



# Japan Local Government Centre (CLAIR, Sydney)

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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCHANGE & COOPERATION**

**SEMINAR 2022/2023 in Kitakyushu, Fukuoka**

## **Applications are now open!**

Come and join us for this 10-day seminar where you can have a unique opportunity to learn about the Japanese government system and visit a Japanese local government area to discover their best practices and initiatives!

### **We are offering eligible participants the opportunity to visit Japan**

In order to promote a better understanding of Japanese local governments and culture, the Local Government Exchange and Cooperation Seminar aims to bring together people from Australia, New Zealand and Japan working in local governments and other relevant organisations and exchange information on current local government issues. Here are the details on the upcoming Seminar's themes and Kitakyushu City in Fukuoka Prefecture, the host local government of the 2023 Seminar.

### **Themes**

Environmental Policies and Tourism Resource Management

- Environmental policies that transformed a city that was negatively impacted by industrial pollution – learn about the city's approaches to aspiring for zero industrial waste, promoting sustainable energy, and eliminating wildfires
- Inbound tourism promotion policies – country-specific strategies and detailed initiatives

### **Eligibilities**

(Up to 5 participants from Australia and New Zealand combined)

- Local government executives
- Executives of organisations engaging in international relations or cooperation between municipalities

- Applicants from national organisations, research institutes, or other organisations may be accepted providing their backgrounds are relevant to the themes of the Seminar

## Schedule

The Seminar will be held from **Sunday, 5 February to Tuesday, 14 February 2023**. Participants will arrive in Tokyo before travelling to Kitakyushu City. For further details, please refer to the Outline.

## Cost

CLAIR covers domestic transportation, accommodation, group attended meals and travel insurance in Japan. Roundtrip airfare to Japan and personal expenses (e.g., telecom expenses, meals) are not covered.

## To Apply

Please fill in the [Form](#) and send it to [mailbox@jlgc.org.au](mailto:mailbox@jlgc.org.au) by **Mon, 24 October 2022**.

- For more details on the seminar, please refer to the [Outline](#).
- Please note that there is a limit to the number of participants (5). The outcome of your application will be made available to you by mid-November 2022.
- For enquiries, please contact at [mailbox@jlgc.org.au](mailto:mailbox@jlgc.org.au) or on [+61 2 9241 5033](tel:+61292415033)
- The seminar may be cancelled or postponed, or the delivery method may be altered if travel restrictions or quarantine measures are put in place.

## About Kitakyushu City

Kitakyushu is an Ordinance-designated City\* with a population of 930,000. The city is the gateway to Kyushu Island from Honshu, the mainland of Japan. As one of the four major industrial regions in Japan, the heavy and chemical industries previously flourished in Kitakyushu. In recent decades, as a result of robust pollution control strategies, the environment has improved drastically and the city is often introduced around the world as a miracle city that has achieved environmental revitalisation.

Today, as Japan's model city for environmental policies, Kitakyushu promotes the creation of a low-carbon society based on its Kitakyushu Green Frontier Plan, which aims for a 200% reduction in CO2 emission. The city was also selected as one of the 26 'Leading Decarbonisation Regions' in Japan by the Japanese Government. In recognition of these efforts, Kitakyushu was the first city in Asia to be selected as an SDGs model city by OECD.

In terms of tourism, Kitakyushu has diverse tourism resources and is a city where 'city' and 'nature' coexist.

In this Seminar, participants will learn about Kitakyushu's history of overcoming pollution, visit facilities involved in the city's ongoing projects in building an economic society of resource-recycling, as well as visit tourist sites to learn about increasing inbound tourism in the post-COVID-19 age.

\*Ordinance-designated Cities are cities with over 500,000 residents and have administrative rights equivalent to those of a prefectural government. There are 20 ordinance-designated cities in Japan.

