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Let's learn more about Koshigaya! Orientation on Living in Koshigaya and City Bus Tour

When: Sunday, November 26, from 12:40 PM to 4:00 PM

Meeting Point/Time: Koshigaya City Hall, 3rd Building, 1F, meeting room 1 & 2

The bus will depart at 12:40 PM. Be ready at the meeting place by 12:30 PM.

Where: Recycle Plaza, Japanese Garden Hanata-en

What: Tour around Recycle Plaza and Japanese Garden, Hanata-en

Introduction of useful information on living in Koshigaya, etc.

(In case of heavy rain, the visit will be cancelled.)

Free of charge

Who Can Join:

● Foreign nationals (May be accompanied by their Japanese friends or families), 20 people

*If you need interpreter's assistance, make sure to consult with the Community Activity Support Section in advance.

● Volunteer interpreters /translators of Koshigaya, 10 participants

Application: Make a phone call, send an e-mail or directly visit the counter of Community Activity Support Section.

Inquiries: Community Activity Support Section (SHIMIN KATSUDO SHIEN KA)

City Hall Main Building – 3F,

☎048-963-9114 / E-mail: shikatsu@city.koshigaya.lg.jp

Entrance Fee is Free of Charge! November 14, Saitama Prefectural Citizen's Day

Tangible cultural property designated by Koshigaya City,

former Nakamura family's house in Higashikata-mura

Opening hours: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Last entry is at 4:30 PM.)

Inquiries: Life Long Education Section ☎048-963-9315

Former Nakamura Family's House in Higashikata-mura ☎048-986-7051

Japanese Garden Hanata-en

Opening hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Last entry is at 3:00PM.)

Inquiries: Hanata-en ☎048-962-6999

Campbelltown Forest of Wildbirds

Opening hours: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Last entry is at 3:30PM.)

Inquiries: Campbelltown Forest of Wildbirds

☎048-979-0100

Multicultural Supporter Training Classes

~Understanding the current situation of foreign residents in the community~

What you can learn

- ◆ Sunday, November 26 Multicultural awareness
- ◆ Sunday, December 3 Experiencing simple Japanese
- ◆ Sunday, December 17 How to teach Japanese to non-Japanese children
- ◆ Sunday, December 24 Residence status of non-Japanese children

When: 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM

Venue: Central Community Center 5F, meeting room

Who can join: Residents, workers, students in Koshigaya, 20 participants in total

Participation fee: 1000 yen per class

Application: Apply through the designated form from Wednesday, November 1 to Sunday, November 26.

Inquiries: Tabunka Cosmo Koshigaya (Lectures In Charge)

☎ 090-8310-9522



↑Application

Lifelong Sports Courses ~Let's enjoy exercise!~

Participation fee: Free of charge

What you can do

What	Date	Where
Kick Boxing Exercise	November 20, 27, December 4, 18 Monday, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Kita Gymnasium
SAIKATSU Ball	November 15 to December 6 Every Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Minami Gymnasium
Aerobics	November 17, 24, December 1, 15 Friday, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Nishi Gymnasium

Who can join: Residents, workers in Koshigaya aged 16 or over (Students are not eligible.)

What to bring: Towel, indoor sports shoes and something to drink

Application: There is no need to apply in advance. Directly come to the venue.

Inquiries: Sports Promotion Section (SPORTS SHINKO KA) ☎048-963-9284

REUSE Festival, an event for kids and adults ~ Let's learn together! ~

When: Sunday, November 19, 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM (Rain or shine)

Where: Higashi-Saitama Resources and Environment Association First Plant -REUSE

What: Flea market for kids (Bring old toys, books, and clothes that no longer fit),
Quiz rally
Experiencing of bullet train model ride (*Shinkansen*)
Food drive (Bring unopened foodstuffs that you are not planning to use)
Games, etc.



Check the website
for the details↑

*The number of parking is limited. Please come to the venue by trains or by bus.


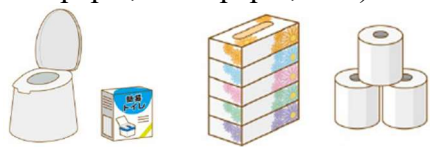


Inquiries: Higashi-Saitama Resources and Environment Association,
Planning Section (KEIKAKU KA) ☎ 048-966-0121

Disaster Preparedness Corner

In case of disaster, it would be more comfortable to stay in our own house rather than staying at a shelter with strangers.

Prepare enough in advance so that you will be able to stay at your own house safely and comfortably even in an emergency situation.

【What to prepare】

<p>① emergency food (preserved food) ・ water</p> 	<p>② portable toilets, items used for hygiene (tissue paper, toilet paper, etc.)</p> 
<p>③ lighting equipment (LED lantern, headlight, etc.) ・ stove</p> 	<p>④ things for getting information (Apps, TV, radio, etc.)</p> 



Tomo Ni Aruko

This corner introduces people involved and who support the promotion of multicultural coexistence projects in Koshigaya.

This month, Ka-san will share her experiences. She is from China (Beijing) and a member of Multicultural Coexistence Promoter of Koshigaya.

*The picture on the left was illustrated by Saiinji.

Hello, everyone! My name is Ka. I work as a teacher at a municipal elementary school, and I also give presentations introducing China at the elementary school in Koshigaya as a part of international exchange. 20 years have passed since I came to Japan. When I first came here, I didn't know any Japanese phrases other than "ohayogozaimasu" and "yoroshikuonegaisimasu", which was so inconvenient.

The school teachers couldn't speak Chinese. They taught me Japanese with gestures, but I struggled in improving my Japanese skills. However, after I started to work part time as a side job in Japan, my ability to understand spoken Japanese has improved rapidly. And through using Japanese in daily conversations every day, I naturally became able to speak Japanese as well. Some of them corrected my incorrect Japanese use. And I realized that language skill cannot be acquired without using it.

Living in a foreign country, language barriers can feel like significant obstacles. Yet, with courage to take the first step, breaking down those barriers might surprisingly be easier than expected.

Everyone, let's actively communicate with various people in different places. Your Japanese skills will surely improve quickly. This will make your life in Japan more enjoyable. So, do your best! I'm cheering for you.

Japanese Language Classes for November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 ★Nihongo Circle ★Kosumo Nihongo Salon	2	3 No class	4 ★Lingual Koshigaya ★Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku
5	6	7 ★Minna de Nihongo	8 ★Nihongo Circle ★Kosumo Nihongo Salon	9	10 ★Nihongo de GO! ②	11 ★Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu
12	13	14 ★Minna de Nihongo	15 ★Nihongo Circle ★Kosumo Nihongo Salon	16	17 ★Nihongo de GO! ①	18 ★Lingual Koshigaya ★Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku
19	20	21 ★Minna de Nihongo	22 ★Nihongo Circle	23	24 ★Nihongo de GO! ①	25 ★Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu
26	27	28 ★Minna de Nihongo	29 ★Nihongo Circle	30		

Minna de Nihongo

¥500 per month

🕒 Tuesdays, 10:00AM - 12:00Noon

🏠 Koshigaya City Central Community Center (Chuo Shimin Kaikan), 5F

☎ 048-989-6342 (Imaizumi-san)

Nihongo Circle

¥100 per session

*Childcare: ¥100 per family

Prior reservation required



🕒 Wednesdays, 10:00AM - 12:00Noon

🏠 Koshigaya City Central Community Center(Chuo Shimin Kaikan), 4F

☎ 080-5405-9191 (Tanaka-san)

<https://koshigaya-sui-nihongo.jimdofree.com/>

Kosumo Nihongo Salon

¥100 per session

✉ info@tabunka-kosumo.or.jp



🕒 Wednesdays, 7:00PM - 8:30PM

🏠 Hot Koshigaya

☎ 090-5347-2041(Kojima-san)

<http://www.tabunka-kosumo.or.jp/>

Nihongo de GO!

¥100 per session

🕒 Fridays, 1:30PM - 3:30PM

🏠 ①Co-op Plaza Koshigaya ②Gamo Community Center

☎ 090-5574-7070 (Takayama-san)

Lingual Koshigaya

【Free】

Please send a text before you attend.

🕒 Saturdays, 10:00AM - 12:00Noon

🏠 Koshigaya City Central Community Center (Chuo Shimin Kaikan), 5F

☎ 080-3478-3314 (Suzuki-san)

Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu

Juku

【Free】 Volunteers support children with multiple cultural backgrounds in learning Japanese and in their studies.

🕒 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month, 1:30PM - 3:30PM

🏠 Koshigaya City Community Activity Support Center (Koshigaya Twin City, B City, 5F)

☎ 090-7422-2002 (Ogawa-san)

Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu

【Free】 Volunteers support children in learning Japanese and in their studies.



🕒 2nd & 4th Saturday of the month, 1:30PM – 4:30PM

🏠 Saitama Resona Bank, Sengendai branch 3F, Resona YOUTH BASE

☎ 090-8310-9522 (Students Learning Support In-charge)