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マーチ・かわさきのねいろ

In 2004 in order to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Kawasaki City, a "Tone of Kawasaki" anthem written by 2nd year Tama high school student Ken-ichi Shutto was a winning piece,(at the time of being selected he was a 3rd year student of Tachibana Junior High School.

This winning piece was then professionally arranged by the popular American composer James Burns. A CD copy of the "March - Tone of Kawasaki" has been distributed by the Education Committee to all of Kawasaki's municipal schools to be used for when events such as sports days are held.

Starting with schools it is hoped that the "March - Tone of Kawasaki" will be heard in many places throughout Kawasaki City. Of course it is hoped that the march will prove to be popular with Kawasaki citizens.

If you have queries about the "March - Tone of Kawasaki" please phone the head of the Education Committee of Kawasaki City at 044-200-3286.

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春の動物園まつりについて

On Sunday the 26th of March the "Spring Zoo Festival" will be held at Yume-mi-gasaki Animal Park. Twice between 11am and 2pm on this day zoo-keepers will give guided tours. They will explain in an easy to understand way the special features and habits of the animals. At the "Spring Zoo Festival" there will also be a corner where you can touch and feel the weight of deer antlers. There will be pony rides, a calf and sheep enclosure where you can touch the animals, there will be an animal-shaped paper-folding (origami) corner as well as other fun things to do. There will be a repeat performance of last year's well praised group : "The Banjo Stompers". The "Banjo Stompers" will be playing Dixie style banjo music for 40 minutes from 2pm at the festival.

At the Yume-mi-gasaki Animal Park you will be able to see animals such as the rare Hartmann zebras. The Hartmann zebra is naturally found in hilly areas of south west Africa. There are only 360 of these Hartmann zebras in the world and in Japan there are just 16 of them. Sadly last year in August the 15 year old female Hartmann zebra, Yumeko, died during her pregnancy. Yume-mi-gasaki Animal Park keepers with the help of Kamine Zoo in Hitachi City Ibaraki Prefecture were able to bring another female Hartmann zebra to Kawasaki. The new female is called Midori and it is hoped that she and the male zebra Billy will be blessed with baby zebras. So if you can come along on March 26th you'll be able to enjoy lots of events as well as meet Midori & Billy and all the other animals at the "Spring Zoo Festival".

To get to the Yume-mi-gasaki Animal Park its a 20 minute walk from Kashimada Station on the Nambu Line.

You can also get a bus to the Yume-mi-gasaki Animal Park. The bus leaves from the JR Kawasaki Station's West Exit. Take the bus to the bus stop marked "Yume-mi-gasaki Dobutsu Koen" and then it's a 10 minute walk to the zoo. The "Spring Zoo Festival" is free to enter and will start at 10am and finish at 3pm.

For more details please phone Yume-mi-gasaki Animal Park at 044-588-4030.

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American Football World Cup in Kawasaki

アメリカンフットボールワールドカップについて

It has been officially decided to hold the 3rd American Football World Cup here in Kawasaki in 2007. The American Football World Cup is held every 4 years and the first one was held in 1999.

Kawasaki is a focal point for American Football in Japan. Powerful teams such as the Adult Leagues Fujitsu Frontiers, Senshu University and Hosei-Niko Football Teams regularly play games at Kawasaki Stadium (or Kawasaki Kyujo as it is known in Japanese). Over 100 games a year are played at this well praised stadium.

The 2007 American Football World Cup will be held for 10 days between June and July. The games are to be played at Kawasaki Stadium and at Todoroki Stadium. As host country Japan will automatically join the American Football World Cup which will have teams from 6 countries gathering to compete to win this world championship. Kawasaki with the full cooperation of Kawasaki Stadium and the PR of the competition officials will endeavor to ensure the finest conditions for the 2007 American Football World Cup.

It is hoped that the Japanese team will keep up with their winning streak and win again just like they did in 1999 and 2003. If you have any questions about the American Football World Cup please contact Kawasaki City's Parks Management Section of the Environment Bureau at 044-200-2394.

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