

# Koshigaya Messenger

Issued around the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month.

It can also be read on the website.

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Koshigaya City Office, Main Building-3F,

Community Activity Support Section (SHIMIN KATSUDO SHIEN KA)



Website



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## Happy New Year! Wishing You Joy and Peace in 2025!



**CONSULTATION  
COUNTER FOR  
FOREIGN RESIDENTS**

**Reception time:** 9:00AM to 4:30 PM

(Closed on weekends, holidays, December 29 - January 3)

**Where:** Community Activity Support Section (SHIMIN KATSUDO SHIEN KA)  
(Koshigaya City Office, Main Bldg. - 3F)

**Available Languages:** English, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese  
and Simple Japanese

\*Online interpretation services are also available for other languages speakers.

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

Tel. 048-963-9114

### Family Wanted for Abandoned Pets

Municipal Health Center is seeking new families for abandoned animals.

The adoption fee is free of charge.

However, foster families must be able to meet some requirements.

For the details, check the city website.

You can also check pictures of animals waiting for their new family.

If you want to see them in person, contact the Environmental Health Section directly.



About Cats 🐱



About Dogs 🐶

**Inquiries:**

Environmental Health Section

(SEIKATSU EISEI KA), Tel. 048-973-7532

### Allotment Plot Available

Koshigaya City has vacant allotment plots available now!

Name	Location	Size
MASHIBAYASHI	Mashibayashi 5946-1	6 blocks 1 block=About 38 square meters
SENGENDAI NISHI ROKU CHOME	Sengendai Nishi 6-23-2	32 blocks 1 block=About 30 square meters

**Rental Fee per Year:** 2,000 - 5,000 yen

**Rental Qualification and Requirement:**

Applicants must be residents of Koshigaya City aged 18 or older and follow the allotment rules and regulations.

(Lottery determines allotment gardeners.)

**Application Period:** January 8 - 22

\*Allotments operated by local farmers are also available.

\*Check the city website for the details.

**Inquiries:**

Agricultural Promotion Section  
(NOGYO SHINKO KA),

Tel. 048-963-9193



# Special Cash Benefit for Households Exempt from Resident Tax

Target households are registered residents of Koshigaya City as of December 13 in 2024.

	What Benefit	Target Household	Benefit Amount
(1)	Support Benefit for Rising Prices of Goods (BUKKA KOTO KYUFUKIN)	Households whose all members are exempt from resident tax (per capita levy) of fiscal year 2024 *There are exceptions.	30,000 yen per household
(2)	Additional benefit for those with children	Households who fall under (1) and have a child born on April 2 in 2006 or later (18 years old or younger)	20,000 yen will be added for each child

## Application:

A notification is sent to target households by post around the end of January.

Applicants should reply before April 30, 2025 (postmark valid).

\* Check the city website or reach the call center directly for the details.

**Inquiries:** Koshigaya City Special Cash Benefit Call Center

Tel. 0120-616-377

City website 



# Vacant Municipal Housing Available

Municipal housings are affordable housings owned and managed by local government.

Koshigaya city has vacant municipal housings available now!

Available Housing	What to Expect	Eligible Households	Vacancy
KAWAYANAGI CHO medium-rise housing	Two-room apartment with a kitchen area	Households comprising two or more people	1
SHICHIZACHO medium-rise housing	Three-room apartment with a dining and kitchen area	Households comprising three or more people	1
NISHI OBUKURO medium-rise housing *Stigmatized property	One-room apartment with a living, dining and kitchen area	Single-person household are also eligible.	1

**Application:** Submit your application by post from February 3 to 21 (postmark valid).

Application guidelines will be available at Koshigaya City Office, community centers, etc. For the details, visit the city website and enter the number “69021” in “Search by page number”.

**Inquiries:** Saitama Housing Provision Corporation, Housing Section (JUTAKU KA)

(〒330-8516 Saitama-shi Urawa-ku, Nakamachi 3-12-10)

Tel. 048-829-2873, 8:30 AM - 5:15 PM on weekdays

## Get Prepared for an Earthquake!

One year has passed since January 1 in 2024, when the earthquake occurred in Noto Peninsula of Japan. As we cannot predict when earthquakes will happen, preparation is important.

### What to Do Before an Earthquake! ㊦

- ① Secure the furniture so that they will not fall.
- ② Check for ways on how to gather information.
- ③ Prepare emergency food and portable toilets, etc.

Check the Koshigaya City Comprehensive Disaster Preparedness Guidebook for details.

**Inquiries:** Crisis Management Office  
(KIKI KANRI SHITSU)  
Tel. 048-963-9285



Japanese  
version



English/Chinese/  
Vietnamese/  
Simple Japanese  
version



### TOMO NI ARUKO

This corner introduces people involved and who support the promotion of multicultural coexistence projects in Koshigaya. This month, Mr. Nakarokkaku will share his experiences. He is a member of community volunteer interpreters of Koshigaya City.

\*The illustration on the left is drawn by Sai-Inji.



Hello. My name is Katsuji Nakarokkaku (中六角勝治 in Japanese). I think for many of you, this may be the first time encountering this name.

I was born and raised in a rural area of Iwate prefecture, surrounded by mountains. Perhaps because of this background, I always dreamed of exploring and working in a bigger world when I grew up.

During my college years in Yokohama, I joined a club that facilitated exchanges with international students from various universities. In this club, I had the opportunity to support students from Hongkong by giving them tours around Japan. I also participated in the “Ship for World Youth Program”, organized by Junior Chamber International Japan. Through this program, I visited the Philippines and Singapore and interacted with participants from different countries as well as residents. These experiences marked my first trips abroad.

After graduating from university, I was assigned to a department handling international transactions, as I had hoped. This work took me to Taiwan, where I lived for three years with my wife and my daughter. During this time, our second daughter was born.

Even after returning to Japan, I frequently traveled to China for business, visiting not only major cities, but also northern regions and border areas near Russia, North Korea and Vietnam. I might have explored more of China than many locals.

My work also took me to several cities in the United States, including Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, as well as Vancouver in Canada. Throughout my travels and work, I received incredible support and kindness from local people. Since retiring, I’ve been volunteering to give back. I teach Japanese to people from various countries who now live in Japan. In my work, I often use the local language of my clients, including Japanese, English, Chinese and Taiwanese, to make their experiences in Japan more comfortable.

# Japanese Language Classes for January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 ★ <i>Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku</i>
5	6	7	8 ★ <i>Nihongo Circle</i>	9	10 ★ <i>Nihongo de GO!②</i>	11 ★ <i>Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai</i>
12	13	14	15 ★ <i>Nihongo Circle</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Nihongo Salon</i>	16	17 ★ <i>Nihongo de GO!①</i>	18 ★ <i>Lingual Koshigaya</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai</i> ★ <i>Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku</i>
19	20	21	22 ★ <i>Nihongo Circle</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Nihongo Salon</i>	23	24 ★ <i>Nihongo de GO!②</i>	25 ★ <i>Lingual Koshigaya</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai</i>
26	27	28	29 ★ <i>Nihongo Circle</i> ★ <i>Kosumo Nihongo Salon</i>	30	31 ★ <i>Nihongo de GO!①</i>	

## *Nihongo Circle* 【¥100 per session】

**When:** Wednesdays, 10:00AM - 12:00Noon  
**Where:** Koshigaya City Central Community Center  
 (Chuo Shimin Kaikan), 4F  
**Tel:** 080-5405-9191 (Tanaka-san)  
 \*Childcare: Prior reservation required  
 ¥100 per family



## *Lingual Koshigaya* 【Free】

**When:** Saturdays, 10:00AM - 12:00Noon  
**Where:** Koshigaya City Central Community Center  
 (Chuo Shimin Kaikan), 5F  
**Tel:** 080-3478-3314 (Suzuki-san)  
 \*Please send a text message before you attend.

## *Kosumo Nihongo Salon* 【¥100 per session】

**When:** Wednesdays, 7:00PM - 8:30PM  
**Where:** Hot Koshigaya  
 (Parte Kita-Koshi, 3F)  
**Tel:** 090-5347-2041 (Kojima-san)  
 \*No class in December. Classes start from January 15.



## *Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku* 【Free】

**When:** 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month  
 1:30PM - 3:30PM  
**Where:** Koshigaya City Central Community Center  
 (Chuo Shimin Kaikan), 4F  
**Tel:** 090-7422-2002 (Ogawa-san)

## *Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu* *Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai* 【Free】

**When:** Saturdays, 1:30PM - 3:30PM  
 (Except on 5th Saturdays of the month)  
**Where:** Saitama Resona Bank, Sengendai  
 branch 3F, Resona YOUTH BASE  
**Tel:** 090-8310-9522 (Students Learning Support In-charge)



## *Nihongo de GO!* 【¥100 per session】

**When:** Fridays, 1:30PM - 3:30PM  
**Where:** ① Co-op Plaza Koshigaya  
 ② Minami-Koshigaya Community Center  
 (Palette)  
**Tel:** 090-5574-7070 (Takayama-san)