

Beautiful Holiday Lights in Shin-Yurigaoka

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「しんゆりイルミネーション」について



Shin-Yurigaoka continues to evolve into a Town of the Arts.

Building on last year's successful event, this year again the area around Shin-Yurigaoka Station will host a display of fantastic holiday lights from Saturday November 22nd to Saturday February 14th. It will be called *kirara-to art shinyuri 2008* (k i r a r a @アートしんゆり2008).

This year the illuminations will make use of low-power-consumption LED bulbs which are gentle to the environment.

During the display period, major area stores will be hosting various events. Nearby Senshu University will be holding the award ceremony for its flag contest. Candy stores will have a stamp rally. There will be musical performances and movie showings, and all kinds of other things going on.

The lights will be turned on at 5:30pm on Saturday the 22nd of November in a ceremony held in the middle of the Shin-Yurigaoka Station pedestrian deck, just outside the Shin-Yurigaoka Station on the Odakyu Line.

For more information please call the Community Promotion Division of the Asao Ward Office – that's the *asao kuyakusho chi-iki shinko kai* (麻生区役所地域振興会) in Japanese – at 0 4 4 – 9 6 5 – 5 3 7 0

The Work of Living National Treasure, Here in Kawasaki

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「市民ミュージアム企画店」について

There's an exhibition at Kawasaki City Museum until November 30th of the work of a famous Japanese potter. The subject is Hamada Shoji (濱田庄司), Living National Treasure.

It has been thirty years since the Kawasaki-born ceramicist passed away. He was the first human being to be designated a Living National Treasure.

This artist once said, "I found my path in Kyoto, began my journey in England, studied my craft in Okinawa, and brought my work to fruition in Mashiko." The current exhibition takes a look at all the stages of Shoji's career, and features works by him from all four places.

So don't miss this chance to see the work of a Living National Treasure with your own eyes.

Admission is 800 yen for adults, 500 yen for high school and college students and for those 65 and older. People of middle school age and younger are free.

For more information you can call Kawasaki City Museum (called the *Kawasaki Shimin Museum*, 川崎市市民ミュージアム); their phone number is 0 4 4 – 7 5 4 – 4 5 0 0 .

Voice Your Opinions about Kawasaki City at an Open Meeting

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「川崎市外国人市民代表者会議オープン会議」について



About 2 percent of the population of Kawasaki, or about thirty thousand people, are foreign residents. In order to make sure their voices are heard by the city government, and to advance the development of Kawasaki as a multicultural city, the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was set up by municipal ordinance in 1996.

The assembly is made up of 26 Kawasaki residents who do not hold Japanese nationality. They serve for two-year terms. The assembly meets nine times a year, and they discuss various problems related to the lives of foreign residents and issue reports of their deliberations.

Under the slogan, “A city comfortable for foreign residents is a city comfortable for Japanese as well,” the 26 members of the 7th Assembly began their work this April.

In addition to the regular meetings, once a year there is an Open Meeting for city residents (foreign or Japanese) to come and express their opinions so that the Assembly may be guided by them.

This year, the Open Meeting is on Sunday December 14th from 2 to 5pm in the large conference room (*dai kaigi shitsu*, 大会議室) in Takatsu Civic Hall (*takatsu shimin kan*, 高津市民館), in front of Mizonokuchi Station.

Admission to the Open Meeting is free. No reservations are required, just show up on the day of the meeting. (Admission is limited to 200 people, however.)

The Open Meeting is an excellent opportunity for Japanese and foreign residents to meet, interact, and exchange ideas. A large turnout on December 14th is hoped for.

For more information call the Human Rights and Gender Equality Office, Citizens’ and Children’s Affairs Bureau (the *shimin kodomo kyoku jinken danjo kyōdō sankaku shitsu*, 市民・子ども局人権男女共同参画室 in Japanese); their phone number is 0 4 4 – 2 0 0 – 2 3 5 9 .

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Gyouseishoshi Lawyer Organization is offering the consulting services for foreign residents as the followings. Please feel free to come and consult what you are worrying about now.

Contents of Consultation: Visa problem, Extending period of Stay, Changing status of residence, Naturalization, Permanent visa, Long Term resident visa, Certificate of eligibility, International marriage/divorce, Extraordinary permit of residence by minister of Justice, Establishing a company/branch of foreign company, getting licenses for business, etc.

Date & Time: 3rd Sunday from 2:00pm-4:00pm Place: Kawasaki International Center

Please call 044-955-6657 (Urata Office) or 044-811-2436(Takeshita Office) for further information.



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