

KAWASAKI INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS

English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Easy Japanese versions are available.

Please visit the Kawasaki International Association's homepage: <http://www.kian.or.jp/hlkwsk.html>

## Enjoy Summer!

### Floating Lanterns in Seseragi (*seseragi tōrō nagashi*)

Nakahara Ward

When: August 15, 2010 (Sunday), around 6pm

Where: Egawa Seseragi Promenade, near Azumaya (downstream of Kosekibashi Bridge)

How to get there: a 5-minute walk from the South exit of Musashi Shinjo Station on the JR Nambu Line

What's happening: parents and children will float handmade illustrated paper lanterns onto the river (application must be made in advance)

Organizer:& Contact Mori to Seseragi Network phone # 090-8813-1076 Koujiro Matsumoto



### Tamagawa Fireworks Festival

Tama Ward

When: August 21, 2010 (Saturday) (in the event of bad weather it will be held on the 22nd), 6:30pm~8pm

Where: the dry riverbed area on the bank of the Tamagawa River in Suwa, Takatsu Ward, between the Daisan Keihin Highway and the Futagobashi Bridge (National Road 246)

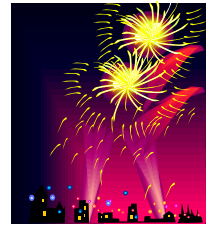
How to get there: an 8-minute walk from Futako Shinchi Station on the Tokyu Den-en Toshi Line, or a 15-minute walk from Takatsu Station on the sameline,

or a 20-minute walk from Musashi Mizonokuchi Station on the JR Nambu Line

※There will be NO PARKING AVAILABLE, so please come to the festival by public transportation. Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Contact: Kawasaki City Economic and Labor Affairs Bureau, Commerce and Tourism Division

(*keizai rōdō kyoku shōgyō kankō ka*), phone # 044-200-2329, fax # 044-200-3920



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Exciting World Music! Fascinating Musical Travel Sketches: Journey to Asia, 3rd Series

Performance #1: Indonesian Music and Wayang Kulit (shadow puppet theatre): September 5 (Sunday)

Performance #2: Mongolian Morin Khuur (horsehead fiddle) music and harmonic singing: September 23rd (Thursday, the Autumn Equinox)

Performance #3: music of traditional folk instruments of the Kingdom of Thailand: October 30th (Saturday)

Where: Kawasaki International Center Hall

Admission: 1 performance ¥1500 (or ¥4,000 for the entire 3-performance series)

Limit: 230 people

Payment method: After making an appointment by phone, fax or e-mail, come to the Center to pay in cash in person, or pay by postal money transfer; then receive your ticket(s).



### 2010 Nationwide Census



The census takes place on October 1, 2010.

Every 5 years a count is taken of EVERY person living in Japan. All persons living here, of whatever nationality, are counted. (However, people connected with the embassies or military forces of foreign governments are not counted.)



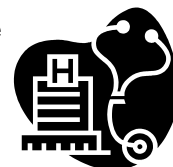
Data collected by the census is used only for creating and analyzing statistics.

Between September 23rd and October 7th, census workers will be distributing census forms to, and then collecting them from, every household. You can also return your form by post when you have filled it out.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## Foreign-Language Information on Medical Facilities in Kawasaki

On the Kawasaki City homepage there's a section called *kawasaki no o-isha san*, with the English subtitle of "Information on Hospitals and Clinics in Kawasaki City." There's an English version as well as the Japanese one, and it's set up so you can search for medical facilities within the city of Kawasaki. You can search by neighborhood, by type of facility, by days and times consultations are available, et cetera. You can even search for facilities where a particular language other than Japanese is spoken. However, there are cases where the doctor who could speak the language in question has since left that facility, so before going to the hospital or clinic, call ahead to confirm that the information is still correct.



In addition, there is a multilingual medical questionnaire available on the Internet. Because all the questions and answer choices are printed both in Japanese and another language, a person who cannot speak Japanese can use this to explain their symptoms to a doctor who can speak only Japanese. The questionnaire supports more than 15 languages, and is available on the website of the Kanagawa International Foundation. To find it, search in Hiragana for *tagengo iryou monshinhyou*.

In addition, there are some hospitals which can provide a medical interpreter when necessary. Right now there is a system in place in Kanagawa Prefecture to dispatch medical interpreters to where they are needed. In Kawasaki City, the following hospitals can get these interpreters: Kawasaki Municipal Hospital (*kawasaki shiritsu kawasaki byoin*), Ota General Hospital (*Ota sogō byoin*), and the St. Marianna University School of Medicine Hospital (*sei Marianna ika daigaku byoin*).

## Japanese Language Classes

"Fun And Useful Japanese For Foreigners": the second semester starts in September!

The place is the Kawasaki International Center. The Japanese language is taught in groups of 5-6 students per teacher.

Students study not only Japanese language, but also Japanese culture and events in Kawasaki.

☆ Morning Course: every Tuesday and Friday from 10am to noon

2<sup>nd</sup> semester: September 17 (Friday) to December 3 (Friday), ¥11,000 (22 lessons total)

3<sup>rd</sup> semester: 2011 January 11 (Tuesday) to March 11 (Friday), ¥8,500 (17 lessons total)

\*Free child care is available during the morning lessons, for children 1 year old and above.

☆ Evening Course: every Wednesday from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

2<sup>nd</sup> semester: September 1 to December 15: ¥7,500 (15 lessons total)

3<sup>rd</sup> semester: 2011 January 12 to March 9: ¥4,500 (9 lessons total)



\*Prospective students who can read hiragana and katakana are asked to take a level-check test.

\*Beginning students will use a textbook created by our volunteer teachers: *Nihongo 160 Jikan*; there are two volumes, and each volume costs ¥1200.

\*Textbook fees are in addition to the course fees, and are required.

\*No refunds on course fees.

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

English	Monday - Saturday	Chinese	Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday
Portuguese	Tuesday, Friday	Spanish	Tuesday, Wednesday
Korean	Tuesday, Thursday	Tagalog	Tuesday, Wednesday
* 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) at Kawasaki International Center			
Next Available Counseling Session with the Gyouseishoshi: Date & Time:			
Sunday, 4 <sup>th</sup> , July and 15 <sup>th</sup> , August 14:00 - 16:00			