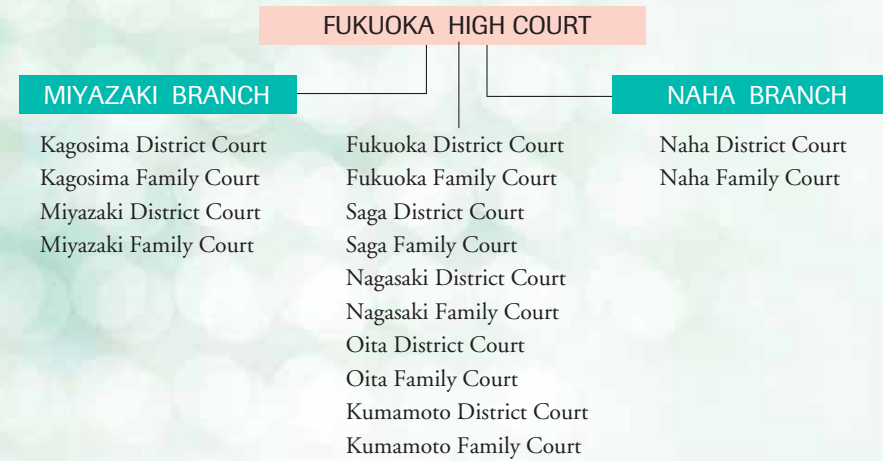


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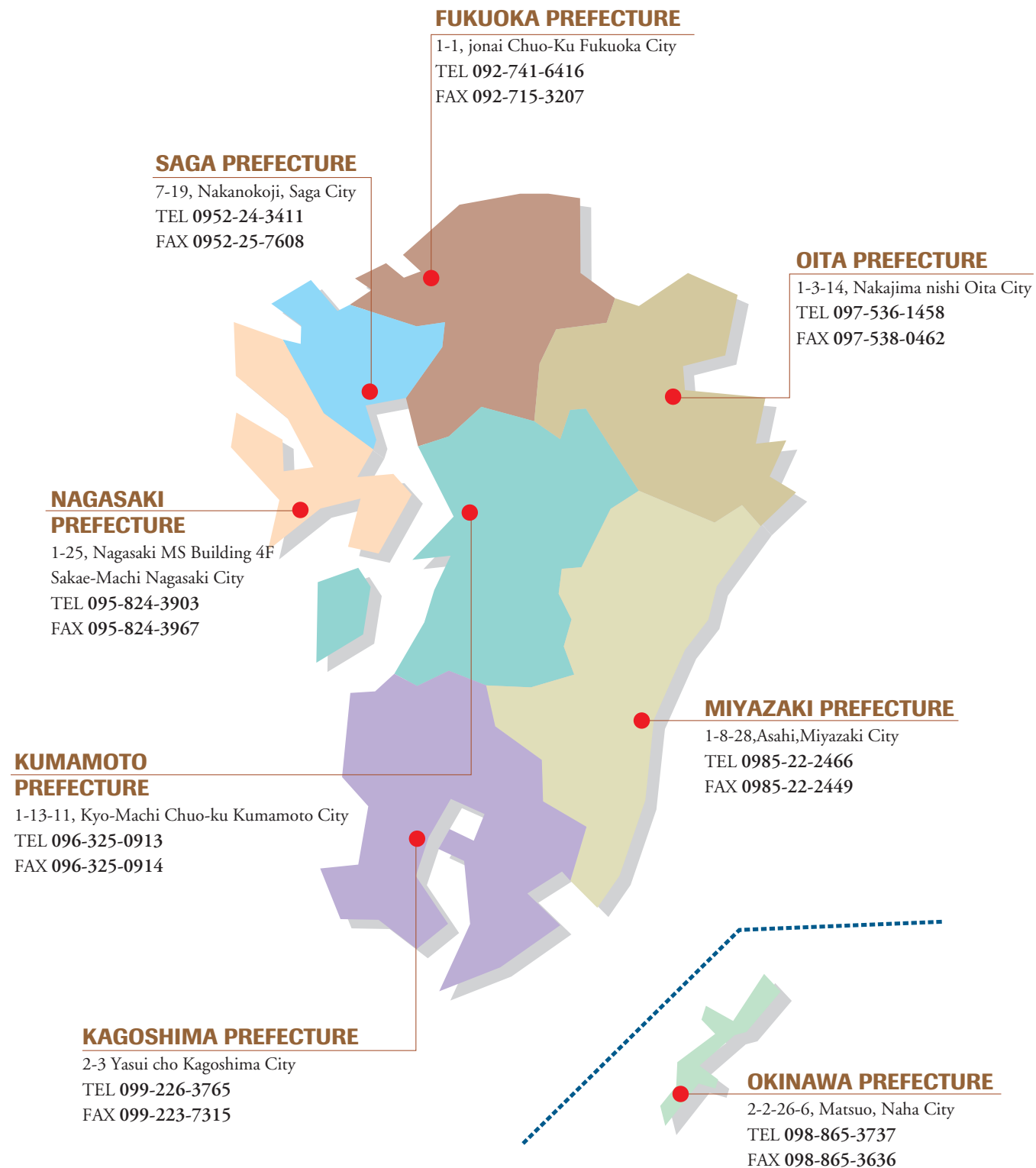
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Members: 2084 members (as of January 1st 2012)

The Kyushu Federation of Bar Associations (KYUBENREN) is formed from lawyers representing Kyushu's eight prefectural bar associations. The total number of lawyers that form the association, has significantly increased in recent years thanks to legal changes.

In the beginning, KYUBENREN was established with the purpose of fostering friendly relationships between the members, but today KYUBENREN's activities are very diverse and specialised.

KYUBENREN has many committees, the most notable are: the Training Committee, Public Relations Committee, Consumer Affairs Committee, Committee on Anti-Racketeering, Committee on Civil Procedure, Committee on Criminal Law Legislation, International Committee, Human Rights Protection Committee, Committee on Pollution Control and Preservation on Environment, Committee on the Rights of the Elderly and the Disabled, Committee on Children's rights, etc.

KYUBENREN, the prefectural bar associations and the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, have joint sponsorship, and have held meetings on such issues as: persons with multiple debts, environmental pollution, problems caused by the scarcity of lawyers in certain areas, cases of people that have been false accused, and supporting the victims of crimes, along with many other types of problem.

KYUBENREN, along with the Japan Federation of Bar Associations and all the prefectural bar associations is currently engaged in establishing law offices in areas that are depopulated and in small islands that are far way.

KYUBENREN has a Board of Directors and the chairman is in charge of the management and control of the activities of the bar association. There is a General Meeting every year, where all of the prefectural bar associations meet. The location changes every year in order that each prefecture shares the responsibility of hosting. Since 1993, it has

become custom that the chairman of the KYUBENREN is elected at the General Meeting, from the lawyers of the prefecture where the meeting is held.

Since March 2007, all of the prefectural bar associations have started to implement a video conferencing system, in order to communicate and to allow all members of the board of directors to participate in conference meetings.

The international committee of KYUBENREN was established in 1993 when no prefectural bar association had an international committee or any form of twinning relationship with foreign bar associations except the Fukuoka Bar Association. Today, all of the prefectural bar associations in Kyushu have their own international committees and twinning arrangements with foreign bar associations. On this point, KYUBENREN is the most advanced federation of bar association in Japan.

Each of the prefectural bar associations and twinned foreign bar associations was asked to write its own introduction, which can be found in this pamphlet.



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Number of Members Attorneys: 988; Registered Foreign Lawyers: 1 (as of January 1st 2012)

1. Introduction to Fukuoka Prefecture

Fukuoka Prefecture is composed of 28 cities, 30 towns and 2 villages, with a population of around 5,070,000.

Fukuoka, located in the northern part of Kyushu, has served as a gateway to continental China and the Korean peninsula since ancient times. As

as Seoul, Shanghai, and Taipei are only a few hours' flight away) Fukuoka Prefecture is expected to be a regional hub for business and culture.

2. Introduction to the Fukuoka Prefecture Bar Association (FBA)

The Fukuoka Prefecture Bar Association (FBA) is part of the Kyushu Federation of Bar Associations (KFBA) and FBA members comprise approximately half of the KFBA. The FBA is divided into four branches, Fukuoka, Kitakyushu, Chikugo and Chikuhou.

The FBA operates 19 legal counseling centers so that local residents can easily seek legal advice in places close to their homes and/or places of work. The FBA Legal Counseling Centers also offer free of charge consultancy, especially for cases of severe debt.

The FBA is proud to pioneer the Duty Attorney (Toban Bengoshi) System launched in 1990, which guarantees the right of suspects, and the Duty Attendant System (Toban Tsukisoinin), launched in 2001, which guarantees the rights of and gives support to juvenile suspects.

3. Relationship with Foreign Bar Associations.

The FBA established friendship agreements with the Busan Bar Association of Korea in 1990. We have been strengthening relationships by exchanging visits and holding annual meetings/seminars. Busan is the second largest city in Korea and one of Fukuoka's twin-cities.

In 2010, the FBA and the Dalian Lawyers Association of China concluded an official friendship agreement after years of relationship-building. Dalian has been twinned with Kitakyushu for more than 30 years.

Such friendships with other Asian bar associations help us exchange information, enhance our knowledge of foreign law, make connections with foreign attorneys, and produce internationally-minded lawyers.

demonstrated by the Korokan (former guesthouse for foreign embassies), there has long been dynamic international exchange between Fukuoka and foreign cultures.

Since the Meiji period, rich coal production in the Chikuhou and Omuta regions made Fukuoka Prefecture one of the biggest industrial zones in Japan (in particular, Yahata-Seitetsusho was established in current Kitakyushu-city as the first modern steel plant in Japan) and contributed to the industrial development of Japan in the 20th century. Today, there are many automobile and software companies operating in Fukuoka Prefecture.

The prefectural capital is the city Fukuoka (population 1,467,000), the industrial, administrative and political center of Fukuoka Prefecture and also the entirety of Kyushu.

Thanks to its location, (i.e. major cities in east Asia such



4. Introduction to the Busan Bar Association

(부산지방변호사회: 부산광역시 연제구 거제1동 1490-1 부산법조타운빌딩 10층)

The Busan Bar Association (BBA) was founded on July 26th, 1948. The BBA moved to its present location in September 2001 when the Law Courts and Prosecutor's office moved to a newly built complex in Geoje-dong, Yeonje-gu, Busan.

The BBA consists of attorneys and law firms practicing within the jurisdictions of both the Busan District Court and its Eastern Branch. As of October 2010, the total number of card-carrying members is 425, including the partners and associates of 19 law firms. The BBA has been pursuing a variety of public benefit activities. As public representatives with the stated mission of 'Upholding Basic Human Rights and Realizing Social Justice', we have created the Environment Committee, Legal Consultation Service for Small and Medium-sized Companies, Honorary Teachers' Program Management Committee, Legal Consultation Service for Non-Korean Spouses of Koreans, Legal Consultation Service for Recovery from Personal Bankruptcy, Duty Attorney Service and Free Legal Consultation, and Legal Consultation Service for Small Claims.

The city of Busan is not only the second largest city in Korea and a port city, but also an international city which has a great variety of international exchange. For 20 years, the BBA has pursued mutual exchanges with the Fukuoka Bar Association to enhance mutual understanding between Korea and Japan, and to develop legal culture through

international exchange. Also the BBA began exchanges with the Qingdao Bar Association of China in November 2006.

5. Introduction to the Dalian Lawyers Association

(大连市律师协会: 大连市中山区友好路211号商务特区1002室)

The Dalian Lawyers Association is an autonomous organization, established in accordance with law in March 1987. Under the Lawyers Law and the Lawyers Association Charter, we manage the lawyers in Dalian city, and are supervised by the Judicial Bureau of Dalian city. At the moment, the Dalian Lawyers Association consists of 160 law firms and 1820 individual lawyers at the moment.

At the 2nd Lawyers Congress, held in October 1992, elected leaders were appointed to concurrently serve as judicial administration leaders. On March 31st 2002, at the 3rd Lawyers Congress, appointment policy was changed so that all thirteen senior directors were elected from law practitioners, not from administrative bodies, which was a significant change and a turning point for us, making a first step towards globalization.

The Charter of the Dalian Lawyers Association was adopted at the 4th Lawyers Congress on March 26th 2005. The Charter formed a basis for our organization, dealing with matters such as administration and a self-regulation policy.

The missions of the Dalian Lawyers Association are wide ranging, including setting basic rules and supervising lawyers, protecting our member's interests, educating/training in discipline and ethical principles, managing members' registration data, handling claims against members, handling disputes among members, disciplining and rewarding members, and dealing with publicity, intercommunication, and welfare issues.



- 1 Dazaifu Tenmangu
- 2 Busan Bar Association
- 3 Dalian City



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Number of members: 87 (as of January 1st 2012)

1.Charms of Saga

Saga Prefecture, located in the northwest Kyushu, consists of ten cities and ten towns, and has population of 850,000.

Saga's most striking features is its abundance of natural treasures: surrounded by sea, mountains, rivers, rice terraces, caves and hot springs, Saga attracts a large number of visitors throughout seasons.

The Genkai and Ariake Sea, Sefuri Mountains and Chikugo River contribute to the beautiful character of Saga. The fine hot springs in Ureshino are well known as beneficial to the skin.

This natural abundance benefits the tourism, agricultural and fishing industries.

Saga is known worldwide for its ceramics and porcelain, known as Arita, Imari, and Karatsu, made primarily in the western part in Saga.

Influenced by Korean potters in 17th century, the Arita

school founded top quality kilns like Kakiemon and Koimari, and their ceramics were exported to European royalty, and influenced ceramic culture in Europe, including the likes of Meissen.

The largest ceramics fair in western Japan is held annually in Arita, which has more than 600 shops, and receives 1,000,000 visitors every year.

Saga is also known as the location of the large scale hot balloon event, the "Saga International Balloon Festa". It is an international competition and exhibition, and the sight of more than 100 balloons floating up to the sky is magnificent.

2.Introduction to the Saga Prefecture Bar Association

The Saga Prefecture Bar Association (SBA) has bases in four locations in Saga and provides legal consultation to citizens.



1 Imari and Arita-yaki Pottery

2 Saga 2006:signing ceremony of the agreement between Ulsan Bar Association and Saga Prefecture Bar Association



The SBA takes an active role in protecting human rights. It has established committees to deal with various areas of law such as consumer issues, criminal defense, victim support, children's right, rights of the aged and disabled, environmental protection, poverty and human rights. The Consumer Issues Committee and the Criminal Defense Committee are especially active and have a large number of members.

These committees lead active debates and activities, contributing to the protection of rights of consumers and criminal defendants.

3.Partnership with the Ulsan Bar Association in Korea

(울산지방법변호사회:울산광역시 남구 옥동 585-6)

The SBA started a friendly relationship with the Ulsan Bar Association in 2003, and formally entered into a partnership agreement in 2006.

Since the first visit by the Saga Prefecture Bar Association to the Ulsan Bar Association in 2003, both associations had been holding annual exchange visits. Members of both associations engage in study sessions looking at each other's legal system, hold parties, and enjoy bonding trips to hot springs. Although the number of formal visits decreased from annual to biennial, informal visits are still active, enhancing the relationship.

4. Introduction to Ulsan

Although it is usually known as an industrial city, Ulsan is a region richly endowed with nature just like Saga which

is surrounded by the sea. Also, Ulsan is notable for its large population of about 1.15 million and the higher than average income of its citizens (around USD45,000).

The construction of automobile and shipbuilding factories in Ulsan by the Hyundai Corporation rapidly developed Ulsan economically, but has also caused pollution which has adversely affected local people.

However, an ecological recovery plan was put in place, and water contamination has been eliminated. Furthermore, the city is heavily pedestrianised, which has improved living conditions. Ulsan's ecological recovery is now widely known and is hailed as an example to other areas.

The Ulsan Bar Association hopes that our relationship continues forever.



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Number of members: 131 (as of January 1st 2012)

1. Introduction to Oita Prefecture

Oita Prefecture is located in the northeast of Kyushu, and borders Fukuoka, Kumamoto and Miyazaki Prefectures. It has a population of about 1,200,000.

In Oita, agriculture, forestry and coastal fishing are very profitable. Oita is known as the birthplace of the 'One-Village One-Product Movement', which has now spread throughout Asia. Recently, electronic parts, steel, electronics and other high-tech industries are being developed. Oita prefecture has hot springs everywhere, and is known as one of the best places for hot springs in Japan. In particular, the resorts of Beppu and Yufuin are popular. Many nationals and foreigners come to visit every year. In addition Oita prefecture is the second, after Tokyo, in terms of foreign students to population. About 3500 foreign students live in the prefecture. Therefore, citizens of Oita have daily opportunities to communicate with foreign people.

2. Introduction to the Oita Prefecture Bar Association

The Oita Prefecture Bar Association (OBA) consists of 131 members. It moved its office to a newly constructed building in July 2001. OBA has a Human Rights Protection Committee, the Consumer Affairs Committee, the International Committee, and 26 others. Every member of OBA belong to at least one of the committees. They also help citizens with various problems that they may face, and the lawyers devote themselves to that task.

In Oita Prefecture, there is a District Court, a Family Court and a Summary Court in Oita City. Also the cities of Nakatsu, Hita, Kitsuki, Saiki and Taketa have their own branch of the District Court, Family Court, and Summary Court. Furthermore the cities of Bungo, Takada, Beppu, Usuki have their own Summary Court.

OBA was a pioneer in Japan in creating the Touban Bengoshi (rotation system for legal aid for criminal suspects)



1 Beppu hot spring
2 Mt.Halla

which is highly praised and now standardized in all bar associations in Japan. In addition, there are nine legal counseling centers in the prefecture that regularly offer assistance in legal problems.

Although the number of lawyers that form OBA is rather small, the members are strongly united and very innovative. They take a flexible and proactive attitude in dealing with challenges.

Another characteristic of OBA is the number of law offices with legal personality. Out of 131 members, 13 law offices have legal personality. There are several reasons for this, one of which is related to the poor distribution of lawyers across the prefecture by establishing branches of law offices outside Oita city.

The International Committee promotes exchange with foreign lawyers and helps foreign people protect their rights. It entered into a partnership relationship with the Jeju Bar Association in February 2009, and intends to seize this opportunity for international communication.

3. Introduction to the Jeju and the Jeju Bar Association (제주지방변호사회: 제주도 제주시 이도2동 950-1 제주지방법원 318호)

Jeju, an island with a small area and population,

developed its own legal system. However, the development of a traffic system and economy led to an increase in number of lawyers in Jeju, everyone playing an important role in the legal system in Jeju.

The first lawyer started his practice in Jeju in around 1923 as a member of the Kwangju Bar Association. On 28th February 1961, 5 lawyers split from the Kwangju Bar Association and established the Jeju Bar Association. Now, 35 members belong to the Jeju Bar Association, including its incumbent chairperson Mr Mun.

The activities of the Jeju Bar Association vary widely, from the periodical holding of study sessions dealing judicial precedents to service as public defenders in criminal cases, to crime prevention activities in educational institutions. Also, two former members of Congress belonged to Jeju Bar Association.

The Jeju Bar Association intends to do their utmost to contribute to the protection of human rights and the development of the local community.



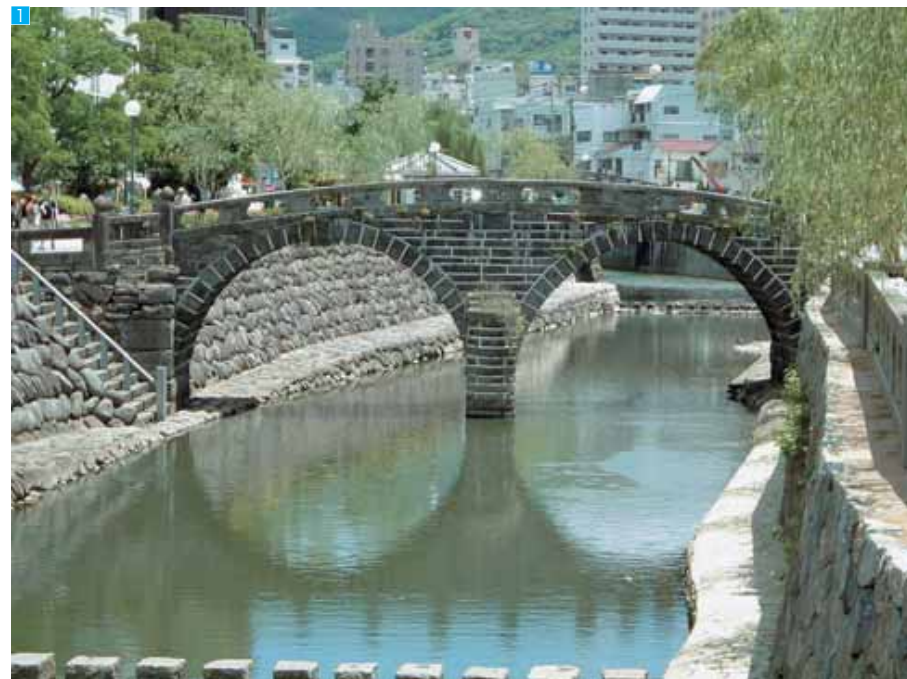
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1. Introduction to the Nagasaki Prefecture Bar Association

Nagasaki Prefecture, which is in northwestern Kyushu, has a population of about 1.41 million people, with around 430,000 living in the prefectural capital, Nagasaki. One outstanding feature of the prefecture is that it is blessed by the ocean. The prefecture is not large and has a lot of islands, a considerable number of which are inhabited. The coastline is the second longest in Japan, Hokkaido having the longest. The city of Nagasaki has many hills. That is why it is called the "Town of Slopes". In addition, Nagasaki was the only town which was open to other countries when Japan maintained a closed-door policy in the Edo period. During that period, both Chinese and Dutch cultures had come to Nagasaki, and intermingled with Japanese culture to form the so-called "Wa-Ka-Ran-culture" (a culture in which those three cultures blend and harmonize), which can still be found in Nagasaki.



1 Spectacles Bridge (megane bashi)

2 Tainan 2008: Formal visit to Tainan Bar Association

The number of lawyers who belong to the Nagasaki Prefecture Bar Association (hereinafter referred as NBA) is 138 as of September 2011, with 85 practicing in Nagasaki itself. The rest practice in Sasebo-shi or other cities. The number of members has doubled in the last decade. Though each island such as Goto, Tsushima, Iki and Hirado, for which NBA is responsible, has its own courts, there previously had been no lawyers practicing on the islands on a permanent basis. Because of this, local people did not have access to sufficient legal services until about ten years ago. However, public law offices and offices of the Japan Legal Support Center have now been established and more than two lawyers have been practicing on each of the islands. Therefore, a higher quality of legal service is now provided.

Though the number of members in NBA is not high, committee activity is pursued enthusiastically, especially in the Consumer Affairs Committee, the Committee on Criminal Justice and the Committee on Children's Rights. Young lawyers are elected chairpersons of the committees relatively soon after they have joined a committee and the activities are performed under the leadership of these young members. Currently, lawyers who have less than ten-years experience account for about 50 percent of all members. A lot of members are undertake various pro bono activities alongside their own work. Since 2003 the Committee on International Relations has been developing a friendship with the Tainan Bar Association, through mutual visits and conferences to study and discuss legal matters.

At Omura Immigration Center in the city of Omura where a lot of illegal immigrants are detained, the committee is providing legal advice to detainees, dispatching one or more members when legal counsel is requested by a detained immigrant.

NBA is making efforts to expand the legal services it provides to all areas of the prefecture and to improve access to legal representation within the prefecture. We endeavor to make sure that our members are able to have a fulfilling life both professionally and privately.

2. Introduction to the Tainan Bar Association

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There is a friendship agreement between NBA and the Tainan Bar Association, which was concluded on March

long history of the Bar Association.

A lawyer is not allowed to practice law in Taiwan until he or she becomes a member of the local Bar Association. Therefore, many lawyers in Taiwan register with more than one local Bar Association according to their needs. There are 996 members (774 men and 222 women) in the Tainan Bar Association as of July 2011. 209 of them (153 men and 56 women) have their office in Tainan and are mainly in charge of providing legal services in Tainan.

There was a time when lawyers were in short supply and citizens who faced legal problems often could not access proper representation. The Tainan Bar Association, aware of a lawyer's social responsibility, established the Tainan Bar Association Legal Center for the general public in 1974. The office is in a court house and the Bar Association's members provide legal services on a rotating basis. It has been very popular. The Tainan Bar Association conducts surveys of its members to evaluate the performance of judges and prosecutors annually, sending the results to the courts and to the Public Prosecutor's Office, as well as to the public through the media. This allows people to see the courts and the Public Prosecutor's Office through the eyes of lawyers who do not have the power to make improvements alone.

The Tainan Bar Association holds various legal seminars to provide its members the latest legal information and has founded a committee on arts and culture to enhance its members' cultural knowledge. In addition, various group activities like mountain-climbing, softball, basketball and golf are enjoyed by members. In order for members to take proper leisure time and develop friendships, twice a year both domestic and international trips are arranged by the association for its members.



25th 2003. Since then, both associations have been actively engaged in promoting mutual friendship, and the study and discussion of legal matters. The following is an introduction to Tainan and the Tainan Bar Association.

Tainan City is in southwestern Taiwan covering an area of about 2,191 square kilometers and has a population of about 1.87 million. Tainan City, south of the Tropic of Cancer, has a mild climate and intensive agriculture. Dutchmen built a settlement called Fort Zeelandia in 1642. Later Teiseiko, a Tainan hero, drove Dutch colonists away and established the first Han regime in 1661. Because of this, Tainan is an ancient city which is proud of its history and is rich in historic remains.

The Tainan Bar Association was organized during the period of Japanese colonial rule. When the Second World War came to an end, the Republic of China took over Taiwan operating a civilian legal and judicial system ever since. Within the office of the Bar Association, prewar relics, including a table, are still in use, demonstrating the

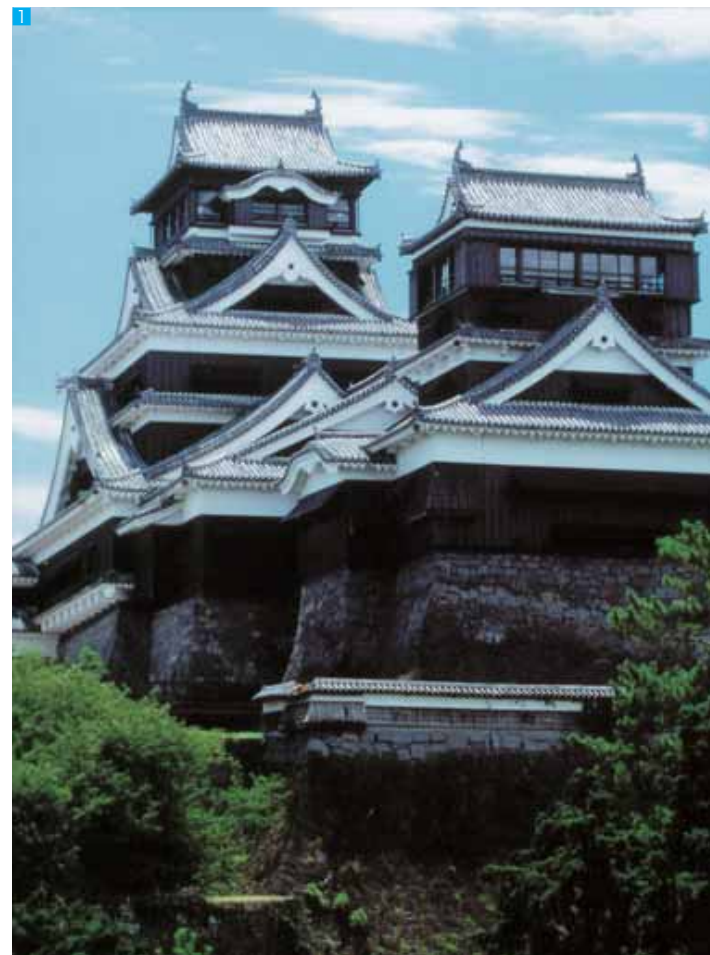
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 Number of members: 220 (as of January 1st 2012)

1. Introduction to Kumamoto Prefecture

Kumamoto Prefecture is located roughly in the center of Kyushu with a population of about 1.86 million. Agriculture is the main commercial activity, but it also has semiconductors and automobile industries. In Aso Kuju National Park, in the eastern part of Kumamoto Prefecture, one can enjoy the great scenery of the Mt. Aso group of volcanoes, which form the world's biggest caldera. The western part of Kumamoto Prefecture sweeps down to the ocean and 120 beautiful small islands, creating

amazing views in "Unzen-Amakusa National Park" where you can enjoy a pleasant drive and a variety of seafood.

In Kumamoto, mountains and sea come together to pleasant effect. Thanks to Mt. Aso's filtration, it is rich in underground water, and 100% of Kumamoto City's water supply comes from this. Above all, the symbol of Kumamoto City is the world famous Kumamoto Castle, which is one of the best castles in Japan. From almost any vantage point in the centre of Kumamoto City you can enjoy the contrast between its castle and the greens that surround it.



1 Kumamoto Castle

2. Introduction to the Kumamoto Prefecture Bar Association

The Kumamoto Prefecture Bar Association (KBA) is the bar association which is responsible for attorneys in Kumamoto prefecture, and is composed of 220 members.

90% of its members have their offices in Kumamoto City, but within the prefecture there are 6 other court branches, and some members have established their offices in those places. In recent years, thanks to legal reform, there has been an increase in the number of lawyers, and the number of young lawyers joining the bar association is rapidly increasing.

KBA has 29 committees including the Criminal Defense Committee, the Human Rights Protection Committee, and the Consumer Affairs Committee. Each member belongs to one of these committees and actively participates in its activities.

The bar association also has a Legal Aid Center, and seven locations have been set up as help-points, to regularly help residents who need to consult lawyers. In addition it provides foreigners with free legal consultations.



3. Partnership with the Kyungnam Bar Association

(경남지방변호사회:경남 창원시성산구 사파동 83 변호사회판)

Kumamoto as "not sensitive, not polite, hard to make friends with, disobedient, not diligent," we found that this is not true. We realize from our interchange with the Kumamoto Bar Association that people in Kumamoto are "sensitive, polite and emotionally rich."

This relationship enables us to enjoy interchange, and gives us the opportunity to forget our daily routines and to enhance relationships between within our own Bar Association and our families.

These days, the globalization of law and of the legal community is significantly advancing. This partnership is the best opportunity for us to broaden our horizons. We strongly hope that we can maintain our good partnership.

Kumamoto Prefecture Bar Association has an International Committee, and in March 2004 it formed a friendly exchange agreement with the South Korean Kyungnam Bar Association, and since then, mutual visits and exchanges continue.

Both associations hold study sessions on both countries' legal systems and recent changes such as the introduction of a jury system in criminal trials or law school systems. This partnership with the Kyungnam Bar Association greatly contributes not only to its educational purpose, but fulfills a recreational purpose. More and more members visit Changwon each occasion, enjoying the interchange with a different culture.

4. Message from the Kyungnam Bar Association

Kyungnam Bar Association, located in Changwon, as of October 2010 is comprised of 159 members including 5 female members and has 4 branches.

Kyungnam Bar Association and Kumamoto Prefecture Bar Association started their friendly relationship in 2003 through the introduction made by the Kyushu Federation of Bar Associations, and entered into formal partnership agreement in March 2004.

Although Otoyami Miyazaki, a famous Japanese psychologist, described the characteristics of people in

2 Changwon 2004: Signing ceremony of the agreement between the Kyungnam(Changwon at the time) Bar Association and the Kumamoto Prefecture Bar Association

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Number of members: 109 members (as of January 1st 2012)

Introduction to Miyazaki Prefecture

Miyazaki Prefecture is located in the southeast of Kyushu and has a population of about 1.12 million. It enjoys the most hours of daylight of any prefecture in Japan and has a mild climate. Snow is rare! Thanks to its climate, Miyazaki was a very popular destination for honeymooners during the 1960s.

Today it is famous as a campsite for professional baseball and football teams. A lot of people, not only from Japan but from around Asia, visit Miyazaki to play golf or to surf. Recently, the prefectural government has been making efforts to heighten the quality of farm products produced in the region. Beef, 'Zidori' (regional chicken) and mango are targeted by this project.

Miyazaki is also well known for its myths and legends. According to the 'Koziki', 'Niniginomikoto' (a grandson of 'Amaterasuomikami') came down to Miyazaki from the sky. This is called 'Tensonkourin shinwa'. The myth says that 'Kamuyamatoiwahiko' (a great grandson of 'Niniginomikoto') came to the throne as the first Emperor of Japan.

Introduction to the Miyazaki Prefecture Bar Association

The Miyazaki Prefecture Bar Association (MBA) was established in 1949. It has 99 members as of June 2011, 87 men and 12 women. Lately, there has been a dramatic increase in numbers. It is a small group compared with other associations in Japan, but its members participate energetically in committee work.



1 "Oni-no-sentaku-ita" or the Giants Wash-Board surrounding Aoshima Island

2 Chungbuk 2011: Formal visit to attend the 55th anniversary ceremony of the Chungbuk Bar Association

MBA concluded an international agreement with the Chungbuk Bar Association in the Republic of Korea in June 2009. The two bar associations have reaffirmed their friendship three times as of August 2010. During these meetings, the lay judge system in Japan and the visualization of investigations in Korea were explored. Our interchanges are very active.

Introduction to the interaction between MBA and the Chungbuk Bar Association

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1. History of the Interaction

MBA had been seeking a partner in Korea to promote friendship. Mr Otsuka, a member of the Fukuoka Prefecture Bar Association, introduced MBA to the Chungbuk Bar Association in Chongju, Chungheongbukdo, Korea. In August 2004, two MBA members visited the Chungbuk Bar Association. They were warmly welcomed. For that we are much obliged to Mr Otsuka and Ms Kim who works for his office.

On 10th March 2006, four members of the Chungbuk Bar Association in turn visited MBA and we continued our friendship. About twenty members of MBA took part in the reception.

On October 10 2006, the Chungbuk Bar Association invited MBA members to a ceremony commemorating its fiftieth anniversary. Three members of MBA attended. The

ceremony was splendidly performed. There were a lot of guests including the mayor of Chongju city. The ceremony hall was also magnificent. Participants from MBA were greatly impressed.

On October 10 2008, the Chungbuk Bar Association again invited MBA to its fifty-second anniversary. This time one member from MBA participated.

On June 12 2009, an international interchange agreement was concluded between MBA and the Chungbuk Bar Association in Miyazaki. At that time twelve members of the latter attended. Afterwards, a seminar was held.

On October 2009, the Chungbuk Bar Association invited MBA to its fifty-third anniversary. Six members from MBA participated.

2. Introduction to the Chungbuk Bar Association and the region of Chungbuk

The Chungbuk Bar Association was established on September 24 1957. The number of its member stands at 84 as of August 2010. It consists of 80 men and 4 women. Chongju City, where the Chungbuk Bar Association is located, is about a three hour bus ride from Seoul, and has a population of about 630,000. It is the central city of North Chungcheong.

Chongju City has one of the world's most famous soda hot springs. The region is also known for its Korai carrots.



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1. Introduction to Kagoshima Prefecture

Kagoshima Prefecture is located in the southernmost part of Kyushu, formed by the Satsuma and Osumi Peninsula, with many outlying islands, running from north to south for around 600 kilometers. The mainland has an active volcano at its center - "Sakurajima" - around which there are many hot springs with many different properties. It also has a world heritage site, Yakushima Island.

The prefecture is famous for its food, Shochu (a kind of Japanese spirit made from sweet potatoes), black cows, black pigs, katsuobushi (small pieces of sliced dried bonito), seasonal fruits, and tea, etc. The Satsuma porcelain tea has a 400-year history. The "White Satsuma" in particular has very beautiful patterns painted onto a white background and it is known throughout the country and abroad.

2. Introduction to the Kagoshima Prefecture Bar Association

Most members of the Kagoshima Prefecture Bar

Association (hereinafter the KBA) have their offices in Kagoshima City, the capital of Kagoshima Prefecture. Apart from Kagoshima City, the other cities are Kanoya, Satsumasendai, Aira, Minamikyusyu, Ibusuki, and Amami, and in each city there are a few lawyers..

Kagoshima Prefecture, like Nagasaki Prefecture, has many remote islands. In recent history, there have been several incidents on these islands, meaning lawyers from the mainland had to fly out to take care of particular cases. Some notorious cases of false accusation took place on the Osumi peninsula, Court acquitting all twelve defendants in a case about electoral irregularities. One of the causes of the problem is the uneven distribution of lawyers throughout the prefecture. KBA is trying to find a solution to it.

Today, there are five law offices in Amami, five in Kanoya and four in Satsumasendai. Attorneys in Amami often visit isolated islands to provide legal services. Also, attorneys in Kagoshima offer legal service in areas without attorneys. Such an approach has started to resolve the poor distribution of attorneys in Kagoshima.



1 Kagoshima 2006: Formal visit from Tai Chung Bar Association
2 View of an active volcano, Sakurajima



3. Introduction to the interchange with Taichung Bar Association

The friendly relationship between KBA and the Taichung Bar Association started in August 2004 when members of KBA visited Taichung and received a warm welcome. This visit was arranged through Mr Fusanori Otsuka, the chairperson of the international committee of the Kyushu Federation of Bar Association. Although before the visit, members of Kagoshima Prefecture Bar Association were excited and rather nervous, the warm welcome given by members of the Taichung Bar Association instantly calmed their anxieties.

On 11th of March 2006, a formal agreement for friendly relations was signed by the two associations in the presence of two witnesses, Mr Otsuka and Mr Lin Mao Song, the chairperson of the international committee of the Taiwan bar Association. Since then, both associations have made biannual visits to each other, enhancing the relationship.

In September 2005, this friendly relationship led to a visit by members of Taiwan Kaohsiung Juvenile Court to Kagoshima, holding a conference about the organization of family courts and the legal system in both countries. Also, KBA members were invited to the 60th Anniversary event of Taiwan Bar Association which they were thrilled to accept.

The friendly relationship between the two associations has broadened its scope, motivating the members to keep and enhance the relationship.

4. Introduction to the Taichung Bar Association

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The Taichung Bar Association is the association organized by attorneys in Taichung Prefecture and Taichung City, with a population of about 2.62 million. Taichung High Court is located in Taichung City, having jurisdiction for the city, Taichung Prefecture, Zhang Hua Prefecture, Nan Tou Prefecture, and the Miao Li Local Court.

Taichung City is located roughly in the center of Taiwan, having an area of 163 square kilometers, with a population of about 106 millions, with the basin structure. It is the cultural, economic and logistic heart of central Taiwan. Taichung is famous for its warm climate, which makes it the best place to live in Taiwan. The average temperature in Taichung is approximately 23°C. Also, Taichung is known for the warmth of its people and their kind nature.

As previously mentioned, Taichung Bar Association has a friendly relationship with the Kagoshima Prefecture Bar Association and visits Kagoshima biennially.

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1. Introduction to Okinawa Prefecture

Okinawa Prefecture, which consists of the southernmost islands of the Japanese Archipelago, is located 1,750 km away from Tokyo and 630 km away from Chinese Taipei. It comprises 160 islands spread out 1,000 km from east to west, and 400 km from the north to the south. Okinawa is the only prefecture in Japan with a subtropical climate and this allows us to enjoy its calm and warm weather even in the winter. Its beautiful ocean and exotic culture are known worldwide and have been attracting people not only from mainland Japan, but also from many foreign countries, especially in East Asia.

Okinawa was called Ryukyu in ancient times, which was

Qing Dynasty.

In the late 19th century, Japan decided to abolish the Ryukyu Kingdom and annexed it, renaming it Okinawa Prefecture of Japan.

Following severe fighting on its soil during WWII, Okinawa was governed by the U.S. Military for 34 years. Even though it returned to Japan in 1971, there are many U.S. bases in Okinawa.

2. Introduction to the Okinawa Bar Association

The history of the Okinawa Bar Association dates back to the establishment of the Ryukyu Bar Association in 1952, which was a non-autonomous private organization. It reorganized itself into the Okinawa Bar Association, an autonomous public corporation after Okinawa returned to Japan in 1971 and at the same time it became a member of the Japanese Federation of Bar Associations and the Kyushu Federation of Bar Associations. Due to the effects of legal reforms carried out since 1999, the number of members keeps increasing, being as high as 231 as of Nov 11, 2010.

The Association organizes more than 20 committees, each of which is working on a wide variety of issues in various fields such as human rights, environment, lawyers' ethics, victim support and so on.

It has a sistership relation with the Taipei Bar Association

and once every two years they hold seminars and friendly meetings. In 2010 the theme was the criminal trial system in both country.



a kingdom established in the 15th century and abolished in 1879. In the Middle Ages, Ryukyu flourished by trading with China and South East Asia for about 200 years. At the beginning of the 17th century, the Satsuma clan invaded the islands and forced the Ryukyu Kingdom to be a dependent nation to Japan while it maintained a special relationship with continental China that was at the time governed by the

1 Shikinaen Garden, the second residence of the Ryukyu Kings

HIGHLIGHT OF THE TAIPEI BAR ASSOCIATION

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The Taipei Bar Association (hereinafter "TBA") was established in 1945, and was formally registered on August 25 1947.

From 1990, a presidential system was introduced to replace the former system of a rotating board of executive directors. This new set up has encouraged concerted action in fields that are closely related to issues vital to Taiwan, like constitutional reform, judiciary reform, human rights protection, environmental matters, consumer protection, discrimination, interaction with lawyers internationally, etc. Reform-minded presidents, directors and auditors, along with equally enthusiastic members, have shown similar dedication to these areas while the TBA has evolved to be the most influential law society in Taiwan.

In 2010, the TBA had more than 4,500 members, who account for more than 70% of the total number of registered lawyers in Taiwan. Under the General Assembly of the members, under the leadership of the president, board of supervisors, directors and auditors and with the services of the secretariat office headed by the executive

secretary officer, more than fifty acting committees including the Constitution and Administrative Law Committee, Judicial Reform Committee, Human Right Protection Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Environmental Law Committee, Juvenile and Children's Issue Committee, International Affairs Committee, Women's Issues Committee, etc. are operating in their specific areas to meet the TBA's targets in responding to the needs of members and society.

Thanks to its financial position, the TBA was able to move into its own office space in 1996, since becoming more active in improving service to members and in interacting with society at large.



1 Taipei City