

Nihonjinkai

Nihonjinkai (The Japanese Association in Belgium) is a non-profit organization established to support the Japanese community in Belgium and to promote cultural and social exchange between Japan and Belgium. It consists of approximately 900 registered individuals, primarily representing around 150 Japanese companies and organizations operating in Belgium.

Our Mission

Nihonjinkai is a non-profit organization established to pursue the following objectives:

- to promote friendship and mutual support among its members, their affiliated individuals, and their families;
- to foster goodwill and promote cultural exchange between Belgium and Japan;
- to contribute to the development of economic relations between Belgium and Japan;
- and to provide cooperation and support for the operation and activities of Japanese educational institutions, including the Japanese School in Belgium, as well as other Japan-related organizations.



Our History

With a history spanning over 50 years in Brussels, Nihonjinkai has continuously supported the Japanese community through collaboration with Japanese institutions, schools, and local partners.

Our Activities

Nihonjinkai conducts its activities through specialized committees, including the following:

- Commerce and Industry Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Cultural Committee
- Cultural Exchange Committee
- Finance Committee
- General Affairs Committee

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