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Japanese Language Classes

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(日本語学級)

These Japanese classes are where you can learn Japanese conversation, reading, writing, lifestyle customs and much more with friends and volunteers in an enjoyable atmosphere. The classes are provided for foreign residents and returnees who live or work within Kawasaki or in the neighboring cities.

The classes for this semester are held at the Education and Culture Center (Kyoikubunka-Kaikan), the Fureai-kan, The International Center and at the Citizen Halls (Shimin-Kan) of the wards of Saiwai, Nakahara, Takatsu, Miyamae, Tama and Asao.

If there are places available at the moment you can easily join and take lessons. Please contact the above mentioned centers to ask about the days and hours the classes are held at, the entry procedures, availability and any other questions you might have.

Except for the International Center all the classes are FREE so why don't you pop along and try to improve your Japanese.



The Citizens Flower and Greenery Fair

(花と緑の市民フェア)

The Citizens Flower and Greenery Fair will be held from Saturday the 28th to Sunday the 29th of May at the event area of the Todoroki-Ryokuchi green area. At this fair you will be able to enjoy a potted plant competition, see and buy flowers, potted plants and vegetables, enjoy flower design exhibits and so on.

On the 29th, from 1:00pm Mr. Hironobu Kuji, who is a gardening presenter for NHK, will make an open air presentation about watching wild plants through out the year and also about growing mountain wild plants and flowers from seed.

Also on the 28th and 29th at Todoroki-Ryokuchi there will be an "Animal Land" held where you can ride ponies or touch and cuddle small animals.

For further details please contact the Citizens Flower and Greenery Fair Committee Office at 044-860-2462. So if you have some time come on down to the Todoroki-Ryokuchi green area and enjoy the nature of spring and early summer time.



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Kawasaki Music Festival 2005

(川崎音楽まつり)

The second Kawasaki Music Festival will be held on Sunday the 10th of July at the Kawasaki City Kyoikubunka-Kaikan this year. There will be lots of powerful and enjoyable performances of music and dance from groups such as Kawasaki-Odori 2005, the Eastern District Ground SDF Band, the Japan Maritime SDF band from Yokosuka and so on. It's free to enter.

To apply, please send a returnable post card with your name, address, age to: The Kawasaki Music Festival Committee, 3rd Floor, 7-1 Miyamoto-cho, Kawasaki Ward, Kawasaki City. Your application should be sent postmarked before the 20th of June. Two people are permitted for one application. You can also apply by email. The email address to apply to is kawasakiplo@k9.dion.ne.jp.

For further details please telephone the Shimin Bunka shitsu at 044-200-2280.



Applications for Municipal Housing

(市営住宅入居者募集)

From May 20th to June 2nd, 205 units of empty municipal housing will be open to people to apply for. In order to qualify for city housing you must be: a resident in Kawasaki, have being worked in Kawasaki for more than one year, your income does not exceed a normal income, you are facing housing difficulties etc. The types of housing units available are standard family units, small family units, single person units, units aimed at the elderly, extended family units and other kinds of units.

Application forms can be found at Administration (Gyosei) Service Centers, Ward Offices, Branch Ward Offices, and at the Kawasaki Municipal Housing Supply Public Corporation.

Upon filling in the application form and double check all the details such as the dates and type of housing you wish to apply for then post your application to the Kawasaki Municipal Housing Supply Public Corporation. If you have any further questions please call the Kawasaki Municipal Housing Supply Public Corporation and talk to the person in charge of allocating municipal housing at the phone number of 044-244-7578.

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The Noborito Challenge Shops

(チャレン

ジショップの募集)

The Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce is offering Challenge Shops at the shopping area in front of Noborito Station to people who are presently not running any retail or service business. The idea of these challenge shops is to give people the chance to experience what it would be like to run a business.

Three shop units, which can be used for any purpose except for selling food or drink, are available to apply for. The units may be used for the period from September 2005 to August 2006.

You only need to pay a maintenance fee and a management fee. Please send applications by June 15th to the Tama-Asao branch office of the Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce. For more detailed information please call the Industry and Tourism section of the Economic Office at 044-200-2352.

You can get an application form at the Tama-Asao branch office of the Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce and at the Industry and Tourism section of the Economic Office or by just telephoning the above number and requesting one.

The Opening of the Rose Garden

(生田緑地バラ苑の開放)

At the Ikuta Ryokuchi Rose Garden visitors can enjoy viewing and smelling 4,700 roses of 533 varieties that are in bloom at the same time. The Rose Garden will be open until Sunday June 6th.

The Rose Gardens opens from 10:00am on weekdays and from 9:00am on Saturdays and Sundays, it closes at 4:30pm last entry being at 4:00pm. It is free to enter the Rose Garden. To get to the Rose Garden it is a 12 minutes walk from the Odakyu lines Mukogaoka-yuen Station and a 15 minutes walk from the JR Nambu Line Shukugawara Station. Pets are not allowed to enter. For further details please call the park manager at the Environment Office at 044-200-2394.

Foreign Residents' Counseling Service

The Kawasaki International Association offers free consultation for foreign residents concerning daily living and problems. The service is free and confidential.

■Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

■Languages: English: Tuesday- Saturday
Chinese: Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday
Korean: Tuesday and Thursday

Spanish: Tuesday and Thursday
Portuguese: Tuesday and Friday
Tagalog: Tuesday and Wednesday

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