

## HELLO KAWASAKI

#### Expand Your Horizons: Study Japanese In Kawasaki

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#### 「日本語学級」について

Japanese language classes have been set up in Kawasaki City for the benefit of foreign nationals and returnees who live and/or work here in Kawasaki. Here students can learn and refine the conversation, reading and writing skills necessary for daily life in Japan. Designed to be enjoyable and interesting, the classes also cover everyday customs and manners.

These are one-year courses which run from April of 2008 to March of 2009, held in civic halls and similar places. For details about classes in your area, or to sign up to attend, please contact the venue nearest you:

Education Culture Hall (教育文化会館) 233-6361

Saiwai Civic Hall (幸市民館)541-3910

Nakahara Civic Hall (中原市民館) 722-7171

Takatsu Civic Hall (高津市民館) 888-3911

Tama Civic Hall (多摩市民館) 935-3333

Asao Civic Hall (麻生市民館) 951-1300

Fureai Hall (ふれあい館) 276-4800

Kawasaki International Center (国際交流センター) 435-7000



#### Asian Healing 2008: An International Concert At Muza

「アジア交流音楽祭 2008」について

Some of the best musicians from Japan, Korea, China, Thailand and elsewhere are coming together at Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall this April to weave a wonderful tapestry of sound and culture for us. It's the "Kawasaki, City of Music, Asian Musical Exchange Festival: Asian Healing 2008" (or ONGAKU NO MACHI – KAWASAKI, AJIA KŌRYŪ ONGAKUSAI 'ASIAN HEALING 2008'), and it's happening on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April.

The performers will include Natsukawa Rimi (夏川りみ), Agatsuma Hiromitsu (上妻宏光) and Teshima Aoi (手嶌葵) from Japan; Woojoo (宇宙) from Korea; Jiang Xiaoqing (姜小青) from China; and Ice Saranyu from Thailand.

Admission is 5,800 yen for 'S' seats, 4,800 yen for 'A' seats, and 3,800 yen for 'B' seats. You can now buy tickets at any Playguide.

In addition, on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April a number of public stages will be set up, for example in the Galleria area of Musa Kawasaki and in La Cittadella. These will be the venues for a variety of free performances of both ethnic music and pop music from all over Asia. You'll be able to hear Chinese music played on the pipa, erhu, and matouqin; songs from Mongolia; and Indian sitar music, for

example. There will be dancing from Bali and all sorts of other performances. No tickets or reservations are required to enjoy these.

So why not come on out and see what's going on?

For more information you can call the Kawasaki Contact Center Municipal Information Hotline ( サンキューコールかわさき、THANK YOU CALL KAWASAKI in Japanese) at 044-200-3939.

### 2008 Kawasaki Asian Festa

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This festival of Asian culture is happening in a number of locations in the area around JR Kawasaki Station on Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th.

Purveyors of Asian foods will have stalls set up near the Kawasaki Shinyō Kinko Fureai Hiroba (かわさき信用金庫ふれあい広場), while Korean vendors will set up in La Cittadella near the Piazza Centrale. Merchants with products from Okinawa and elsewhere in Asia will be selling their wares in the Azalea

underground shopping center and other places.

In addition, on both days this weekend there will be public stages set up in seven different places in the area around the station, including Azalea, La Cittadella, and LeFront. A variety of free public live performances will be held on these stages; you'll be able to hear Thai ethnic music, for example, or watch Balinese dance.

So why not come out and enjoy the Asian atmosphere in downtown Kawasaki on the weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>?

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Date & Time: 3rd Sunday from 2:00pm-4:00pm (Nov/18, Dec/16)

Place: Kawasaki International Center

business, etc.

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