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Tamagawa Half Marathon

(多摩川ハーフマラソンについて)



The Kawasaki 2005 Tamagawa Half Marathon will be held on the 20th of November on the river bed course that goes along the Tama River. The Tamagawa Half Marathon is held on the "Kawasaki City Tama River - Furuichiba Long Distance Running Competition Route", Tamagawa Marathon Course, which has been authorized by Japan Association of Athletics Federation. The Tamagawa Half Marathon will consist of a half marathon, a 10 km marathon, 3 km marathon and a parent and child pair running event. The parent and child event is 1 km long and is open for young people who are in 3rd to 6th grade in an elementary school and their guardian. Except for the parent and child running event, top runners in each category will be given a certificate and a medal and all finishers will receive a memorial record certificate. Also all those participants will get a Tamagawa Half Marathon T-shirt as a souvenir gift.

Entrance fee differs according to each category and ranges from ¥1000 to ¥3000. Please send your application to the Entry Center by October 7th. You can also apply by internet. Please look at the pamphlets distributed at the various ward offices and shiminkans for information about how to apply and the payment system.

For more detailed information please contact the Sports Section of the Kawasaki City Education Committee at 044-200-3245.

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Child-Care Information for Foreign Residents

(外国人の子育てひろばについて)

A support center has been set up for foreign residents who have children aged between 0 and 3 years old. This support center has been organized by a community -based network group for child rearing support , "GRAPE" at Tama Shiminkan (Tama Citizen Hall).

This has been set up so that foreign parents who live in Japan and do not often get the chances to meet other people can get together to exchange ideas and tips and to make new friends amongst other parents and children.

Foreign mothers might have various kinds of worries and troubles on raising small children and meeting their peers while they live in another country. By chatting with each other, giving one another advice and having the occasional event from time to time it should all in all be a good time for parents and kids. This activity will be open until the 28th of March 2006 on the second Friday of the month for 2 hours from between 10:00am and 12:00 noon. It is free to join but there may sometimes be events, such as cooking, when you will have to pay. For more information please contact the Tama Shiminkan at 044-935-3333.

Please feel free to drop by with your child and have a good time.

Japan Open-Air Folk House Museum

(日本民家園催物について)

Events at the Japan Open-Air Folk House Museum in Masugata in Tama Ward

The first event is the special exhibition of showing the life of the Misawa Family Medicine Shop (KUSURI-YA) of SHINSHU's INA City.

This exhibition will be held until November 27th on the 2nd floor of the Yamashita House. The Misawa House, which is designated as one of Kanagawa Prefecture's Important Cultural Assets, was moved from Ina City, Nagano Prefecture to the Japan Open-Air Folk House Museum in Tama Ward. The Misawa family ran a medicine business for generations since the end of the Edo Period. The head of the Misawa family also acted as an assistant to the chief of the village, which was one of the post stations (INABE-JUKU) on the old Ina Highway. The exhibit is showing tools that were used to produce medicines, signs used to sell the medicines and documents that you can see what it was like to live in a medicine shop in those days.

The next event is a traditional Japanese puppet (NINGYOU-JOURURI in Japanese)show. This show will be held on the Sunday the 16th of October at the KUDO House. The play that will be performed is the first half of the AMAGAZAKI episode from the story of EHON-TAIKO-KI. It will be performed by the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Asset, Sagami Puppet Play, SHIMONAKAZA. This kind of Japanese traditional Play is called NINGYOU-JOURURI.

There will be two performances on the 16th of October from the times of 12:30 and 16:00. Before the actual performance there will be 40 minute explanation and chance to check out the puppets used in the NINGYOU-JOURURI. It costs 1000 yen for adults and 500 yen for students. There is a capacity for an audience of 120 people per show. To apply please send a returnable postcard with the name of the event "NINGYOU-JOURURI", your name, address, telephone number and indicate which of the two shows you would like to see. Send it to the address of Nihon Minka-en, Masugata 7-1-1, Tama Ward, Kawasaki City, 214-0032.

Applications must arrive before September 28th. If a lot of people apply a draw will be held for tickets. For more details please call NIHON MINKA-EN at 044-922-2181.

Foreign Residents' Counseling

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

Hours: 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.:

Language: English Tuesday-Friday Chinese: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Korean: Tuesday, Thursday Tagalog: Tuesday, Wednesday

Spanish: Tuesday, Thursday Portuguese: Tuesday, Friday

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