

# Kamogawa Communicator

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## Kamogawa Godosai September 9th & 10th

Kamogawa's biggest festival, Godosai, is held annually by the shrines located throughout Kamogawa: Oura-Yagumo, Shirahata, Hie, Kumano, Suwa, Yokosuka-Yagumo, and Hachiman. A total of seven mikoshi (portable shrines), four dashi (floats), three yatai (stalls), and a katsugi-yatai (stall carried on one's shoulders) participate in Godosai. The Sannoko (Hie Shrine) and Suwako (Suwa Shrine) bear over one hundred years of history. These Edo dashi, which once marched within the grounds of Edo Castle, now cause much excitement as they parade throughout the city during Godosai. Please come enjoy the festivities as the dashi and yatai make their way through town to traditional melodies performed on taiko drums and flutes. For more information please call: 04-7092-1909

For information or questions on the day of the festival, please see page 4.

A map of street closures and where each shrine is located can be found in the Sept. 1st issue of Koho Kamogawa online at:

[http://www.city.kamogawa.lg.jp/gyoseijoho/koho\\_kocho\\_boshu/kohokamogawa/](http://www.city.kamogawa.lg.jp/gyoseijoho/koho_kocho_boshu/kohokamogawa/)



## KIRA

### Thai Cooking Class

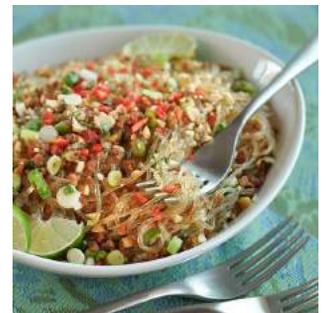
Are you interested in Thai culture? Do you like to eat Thai food? Have you ever wondered how to make Thai food? If you answered yes to any of these questions, come and join KIRA's 16th "World Cooking Class" and learn how to make many of the Thai dishes you love to eat.



*Thai green curry*



*Kluay buad chee, a banana and coconut milk dish*



*Yum woon sen, also called Thai glass noodle salad*

Date: Wednesday, September 27th

Time: 10:00~13:00

Location: Amatsu-Kominato

Health and Welfare Center

Cost: ¥500 (¥700 for non-KIRA members)

For more information and to reserve your spot, please call the KIRA office at: 04-7093-7828

The event is limited to 16 participants, so make sure to call and reserve your spot today!

### Kamogawa Rice Contains no Radiation

As of a test done on Thursday, August 10th, rice harvested in Kamogawa contains no traces of either Cesium-134 or Cesium-137. This means that all rice from within Kamogawa is safe to consume! For more information, please call:

04-7093-7834

## 2017 Student Exchange Program: Another Successful Year

From July 22nd until July 31st, Kamogawa hosted six high school students from our sister city, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as a part of the yearly Student Exchange Program. This was the first time any of them had ever been to Japan, and for a few of them, their first time ever on a plane! When they first arrived, they were worried about many things, including the language barrier, food, and adjusting to the culture. "I was nervous about trying octopus, but I ended up loving it!" said Alex Myers, one of the students.



While here, the students were able to experience not just Kamogawa, but also many parts of Japanese culture. They tried Japanese archery, traditional Maiwai dyeing, saw Tanjoji and Seichoji Temples, and of course, visited Kamogawa's beautiful beaches. They also all stayed with host families. Kevin, another student who came, said, "Kamogawa is a very beautiful place with many great people. I made many memories and I hope to come back soon and make many more!"



## September Orca Kamogawa Games

September marks the beginning of the end in Kamogawa, but that should not stop you from coming out and cheering on Kamogawa's all-female soccer team, Orca Kamogawa! They have five games this month, so there is no excuse to not come and support these wonderful women!



### Schedule

Sunday, September 3rd, 11:00~ (Home)  
Orca Kamogawa vs Ehime FC Ladies

Sunday, September 10th, 14:30~ (Home)  
Orca Kamogawa vs.  
Nippatsu Yokohama FC Seagulls

Sunday, September 17th, 13:00~ (Away)  
Orca Kamogawa vs. AS Harima Albion  
(Game will be held at the Wink Athletic Field in Himeji, Hyogo Prefecture)

Sunday, September 24th, 13:00~ (Home)  
Orca Kamogawa vs. Cerezo Osaka Sakai Ladies

**Orca Kamogawa BU (training team)**  
Sunday, September 24th, 9:00~ (Home)  
Orca Kamogawa BU vs.  
Gyosei International Ladies

All home games are located at the Kamogawa General Sports Facility. Tickets are ¥1,000 if you buy them beforehand, or ¥1,200 if you buy them day of.

For more information, please contact the Sports Promotion Division at: 04-7093-5111

# Living in Kamogawa

## Yabusame in Kamogawa Sunday, September 24th

The Yabusame celebration is a Shinto harvest ritual. As an archer rides across the field, he shoots arrows aiming for three targets. This process is repeated three times. The targets are labeled “Early Harvest,” “Mid Harvest,” and “Late Harvest,” and it is believed that next season’s harvest can be predicted by where the arrows land.



Kamogawa’s Yabusame is unique in that the position of the target is much further away from the archer in comparison to other city’s Yabusame celebrations. This is because more importance is placed on praying for a good harvest than the art of shooting the arrow. It is believed that even an arrow that misses its target still carries a message from God. For more information please call the Kamogawa Folk Museum at: 04-7093-3800

## Human Festa in Kamogawa

On Sunday, November 19th, from 13:00~15:30, Kamogawa will be hosting Chiba Prefecture’s “Human Festa,” where Paralympic gold medalist Wakako Tsuchida will be giving a talk (the Himawari Kids will also be putting on a performance prior to her talk).

The event is free, but limited to 500 people, and you must apply to attend the event. You can apply by mailing in a postcard to the General Affairs Division, PR and Secretariat Office at Kamogawa City Hall or by emailing [humanfesta@city.kamogawa.lg.jp](mailto:humanfesta@city.kamogawa.lg.jp).

Please include your name, address, telephone number, and how many tickets you want (up to two) on your application. The application period is from 9/15~10/16. For any questions or more information, please call: 04-7093-7827

## Disaster Prevention

September 1st is Disaster Prevention Day! In 1960, the day was nationally recognized for two main reasons: the first is that the frequency of typhoons that occur in Japan is highest about 210 days before the first day of spring, and the second is that September 1st marks the day in 1923 when the Great Kanto Earthquake struck the Tokyo metropolitan area.

In order to encourage disaster prevention and awareness, the communicator would like to offer some tips on how to prepare in case of an emergency.

● *Register with your country’s embassy*- Check your embassy’s website for easy sign up. In case of an emergency, your country’s embassy can provide you with the most up-to-date and reliable information for protecting you and your family.

● *Identify your closet evacuation sites*- Learn about the risks in your area and what you can do when disaster strikes. The people around you are going to be your first line of help during an emergency.

● *Prepare an emergency kit*- Preparing a kit now, with food, water, and medical rations for three days can make a world of difference when you need to evacuate quickly.

● *Discuss evacuation plans with your family*- Designate a meeting spot to ensure your family’s safety, in case you get separated.

For more information on preparing for a disaster and to download Kamogawa’s disaster prevention guide, please visit the city website.

<[www.city.kamogawa.lg.jp/](http://www.city.kamogawa.lg.jp/)>

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# What's Happening This Month

# September

**9/9 (Sat) – 9/10 (Sun)**

## **Kamogawa Godosai Festival**

9/9

The mikoshi will gather at the Kamogawa Fish Arena at 21:00. The dashi will gather in front of Kamogawa Elementary school at 16:30.

9/10

The mikoshi will leave the Kamogawa Fish Arena at 11:00 to make their rounds until 13:00. The dashi will gather in front of Kamogawa Station at 16:30  
Information: 04-7093-1118 (Only on 9/9 & 9/10)

**9/14 (Thurs) 10:00 ~ 10:30**

## **Toddler Story Time**

Location: Kamogawa Municipal Library  
For children ages 0-3 and their guardians.  
Information: 04-7092-0312

**9/16 (Sat) 13:30 ~ 15:00**

## **Story Time!**

Location: Oyama Community Center  
Information: 04-7092-0312

**Respect for the Elderly Day (9/18, Mon)**

On Respect for the Elderly Day, many places throughout Kamogawa will be offering free admission to residents aged 65+!

- *Tai-no-Ura Bay*

Free boat ride. Non-residents age 65+ may ride for half price (one guest may also accompany).

- *Futomi Flower Center*

Free entry (does not include fishing or dog park).

- *Kamogawa Sea World*

Free entry for Chiba Prefecture residents age 65+ on both 9/16 & 9/18. Non-Chiba Prefecture residents age 65+ may enter for half price.

**9/20 (Wed) 10:30 ~**

## **Story Theater**

Location: Nagasa, Emi, and Amatsu Child Rearing Support Offices

Come and enjoy story time at one of these three locations!

Information: 04-7093-7113

**9/23 (Sat) 13:30 ~**

## **Story Time Plaza!**

Location: Kamogawa Municipal Library  
Come and read a picture book with us!  
Information: 04-7092-0312

**9/24 (Sun) 9:30 ~**

## **Experience Boy Scouts!**

Location: Wanpaku House  
Come and experience what it's like to be a Boy Scout. Boys and girls are welcome. Please bring clothes easy to move in, a towel, and indoor shoes.  
Information: 090-7214-5452

**9/24 (Sun) 10:30 ~**

## **Story Theater**

Location: OURS Child Rearing Support Office  
Come and enjoy story time!  
Information: 04-7093-7113

**9/24 (Sun) 15:00 ~**

## **Kippo Hachiman Yabusame Festival**

Location: Yoshio District  
The Yabusame celebration is a Shinto ritual that predicts the harvest of the following year. As an archer rides swiftly across the field, he shoots three arrows, aiming for three separate targets. This process is repeated three times. The targets are labeled "Early Harvest," "Mid Harvest," and "Late Harvest," and it is believed that next season's harvest can be predicted by where the arrows land. Don't miss this rare opportunity to see a unique local tradition!  
Information: 04-7093-3800

**9/27 (Wed) 10:00 ~ 13:00**

## **KIRA Thai Cooking Class**

Location: Amatsu-Kominato Health & Welfare Center  
Come and learn how to make some traditional Thai cuisine with KIRA! Spots are limited, so call and sign up now!  
Information: 04-7093-7828

**9/30 (Sat) 10:00 ~ 13:00**

## **Awa Area Cottage Cheese Cooking Class**

Location: Miyoshi Agricultural Environment Betterment Center  
Price: ¥700  
Information: 0470-46-8181

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