

Koshigaya Messenger

Koshigaya Messenger contains useful information for life in Koshigaya and is released every 1st week of the month.

FOR INQUIRIES: Community Activity Support Section

(SHIMIN KATSUDO SHIEN KA), ☎ 048-963-9114

Koshigaya City Hall, Main Building - 3F



Website ↗



Instagram ↗



A Prosperous New Year to Everyone!! 🎉🎉🎉

CONSULTATION SERVICES FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS (FREE)

1	WHERE	Koshigaya City Hall, Main Building 3F ☎ 048-963-9114 Community Activity Support Section (SHIMIN KATSUDO SHIEN KA)
	SCHEDULE	9:00am~4:30pm, Monday to Friday (*Closed on holidays.)
	LANGUAGE SUPPORT, ETC.	English, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Japanese ✓ Provides assistance on matters related to city hall procedures. ✓ Provides information about learning Japanese (Japanese language classes) ✓ Provides information necessary for living in Koshigaya/Japan, etc.
2	WHERE	Community Activity Support Center (Koshigaya Twin City B-City 5F)
	SCHEDULE	General Consultation: 10:00am~4:30pm, Everyday *Closed from December 29 - January 3 Special Consultation: ✓ 3 rd Wednesday, Visa related consultation ✓ 4 th Wednesday, Legal Consultation
	LANGUAGE SUPPORT, ETC.	English, Chinese, Japanese *Scan the QR code for inquiries and making reservations, etc.



Reservation

NOW HIRING – COORDINATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Koshigaya City Office is now hiring a Coordinator for International Relations (CIR) who can start working from April 2026

JOB/DUTIES: Translation / Interpretation from Japanese to English and vice versa, responsibilities related to multicultural coexistence (*tabunka kyosei*) initiatives or projects like assisting and accepting consultation from foreign citizens, etc.

WORKING DAYS/HOURS: Monday to Friday (9:00am to 5:00pm)

APPLICATION PERIOD: January 5 to February 6

✓ Submit your application directly to the office in charge, or by postal mail to:

〒343-8501 Koshigaya-shi, Koshigaya 4-2-1

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✓ Those who will pass the document screening will have the interview, written and practical exam on February 18.

*For details and qualification requirements, check the city's website ↗

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KIMONO & TEA CEREMONY EXPERIENCE

Come and join! An opportunity to experiencing Japanese culture with kimono (*furisode* for women, *hakama* for men), tea ceremony, and traditional games.

*Individual photos of the participants wearing kimono will be given as presents at the end of the event.

WHEN: February 8 (Sunday), 1:00pm – 4:00pm (the venue opens at 12:30)

WHERE: Resona Youth Base (Saitama Resona Bank – Sengendai Branch, 3rd floor)

*3-minute walk from Sengendai Station West Exit

PARTICIPATION FEE: ¥3,000

HOW TO JOIN: Scan the QR code and register to join

FOR INQUIRIES: Inter-cultural Kosumo Koshigaya, ☎090-3912-3597



Register

SPEECH SHOW IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES

There will be a speech show to be delivered in different languages. With the theme “LOVE”, each participant is expected to deliver a 1 to 3-minute speech, and it must be in the language other than one’s native tongue. One can share his/her love for family, friends, neighbors, etc. Come and join us!

Presents will be distributed to those who will come to the event.

WHEN: February 14 (Saturday), 1:00pm – 3:00pm

WHERE: Community Activity Support Center (Yayoicho 16-1 Koshigaya Twin City B-City 5F)
*1-minute walk from Koshigaya Station East Exit

WHO CAN JOIN: ✓ Foreign nationals studying/learning Japanese

✓ Japanese nationals studying/learning other languages



PARTICIPATION FEE: ¥0

HOW TO JOIN: Call or visit the office in charge

*There will be a rehearsal at 10:00am on the day of the show.

*For those who wants to watch the show, come to the venue from 1:00pm

FOR INQUIRIES: Community Activity Support Center (SHIMIN KATSUDO SHIEN SENTA)

☎048-969-2750

SMOKING ETIQUETTE AND RULES

Like most places, an ordinance for the prevention of street smoking is also being enforced in Koshigaya City. This is to prevent people from smoking on the streets, parks and other public places.



FOR THOSE WHO SMOKE, REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING:

- Smoking while walking is strictly prohibited.
- Throwing cigarette butts, etc. on the streets is also prohibited.

Always bring an ashtray if you smoke. However, refrain from smoking on the streets and other public places. Remember, the smell of cigarettes / smoke can be a nuisance to the people around you especially for those who don’t smoke.

Thank you for your cooperation!

FOR INQUIRIES: Resource Recycling Promotion Section (SHIGEN JUNKAN SUISHIN KA)

☎048-963-9181, City Hall Building 3 – 4th floor

GET PREPARED FOR EMERGENCY, GET PREPARED FOR EARTHQUAKES!

Japan often experiences earthquakes, and we never know when or where an earthquake will happen. Depending on how big the earthquake is, sometimes it can be frightening just like what occurred in the Noto Peninsula on January 1, 2024. For our safety, it is important to prepare and learn about earthquakes in advance.

IMPORTANT!!

1. Secure home appliances, furniture, etc. to prevent from falling during earthquakes
2. Check and prepare ways on how to get new information during (earthquake) emergencies
3. Prepare some emergency supplies like food, water, emergency or portable toilet, etc.

*For more information, check the 'Koshigaya Disaster Preparedness Guidebook'.

Disaster Preparedness Guidebook



Japanese



English

FOR INQUIRIES: Crisis and Management Office (KIKI KANRI SHITSU)

☎048-963-9285

City Hall Main Building – 3rd floor

~Tomo ni Aruko~



Illustrated by Sainji-san

In this month's ~Tomo ni Aruko~, Ms. Zoe Ross shares her thoughts about Japan and Australia. She came to Japan in October as a delegate of the personnel/staff exchange program of Koshigaya and Campbelltown for this year.

**This article, written by Ms. Zoe herself is translated to Japanese and some other languages*

**Koshigaya and Campbelltown – Australia has been sister cities for 40 years.*

“Fire and Frost”

January looks very different in Japan and Australia. In Japan, winter brings cold days and quiet streets. Emergency services prepare for snow and icy roads. Police patrol in warm cars. Firefighters respond to house fires and remain ready for earthquakes. Hospitals are closed, so most medical help arrives by car or ambulance.

In Australia, January is hot and dry often between 30°C and 46°C. At busy beaches and parks, police patrol on horseback. Yes, real horses! They're perfect for moving through big crowds. Bushfires are common, and when they happen, firefighters use helicopters and planes to drop water on burning forests. And in the outback, where towns are hundreds of kilometers apart, doctors fly in small planes. The Flying Doctor Service is legendary. They land on dirt airstrips to reach people who live far from hospitals.

I'm Zoe from Australia. During my stay in Koshigaya, I've noticed so many similarities between our countries and just as many differences. Both work hard to keep people safe, but in very different ways.



JAPANESE LANGUAGE CLASSES CALENDAR – JANUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12/28	12/29	12/30	12/31	1 New Year	2	3
<p>*Refer to this calendar for the group/organization that has classes/schedule during the month. *The venue for Nihongo Circle on January 14, 21 and 28 will be at the Community Activity Support Center.</p>						
4	5	6	7 ☆Nihongo Circle	8 ☆Nihongo de Go! (Minami Koshigaya Community Center)	9	10 ☆Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu ☆Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai
11	12 Coming of Age Day	13	14 ☆Nihongo Circle*	15 ☆Nihongo de Go! (Coop Plaza Koshigaya)	16	17 ☆Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu ☆Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai ☆Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku
18	19	20	21 ☆Nihongo Circle* ☆Kosumo Nihongo Salon	22 ☆Nihongo de Go! (Minami Koshigaya Community Center)	23	24 ☆Kosumo Kodomo Kyoshitsu ☆Kosumo Nihongo Salon Sengendai
25	26	27	28 ☆Nihongo Circle* ☆Kosumo Nihongo Salon	29 ☆Nihongo de Go! (Coop Plaza Koshigaya)	30	31 ☆Tabunka Kodomo Gakushu Juku

GROUP/ORGANIZATION	WHEN	WHERE / VENUE
NIHONGO CIRCLE 【¥100 PER LESSON】 *Childcare services: ¥100 (reservation needed)	<u>Wednesday</u> 10:00am to 12:00noon	WHERE: Central Community Center 4F/5F (ADDRESS: Koshigaya 4-1-1) STATION: Koshigaya Station East Exit (7-min. walk) FOR INQUIRIES: ☎ 048-974-5642 (SHIRATA-SAN)
KOSUMO NIHONGO SALON 【¥100 PER LESSON】	<u>Wednesday</u> 7:00pm to 8:30pm	WHERE: Community Activity Support Center (ADDRESS: Yayoicho 16-1 Koshigaya Twin City B-City 5F) STATION: Koshigaya Station East Exit (1-min. walk) FOR INQUIRIES: ☎ 090-5347-2041 (KOJIMA-SAN)
NIHONGO DE Go! 【¥100 PER LESSON】	<u>Friday</u> 1:30pm to 3:30pm	(1) WHERE: Coop Plaza Koshigaya (ADDRESS: Minami Koshigaya 5-4-37) (2) WHERE: Minami Koshigaya Community Center – Palette (ADDRESS: Minami Koshigaya 4-21-1) STATION: Shin Koshigaya Station West Exit (5-6 min. walk) FOR INQUIRIES: ☎ 090-5574-7070 (TAKAYAMA-SAN)
LINGUAL KOSHIGAYA【¥0】	<u>Saturday</u> 10:00am to 12:00noon	WHERE: Central Community Center 4F/5F (ADDRESS: Koshigaya 4-1-1) STATION: Koshigaya Station East Exit (7-min. walk) FOR INQUIRIES: ☎ 080-3478-3314 (SUZUKI-SAN)
TABUNKA KODOMO GAKUSHU JUKU【¥0】	<u>Saturday (1st & 3rd)</u> 1:30pm to 3:30pm	WHERE: Community Activity Support Center (ADDRESS: Yayoicho 16-1 Koshigaya twin City B-City 5F) STATION: Koshigaya Station East Exit (1-min. walk) FOR INQUIRIES: ☎ 090-7422-2002 (OGAWA-SAN)
KOSUMO KODOMO KYOSHITSU & KOSUMO NIHONGO SALON SENGENDAI【¥0】	<u>Saturday</u> 1:30pm to 3:30pm	WHERE: Resona Youth Base, Saitama Resona Sengendai Branch 3F (ADDRESS: Koshigya-shi Sengendai 1-5-17) STATION: Sengendai Station West Exit (3-min. walk) FOR INQUIRIES: ☎ 090-8310-9522 (IN CHARGE)

