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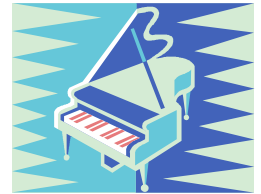


## Asao Lunch Time Concert

Asao Ward has been celebrating the 80th anniversary of Kawasaki as a city with Lunch Time Concerts being held in June, July and August.

This month, Lunch Time Concerts will be held from the 23rd to the 27th of August at the hall on the 2nd floor of the Asao Ward Office from 12:15pm to 12:45pm. Anybody can come along and enjoy the concert for free. The music played will be as follows :

- Aug. 23rd : Japanese traditional music
- Aug. 24th : a piano concert
- Aug. 25th : a piano and a viola
- Aug. 26th : a jazz piano and bass performance,
- Aug. 27th : a piano solo and a duo



## Nakahara Summer Family Concert

Nakahara Ward Summer Holidays Family Concert : the Pandora's Box of Music for Children and Parents".

It will be held from 12:10pm to 1:00pm on Friday the 27th of August on the 5th floor of Nakahara Ward Office. Famous pieces of music by Haydn and Mozart will be performed by the Belcanto Chamber Orchestra with Ms. Amari Kawashima on piano and Antonin Kuhnel conducting. The conductor Antonin Kuhnel came the second in the 1970 Czechoslovakia Olomouc International Conductors Contest. He had been invited to Japan to conduct for the Japan Philharmonic Orchestra, the New Japan Philharmonic Orchestra and the Kanagawa Philharmonic Orchestra. It's free to come along to the concert and no booking is necessary, just pop along on the day. Doors open at 11:45.

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## Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents



The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents was established with the aim of contributing to the forming of a cooperating community with mutual understanding through the promotion of foreign residents involvement in Kawasaki City's administration.

Meetings are held over a 2 day period four times during the year, so there are 8 days of discussion held in one year. The results of these meetings are told to the mayor of Kawasaki who then publicizes the proposals. The following is a summary of the proposals issued by the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents in 2003.

1. Create an educational environment in municipal elementary, junior high and high schools that creates a better level of international understanding and a respect for other cultures among students and teachers.
2. Provide support for foreign parents so that they can better understand Japan's educational system and be independent and confident caregivers.
3. To enable foreign residents to be active members of their local communities and participate in the city's administration, Kawasaki should give foreign residents the right to vote in local referendums when creating its local referendum system.

4. Create an environment in which foreign residents have access to quality housing, stable living conditions and easy access to public housing.
  5. Urge the government to improve its lump sum withdrawal system for the pension plan.
- Each of these proposals have further points to them as well as background information and reasons. The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents next meeting will be from 2:00pm to 5:00pm on Sunday the 12th of September at the Kawasaki International Center. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen to the discussions.

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## Youth Science Museum



You are invited to join a project for free by the Youth Science Museum in Tama Ward, which is the Ikuta Green Park Observation Guided Tour.

In Ikuta GreenPark there are woodlands where many different kinds of animals and plants can be seen at different seasons, and it is these woodlands that will be the focus of the observation of the Ikuta Green Park Observation Guided Tour gathering along with the Kawasaki Nature Survey Group. The observations take place every Sunday morning from 10:00 to 12:00. You are given a guided tour of the nature in the park, each

week the theme being different. The tours are basically held even if there is a little rain, except if the theme is wild birds. In this case the tour will be called off.

To join this program, please come along to the front of the Youth Science Museum by 9:50am. On the 5th of September the theme is plants and on the 12th of September it will be



insects.

## Star Watching Evening at Youth Science Museum

Information about a Star Watching Evening at the Youth Science Museum.

First a 30 minute explanation about stars and constellations will be given at the planetarium. This will be followed by viewings of the moon, stars etc. through the telescope at the observatory and on the roof of the Youth Science Hall. The Star Watching Evening will be held two Saturdays every month. On September 11th, the M13, M57 (M stands for Messier, French astronomer) and other stars will be the focus of the evening. September 25th the moon, the Albireo and so on will be the focus.

The Star Watching Evenings will go on for one and a half hours between 6:00pm and 7:30pm. The time will differ with the months. In October the event will start from 5:30pm.

It is not necessary to book, just come along and show up on the day. Also if the weather is cloudy or raining on the day then there will only be the 30 minute explanation. If any young people of elementary school age and under want to come then they must come with an adult guardian. The Kawasaki Youth Science Museum is a 15 minute walk from the Odakyu Line, Mukogaoka-yuen Station.

For more information you can phone the Youth Science Museum at 044-922-4731.



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