

II. Local Information

1. Suita International Friendship Association (SIFA) ※ Services available in Chinese and English
The SIFA promotes the creation of a friendly and comfortable city to live in for all residents by providing support for foreign residents and opportunities for international exchange. Activities offered to foster a multicultural community include Japanese classes, volunteer community interpreters for hospitals, international exchange events, and advice on daily living.

(1) SIFA Japanese-language class

Participants can learn how to speak, read and write Japanese for daily living. The time and venue differ according to the Japanese level of each person. There are also classes that offer childcare services. For further details, For further information, please refer to the website of Suita International Friendship Association (SIFA) or call them.

(2) Volunteer Community Interpreter Escorting System

Foreign residents who don not understand Japanese very well can feel at ease when they go to hospitals, because a volunteer community interpreter can escort you.

Languages offered: English, Chinese, and Korean

Participating hospitals:

- Suita Municipal Hospital ☎ 06-6387-3311
- Saiseikai Suita Hospital ☎ 06-6382-1521
- Saiseikai Senri Hospital ☎ 06-6871-0121
- Suita Municipal Health Center ☎ 06-6339-1212

Fee: Free

How to apply: Reservations are required. Please apply directly with each hospital.

※ If you are not fluent in Japanese, please contact SIFA by email.

(3) Multilingual information on daily living

- Various information including international exchange events and life consultation desks are offered. The information is also available on the association's website.
- There are magazines in foreign languages.

Kansai Scene, Kansai Flea Market, etc.

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