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

Announcements & Services

Loan for Education Available for Single Parent Families

Loans are available for single parent families with children who are entering high school, junior college, university, and vocational schools from April, 2017. (1) *Shugaku Shikin* (mainly tuition) (2) *Shugyo Shikin* (mainly expenses for career training) (3) *Shugaku Shitaku Shikin* (mainly enrollment fee). Income restrictions apply. Applicants are subject to a screening process.

To Apply: Please contact the Fukushima Hoken Center (Health and Welfare Center) of your local ward. *Please bring your withholding tax slip or final return and information of the school you are planning to attend, at the time of application. If you do not have the tax slip or final return, please bring your payment slips for the past three months.

Application Period:

From Feb.1, if you are applying for (1) or (2)

Until Mar.31, if you are applying for (3) only

From Feb.1 to Mar.31, if you are applying for (1) & (3), or (2) & (3)

Inquiries: Your local ward's Fukushima Hoken Center, or Kodomo Seishonen-kyoku Kodomo Katei-ka (045) 671-2395 (*J)

URL:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kodomo/katei/kosodate/h2104boshikafushikin.html>

Child Rearing Live-in Housing Units

These housing units authorized by the city are for families with children. Lottery registration will be accepted for 19 family housing units that will become available from March this year. Income restrictions apply. Financial aid is available for those who are eligible.

Eligibility: Families with children

under the age of 18 years old (including expectant mothers)

*Chosen by lottery.

To Apply: An application form is available at Shiyakusho Shimin Joho Center, Koho Sodan Kakari (Public Relation Section) of your local ward office, or at Gyosei Service Corners (Administrative Service Corners) *Entries must be postmarked by Jan.20.

Inquiries: (045) 671-4121 (*J)

Application for Public Housing for Elderly People

These housing units authorized by the city are for people over 60 years old. A lottery will be held for placement on a primary waiting list to fill vacant housing units in Tsurugamine, Asahi-ku. These units are designed to provide a safe environment for senior citizens, including emergency call services. *There is no nursing care. *An income-dependent rent subsidy is available.



Eligibility: Those who are living or working in Yokohama and are 60 yrs or over at the time of application. There are other eligibility requirements. Please check for details.

To Apply: An application form is available at Shiyakusho Shimin Joho Center, Koho Sodan Kakari of your local ward office, or at Gyosei Service Corners *Entries must be postmarked by Jan.31.

Inquiries: (045) 671-4121 (*J)

Events & Activities

Tea Meeting with the Mayor

Meet and exchange ideas about themes concerning municipal administration with the Mayor over a cup of tea. It is a great opportunity for the citizens to get to know the Mayor in person and for the Mayor to hear the real voices of the citizens.

Limit: One group per day, chosen

by lottery

Eligibility: People over 15 years old (junior high school students are not eligible.) who live, work, or go to school in Yokohama. Please apply in groups consisting of 5-10 members.

Date&Time: An hour meeting on a weekday afternoon, between April and September *dates will be decided after the applicants have been chosen.

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

Fee: Free

To Apply: By Jan. 31, please send SP, e-mail or fax with the group name, profile of the group, names of all the members, details of the theme you would like to talk about. Please also specify the leader's name, T, Fax, and e-mail address. *For more details, check the city hall website:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/shimin/kochosodan/kocho/tea/bosyu/>

Mail it to: 〒231-0017 Naka-ku Minato-cho 1-1 Shimin-kyoku Kocho Sodan-ka

E-mail:

kouchou3@city.yokohama.jp

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

Fax (045) 212-0911

Securing Your Furniture for Safety

One of the important measures for safety at the time of earthquakes is to secure large and heavy

Key

RPP ():

Send a **Reply-Paid Postcard** (purchased 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** (purchased 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

furniture to prevent them from falling over. This is sometimes difficult for households with only senior citizens or disabled people. The city of Yokohama provides a service to secure such furniture for eligible families.

Limit: 200 people *First-come basis

Eligibility: Households with only seniors of over 75 yr olds, disabled persons, or people who need nursing care.

To Apply: Please call Tokutei Hi Eiri Katsudo Hojin Yokohama-shi Machi-zukuri Center between Jan.16 and Feb.10.

Inquiries: (045) 262-0202 (*J)
Fax (045) 315-4099

URL:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/somu/org/kikikanri/kaguten/>

Employment Fair for High School Students

Personnel office staff of about 100 companies will be there.

Eligibility: High school students who are graduating March 2017 and seeking employment in Japanese. Teachers, and parents/guardians may also attend. *Participants must speak and write Japanese well enough to work in a Japanese work environment.

Date&Time: Jan.24 (Tue), 13:00-16:30 (Reception starts at 12:30)

Location: Pacifico Yokohama Annex Hall (3 min walk from Minatomirai Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: In principal, students should apply through their high schools, but you may also go directly to the location.

Inquiries: Hello Work Yokohama (045) 211-7759 (*J) or Economic Affairs Bureau, Employment and Labor Affairs Division (045) 671-2343 (*J)

Art and Craft & Calligraphy Exhibition by Municipal School Students

Come see great artwork by municipal school students.

(1) Works by special support school students

(2) Works by municipal elementary, junior high, and senior high school students

Date&Time: from Jan.25 (Wed) to Jan.30 (Mon); 10:00-18:00 *till 15:30 on Jan.30

Location: Yokohama Shimin (Citizens') Gallery (10 min walk from JR Sakuragicho Stn)

<http://ycag.yafjp.org/>

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to the

location.

Inquiries: Yokohama board of education (1) (045) 671-3958 (*J)
(2) (045) 671-3266 (*J)

2017 Yokohama Goodwill Ambassadors Wanted

Goodwill Ambassadors wanted for participation in promotional activities for Yokohama and at other public events.

Eligibility: Those who are 18 yrs or older by April 1, 2017 and have a registration of residence in Yokohama *High school students are an exception.

Limit: Several people

Period of Assignment: April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018

Screening Date & Place: Feb.18, 2017 (Sat), 9:30- at Hatoba Kaikan (1-1 Kaigan-Dori, Naka-ku)

To Apply: Fill out an application form available at Tourist Information Center, Ward Office Information Service Section (Kuyakusho Koho-Sodan Kakari), or download a form from the website:

<http://www.welcome.city.yokohama.jp/>

Application Period: Jan.10 to Feb. 3, 2017

Inquiries: (045) 221-2111 (*J)

Bird Watching for the first time

This is a bird watching class for beginners.

Limit: 30 people, first-come basis

Eligibility: people over 4th grade in elementary school (elementary school children need to be accompanied by an adult)

Date&Time: Feb.26 (Sun)

9:00-14:00

Location: Shizen Kansatsu no Mori (Take a bus from JR Ofuna Stn, and get off at Yokohama Reien Mae Stop)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Between Jan.12 and Feb.19, send fax or e-mail and specify E, N, T.

Inquiries: (045) 894-7474 (*J)

Fax (045) 894-8892

E-mail:

kansatsunomori@gmail.com

URL:

www.wbsj.org/sanctuary/yokohama/

The 27th Yokohama City Walk

This walking tour will help you enjoy Yokohama's nature, history, and culture of the spring season.

Limit: First 3,000 people

Eligibility: Everyone is welcome. Those who are in elementary school or younger should be

accompanied by a guardian and those persons who require it should be accompanied by an aide.

Date&Time: Mar.20 (holiday), 8:00-17:00

Location: Start/ Goal: Bashamichi Stn (on the Minatomirai Line)

Fee: 1,500 yen for adult, 500 yen for elementary and junior high school student, and free for pre-school age children

To Apply: Please check the application form available at your local ward office or sports centers.

Application Period: from Jan.18 to Mar.10

URL:

<http://www2.yvspc.or.jp/ysa/event/>

Inquiries: (045) 640-0018 (*J)

Amphibious Bus Ride and Minato Museum Tour

Get on a bus and enjoy the view from the road as well as from the water!

Date & Time: Mar.2 (Thu) and Mar.3 (Fri); 14:00-16:30

Eligibility: Those who live, work, or go to school in Yokohama.

Limit: 40 people/day *Chosen by lottery.

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please send RPP (E, A, N, T, and G) to: 〒231-0002

Naka-ku, 1-1 Kaigan-Dori

Osanbashi Futo Bldg. 2F

Yokohama-kou Shinko Kyokai

*Please apply by Jan.27.

Inquiries: (045) 671-2888 (*J)

Fax (045) 651-7996

<http://www.yokohamaport.org/>

Parent-Child Cooking Class: Let's Try Fish Dishes!

Let's learn about fish, how to fillet them and also about school lunch menus.

Date&Time: Feb 25 (Sat), 10:00-14:00

Location: Chuo Oroshiuri Shijo Honjo (Central Wholesale Market, Main branch) (take bus from JR Yokohama Stn)

Eligibility: Elementary school children who live or go to school in Yokohama and their guardians.

Limit: 16 pairs (32 people)

*Chosen by lottery.

Fee: 1,200 yen/pair

To Apply: Please send RPP (E, A, N, T, and G) to: 〒231-0015

Naka-ku, Onoe-cho 1-6, VORT

Yokohama Kannai II 5F,

Yokohama Gakkou

Shokuiku-Zaidan Shokuiku

Suishin-Kakari or apply by email:

shokuiku@ygs.or.jp

Application Period: Jan.13 to Feb.10, 2017

Inquiries: (045) 662-2541 (*J)

Tour to the Wind Power Plant and Energy-Efficient Houses

The tour goes to Hama Wing, the wind power plant, and to a pavilion where you can see and feel environment and health conscious energy-efficient houses.

Date&Time: Jan.30 (Mon), 12:30-16:30

Limit: 55 people *Chosen by lottery

Meeting Place: Street by *Kusunoki Hiroba* in front of JR Kannai Stn (Street between City Hall and Yokohama Kannai Bldg.) *The tour will end at a place near Tsurumi Station (5 min away) at 16:30.

Fee: 700 yen

To Apply: Please send RPP (E, A, T, and names of everyone in the group) to: 〒231-0016 Naka-ku, Masago-cho 4-43 Kinoshita Shoji Bldg 4F, Yokohama-shi Chikyu Ondanka Taisaku Suishin Kyogikai. *You can apply for up to 4 people by an entry.

Application Period: until Jan.17

Inquiries: (045) 681-9910 (*J)

New Year Events at Nippon Maru and the Port Museum

The sail training ship, Nippon Maru and Yokohama Port Museum are having various New Year events. Come enjoy! *Both facilities will be closed Jan. 10, 16, 23, and 28-31.

<Nippon Maru>

■New Year's Decoration

Come see *Kamidana*, a Shinto home altar

Date&Time:

Jan.1 to 9;
10:00-17:00

(admission till 16:30)

<Port Museum>

■Giant Kite Exhibition

Come see 2,7m kite!

Date&Time: Jan.1 to Jan.26;
10:00-17:00 (admission till 16:30)

■Quiz rally for Kids

Date&Time: Jan.7; 10:00-16:30

■Origami Class

Date&Time: Jan.7 and 9;
10:00-16:00

■Paper Craft Class

Date&Time: Jan.8; 10:00-16:00
Fee: Admission fee applies.

*Special offer for elementary, Jr. HS, and high schooler on Saturdays: 100 yen for both facilities.

Location: Nippon Maru and Yokohama Port Museum (5min walk from JR Sakuragicho Stn)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location

Inquiries: (045) 221-0280 (*J)
<http://www.nippon-maru.or.jp/>



Dezomeshiki 2017: Acrobatic Stunts on Top of Ladders by Yokohama City Fire Department

The main purpose of this event is to warn people of the dangers of fire and to learn how to act in case of fire. At *Dezomeshiki*, men dressed as firemen of the Edo Period perform circus-like acrobatic stunts on top of ladders. It's worth watching them perform!

Date&Time: Jan.8 (Sun), 10:30-15:30

Location: Yokohama Aka Renga Soko (Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse), Red Brick Park and the surrounding area (6 min walk from Bashamichi or Nihon Odori Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location

URL:

<http://www.dezome.yokohama/>

JAPAN BREWERS CUP 2017

"Beer Competition" and "Beer Festival": Come enjoy this double-featured event! If you come between 10:30 and 12:00 (no entry permitted on Friday), you will be able to watch judges tasting in this beer competition. At the beer festival in the afternoon, you can enjoy as many as 190 kinds of beer as cheap as 300 yen/glass (price varies).

Date&Time: Jan.27 (Fri) 17:00-22:00, Jan.28 (Sat) 11:00-21:00, and Jan.29 (Sun) 11:00-19:00

Location: Oosanbashi-Hall (7 min walk Nihon Odori Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

Fee: 500 yen as admission fee. Extra for beer (300 yen and up for a glass)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

URL:

<http://japanbrewerscup.jp/english.html>

Art Skating Rink in Yokohama Aka Renga Soko

Art Skating Rink is now an annual winter event in Yokohama. This year, art club students of Hiranuma High School created the art space. Come enjoy skating at Art Skating Rink!

Date&Time: until Feb.19 (Sun); 13:00-22:00 weekdays, 11:00-22:00 weekends and holidays

Location: Yokohama Aka Renga Soko, Event *Hiroba* (6 min walk from Bashamichi or Nihon Odori Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

Fee: 500 yen for adults, 400 yen

for children (elementary and Junior high school), 300 yen for infants (3yrs old and up)(additional 500 yen for shoe rental, 100 yen for locker, and 200 yen if you are entering as a guardian)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

URL:

<http://www.yokohama-akarenga.jp/artrink2016/>

Announcements from Hodogaya International Lounge

■Seminar on Japanese Culture "Tea Ceremony"

Date&Time: Jan.28 (Sat), 14:30-16:00

Fee: Free for non-Japanese citizens, 500 yen for Japanese people (with tea and sweets)

To Apply: Please call, email or come to the Lounge to apply.

■Hello Gathering "Let's learn about garbage separation and play games for the New Year"

Eligibility: Everyone is welcome.

Date&Time: Jan.21 (Sat), 15:00-16:30

Fee: Free

Location: Hodogaya International Lounge, Iwama Shimin Plaza (2 min walk from Tenno-cho Stn on the Sotetsu Line)

Inquiries: (045) 337-0012

E-mail:

toiawase@hodogaya-kokusai.com

URL:

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

Yokohama Kokusai Forum 2017



During this two-day event, there will be seminars and workshops on international cooperation, international exchange, multicultural coexistence, and reports on the activities of the foreign residents support groups.

Date&Time: Feb.4 (Sat) and Feb.5 (Sun); 11:30-19:30

Location: JICA Yokohama (8 min walk from Bashamichi Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

YOKE Special Seminar: Learning Support for Foreign Children

Date&Time: Feb.4 (Sat); 13:00-14:50

Location: JICA Yokohama 4F, conference room "Kamome"

Inquiries: (045) 662-6350

E-mail: info@yokohama-c-plat.org

*Please check the website for more details:

<http://yokohama-c-forum.org/>