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

Announcements & Services

National Pension: Special Payment System for Students

If you are a student and your income is less than a certain amount, you may be allowed to postpone contribution payment if your application is approved.

Application: If you received an application form, fill it in and mail it. If you did not receive an application form, bring your school ID, your pension book (Nenkin Techo), and your *inkan* to your local ward office's National Pension Plan Section.

Inquiries: Contact the Pension Section (Nenkin-ka) of your local ward office, or check the City of Yokohama website:

www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kenko/nenkin/4-3gakutoku.html

Light Motor Vehicle Tax Payment Deadline

The light motor vehicle tax must be paid by May 31. Tax notices will be sent on May 1.

Inquiries: Tax office (Zeimu-ka) of your local ward office.

Application for "Yokohama Live-in" Housing Units

Lottery registration will be accepted for those wishing to be on the family unit waiting list. Income restrictions apply. Financial aid is available for those who are eligible.

Application Period: May 18 to June 1 (*Entries must be postmarked by June 1.)
Fill out an application form available at City Hall's Shimin Joho Center, at any Ward Office's Koho Sodan Kakari (Public Relation Section) or at the Gyosei Service Corner (Administrative Service Corner), and mail it to JA Amenity House Yokohama

Inquiries: Kenchiku-kyoku Jutaku Seisaku-ka (045) 671-4121 (*J)

Application for Elderly People's Public Housing

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 apartments in Midori-ku Kita Hassaku-cho. These apartments 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: People who are living or working in Yokohama and are 60 yrs or over at the time of application. They must be Japanese nationals or foreign nationals who have a resident card. There are other conditions. Please inquire for more details.

To Apply: Fill out an application form available at City Hall's Shimin Joho Center, at any Ward Office's Koho Sodan Kakari or at the Gyosei Service Corner, and mail it to JA Amenity House.

Application Period: May 18 to June 1

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

Health Checkup Tickets for National Health Insurance Certificate Holders

Yokohama-shi Kokumin Kenko Hoken Tokutei Kenshin (Yokohama National Health Insurance Health Checkup for Specific Purposes) will be offered to adults between the ages of 40-74 who have enrolled in the National Health Insurance system before April 1, 2017.

Fee: 1,200 yen (400 yen for those who are exempt from citizens tax for 2016)

To Apply: Make an appointment ahead of time at the facility of your choice, selected from the provided list; you must bring the check-up ticket, the questionnaire, and your most recent National Health

Insurance Certificate. *Checkup tickets are valid until March 31, 2018, but it is recommended to get the checkup by September 30, 2017.

Inquiries: Tokutei Kenshin Dial (045) 664-2606 (*J)

URL:

www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kenko/kuho/kenshin.html

Events & Activities

Central Career Training School

Central Career Training School is a municipal school that offers classes for those who wish to find work or change careers. It offers classes for (1) basic computer skills, (2) OA accounting and (3) nursing care careers/medical clerical work. *Please note that this is a school for people who seek jobs in a Japanese environment. Applicants must be able to speak, read and write Japanese fluently.

Limit: 20 people per course
Eligibility: People who do not have a job at the moment (Priority is given to single parents and those on welfare.)

Training period: (1) July 19 to Sep.29 (2) Aug.3 to Nov.16

Application Period: June 6 (Tue) to June 15 (Thu)

Briefing Date&Time: June 2 (Fri), 10:00 and 14:00

Location: Chuo Shokugyo Kunren-ko (7 min walk from Ishikawacho Stn on the JR Negishi

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

Line)

Fee: Free (except for textbooks, which will be approx. 9,000 yen to 15,000 yen)

To Apply: Please apply using an application form available from the Training School, Ward Offices, Administrative Service Corners, and Hello Work.

Inquiries: Chuo Shokugyo Kunren-ko (045) 664-6825 (*J)

URL:

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

Bird Watching with Your Children

See how the birds live in the woods!

Date&Time: May 28 (Sun), 10:00-13:30

Location: Yokohama Shizen Kansatsu no Mori (Take a bus from JR Ofuna Stn)

Eligibility: Children 6 yrs old up to junior high school, and their parents *Chosen by lottery.

Fee: Free

Limit: 30 people

To Apply: By May 15, send fax or e-mail (E, A, N, T, G of the children)

Fax: (045) 894-8892 (*J) E-mail: yokohama-nc@wbsj.org

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

Thanks to the Port: Free Admissions

June 2nd is Port-Opening day. Commemorating this special day,



the following facilities in Yokohama are open to the public free of charge.

Facilities where all visitors will be admitted free of charge:

Yokohama Art Museum, Yokohama Archives of History, Museum of Yokohama Urban History, Yokohama Museum of EurAsian Cultures, Yokohama History Museum, and Yokohama Fishing Piers (Honmoku, Daikoku, and Isogo)

Facilities where university students and under will be admitted free of charge:

Silk Museum and Yamate Shiryokan

Facilities where high school students and under will be admitted free of charge:

Osaragi Jiro Memorial Museum, Sankeien, Yokohama Tram Museum, NYK Hikawamaru, NYK Maritime Museum, Yokohama Doll Museum, Hamagin Child Science Center, Sail Training Ship Nippon Maru, Yokohama Port Museum, Yokohama Marine Tower, Mitsubishi Minatomirai Industrial

Museum, Yokohama Landmark Tower Observation Deck, and Sport centers: Aoba, Asahi, Izumi, Konan, Seya, Totsuka, and Nishi (individual use and training room)

Facilities where Junior high school students and under will be admitted free of charge:

Kanazawa Zoo, Zoorasia (Yokohama Zoological Garden), Pool (Asahi, Sakae, Tsuzuki, Hodogaya, and Shimizugaoka), Rinetsu Kanazawa (except public bath area), Ward's sport centers (except Kohoku) (individual use and training room), and Yokohama Ice Arena

Date&Time: June 2 (Fri)

Inquiries: (045) 671-3625 (*J)

Garden Necklace YOKOHAMA 2017

Beautiful flowers and Greenery YOKOHAMA is a main concept. There are 2 main locations: Minato Garden and Satoyama Garden where you can enjoy an adventure playground.

Date: Until June 4 (Sun)

2 Main Locations:

Minato Garden (Yamashita Park, Grand Mall Park, and so on)

Satoyama Garden (Take a bus for Yokohama Dobutsuen (Zoo) Kitamon (North Gate) from Tsurugamina, Mitsukyo, or Nakayama Stn and get off at the last stop. 2 min walk from the bus stop. Take a look at the guidebook available from the site below for detailed locations.

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: 050-5548-8686 (*J)

You can download the guidebook in English from the site below.

URL:

http://yokohama-fair2017.city.yokohama.lg.jp/wp-content/themes/fair_v3_test/common/download/r_eef_en01.pdf

World Triathlon Yokohama 2017

Let's go and cheer the participants!

Date&Time: May 13 (Sat) and May 14 (Sun)

Location: Motomachi, Yamate, China Town, and Yamashita Park area

To Apply: Please go directly to the sites.

URL:

<http://yokohama.triathlon.org/en/home>

Thomas & Friends Special Gallery

Come to Hara Model Railway Museum for the special "Thomas & Friends" Gallery

Date&Time: Until May 15 (Mon); 10:00-16:30

Fee: 1,000 yen for adults, 700 yen for Jr. and Senior HS students, 500 yen for children over 4 yrs old

Location: Hara Model Railway Museum (5 min walk from JR Yokohama Stn or 2 min walk from Shin Takashima Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

URL:

<http://www.hara-mrm.com/english/index.html>

Early Summer Events at Sankeien

■ **Firefly Evening**

You can see the fantastic glow of the fireflies that come out in Sankeien.



Date&Time: May 22 (Sat) to June 2 (Fri); until 20:30 (close at 21:00)

■ **Satsuki Azalea Bonsai Exhibition**

Satsuki Azaleas are commonly used for bonsai.

Approx. 100 pots will be displayed. Enjoy the colorful flowers that bloom during this season.

Consultation on bonsai is also available.

Date&Time: May 14 (Sun) to May 28 (Sun); 9:00-16:30

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

Admission Fee: 500 yen for adults, 200 yen for children

Inquiries: (045) 621-0634 (*J) You can download the Sankeien Map from the site below. English version is available.

URL:

<http://www.sankeien.or.jp/guide/map.html>

Fitness Yokohama 2017

Anyone who is interested in dancing will enjoy this event. Many amateur dance groups will attend to perform. Come and see the exciting performances.

Date&Time: June 11 (Sun) 10:00-18:00

Location: Pacifico Yokohama Kokuritsu Dai Hall (3 min walk from Minatomirai Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

Fee: 1,000 yen for adults, 500 yen for junior high school students and younger, free for preschool children

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

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

Dental Health Week Festival

Sunday during Dental & Oral Health Week, there will be an

event at which you can get dental/oral health advice from dentists, play a dice-throwing game, shop for dental/oral care items, and more.

Date&Time: June 18 (Sun), 11:00-16:00

Location: Queen's Circle at 1F of Queen's Square Yokohama (3 min walk from Minatomirai Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 671-4042 (*J)

“Kangaroo Salon” for Foreign Parents and Children

Information on Child Rearing and Japanese Language Learning.



Here, you can learn about daily necessary information such as vaccination, nursery school/kindergarten and disaster prevention, and also learn Japanese.

Date&Time: May 8, 22, June 5, 19, July 3, Sep.25, Oct.2, 16, 30, Nov.13 and 27 (All Mondays); 10:00-12:00

Eligibility: Parents whose mother tongue is not Japanese and their children who haven't reached elementary school age

Location: Tsurumi International Lounge (2 min walk from JR Tsurumi or Keikyū Tsurumi Stn)

Fee: Free

Application and Inquiries:

(045) 511-5311 Email:

tsurumilounge@yoke.or.jp

URL:

<http://www.tsurumilounge.com/english/index.php>

Announcements from Hodogaya International Lounge

The lounge will be closed on May 8 (Mon) and May 15 (Mon)

(1) Japanese Classes

Date&Time: May 6 to June 3

Thur. class: 18:30-20:00, Fri.

class: 10:30-12:00, and Sat.

class: 13:30-15:00

Eligibility: Non-Japanese

Fee: Free

(2) Children's study Meet-up

Let's study together with teachers and volunteers.

Eligibility: Elementary and Jr. high school children whose mother tongue is not Japanese.

Date&Time: Every Sat. between May 6 and June 3; 10:00-12:00

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please contact the lounge ahead of time.

(3) Hello Gathering

Date&Time: May20 (Sat);

15:00-16:30

Fee: Free

Eligibility: anybody

(4) International Mothers' Gathering —Piccoro—

Date&Time: May 9 and May 30

(Tue); 10:30-11:30

Fee: Free

Eligibility and To Apply:

Foreigners. Please go directly to the location.

*Japanese nationals wishing to attend this gathering need to contact the lounge ahead of time.

(5) International Exchange through Cooking “Madagascar Cuisine”

Date&Time: June 24 (Sat),

10:00-13:00

Limit: 20 people (Children are not allowed) *First-come basis

Location: Hodogaya *Chiku*

(Community) Center

Fee: 1,000 yen

To Apply: Starting at 10:00am on May 24 (Thu), please apply by phone or in person.

Location: (1)-(4) Hodogaya International Lounge, Iwama Shimin Plaza (2 min walk from Tenno-cho Stn on the Sotetsu Line)

Inquiries: (045) 337-0012

URL:

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

E-mail:

toiawase@hodogaya-kokusai.com

Announcements from Konan International Lounge

(1) Sichuan Cooking Class

Let's make genuine Sichuan cuisine with a restaurant chef.

Date&Time: June 5 (Mon),

9:30-12:00

Limit: 30 people *First-come basis
Fee: 1,300 yen

*You need to pay at the time of application.

*Non-refundable but substitutes are accepted.

Things to bring: an apron, 2 dish towels, and a bandanna to cover your hair during cooking

To Apply: From May 11 (Thu), please come to the Lounge to apply.

Location: Cooking room, 10F of Yumeooka Office Tower, 3 min walk from Kamiooka Stn

Inquiries: (045) 848-0990

(2) Bogo Cafe

Bogo is one's mother tongue. At this café, you can enjoy chatting with people from various countries.

Don't worry if you can't speak Japanese or if Japanese is the only

language you can speak. Just come and enjoy your time at the café!

Date, Time, and Topics: First Wednesday of even months;

13:00-15:00

June 7: How to enjoy rainy season
August 2: *Bon* dance with *Yukata* (summer kimono)

October 4: Halloween (costume party)

December 6: Christmas BINGO event

February 7, 2018: Chinese New Year Celebration

Fee: 200 yen

To Apply: Please go directly to the Lounge.

Location: Meeting room, 13F of Yumeooka Office Tower, 3 min walk from Kamiooka Stn

Inquiries: (045) 848-0990

Consultation on Education for Foreign Residents

Free consultation for guardians of non-Japanese students.

Any inquiries regarding the Japanese school system, education, preparation for entrance exams, and school life in general may be discussed. People who are involved in supporting foreign citizens can also use this service.

■2nd and 4th Saturdays at YOKE

Date&Time: 2nd and 4th Saturdays; 10:00-12:30

Languages: English, Chinese, and Spanish

Location: YOKE (5 min walk from Minatomirai Stn)

To Apply: Please call YOKE to make an appointment in advance.

Inquiries and Applications:

(045) 222-1209

(Weekdays:

10:00-11:30/12:30-16:30, 2nd and

4th Saturdays: 10:00-12:30)

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

■4th Thursdays at Minami Lounge

Date&Time: 4th Thursday of each month, 13:30-15:30

Languages: Chinese and English
For other languages such as Tagalog and Thai, please ask about availability when you make an appointment.

Location: Minami Shiminkatsudo Tabunka Kyosei (Citizens Activity & Multicultural) Lounge

(10F Urafune Fukugo Fukushi Shisetsu, 3-46 Urafune-cho, Minami-ku) (5 min walk from Bandobashi Stn on the Municipal Subway)

To Apply: Please call Minami Lounge to make an appointment in advance.

Inquiries and Applications:

(045) 232-9544