

## KAWASAKI INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

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### Now Seeking Members for the Eighth Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents!

Kawasaki City set up the Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents in order to encourage the involvement of foreign residents in municipal government and make local societies where both Japanese and non-Japanese understand each other better, living together in harmony. This assembly was established in 1996 as the very first of its kind in the whole of Japan. At meetings, members of the public who have joined the representative assembly discuss their concerns and report what they discussed to the Mayor each year.



This time, Kawasaki City is seeking 26 members for the Eighth Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents who can be active for 2 years between April 2010 and March 2011.

Those eligible to apply are 18 years old and older, have been living in Kawasaki for more than one year with a foreign resident's card, and who can attend the meetings. Those who attend the meetings as a member of the representative assembly will receive payment as a part-time employee of Kawasaki City.

A handbook for applicants is available at each ward office, library, and citizen's hall. Also you can download it via the homepage of Kawasaki City. You can apply by January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

### Emergency medical Care on Weekends and Holidays

If you have acute fever on a holiday, you can receive an initial evaluation and subsequent care at a Holiday Emergency Clinic. Treatment is offered in internal medicine and pediatrics. The clinics are usually open on Sundays and holidays; during the coming holiday season, they will be open from December 30<sup>th</sup> to January 4<sup>th</sup>. They will receive patients between 9:00 and 11:30 a.m. and between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m.

Here are the phone numbers of the Holiday Emergency Clinics for each ward:

Kawasaki Holiday Emergency Clinic, 2 1 1 – 6 5 5 5.

Saiwai Holiday Emergency Clinic, 5 5 5 – 0 8 8 5.

Nakahara Holiday Emergency Clinic, 7 2 2 – 7 8 7 0.

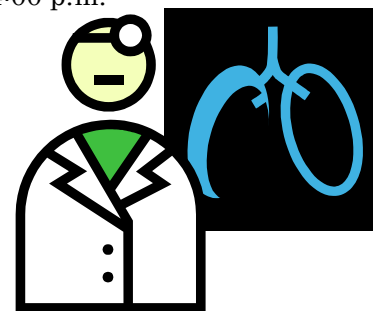
Takatsu Holiday Emergency Clinic, 8 1 1 – 9 3 0 0.

Miyamae Holiday Emergency Clinic, 8 5 3 – 2 1 3 3.

Tama Holiday Emergency Clinic, 9 3 3 – 1 1 2 0.

Asao Holiday Emergency Clinic, 9 6 6 – 2 1 3 3.

Each clinic's hours of operation and other details are subject to change, so be sure to call the facility before going.



### Monthly Topics

#### Year-End & New Year Garbage Collection

For neighborhoods in Kawasaki City in which ordinary trash is collected on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the last day of ordinary trash collection will be December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Where ordinary trash is collected on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, it will be December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. For the new year, collection will start on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 in a Monday-Wednesday-Friday pick up area, and in a Tuesday-Thursday-Saturday pick up area, the first collection will be on January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Recyclable resources will be collected as usual through December 29<sup>th</sup>, and then halt for the holidays. Recyclables will resume the normal collection schedule from January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

For oversized trash, the last day will be December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and it will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010 as usual.

As for oversized trash, a reservation must be made either through the internet or by phone.

Reservations will be taken by phone through December 30<sup>th</sup>; the Oversized Trash Center is open from 8:00am to 4:30 pm, and their phone number is 044-930-5300. Phone reservations will begin again in the new year from January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Reservations can be made over the internet at the City of Kawasaki web page 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

### **End of year and New Year schedule for City Hall and Ward Offices**

City Hall, the ward offices, and related facilities will be open on their regular schedules through December 28<sup>th</sup>. They will then close until January 4<sup>th</sup>, at which time they will resume their regular schedules.

The Administrative Service Terminals located at Ward offices, branch offices, and Administrative Service Corners will follow the same schedule.

As for different kinds of reports and notices related to one's family register, these will be accepted at the guardrooms of the Ward offices between December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

City Bus Offices will be open throughout the year end and new year, selling Bus Cards and commuter passes. While offices are open until 7:00pm between December 29<sup>th</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ticket Booths will be closed.

In cases of child abuse, reports will be accepted and counseling will be offered 24 hours, 365 days a year.

The phone number of the Child Abuse Prevention Center is 0120-874-124.

(Information from KIA, Events, Classes, Q&A [Consulting])

### **The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Japanese Speech Contest for Foreign Residents**

Date and Time: Saturday, Feb.20<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm – 4:00pm (Admission Fee: Free)

Place: Kawasaki International Center Hall

After the contest, there will be a reception for the contestants and the audience. Attendance is open to anyone, but you do have to make a reservation in advance.

The fee for the reception is 500yen per person. You can pay it on the day of the contest.

### **Counseling in Foreign Languages (10:00 – 12:00, 13:00 – 16:00) TEL: 044-435-7000**

English	Monday - Saturday	Chinese	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
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Portuguese	Tuesday, Friday	Spanish	Tuesday, Wednesday
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Korean	Tuesday, Thursday	Tagalog	Tuesday, Wednesday
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\* Counseling in Japanese is also available. Please feel free to come for a consultation.

\* Counseling Services for Foreigners on Visa and Others, with a lawyer who is a notary public (Gyouseishoshi)

Next Available Counseling Session with the Gyouseishoshi:

Date & Time: Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>, December 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Venue: Kawasaki International 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Conference Room

### **Special Concerts celebrating Kawasaki & Baltimore's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Sister Cities**

Date: Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm (open) 6:30pm(Curtain)

Place: Kawasaki International Center Hall Ball Room

Admission Fee: 1000yen (including snack) You can pay on the day. Available Seats: 200

Registration: Shimin Kodomo kyoku (TEL: 044-200-2030)

How to Register: Please write the following on a reply-paid postcard and send it to 〒210-8857 (address unnecessary) by December 5<sup>th</sup>: Shimin Kodomo kyoku, Shimin Bunka Shitsu "Special Concert Celebrating Kawasaki & Baltimore's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as Sister Cities. ①your postal Code ② your address ③Name (one postcard can register two persons) ④Phone Number ⑤Which Concert you would like to attend ⑥how many people are coming.

