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Multiculturalism Project



Seminar on supporting foreigners at medical institutions

On 17 December 2017, Kagoshima International Association (KIA) organized a study group for volunteer interpreters and staff of medical institutions to learn about the difficulties faced by foreigners when they visit a medical institution. 31 people attended the workshop.

At the workshop, participants first learned some basic interpreting skills and rules when interpreting at medical institutions. Later, they broke up into groups according to their spoken languages and practiced interpreting at a medical consultation through role-play simulation.



Seminar on supporting foreigners in times of disaster

KIA also organized a seminar for volunteer interpreters and representatives from related organizations on supporting foreigners in times of disaster on 2 December 2017. The 29 participants exchanged opinions on the topic.



Group work session

Feedback from these two seminars include “I realized that regular face-to-face contact with foreign people plays a huge role in the event of a disaster”, and “as a long-term foreign resident of Kagoshima, I would like to be able to help fellow foreigners when they experience trouble in the future.” We hope that these initiatives will lead to greater multicultural integration in the region.