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Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Laborers

The Chiba Lawyers Association is offering free legal advice for foreign laborers, such as:

- + Withholding of salary or overtime pay
- + Harassment
- + Work accidents
- + Being fired or being let go

Consultations are free, but they ask that you call and make a reservation (you may come on the day of and see if there are open spots available).

For reservations, call: 043-227-8431

Available languages: Japanese, English, Chinese, Tagalog, Spanish, and Thai
(If you do not speak one of the above languages, please bring someone who speaks Japanese to interpret for you)

Who: Any foreign laborer seeking legal consultation

Date: June 22nd (Thurs), 2017

Time: 14:00 ~ 16:00

Cost: FREE

Where: A 15 min walk from Chiba Station or a 5 min walk from either Yoshikawakoen Station or Kencho-Mae Station
(Across and down the street from Qiball)

Chiba Lawyers Association Hall
(千葉弁護士会館)

4-13-9 Chuo, Chuo-Ku, Chiba City
(千葉県千葉市中央区中央4-13-9)

As a reminder, Kamogawa City Hall is open for consultations for our international residents for any issues they may have regarding life in Japan (marriage, divorce, welfare, taxes, registration, etc.)

Kamogawa Hula Festa

A Hawaiian wind blows as Kamogawa prepares to celebrate this year's Hula Festa on Maebara Beach. This will be Kamogawa's 9th Annual Hula Festa, and the two day event will be held on Saturday, June 3rd and Sunday, June 4th. There will be Hawaiian themed shops and local products, as well as plenty of food and fun to enjoy with friends and the whole family. There is no entrance fee, and hula shows will be performed throughout the day. Festivities will begin at 10:00am each day. For more information please contact the Kamogawa Hula Festival Office at:

090-4844-5888

Hope to see you there!



Summer Matchmaking Event “Natsu-Kon 2017”

Are you looking to find that special someone? Do you live in Kamogawa or plan on living here in the future? Are you at least 25 years old? If you are, come and take part in this summer's matchmaking event.

Date: July 2nd (Sun) 11:00 ~ 15:30

Where: Kamogawa Grand Hotel

Price: ¥ 3,000 for women, ¥ 4,000 for men

Participant limit: 25 people

Deadline: Apply by June 14th (Wed)

For more information, or to register, call:
04-7093-7828

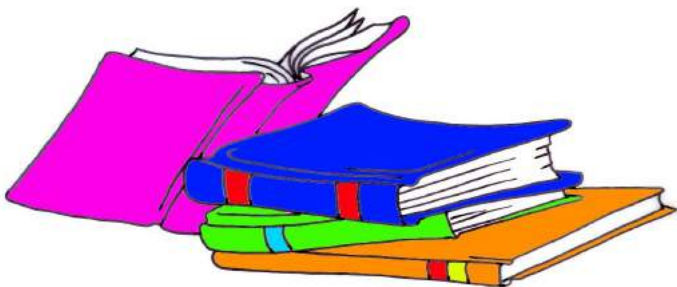
Child Allowance Status Reports

This June, Kamogawa is asking that any resident that receives a child allowance (a subsidy those with children up to the age of 15 can receive) submit a “Child Allowance Status Report.” Anyone receiving an allowance should have already received the forms in the mail.

The forms need to be completed and submitted by June 30th (Fri). You can submit the form to the Fureai Center (Child Support Division), Kamogawa City Hall (1st floor Sogo Madoguchi), the Amatsu-Kominato branch office, the Emi, Kominato, or Yoshio branch offices, or the Kamogawa Citizen Service Center (located on the 4th floor of Aeon). If you do not submit this form, you will stop receiving child allowance payments, so make sure you submit your form on time!

If you have a pension fund other than the National Pension, please also submit a copy of your health insurance card.

If you moved to Kamogawa after January 1st, please also submit a child allowance income statement (you can receive this from wherever you were living on January 1st).



Library Reopening

On July 1st (Sat) the Kamogawa Library will be officially reopening after being closed for over two months for construction. To celebrate, they will be hosting a book reading of some of Kazuhiko Toyota’s famous picture books. The event will take place from 13:30~15:00 at the Kamogawa Municipal Library. All parents and children are welcome, as there is no participation fee. For more information, call the Kamogawa Municipal Library at: 04-7092-0312

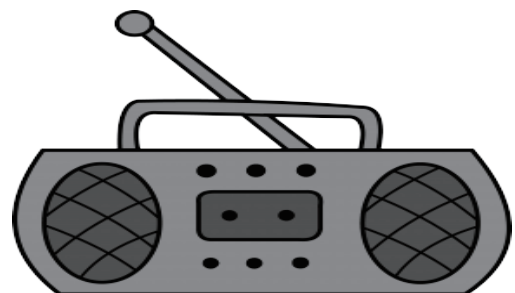
Kamogawa City Tsunami Drill

On Wednesday, June 28th, the city will run a tsunami evacuation drill. The drill will begin at 9:01 with a tsunami warning siren. As this drill is meant to prepare Kamogawa citizens for an actual emergency, the city asks that everyone take an active role in participating. When you hear the sirens, please take immediate action by evacuating to your nearest evacuation site. After an earthquake, it only takes between 8 and 10 minutes for a 3 meter tsunami to reach land. Citizens will have approximately 9 minutes to reach their nearest evacuation site. In preparation for this drill and future emergencies, please discuss evacuation routes with your family and friends. For more information, please contact the Disaster Prevention Division at: 04-7093-7833.

For detailed information on how to prepare for a disaster, please refer to the Kamogawa Disaster Prevention Guide. You can find it on the city website under:

[Official English Page](#)> [Living in Kamogawa](#) > [Disaster Prevention](#)

You can also stop by the KIRA office on the 3rd floor of the city hall to receive a copy of the map in English and Chinese.



Emergency Broadcast Radios

The city of Kamogawa will begin lending emergency broadcast digital radios to any citizen that would like one. Each radio costs ¥3,000 to borrow. You can apply for a radio at the Fureai Center, Kamogawa City Hall, the Amatsu-Kominato branch office, the Emi, Kominato, or Yoshio branch offices, or the Kamogawa Citizen Service Center (located on the 4th floor of Aeon).

Living in Kamogawa



Welcome to Vietnam!

Date: June 10th (Saturday)

When: 13:00~15:00

What: Learn to make traditional Vietnamese spring rolls as well as watch (and try!) traditional dance

**Location: Engawa Lounge
(Awa Learning Center)**

**Cost: Free!
(500 yen non-members)**

For more information or to register, please call the KIRA office at:

04-7093-7828

**Deadline to apply is:
June 7th (Wed)**

Chiba Citizens' Day

On June 15th 1873 the prefectures of Kisarazu and Inba combined into what is now known as Chiba Prefecture. In 1984, the 15th of June was designated by the Chiba Prefectural Government as "Chiba Kenmin no Hi" (Chiba Citizens' Day). The day is recognized each year as a public holiday and many business establishments offer free or reduced fee services and products. Check and see if any of your favorite places are having sales this June!



Check out these events in Chiba:

Tai no Ura Bay is offering special discounts on June 15th for boat tours. Chiba Prefectural citizens ride for half price and Kamogawa citizens ride for free! For more information please call Tai no Ura Bay at: 04-7095-2318.



Sea world is offering reduced pricing during the month of June. Adult tickets are 2000 yen and children's are 500 yen (children are free on June 15th!). Please visit <<http://www.kamogawa-seaworld.jp/>> for more details or call 04-7093-4803.



Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori Sports and Culture Facility
FREE to use the facility's gym.

Tanjoji Temple's Treasure Building
FREE entry.

Mother Farms
Between June 1st and 15th,
Mother Farms will be offering reduced ticket prices.
Adults 1300 yen,
Children under 6 FREE.



What's Happening This Month



6/1 (Thurs) 9:00am ~

Morning Market

Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu

Information: 04-7094-0323

6/3 (Sat) ~ 6/4 (Sun) 10:00~

Kamogawa Hula Festa

Location: Maebara Beach

Information: 090-4844-5888

6/3 (Sat) & 6/17 (Sat) 10:00 ~ 15:00

Kiyosumi Lily Festival

Location: Myohoji Temple Stupa
(Next to Seichoji Temple)

Information: 04-7093-7828

6/10 (Sat) 13:00 ~ 15:00

Welcome to Vietnam!

Location: Engawa Lounge (Awa Learning Center)

Information: 04-7093-7828

6/15 (Thurs) ~ 7/3 (Mon) 7:00 ~ 9:00

Comprehensive Medical Exams

Location: Fureai Center

The Health Promotion Division will be sponsoring free cancer screenings for those who are 40 years old and above. If you are enrolled in the National Health Insurance plan, you can receive special screenings. There will also be screenings for those enrolled in the latter-stage elderly health insurance.

Information: 04-7093-7111

6/18 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 15:30

Lotus Field Walk and Blueberry Picking

Location: Minnami no Sato

Limited to 20 people.

Please bring a lunch, drink, and rain gear.

Cost: ¥1,300

Registration and information: 04-7099-8055

6/24 (Sat) 11:00 ~ 13:00

Tojo Elementary School PTA Bazaar

Location: Tojo Elementary School

Information: 04-7092-0624

6/24 (Sat) 10:00 ~

Nagasa High School Festival

Location: Nagasa High School

Information: 04-7092-1225

6/25 (Sun) 8:30 ~

Resident Volleyball Tournament

Location: Kamogawa and Tojo Elementary School Gyms

Residents, and those that work or go to school in Kamogawa are eligible to compete.

Information: 090-1031-7234

6/28 (Wed) 9:01 ~

Kamogawa Tsunami Drill

Location: All areas near the coast

Information: 04-7093-7833

6/29 (Thurs) 13:30 ~ 15:30

Hands-On Disaster Preparedness Class

Location: Chuo Community Center

The Kamogawa community centers will be teaching a class on how to effectively use items around your house during disasters, such as newspaper and plastics bags. There will also be an earthquake simulation machine!

Information: 04-7093-1141

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