

## Social Services

### Civil Liberties Counseling

Free paralegal counseling sessions for civil rights are sponsored by the District Legal Affairs Bureau and the Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC). All sessions will be strictly confidential.

Place: EPIC

Day/Time: 13:30~15:30 the 4th Thursday of each month. If you cannot come at that time, call EPIC at 089- 917-5678 to make an appointment.

Language: Japanese & English (For help in another language, contact EPIC by the 10th of the month.)

### Free Legal Aid Services

The Japan Legal Support Center, Houterasu, offers free legal information by phone in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese and Tagalog, Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 17:00, but your call will be charged ¥8.5/3 minutes. Tel : 0570-078377.

### Free Legal Consultation Service

Certified administrative procedures legal specialists (*gyouseishoshi*) are offering free 30-minute consultation services to non-Japanese on various matters such as residency, nationality, marriage, owning a vehicle, contracts, and setting up a business. Your privacy will be protected.

Date and Time: Oct. 13 (Wed.) 13:30-15:30  
Nov. 10 “

Place: COMS 4F International Meeting Room

To make an appointment, please complete the consultation form which is available at the Matsuyama International Center. For further information you can email the Center at [mail@mic.ehime.jp](mailto:mail@mic.ehime.jp) or call 089-943-2025.

\*MIC will be closed so please call to see if the session might be held online.

### The Association of Foreign Wives of Japanese

AFWJ aims to provide friendship, support and opportunities for social, emotional, educational and professional growth to non-Japanese women who are married or engaged to Japanese men.

INFO: [afwjshikoku-rep@afwj.org](mailto:afwjshikoku-rep@afwj.org),

Website: [www.afwj.org](http://www.afwj.org)

### HIV Testing Services

HIV tests are offered free at two places in Matsuyama. Privacy is insured. You are advised to take the test 3 months after you think you might have been infected. \*See the WGO? Map.

Matsuyama City Public Health Center,

Kayamachi 6-30-5

Tel. 089-911-1815 Reservation required.

Mondays 11:00~13:00, and, once a month, 18:30~19:30. Results are available a week later.

Ehime-ken Chuyo Public Health Center

Kita Mochida 132 (north of Higashi Police Sta.)

Tel. 909-8757 (ext. 261)

Wednesday 13:00~14:00 (Results may be available the same day.)

### SGG Club

Goodwill Guides are volunteers who are ready to assist visitors from overseas. Please contact us if you need guides or translators. We can provide guides who speak English, Spanish, French, Chinese and Korean.

INFO: <http://ehimesgg.sakura.ne.jp/>



### Matsuyama City Library

The city library in the Community Center has a large English book section. You can register for a free library card in English. The 2nd floor Audio/Visual section has movies in English. Open 9:30~20:00 (the A/V section closes at 17:00.) Closed until further notice.

INFO 089-943-8008

### Video helps bridge cultural gaps

In order to give Ehime residents a perspective on the kinds of things that foreign residents may have difficulty with living here, eight Ehime University international students and two Japanese students worked together to create a video. There are six sections each dealing with issues that many foreign residents have encountered. The entire video is about ten minutes long.

Here is the English version on YouTube: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4\\_9sLs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CWqhw4_9sLs)  
You can also search for it using Help Us Ehime.