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The schedule of events might be changed.
Please re-check the schedule before you
attend any events.

Announcements & Services

Renewal of Senior Citizens' Transportation Pass

Those of you who have the Keiro Pass (Senior Citizens' Transportation Pass) for Heisei 27



that expires on Sep.30, and have applied for the new one by the time you received your pass last year, will receive either a statement of payment or an exchange ticket for a new pass from the beginning to mid-September.

If you do not currently have the pass, and wish to have one, please contact the following tel. numbers. *Keiro pass is a pass for municipal buses, municipal subways, and for the Kanazawa Seaside Line.

Eligibility: 70 yrs old and over
Inquiries: Yokohama-shi Call Center, Keiro Pass Dial (045) 664-2530 (*J)

Asbestos Trial Checkup

In order to relieve anxiety of residents living around asbestos-related facilities, checkups will be conducted.

Date&Time:

Sep.8, 13, and 15 (The result is Oct.27)

Oct.6, 13, and 20 (The result is Nov.24)

Nov.8, 10, and 17 (The result is Dec.22)

*an hour or so between 13:00-16:00

Fee: Free

Eligibility: Those who have lived in Tsurumi-ward before 1989 or have lived Toba city, Sennan area of Osaka, Amagasaki city, Nishinomiya city, Ashiya city, Kakogawa city, Nara Prefecture, Kitakyushu city or Tosu city, and could attend both checkup and result session.

Limit: 12 persons a day

*First-come basis

Location: The Yokohama Sogo Hoken Iryo Center (General Helth

Medical Center)

To Apply: Between Aug.12 and 30, call or fax to book (E, A, N, T, G, and date of your preference)

Inquiries: (045) 671-2482 (*J)
<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kenko/asbestos/kenko-risc/>

Coming-of-Age Ceremony

Those who turn 20 years old are considered to have become adults. This special event celebrates those who turn 20 years old this fiscal year.

Eligibility: Those born between Apr. 2, 1996 and Apr. 1, 1997 and are living in Yokohama.

Date&Time: Jan.9 (holiday); 10:30-/14:30-

Ceremony starting at 10:30: For those who live Aoba, Asahi, Kanagawa, Kohoku, Tsuzuki, Nishi, Hodogaya, and Midori
Ceremony starting at 14:30: For those who live Izumi, Isogo, Kanazawa, Konan, Sakae, Seya, Tsurumi, Totsuka, Naka, and Minami

Location: Yokohama Arena (5 min walk from Shin Yokohama Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Invitations will be mailed to eligible persons in early December. Please contact the following number if you do not receive your invitation by December 14.

Inquiries: (045) 671-3283 (*J)

Gathering Space for Sexual Minorities

If you find your sexual identity, orientation or practices differ from the majority of the surrounding society, just drop in. You might be able to meet people who feel the same way you do.

Date&Time: till March, 2017, 1st and 3rd Saturdays; 13:00-14:00 (Limited to those who are between ten and nineteen yrs old) / 14:00-17:00 (Anybody)

Fee: Free

Location: Danjo Kyodo Sankaku Center Yokohama, known as

FORUM (a min walk from JR Totsuka Stn)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 862-5052 (*J)
<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/s/himin/jinken/seitekisyoususyasien/20151125170907.html>

Events & Activities

Tea Meeting with the Mayor

Meet and exchange ideas with the Mayor over a cup of tea.

Date&Time: Please check the dates for the latter part of Heisei 28 Fiscal year (till the end of March, 2017)

Fee: Free

Limit: One group per day *Chosen by lottery.

Eligibility: People who live, work, or go to school in Yokohama and are 15 yrs old or up. *Junior high school student groups are not eligible. Please apply in groups consisting of 5-10 members.

Location: Mayor's room (Yokohama City Hall, 1 min walk from JR Kannai Stn)

To Apply: By Aug.31, please send an e-mail or an application form via the website. Please check the website for more details.

E-mail: kouchou3@city.yokohama.jp

URL:
<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/s/himin/kochosodan/kocho/tea/bosyu/>

Inquiries: (045) 671-2333 (*J)

Key

RPP ():

Send a **Reply-Paid Postcard** (available for ¥104 at post offices) with the information listed in parentheses on the sending half, and your name and address on the return half.

SP ():

Send a **Standard Postcard** (available for ¥52 at post offices) with the information listed in parentheses.

E: Event name; **A:** Your Address; **N:** Your Name; **T:** Tel; **G:** Age; **X:** Sex
(*J): In Japanese only

Explore the Zoo at Night!

Take this chance to see how the animals are behaving at night! This event is held at all three municipal zoos in Yokohama. ① Zoorasia ② Nogeeyama Zoo ③ Kanazawa Zoo

Date&Time: Saturdays and Sundays during August, and Aug.11 (Thu); 9:30-20:30 (enter the zoo before ①19:00 ②20:00 ③19:30)

Fee: Admission fees apply. ①800 yen for adults, 300 yen for high school students, and 200 yen for Jr.high and elementary school students ②Free ③500 yen for adults, 300 yen for high school students, and 200 yen for Jr.high and elementary school students

Location: Zoorasia (15 min bus ride from JR Nakayama Stn), Nogeeyama Zoo (10 min walk from Keikyu Hinodecho Stn), and Kanazawa zoo (bus from Kanazawa Bunko Stn on the Keikyu Line)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: Zoorasia (045) 959-1000, Nogeeyama zoo (045) 231-1307, Kanazawa zoo (045) 783-9100

URL:
<http://www.hama-midorinokyokai.or.jp/zoo/>

Climb up the Marine Tower by the Stairs!

This is an event in which you climb up all 335 stairs to go up to the observation deck on top of the Marine Tower.

Badges and a memorial picture attached certificates will be given to those who succeed.

Dates for August and September:

Aug 13 (Sat) and 14 (Sun); 18:00-21:00
Sep.10 (Sat) and 11 (Sun); 10:00-15:00

*Cancelled in case of bad weather
Location: Yokohama Marine Tower (2 min walk from Motomachi Chukagai Stn on the Minato Mirai Line)

Fee: Admission to Marine Tower is 750 yen for adults

Eligibility: Anybody. Elementary school and younger children must be accompanied by adults.

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 664-1100 (*J)

The World Railways Expo 2016

This exhibition displays the model railroad collection of Nobutaro Hara, a collector and a model railroad maker.

It will display approx.1000 trains

from his collection of 6000 trains. The event also features miniature railroad from around the world, a railroad experience section and other booths which can be enjoyed by families.

Date&Time: July 16 (Sat) thru Sep.11 (Sun); 10:00-16:30

Location: Pacific Yokohama Hall A (5 min walk from Minatomirai Stn)

Fee: 1,500 yen for adults, 800 yen for children (3 yrs old to junior high school students)

URL:
<http://event.yomiuri.co.jp/train2016/>

9th Minato Mirai Bon Odori

Bon Odori is a style of dancing held during the Obon period in which Japanese honor and remember their ancestors.

Minato Mirai Bon Odori will be held in the perfect atmosphere with a view of the port and the lit-up Yokohama Bay Bridge.

There will also be a Japanese drums performance, food and beer stalls from Japan and around the world.

This is a summer event families will enjoy!

Date&Time: Aug.12 (Fri) 17:30-20:30 and Aug.13 (Sat) 16:00-20:30

Location: Rinko Park Minamiguchi Hiroba (6 min walk from Minatomirai Stn)

URL: www.pacifico.co.jp

The 42nd Kanazawa Matsuri Fireworks

Experience the dynamic and exciting fireworks launched from the ocean around Hakkeijima, Umi no Koen and Nojima area

Date&Time: Aug.27 (Sat) 19:00-20:00 *Cancelled in case of bad weather.

Location: Umi no Koen area (Umi no Koen Stn on the Seaside Line)

Inquiries: Please check the event website:

www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kanazawa/

Unfurling the Sails Experience

A great opportunity for children to actually get on board and experience unfurling the sails of Nippon Maru, a sail training ship. Children can participate with or without their guardians.

Date&Time: Aug.21 (Sun); (1) 13:00-13:30 (2) 14:00-14:30

*May be cancelled in case of bad weather

Location: Sail Training Ship

Nippon Maru (5 min walk from JR Sakuragicho Stn)

Fee: Admission to the Memorial Park (Nippon Maru and Yokohama Port Museum included)

300 yen for elementary, junior high school, and high school students

600 yen for adults

400 yen for seniors over 65 yrs old

Eligibility: Elementary and junior high school students and their guardians

Limit: 60 people each time

*First-come basis

To Apply: Numbered tickets will be given out from (1) 12:30, and from (2) 13:30.

URL: www.nippon-maru.or.jp

Hamakoi 2016

Come watch the dance competition at Dance Entertainment Festival, Hamakoi 2016.

Date&Time: Sep.10 (Sat), 10:00-19:00 *cancelled in case of bad weather

Fee: Free

Location: Pacifico Yokohama Plaza Square, Queens' Square Yokohama Queens' Park, one other location *Please check the website for more details.

To Apply: Please go directly to the site.

Inquiries: (045) 451-0863 (*J)

URL: <http://hamakoi.jp/>

Dance the Samba!

Enjoy dancing to Samba music with the Samba dancers.

Date&Time: Aug.23 (Sun), 10:00-12:00

Fee: Free

Location: Kohoku International Lounge (8 min walk from Kikuna Stn on the Tokyu Toyoko Line)

Limit: 50 people *First-come basis

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 430-5670

URL: <http://kohokulounge.com/>

Italian Cooking Lesson

Date&Time: Oct.2 (Sun)

10:00-13:00

Location: Hodogaya Chiku Center Cooking Room (8 min walk from Tenno-cho Stn on the Sotetsu Line)

Fee: 1,000 yen

Limit: 20 people *First-come basis

Eligibility: Adults (children are not allowed)

To Apply: From 10:00, Sep.2, please call or come to Hodogaya International Lounge to apply.

Inquiries: (045) 337-0012

URL:
<http://www.hodogaya-kokusai.com>

At Konan International Lounge

■Cooking with Quinoa

Quinoa is a whole grain which was first cultivated in Bolivia thousands of years ago. It is gluten-free, and is rich in protein, fiber, and has many other nutritious benefits. You will learn four dishes using Quinoa including dessert.

Date&Time: Sep.20 (Tue), 9:30-12:00

Fee: 1,000 yen

*Please pay at the time of application. *Non-refundable
Limit: 30 people *First-come basis
To Apply: From Aug.11 (Thu), please come to the Konan International Lounge to apply.

Location: Cooking Room at Willing Yokohama (Yumeooka Office Tower 10F, 3 min walk from Kamiooka Stn)

Things to bring: an apron and a dish towel

■Computer Course for Foreigners

In a series of 6 classes, you will learn: basic computer operation skills, Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc. Spots are available for some participants who are able to bring in their own laptop computers, and spots are also available for those who do not have computers.



Eligibility: Non-Japanese who can read hiragana & katakana (Some spots are available for Japanese citizens as well.)

Limit: 10 people *First-come basis
Location: Konan International Lounge (Yumeooka Office Tower 13F)

Date&Time: Sep.15, 29, Oct.6, 13, 20, and 27 (Thursdays); 13:30-15:00

Briefing Date&Time: Sep.8 (Thu), 13:30-14:00 (If you would like to use your own laptop, please bring it to the briefing.)

Fee: 3,300 yen/course (private lessons) *Non-refundable

Application Period: Aug.20 thru Sep.7

To Apply: Please telephone or come to the Lounge. At that time, please give your name, the ward you live in, contact numbers, nationality, and whether or not you can bring your own PC.

Inquiries: (045) 848-0990

URL:

<http://www.konanlounge.com/>

High School Guidance 2016 in Kanagawa for Non-Japanese Speaking People

Guidance will provide all the necessary details concerning Kanagawa Prefecture high schools entrance (e.g. specialized high school entrance examination system, scholarships, set limit, etc.)

Dates & Location:

(1) Sep.4 (Sun): Izumi-ward, Yokohama City, Ichō Community House

(2) Sep.11 (Sun): Kawasaki City, Kokusai Koryu Center

(3) Sep.22 (holiday): Nishi-ward, Yokohama City, Nishi Kokaido

Time: 13:00-16:00 (Reception starts at 12:30)

Eligibility: 1st through 3rd year junior high school students, graduates, families, teachers, and supporters

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to the locations.

*Interpreting services will be available (English, Chinese, Tagalog, Spanish, and Portugal. If you wish to have an interpreter in a different language, please book up to 2 weeks before the event.)

Inquiries: ME-net Kanagawa (045) 896-0015 (available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays)

*When the event will be cancelled due to typhoon etc, there will be a notice on the website.

URL:

<http://www15.plala.or.jp/tabunka/>

Multilingual Support Center

To ensure a safe and secure environment for foreign residents living in Kanagawa, Kanagawa prefecture established **Tagengo Shien Center**, Multilingual Support Center.

The center provides information about healthcare, childcare and natural disasters by phone or in person.



The center is managed by Kanagawa International Foundation (KIF) and Multi-language Information Center Kanagawa (MIC Kanagawa).

Languages and Days:

English: Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Chinese: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Tagalog: Wednesdays and Fridays

Vietnamese: Mondays and Tuesdays

Simple Japanese: Monday thru Friday

Tel: (045) 316-2770

Opening Hours: 9:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00

*From 16:00, on the spot consultation can be offered in simple Japanese only. *until 17:45

*Closed on weekends, holidays, and holidays of the Kenmin Center

Location: Kanagawa Kenmin Center 13F (5 min walk from the west exit of JR Yokohama Stn)

URL: <http://www.kifjp.org/kmlc>

Japanese Language Course for Izumi-ku Residents

This is a course designed for Japanese Language beginners living in Izumi-ku.

Date&Time: Every Thursday between Sep.8 and Feb.23. (No classes on Sep.22, Nov.3, Dec.22, Dec.29 and Jan.5)

Location: Izumi Ward Office (5 min walk from Izumi Chuo Stn on the Sotetsu Line)

Fee: 3,000 yen/course (20 classes)

Limit: 12 people *First-come basis

To Apply: Please call Izumi ward (in Japanese), or fill out an application form which you can get at the ward office or from the website (available in Japanese, English, Chinese and Vietnamese) and mail, fax, e-mail, or bring it to the 3rd floor, window number 311 of the ward office.

Inquiries: (045) 800-2395 (*J)

URL:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/izumi/03shinkou/02kumin/tabunka.html>

YOKE Japanese Class

This introductory level course is for people who need to use Japanese in their daily lives.

Eligibility: Those who are planning to live in Japan for more than three years.

People over the age of 16.

Date&Time: Mondays and Wednesdays between Sep.21 and Dec.5 (20 classes); 10:30-12:00

Fee: 10,000 yen/course

Location:

YOKE (5 min walk from Minatomirai Stn on the Minatomirai Line)



To Apply: Please make an appointment for an interview by phone or email.

Inquiries & Applications: (045) 222-1209 (Japanese, English, Chinese and Spanish)

E-mail: nihongo@yoke.or.jp

URL: <http://www.yoke.or.jp/>