Japanese classes?	Yes	No
Do you have a Japanese language teaching certificate?	Yes	No
Have you learned Japanese language teaching methods?	Yes	No

**Other**

Other activities that you are interested in except the ones mentioned above (if any): Interpretation Translation Host family Introducing your culture Other ( )
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**Email newsletter**

Please register your email address on our website to subscribe our email newsletter.

The personal information contained in this application will be used only for correspondence from us and our activities.

FIRA fills in  
this section: 会員登録日 年 月 日 会員番号:

## Examples of our activities:

- General Affairs:** We organize training and carry out research on multicultural symbiotic society, train supporters for non-Japanese residents in times of natural disaster, arrange meetings, and manage budget, account settlement, and other administrative matters.
- Public Relations:** Our members gather information and edit articles for the FIRA newsletter, which is published three times a year, and a quarterly life information magazine "Yokoso," and distribute those publications. We also manage and update our website, and translate the articles to be published on the website.
- Cultural Exchange:** Funabashi has established relationships with our sister and friendship cities. Citizen-based exchange activities with these cities include visiting each other and sending students to California State University, East Bay. We also provide opportunities for citizens to interact with foreign residents living in Funabashi to deepen mutual understanding.
- International Understanding Seminar:** The International Understanding Seminar is held about twice a year supported by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassadors of various countries speak at the Seminar to introduce their own country directly to the citizens of Funabashi.
- Foreign Residents' Assistance Service:** We provide foreign residents with useful information, a counseling service, and interpretation and translation services at the City Hall on Mondays and Fridays.
- Japanese Classes:** Regular Japanese classes are held at seven locations (mostly at public halls). We also hold a short-term, intensive course for beginners in spring and fall.
- Chikyu-kko (Japanese Class for Non-native Children)** We hold a Japanese class for elementary and junior high school children at Tobu Public Hall on every Saturday morning.