

Happy New Year! Thank you for continuing to read the ISD Newsletter—we look forward to sharing more with you this year. Recently, a kingfisher has been spotted by the pond in front of the library. They are very shy and hard to find, but if you do catch a glimpse, consider it a lucky start to your day! Wishing you a wonderful year ahead.



## Join Our Free Bus Tour for International Students!

It's a one-day bus tour to explore ancient Japan, featuring visits to "The Science Museum of Map and Survey" and the "National Museum of Japanese History." (Bring your own lunch.)

Date: February 5th (thu) [See FLYER](#). Sign up via [FORMS](#) →



## Your Chance to Become a Chiba-kun Global Partner!



Chiba Prefecture is building a multicultural society where everyone can thrive. To bring in diverse ideas, they are seeking international students to apply for the "Chiba-kun Global Partners" program. Selected participants will help share Chiba's charm on social media, propose ideas, and join events. The International Student Division will serve as the recommending body. If you are interested, please submit the application form to ISD (isd@office.chiba-u.jp). Basic Japanese skills required. Campus Deadline: Sunday, February 1

[Detailed flyer](#) [Download application form](#)



## Looking for Senior International Students to Welcome Newcomers! (small gift for participants)

Share Your Story at Spring Guidance – we are looking for international students who can offer advice for starting a new life, introduce Chiba University from a student's perspective, and share words of encouragement.

Presentations using a PC are also welcome! A casual 3-4 minute talk is perfect (at Nishi-Chiba Campus).

Details: 1. Current J-PAC students who can join the J-PAC Guidance on Wednesday, March 25 (morning)  
2. International students for MEXT/privately funded international student guidance on Monday April 6 (morning) Please apply from FORMS → <https://forms.office.com/r/Bt3APFPh2V>

## Invitation tickets for Classical Martial Arts Demonstration! (2 persons per ticket)

Date & Time: Feb 1 (sun) 10:30

Venue: Nippon Budokan

Get tickets at ISD Nishi-Chiba,

Inohana and Matsudo.

(First come, first served)

[Flyer](#)



## BOARD GAME MEETUP!

JAN 27(tue)

[see FLYER](#)



## Chiba City Fureai Festival

Enjoy cultural exchange with volunteer groups, a bazaar, music and dance, plus food and drinks from around the world!

Date & Time: Feb 8 (Sun), 11:00-15:30

Venue: Chiba City Hall, 1st Floor

[Flyer](#)



## [IMPORTANT] Application period for National Health Insurance premium reduction has started

New National Health Insurance payment slips arrive in June. Premiums are based on last year's income, so applying for a reduction between January and May may lower your cost. You can get Income Declaration forms at ISD or [download from Chiba City's website](#). See [samples of how to fill-in on ISD website](#) and submit to your ward office early to ensure changes apply. Scholarships are not counted as income. If you live outside Chiba City, check with your local office.

## From the Immigration Bureau

- If you have a job offer starting in April, apply to change your status from "Student" to "Work" by the end of January. Details are in the [Immigration Agency flyer](#). For changes to "Engineer/Specialist in Humanities/International Services" or "Researcher" you can skip some documents by submitting an [explanation sheet \(Jap\)](#).
- After graduation, return to your home country promptly. If you plan to start working or continue job hunting, you must change your status of residence from "Student" to another appropriate status. Students on leave, withdrawn, or absent for 3 months must also return. When leaving Japan, return your residence card at the airport.

### JETRO Online Job Fair

2026 Winter

[January 26th,27th\(Japanese\)](#)

28th(English)

[Target: seeking work in Japan](#)

[Details](#)

[Sign Up from FLYER](#)

### [Job Seeking Support Seminar (ONLINE)] ~Learn Business Manner & Business Japanese!

[Date/Time: Jan 28th \(wed\) 15:30-17:30](#)

[Target: seeking work in Chiba Pref.](#)

[Details](#)

[Sign Up](#)

### Chiba University Job Seeking Guidance

[Date/Time Feb 4th \(wed\)](#)

14:00-15:00 Guidance

15:00-15:30 Q&A

[Target: International students](#)

[FLYER \(revised Jan 27\)](#)

### JASSO 'ONLINE JOB FAIR For international students'

[Date: Feb 18th \(wed\)](#)

[Time: 13:00-17:00](#)

[Target: international students](#)

[Language: English](#)

[See Details, Sign Up](#)