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the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents

Recruiting Members for the Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents

The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for Foreign Residents is currently seeking people to join as representatives for the 2 year term starting from April 2006. This assembly was set up with the aim of helping to promote foreign citizens participation in city administration, to help mutual understanding of citizens and to help forge a vibrant community here in Kawasaki. To qualify to join you have to have been continuously registered as a citizen in Kawasaki since at least the 1st of April 2005. You must also be aged over 18 and have an understanding of Japanese. People who have already been representatives for 2 consecutive terms or people who are members of similarly attached organizations cannot apply.

In all 26 representative members are being sought. Selection is done through a basis of judging applications and then interviews.

The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly's main function is to meet and examine city policy from the viewpoint of foreigners, to make proposals and form opinions and then submit them to the mayor. Meetings take place on Sunday afternoons throughout the year. There will also be times when you might have to join in fieldwork on some topic. Part time worker level remuneration will be paid when you take part in meetings.

There will be an explanation meeting on this appeal for members. It will be held on Sunday the 27th of November from 1:10 pm to 1:40pm at the Kawasaki International Center. Please feel free to come by and take part.

Application forms can be found at ward offices, ward branch offices and so on. Please send your completed application form by the 13th of January 2006 to the Gender and Equality Section of the Kawasaki Citizens Bureau for Citizens Rights.

For more details please telephone 044-200-2359.

The Kawasaki Modern Sculpture Exhibition 2005

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The Kawasaki Modern Sculpture Exhibition is an outdoor exhibit open for people to come and view. It is being held in the new industrial area around the seafront of Kawasaki.

The exhibition will run until Friday the 16th of December. You can come and see various sculptures in the garden area of "Techno-Hub-Innovation Kawasaki" which is located in Minami-Watarida in Kawasaki Ward.

"Techno-Hub-Innovation Kawasaki" is the center point for the "Asia Innovator Town Framework" project being promoted by Kawasaki City.

The works on display were created by Mr. Atsuo Ishii, a professor at the the Tama Art University, as well as 8 other sculptors, 6 sculptors from the group RA and the members of the art department of the the Kawasaki City Rinko Junior High School. The artists will hold open meetings about their artwork every Saturday during the duration of the exhibition. These meetings will be held at the Auman House is within the grounds of "Techno-Hub-Innovation Kawasaki" which is the base of Kawasaki's Asian Entrepreneurs' Valley Project.

Auman House has been designated as one of the Modern Heritages of the Kawasaki Industry Museum. This building was formerly the living quarters of a German factory chief who worked when NKK was operating in the area. It has now been restored as a commemorative record museum.

Please come along and see why the artists have their exhibits here and see how the old industrial area of Kawasaki has changed.

The Kawasaki Modern Sculpture Exhibition 2005 will be open to the public from 10:00am to 5:00pm. To get there please take either the Shiei bus No.40 or the Rinko bus No. 24 from the east exit of Kawasaki Station and get off at the bus stop marked "JEF Mae". It's about a 15 minute ride.

For more details please call the Planning and Publicity Section of the Kawasaki Chamber of Commerce at 044-211-4112.

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Much Ado at the Yumemigasaki Zoo

**Publication of a new book, called
"The Yumemigasaki Zoo SOUDOU-KI" (The Much Ado at the Yumemigasaki Zoo)**

"Much Ado at the Yumemigasaki Zoo" is a collection of stories about the struggles and troubles encountered by the animals and staff at Yumemigasaki Animal Park. This book's compilation and publication has been organized by Mr. Ikuhisa Detake from Kitakase in Saiwai Ward. The inspiration for the putting together of this book was the penguin incident at the zoo. The penguin incident was when a penguin which had his beak broken off, it had been beautifully replaced thanks to the help of a regular dental technic for human beings. Even though it is rather a small zoo, Yumemigasaki zoo has had quite a lot of interesting episodes. The book is based on the interviews of the zoo managers, vets and keepers. It tells the story of the struggle the previous zoo manager had trying to protect baby deer and ducklings from crows, the story of how a keeper caught parrot fever while watching the birth of an elk, the animal theft story, the story of how a capuchin monkey warned a keeper about a wild snake that was in the zoo area and other heart warming stories. There are 15 chapters altogether in this book and Chapter 9 gives the keeper's answers to such questions as what the animals eat, whether animals are also afraid of fire. At the back of the book is the section that briefly explains how the animals are kept. This section is useful as guide for when you come and visit the zoo.

"Much Ado at the Yumemigasaki Zoo" is on sale at bookstores nationwide and at the zoo itself. The retail price is 1,575 yen.

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