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# **Support for domestic and overseas municipal cooperation for intercultural society by CLAIR**

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# About CLAIR

(Council of Local Authorities for International Relations)



**Aims to support Japanese local governments in their internationalization efforts**

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- General Affairs Division
- Planning & Research Division

### Department of Intercultural Cohesion Promotion

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### Department of International Exchange Cooperation

- International Exchange Division
- International Cooperation and Economic Relations Division

### Department of JET Program Management

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- Training & Counselling Division

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47  
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20  
Designated  
Cities

# Initiatives for Intercultural Cohesion– What We Do



Medium-Term Plan  
(FY2022 to 2026)



# Getting more Information from CLAIR



## SNS

We regularly update our feeds with useful information on our projects, multiculturalism-related events, programmes and other information, and information useful in times of natural disaster.



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## PORTAL SITE



Our portal site offers various information on multicultural-related initiatives/data in Japan



Our page on disaster prevention information may be particularly useful:

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tabunka/portal/disaster/index.php>

## TOOL LIBRARY

Our tool library offers various useful resources that have been made by different organisations/local governments across Japan. (Website in Japanese only)



[http://www.clair.or.jp/j/multiculture/tool\\_library/](http://www.clair.or.jp/j/multiculture/tool_library/)

## INTERNATIONAL CITIZEN'S PLAZA



Supporting the connections between local governments and NGO/NPOs



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# About CLAIR's training program



## Experience Study Course (Localization Training)

Localization training through on-the-job training and workshops to learn examples of advanced initiatives



[Visit to Hamamatsu City]

## Workshop to promote cooperation among leaders in intercultural cohesion

Training sessions aimed at building and strengthening the network of leaders at the regional and national levels, as well as improving skills



[Workshop]

## Overseas training

Training to help Japanese municipalities formulate intercultural cohesion policies through on-site visits overseas and exchanges of opinions with relevant parties



[Multiculturalism policy exchange program in Australia]



[UK multicultural community policy exchange Program]

# Support for Domestic and Overseas Municipal Cooperation (1)



## Support for the Conference of Cities Attracting Foreign Residents

Support for the activities of the “Conference of Cities Attracting Foreign Residents” consisting of cities and other entities with a large number of foreign residents, mainly from South American and Japanese descendants, by participating in meetings and sponsoring

## Support for the multicultural cities summit

Support for exchanges and cooperation between Japanese and Korean cities promoting intercultural cohesion and European “Intercultural City” through subsidies and public relations

## Portal site



### Examples of nationwide efforts

- Conference of Cities Attracting Foreign Residents
- Council for the promotion of intercultural cohesion

### (Organization) Municipal Internationalization Forum

- 2019.1 Special Feature: Creating Multicultural Communities
  - Learning from advanced municipalities while foreigners are on the rise
  - 1 Toward a new era of intercultural cohesion (Professor Yamawaki, Meiji University)
  - 2 Initiatives and Future Prospects of the Conference on Foreign Residential Cities (Ota City Planning Department, Exchange Promotion Section)

### The era of intercultural cohesion 2.0 (Professor Keizo Yamawaki, Meiji University)

- 2024.3 Foreign Residential Cities Conference Komaki 2023
- 2022.3 SUZUKA2021 of Conferences of Alien Housing Cities

### Examples of nationwide efforts

- “Intercultural City/Intercultural Cohesion Project” (Japan Foundation)
- “Hamamatsu City and Intercultural City” (Hamamatsu City)
- “Intercultural City [English]” (Council of Europe)

### (Organization) Municipal Internationalization Forum

- 2018.5 Utilizing Intercultural City and Diversity in Community Development 2017 Hamamatsu -promotion of cooperation with multicultural cities around the world (Hamamatsu City International Division)
- 2012.1 Intercultural City -New Trends in European Cities- (Professor Keizo Yamawaki, Meiji University)

### The era of intercultural cohesion 2.0 (Professor Keizo Yamawaki, Meiji University)

- 2021.3 Intercultural City and Japan
- 2021.2 International Comparison of Migration Integration (Migration Integration Policy Index, abbreviated MIPEX, OECD “Migration Integration Index (Indicators of Immigrant Integration)”, etc.)



# Support for Domestic and Overseas Municipal Cooperation (2)



## Program to promote collaboration among supporters of intercultural cohesion (subsidy)

### Business Objectives

Supporting measures for wide-area cooperation and collaboration among related organizations such as intercultural cohesion-related parties and local governments and regional internationalization associations\*, such as efforts for cooperation among intercultural cohesion-related parties and efforts to strengthen the support system for foreigners in the event of disasters

### Business activities (subsidies)

#### <Supported Organizations >

- (1) Regional Internationalization Association(\*) Liaison Council (6 blocks nationwide)
- (2) Regional Internationalization Association(\*)
- (3) Municipal International Association (municipality if association does not exist)

#### <Target Initiatives>

Initiatives undertaken mainly by two or more organizations that are eligible for subsidies to support wide-area cooperation and efforts to strengthen the support system for foreign nationals in times of disaster

- (1) Workshops and workshops
- (2) Training to assist foreigners in times of disaster, disaster prevention courses, etc.

#### <Support Contents>

- (1) Dispatch of Advisors and Experts
- (2) Subsidization of efforts for wide-area cooperation and collaboration (maximum amount: 0.1 million yen)

(\*) from Regional Internationalization Society

An organization certified by the State (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications) as a core private international exchange organization in the region.

### Example of utilization

#### **Training to assist foreigners in times of disaster, and implementation of disaster prevention courses for foreigners**

(Nagano Prefecture International Association, Nakano City)

- Training for the smooth implementation of assistance to foreigners in times of disasters and for the building of cooperation with related organizations
- Disaster Prevention Courses for Foreign Nationals to Learn About Disaster Prevention

