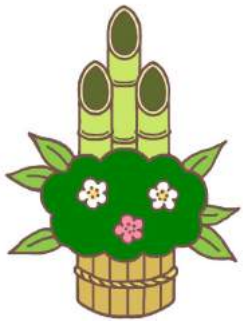


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First Sunrise of the Year Events

Check out your local shrines for sunrise events on January first!

Tai-no-Ura Bay and Roadside Station Ocean Park will also be holding special events. For more info see below.

Tai-no-Ura Bay

Tai-no-Ura Bay is offering boat tours to see the sunrise out on the bay. Space is limited to 150 people and registration will be on a first come basis. Reception will begin at 6:00am and the boat will depart between 6:35 and 6:40. Adult ticket prices are 1,100 yen each. Children are 550 yen. The trip will be canceled if there are inclement weather conditions. For more information, please contact Tai no Ura Bay at: 04-7095-2318.

Roadside Station Ocean Park

Ocean Park will begin first sunrise activities at 6:00. There will be amazake, a good fortune ring toss, and bags of candy for children. The best part? Entrance to Ocean Park is completely free! For more information, call: 04-7096-1911.



Free Consultation for Foreign Residents

For legal matters, immigration, visas, start-up businesses, labor problems, divorce, accidents, and inheritance.

Consultation is free but reservations are required. Interpreters are available with 10 days prior request. For reservations or more information, please contact the Chiba International Center by telephone at: 043-297-0245

E-mail: kudo@ccb.or.jp

Date: January 14th, 2016

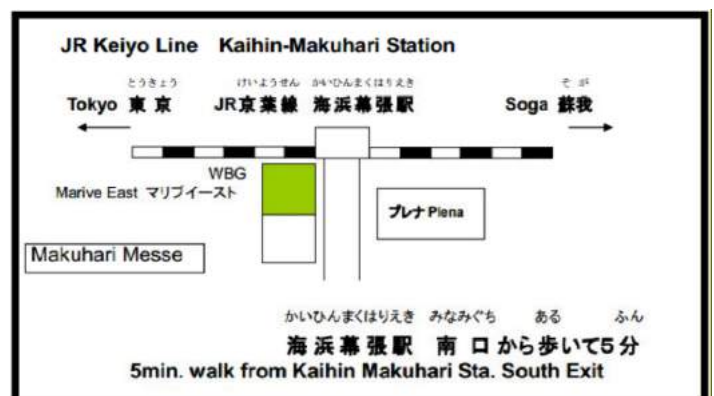
Time: 13:00 – 16:00

Cost: Free

Location:

5min walk from Kaihin Makuhari Sta. South Exit

Chiba International Center
14th Fl. Marive East,
World Business Garden (WBG)
2-6, Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba



Living in Kamogawa

Kamogawa Public Offices End of the Year Schedule

The city hall and other public facilities will be on holiday starting Thursday, Dec. 29th. Normal hours will start again on Wednesday, Jan. 4th. See below for details.

		Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
City Hall General Service Window		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
		● For the issuance of certificates please make an appointment by December 28th. For more information contact the respective department.					
		● For payment of taxes, water bill, etc., please bring the amount and slip. ● Offices will be open for funeral, birth, and marriage arrangements.					
		8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15
All city hall branch offices		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Water Works							
Kyoudo Shiryoukan Shimin Gallery Bunkazai Center Civic Center All Public Halls Library							
Wanpaku House Seishounen Kenshuu Center General Sports Facility							
Municipal Hospital 04-7097-1221							
Minami no Sato 04-7099-8055		9:00 ~ 17:00			Closed	10:00 ~ 16:00	
Ocean Park 04-7096-1911		9:00 ~ 17:00 (Jan. 1st 6:00 ~ 17:00)					
Kamogawa Trash Center	Collection	Burnable only	Burnable only	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
04-7093-5300	Drop Off	8:00 ~ 15:00 (With the exception of large garbage)		Closed	Closed	8:30 ~ 11:45	Closed
Amatsu-Kominato Trash Center 04-7094-2050	Drop Off	8:00 ~ 12:00 (With the exception of large garbage)		Closed	Closed	8:30 ~ 11:45	Closed
● When bringing in burnable, recyclable, or non-burnable waste, please be sure to separate them into their respective garbage bags							
● Because the center can become crowded at the end of the year, garbage disposal may take some extra time. Also make sure to bring small change (coins), as the center might not be able to break big bills.							
● Garbage being brought into the garbage centers should be limited to what can fit in your trunk							
Sanitation Center 04-7092-1009	Septic Tanks for Sewage	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Waterworks Repair and other Maintenance Services (Shops on Duty)		ALC Housing 04-7097-0177	Kubo Oil 04-7096-0865	Matsuya Water Engineering 04-7092-0659	Fuji Sanken Manufacturing 04-7095-0185	Inoue 04-7092-0690	ALC Housing 04-7097-0177
		Jumoji Civil Engineering 04-7092-2358	Seki Blacksmith 04-7094-0361	Inoue 04-7092-0690	San Kosha 04-7092-9934	Tani Carpenters 04-7096-1231	Katou Blacksmith 04-7092-1783

KIRA

Lunar New Year With JIU!

Date: January 27th 2017
19:00 ~ 21:00

Where: Awa Global Village
(JIU Campus)

What: Potluck exchange!
JIU Chinese students will be bringing suigyoza and Vietnamese students will be bringing spring rolls

Bring: A dish to share

For more information or to register, please call the KIRA office at: 04-7093-7851 (Limited to 15 people!)

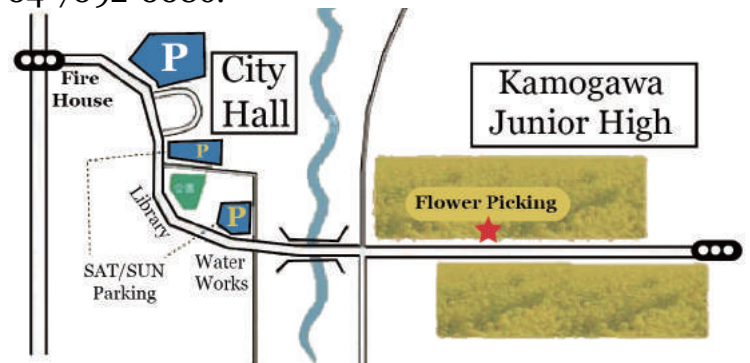


Nana Batake Road

Come and see one of Kamogawa's natural wonders as the field mustard begins blooming in Mid-January. The fields near Kamogawa Junior High are already slowly starting to show their color and the sea of gold should remain through Mid-March. Flower picking will begin on January 14th and run until March 12th. The opening ceremony will be located at the field nearest the Kamogawa Junior High on Saturday, January 28th at 11:00. Parking is available near the city hall. There will also be a mini SL train that children can ride every other weekend between 1/28 and 2/26, from 10:00 until 15:00. The cost is 200 yen.



The fields will be open from 9:30 to 15:00 every day and the cost is 150 yen for a bundle of 10 flowers. Come February, there will be events, so please watch for more details. For more information please contact the Kamogawa Tourism Association at: 04-7092-0086.



~Winter Humor~

1. What do you call an old snowman?
2. What do snowmen call their offspring?
3. What are caribou calves given to wear?
4. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire?
5. Why do seals swim in salt water?



- Bonus)
1. Water
 2. Chill-dren
 3. Hoof-me-downs
 4. Frostbite
 5. Because pepper makes them sneeze!
- Knock, knock.
Who's there?
Snow!
Snow who?
Snow laughing matter!

What's Happening This Month

1/1 (Sun)

Sunrise Events at:

Kiyosumi Asahi-ga-Mori: 04-7094-0525

Amatsu Shinmeigu: 04-7094-0323

Tai-no-Ura Bay Excursion Boats: 04-7095-2318

Uchiura Yama Kenmin-no-Mori: 04-7095-2821

Futomi Flower Center: 04-7092-1311

Roadside Station Ocean Park: 04-7096-1911

Until 1/4 16:30~20:00

Oyama Senmaida Illumination

Location: Oyama Senmaida Rice Terraces

Information: 04-7092-0086

Until 1/31

Ocean Park Illumination

Location: Roadside Station Ocean Park

Information: 04-7096-1911.

Until 3/12

Nana Batake Road

Location: Fields around Kamogawa Junior High School

Information: 04-7092-0086

Until 3/31

Tokyo's German Village Illumination

Location: Tokyo's German Village, Sodegaura

Phone: 0438-60-5511

Cost: 500 yen per person, 2000 yen per car

*Park closes at 20:00

Website: <http://t-doitsumura.co.jp>

1/2 (Mon)

New Year's Traditional Dance

Location: Minnami no Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

1/3 (Tues)

New Year's Traditional Mochi Making

Location: Minnami no Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

1/8 (Sun) 8:30 ~ 9:10 (Registration)

Kamogawa Coming of Age Ceremony

Location: Seaworld (register at hotel entrance)

Those born between April 2nd, 1996 and April 1st, 1997 may participate.

Information: 04-7094-0515

1/7 (Sat) ~ 1/8 (Sun)

Ring Toss for Good Luck in the New Year

Location: Minnami no Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

1/7 (Sat) ~ 1/9 (Mon)

Satoyama Treasure Hunt!

Location: Minnami no Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

Mid-January ~ 5/5 (Fri)

Strawberry Picking

Location: Minnami-no-Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

1/21 (Sat) ~ 1/22 (Sun)

Dumpling Soup Competition

Location: Roadside Station Ocean Park

Information: 04-7096-1911

1/22 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 15:30

Chinese New Year with Bunri Kaisei Students

Location: Bunri Kaisei High School 4th Floor Kitchen

Come celebrate Chinese New Year with Bunri Kaisei

High School's Chinese international students! We will

be making suigyoza and wonton soup, and playing some

games as well. Registration is limited to 15 people, so be

sure to sign up fast!

Cost: 300 yen for members, 500 yen for non-members

Information and registration: 04-7093-5931

1/24 (Tues)

New Year's Kiyosumiyama Hiking

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin-no-Mori

Information: 04-7095-2821

1/25 (Wed)

New Year's Mitsuishiyama Hiking

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin-no-Mori

Information: 04-7095-2821

1/27 (Fri) 19:00 ~ 21:30

JIU Lunar New Year

Location: Awa Global Village (JIU Campus)

Join KIRA in celebrating Lunar New Year with JIU international students!

Information and registration: 04-7093-5931

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