

\_\_\_\_\_ School District Neighborhood Council # \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson

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## ■ Application form

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I would like to join the neighborhood council.

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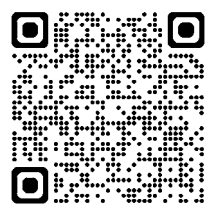
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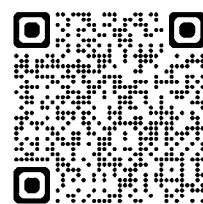
**To apply for membership, please consult your neighbors or submit this to a board member of the neighborhood council.**

### Contact Information

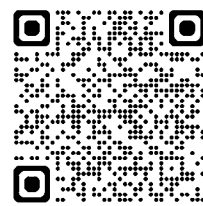
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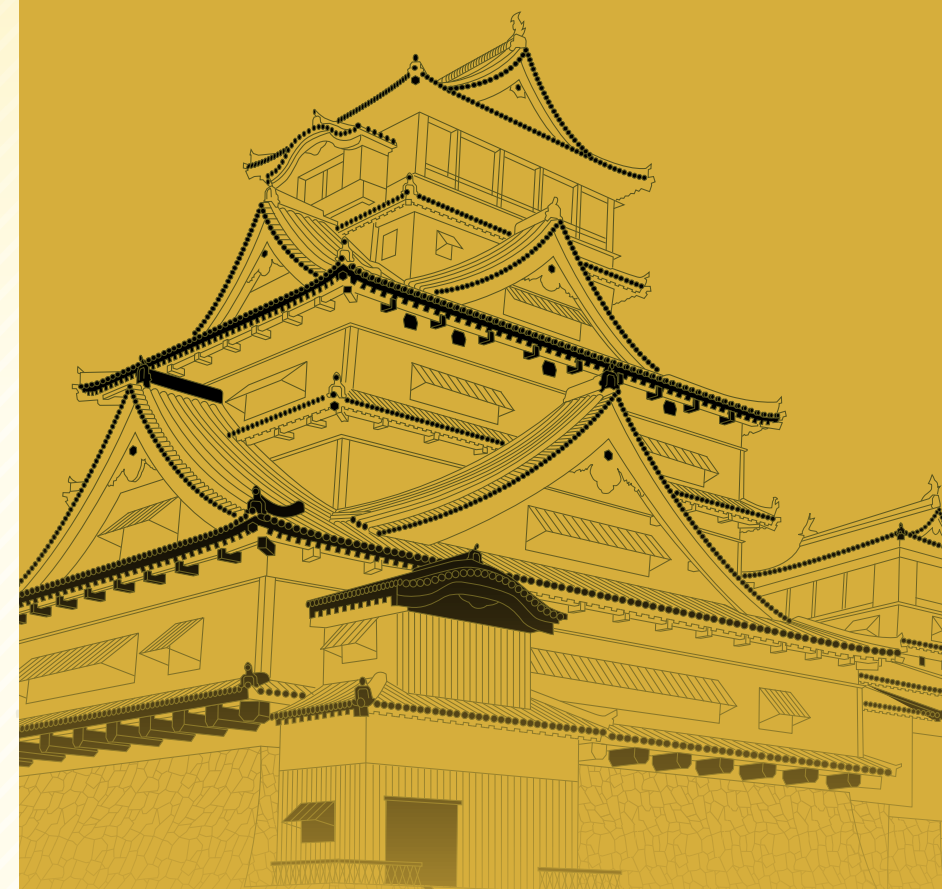
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### Foreign Residents Consultation Service

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**Please Become  
a Member of Your  
Local Neighborhood  
Council!**

**Kumamoto City**

# What is a Neighborhood Council?

Neighborhood councils are groups formed by people living in the same area. These groups engage in different activities to enhance the quality of life in their neighborhood and create a pleasant environment. By participating in these activities, you can establish connections with your neighbors and foster familiarity that will contribute to a sense of ease and enjoyment in your daily life.

In Kumamoto City, approximately 85% (as of April 1, 2022) of households are members of their local neighborhood council. Your neighbors look forward to having you join them in the neighborhood council.

## Community Activity

### Disaster Prevention

Councils arrange escape routes and evacuation locations to increase local preparedness in case of earthquakes or other disasters.



### Environmental Beautification

Councils clean common areas used for garbage disposal. Let's follow the rules and dispose of our garbage in a correct manner.



### Socializing

Councils promote social interaction among local residents through festivals, sports events, and other activities.



### Circular Notice

Councils share and deliver community information to each household by passing around announcements in a set order.



### Neighborhood Watch

Council members patrol the neighborhood to promote and maintain a safe environment and install streetlights in unlit areas to prevent crime.



## Frequently Asked Questions



**Q** I'm not confident in my Japanese language skills and I'm unsure about the procedure for joining my neighborhood council.

**A** Language support is available at the Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents (2nd floor of Kumamoto City International Exchange Hall).

**Q** I won't be living here for long. Is it necessary to join?

**A** Joining your neighborhood council is not mandatory. However, neighborhood councils conduct various activities for the local residents, and it is important for everyone to cooperate in community matters. For this reason, we hope you will consider participating.  
※ Neighborhood councils do require a membership fee from each household.

**Q** I'm busy, and it's difficult for me to participate in neighborhood council activities, but can I still join?

**A** Participation in activities is voluntary, and we value your willingness to contribute within your available time. Please feel free to participate at your convenience.

