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

Announcements & Services

Oversized Garbage Application

Metal items larger than 30 cm and other items (such as plastic item or wood item) larger than 50 cm are considered to be oversized garbage, and you need to apply to Oversized Garbage Reception Center when discarding. Fee applies.

In March and April, you have to wait longer than usual till you can book a collection date, so plan ahead.

Note: TV, refrigerator, freezer, washer, dryer, air conditioner, and personal computer are NOT oversized garbage.

To Apply: Call Oversized Garbage Reception Center to book for collection. 0570-200-530 (*J). From IP or cell phone 045-330-3953. Have your applying item(s)'s size and material ready.

If you have a difficulty applying in Japanese, call YOKE Information Corner at 045-222-1209. English, Chinese, and Spanish speakers are available.

Inquiries: Resources and Waste Recycling Bureau, Resources and Waste Collection Operation Division (045) 671-2557 (*J) Fax (045) 662-1225
YOKE Information Corner (045) 222-1209 Mon-Fri
10:00-11:30/12:30-16:30

Payment of the National Pension Premiums

If you would like to pay your National Pension premiums by lump-sum payment, you can choose 2 years in advance, 1 year in advance, or 6 months in advance. Discount is available. If you would like to pay by lump-sum payment, please apply at financial institutions or Nenkin Jimusho (National Pension Office) by the end of February. From April, 2017, lump-sum

payment of 2 years in advance is available not only by automatic bank transfer but also by cash or credit card.

Inquiries: Kenko-Fukushi-kyoku Hoken Nenkin-ka (Health and Social Welfare Bureau, Health Insurance and Pension Division) (045) 671-2418 (*J) Fax (045) 664-0403

URL:
<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kenko/nenkin/>

Make Declaration at Administrative Offices (1) Deregistration of Motorcycle

The owner of a motorcycle(s) is levied for the Heisei 29th fiscal year (April



2017-March 2018) based on the owner's legal residence as of April 1, 2017. If you are scrapping or giving away your motorcycle(s), please make a declaration by the end of March.

For 125 cc and less motorcycle: Declare at Tax Division, City Tax Section of the ward office you registered.

For over 125 cc motorcycle: Declare at Department of Transportation, Kanagawa Branch at 050-5540-2035

(2) Declaration of Residential Tax

Those whose legal residence as of January 1, 2017 is in Yokohama need to declare their previous year's income to the city tax section of their local ward office by March 15. The following people are exception.

■A person who is a salary paid worker for a company which reports your previous year's income to your ward office on your behalf.

■A person who is going to do a final tax return: Those who are told not to do a final tax return by the Tax Office might need to report to

the city tax section of their local ward office.

Inquiries: Tax Division City Tax Section of the ward office

Leaflet: Pediatric Emergency Medical Care

At the website of the Medical Care Bureau, City of Yokohama, you can find a leaflet explaining how you can find medical institutions at the time of pediatric emergency called "Pediatric Emergency Medical Care Short Version" coming out in 4 languages (Easy Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean)

You can also obtain this leaflet at one of 18 ward offices, Children and Families Support Division (Kodomo KateiShien-ka)

URL:
www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/iryo/
Inquiries: Iryo-kyoku (Medical Care Bureau) (045) 671-4820 (*J)

Events & Activities

Yokohama Joint Job Interview

This event is for people who wish to work in a Japanese-speaking environment.

Personal interviews in Japanese with personnel staff of the approximately 50 companies attending.

Date&Time: Feb.23 (Thu), 13:00-16:00 (Reception is between 12:30 and 15:45) *You can go in and out at any time within the above mentioned hours.

Eligibility: Those who would like

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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

to work in Yokohama. Applicants should be able to use Japanese and should have a status to work in Japan.

Location: Shintoshin Hall (9F of SOGO department store) (5 min. walk from Yokohama Stn, East Exit)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Fee: Free

Inquiries: Hello Work Yokohama (045) 222-8609 (*J) or Economic Affairs Bureau, Employment and Labor Affairs Division (045) 671-2343 (*J)

Yokohama Central Job Training School

For those who wish to work in a Japanese-speaking environment, Yokohama Central Job Training School offers classes in (1) basic personal computer operations, (2) A: computer accounting and B: computer skills for nursing/healthcare administration career, and (3) CAD (Computer-aided Architectural Design).

Eligibility: Those who are currently unemployed.

Limit: 20 people for each course (priority is given to parents of single-parent families and those who are on welfare) *Chosen by screening

Dates: (1) April 18 to June 26, (2) April 18 to July 26, and (3) April 19 to September 29

Location: Chuo Shokugyo kunren-kou (Central job training school) (7 min walk from JR Ishikawacho Stn. North Exit or 11 min walk from Motomachi Chukagai Stn, No.5 Exit on the Minatomirai Line)

Application Period: March 15 to March 24

Briefing Date: March 7 (Tue), 10:00 and 14:00

Fee: Free *For textbook and other materials: between 9,000yen and 25,000yen

To Apply: For detailed information, Please refer to the application form which will be given out from Feb.15 at Hello Work, Ward Offices, or check the website:

www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/keizai/koyo/syokkai/kunren3.html

Inquiries: (045) 664-6825 (*J)
Fax (045) 664-2081

Geochemical Exploration Ship Seminar and Boat Ride

Come to this special parent-child event!

First, you learn about Tara, a geochemical exploration ship at NHK, Yokohama branch and then

get on board the Tara ship from Yokohama Shinko Pier where it is being stationed from March 14 to 20.

Date&Time: March 18 (Sat); The first part: 13:00-14:00 /The second part: 14:30-16:00

Eligibility: Elementary school children and their guardians

Limit: 90 people *Chosen by lottery.

Location: The first part: NHK, Yokohama branch

The second part: Yokohama Shinko Pier

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please sent a RPP (zip code, A, N, T, X, and date of birth) to NHK Yokohama Hoso-kyoku by February 22.

Inquiries: NHK (045) 212-2822 (*J) or International Affairs Bureau (045) 671-2079

URL:

www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kokusai/

Volunteers to help unfurl Nippon Maru Sails

Sail training ship Nippon Maru has been docked in Sakuragicho since her retirement in

1984. Since then, she is open to the public for exhibition.

12 times a year, she unfurls all 29 sails with the help of volunteers.

The city of Yokohama is looking for volunteers to join and help the unfurling exhibition. There are three training classes.

Limit: 30 people *Chosen by lottery.

Eligibility: Anyone in good health between 18 and about 40 years of age, who can attend all 3 classes. Candidates who are 18 and 19 years old need approval from the guardians.

Date&Time: Apr.8 (Sat), 9(Sun) and 22 (Sat); 10:00-16:00

Location: Nippon Maru Training Center (5 min walk from JR Sakuragicho Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please pick up an application form available at your local ward office, or from the Nippon Maru website.

Application Period: Between Feb.1 and Mar.25

Inquiries: (045) 221-0280 (*J)

URL:

<http://www.nippon-maru.or.jp/>

Cooking Class for Parents and Children

This cooking class will be held at the cooking room in the Yokohama Central Wholesale Market.

It will use seafood and vegetables

which have just arrived at the market!

Limit: 15 pairs, 30 people

*Chosen by lottery.

Eligibility: Children from 4th grade to 3rd year in junior high school who live or go to school in Yokohama, and their guardians.

Date&Time: March 11 (Sat), 9:00-13:30

Location: Yokohama-shi Central Wholesale Market Honjo Center Bldg 3F Cooking Room (take a bus from JR Yokohama Stn, East Exit Bus Terminal)

Fee: 2,000yen

To Apply: Between Feb.2 and Mar.1, send a RPP (E, A, N, T, G) to Yokohama-shi Central Wholesale Market Honjo or apply using the application form on the website.

Inquiries: (045) 459-3337 (*J)

URL:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/keizai/shogyo/orosi/topics/20130517163402.html>

A Chemistry Experiment for Children

This hands-on experiment will allow children to find out that chemistry is fun!

It will focus on changing the color of the water made from purple sweet potato by using acid and alkaline.

Limit: 40 people each time (160 in total) *First-come basis

Eligibility: Elementary school children who live or go to school in Yokohama

Date&Time: Mar.18 (Sat) (1) 10:00-11:00 (2) 11:30-12:30 (3) 13:30-14:30 (4) 15:00-16:00

Location: Keio University Hiyoshi Campus No. 7 Bldg. 3F (1 min walk from Hiyoshi Stn on the Tokyu Toyoko Line)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please apply from the event website below by March 11. You need to specify your name, school name, grade, and if a guardian is attending or not.

Inquiries: (03) 3292-6163 (*J)

URL:

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/bunka/kancon/jisedai/>

Basketball Class Taught by an Olympic Athlete

A basketball player who participated in the Rio 2016 Olympics will teach junior high and high school children.

Eligibility: Junior high and high school students who live or go to school in Yokohama

Limit: 80 people *First-come basis

Date&Time: Mar.19 (Sun), 9:30-12:30

Location: Yokohama-shi Hiranumakinen taiikukan (bus from JR Yokohama Stn)
URL: http://www.yvspc.or.jp/hiratai_yasa/

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please call or send a fax to apply between Feb.11 and Mar.11. Please provide your name, male/female, grade, age, and phone number.

Application & Inquiries:

Yokohama-shi Sports Ikagaku Center (Yokohama Sports Medical Center) Tel: (045) 477-5050 (*J)
Fax: (045) 477-5052 (*J)

Plum Blossom Viewing at Sankeien

Come view the beautiful red and brilliant white blossoms! There are over 600 plum trees in Sankeien.



Free hot tea "Mugiyu" will be offered at Hatsune-chaya arbor every day.

Date&Time: Feb.11 (Sat) to Mar.5 (Sun); 9:00-16:30

*Bonsai Exhibition, featuring plum tree pots will also be held during this early spring period.

Date: Feb.12 (Sun) to Feb.19 (Sun)

Fee: Admission to Sankeien is 500 yen for adults and 200 yen for elementary school children.

Location: Sankeien (take a bus from JR Negishi Stn)

Inquiries: (045) 621-0635 (*J)

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

Products for Visually Impaired Persons

This is an exhibition of useful goods and devices that will help everyday lives of visually impaired persons.

Date&Time: Feb.12 (Sun), 10:30-16:00

Location: Yokohama Rapport 2F Rapport Box (10 min walk from JR Shin Yokohama Stn *There is also a free limousine bus service from Shin Yokohama Stn. Please check Yokohama Rapport website for more details.)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: Yokohama-shi Shikaku Shogaisha Fukushi Kyokai (045) 475-2061 (*J)

Yokohama Rapport Website: www.yokohama-rf.jp/rapport/

Let's Go to the Zoo: Special Valentine Deals

(1) Valentine's Special Treat

for Animals

Certain Valentine's Day snacks are given to animals.

Location: Zoorasia (bus from JR Nakayama Stn)

(2) Chocolate Gift

A certain number of the first visitors will receive chocolate gift.

Location: NogeYama Zoo (10 min walk from Keikyu Hinode-cho Stn)

(3) Valentine's Special Treat for Animals

You can feed certain Valentine's Day snacks to animals.

Location: Kanazawa Zoo (bus from Kanazawa Bunko Stn on the Keikyu Line)

Date&Time (1-3): Feb.11 (Sat) and Feb.12 (Sun)

Inquiries: (1) (045) 959-1000 (*J) (2) (045) 231-1307 (*J) (3) (045) 783-9100 (*J)

The 18th Konan International Lounge Festival

Join us in this special event full of international communication! On stage, there will be a Japanese speech contest by Japanese learners, singing, and dancing. You may also enjoy different kinds of tea and sweets from around the world!

Date&Time: Feb.26 (Sun), 10:30-15:30

Location: Konan Kumin Bunka Center 4F, Himawari no Sato Hall (3 min walk from Kamiooka Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 848-0990

At Hodogaya International Lounge

Japanese Language Course Schedule

Introductory/Beginner Level

Date&Time:

Thursdays (18:30-20:00)

Fridays (10:30-12:00)

Saturdays (13:30-15:00)

*Feb.11 is a holiday.

Fee: Free

Children's Study Meet-Up

Let's study together with teachers and volunteers!

Eligibility: Elementary and junior high school students whose mother tongue is not Japanese.

Date&Time: Feb.18 (Sat), Feb.25 (Sat) and Mar.4 (Sat) 10:00-12:00

*Feb.11 is a holiday.

Fee: Free

Hello Gathering

Let's get together to talk over coffee and snacks and make friends with people from various countries. The theme for this meeting is "Hinamatsuri".

Eligibility: Everyone is welcome.

Date&Time: Feb.18 (Sat), 15:00-16:30

Fee: Free

International Mothers' Gathering

Both non-Japanese and Japanese mothers and their pre-school children gather together to play and talk over different themes.

Date&Time: Feb.14 (Tue) and Feb.28 (Tue); 10:30 to 11:30

To Apply: The Lounge asks Japanese mothers to call in advance. Non-Japanese mothers can come to the Lounge directly.

Staff Wanted

Hodogaya International Lounge is seeking reception desk staff who can use computers (Word/Excel/E-mail). If you are Japanese, English or Chinese speaking ability and an accounting experience is appreciated. A non-Japanese candidate should be able to read and write Japanese, and work using Japanese.

Briefing Date&Time: Feb.18 (Sat), 15:30-16:30

To Apply: Please refer to the website or call the Lounge for more details.

Location for all events:

Hodogaya International Lounge Iwama Shimin Plaza (3 min walk from Tenno-cho Stn on the Sotetsu Line)

Inquiries & Applications: (045) 337-0012

URL:

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

Pension and Labor Consultation for Foreigners

This is a special consultation by a licensed social insurance consultant.

*Totally confidential. *Free of charge. *Interpreting is available.

Consultation Topics: Social Insurance such as pension, health insurance, and so on.

Labor issues such as overtime payment, on-the-job accident, termination of employment contracts, and so on.

Languages: English, Chinese and Spanish

Date&Time: The 3rd Tuesday of every month; 13:00-16:00 *Up to 50 min/consultation

Location: YOKE (5 min walk from Minatomirai Stn on the Minatomirai Line/ 15 min walk from Sakuragicho Stn on the Municipal subway or JR Line)

Application and Inquiries: YOKE Information Corner (045) 222-1209

Email: info.corner@yoke.or.jp