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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 Kamogawa 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 90 people. Reception ends at 6:30 and the boats will depart at 6:40. Adult ticket prices are 1,100 yen, 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.

Kamogawa Ocean Park

Come watch the first sunrise of the year from the roof of Kamogawa Ocean Park! From 6:00~8:00 they will be giving out free hot amazake to participants. After the sunrise, there will be a mochi throwing event, so come ready for fun!

For more information, call: 04-7096-1911



Free Consultation for Foreign Residents

For legal matters, immigration, visas, start-up businesses, labor problems, divorces, 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

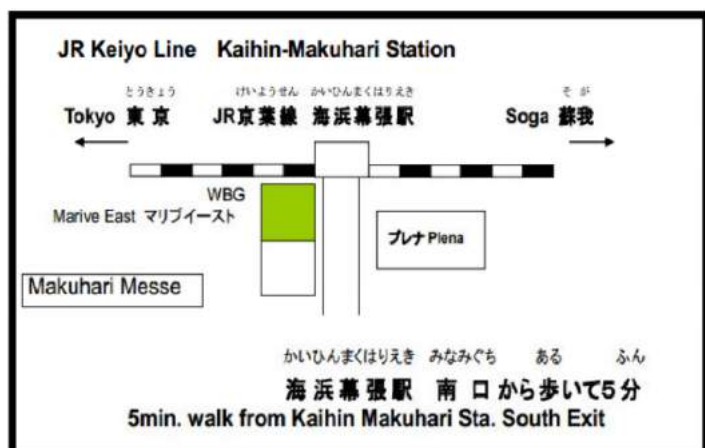
Date: Saturday, January 13th

Time: 13:00 – 16:00

Cost: Free

Location: 5 min walk from Kaihin Makuhari Station (South Exit)

Chiba International Center
Marive East, 14th floor
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 Friday, December 29th. Normal hours will start again on Thursday, January 4th. See below for details.

		Dec. 29	Dec. 30	Dec. 31	Jan. 1	Jan. 2	Jan. 3
		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
City Hall Fureai Center		● For the issuance of certificates please make an appointment by December 28th. For more information contact the respective department.					
City Hall General Service Window		● For paying taxes, water bill, etc., please bring the bill and correct amount ● Office will be open for funeral arrangements (no cremation on 1/1 and 1/2)					
		8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15	8:30 ~ 17:15
The General Welfare Consultation Center will be open for emergencies by phone only at: 04-7093-1200							
All city hall branch offices		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Water Works							
Kamogawa Folk Museum							
Citizen Gallery Cultural Asset Center							
Civic Center All Public Halls Library							
Wanpaku House Youth Training Center General Sports Facility		Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Emergency doctor on call	Closed
Municipal Hospital 04-7097-1221							
Minnami no Sato 04-7099-8033		9:00 ~ 16:00			Closed	10:00 ~ 16:00	
Kamogawa Ocean Park 04-7096-1911		9:00 ~ 17:00 (Jan. 1st 6:00 ~ 17:00)					
Kamogawa Garbage Disposal Center	Collection	Burnable only	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
04-7093-5300	Drop Off	8:30 ~ 15:00 (No large items)		Closed	Closed	8:30 ~ 11:45	Closed
Amatsu-Kominato Garbage Center 04-7094-2050	Drop Off	8:30 ~ 15:00 (No large items)		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)		Kubo Oil (04-7092-0865)	Matsuya Water Engineering (04-7092-0659)	Fuji Sanken Manufacturing (04-7092-0185)	Inoue (04-7092-0690)	ALC Housing (04-7097-0177)	Fuji Sanken Manufacturing (04-7092-0185)
		Seki Blacksmith (04-7094-0361)	Seki Blacksmith (04-7094-0361)	San Kosha (04-7092-9934)	Tani Carpenters (04-7096-1231)	Kato Blacksmith (04-7092-1783)	Jumonji Civil Engineering (04-7092-2358)

Living in Kamogawa

Take Steps to Limit the Spread of Norovirus this Winter Season

Winter has finally come to Kamogawa, and with its arrival, so does the threat of the norovirus. Norovirus can lead to vomiting, diarrhea, and stomach cramps, and is spread not only from food, but also person to person contact. Infants and the elderly are especially susceptible. Because there is no vaccine or specific medicine that can treat norovirus, the only way to protect you and your family is by taking the following steps.

1) Before cooking, and when returning home from being out, wash your hands with soap and water.

2) When handling and cooking shellfish or oysters, make sure you cook them for at least 90 seconds, at a temperature of 85-90 degrees Celsius (the center must reach this temperature).

3) When cleaning or handling vomit or other human waste, be sure to dispose of it in a sealed container, and thoroughly clean the area with bleach, in order to prevent the virus from escaping into the air.

If you have any questions about norovirus, please contact the Health Promotion Division at: 04-7093-7111

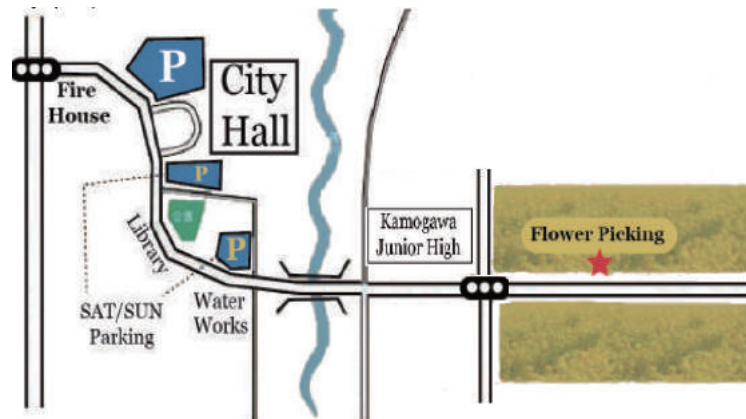


Nana Batake Road

Come and see one of Kamogawa's Natural wonders as the field of mustard flowers begin to bloom 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 20th and run until March 11th. The opening ceremony will be located at the field nearest the Kamogawa Junior High on Saturday, January 27th at 11:00. Parking is available at the city hall. There will also be a mini SL train that children can ride the weekends of 1/27, 2/17, and 3/3 from 10:00 until 15:00. The cost is 200 yen.



The fields will be open from 9:30 to 15:00 every day. A bundle of ten flowers is 150 yen. For more information please contact the Kamogawa Tourism Association at: 04-7092-0086.



KIRA's "Oshaberi Cafe"

Do you want to learn about Kamogawa? Do you want to make Japanese friends? Then come and join KIRA members for a casual chat over tea! Kameda college students will also be giving a short lecture.

When: Tuesday, 1/16, 18:30~20:00

Where: Kameda College of Health Sciences

Information: 04-7093-7828

The deadline to apply is 1/11, so please call ahead and let KIRA know that you'll be coming!

What's Happening This Month



1/1 (Sun)

New Year's Day Sunrise Events

There are sunrise events all across Kamogawa!

Kiyosumi Asahigamori: 04-7094-0525

Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine: 04-7094-0323

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

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

Ocean Park: 04-7096-1911

Josai International University: 04-7098-2800

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

1/6 (Sat) 9:30 ~

Kamogawa New Year Firefighter's Event

Location: General Sports Facility, Kamogawa Dome
Over 600 hundred firefighters and 35 firetrucks will be there. There will also be a marching demonstration.

Information: 04-7093-7833

Mid-January ~ 5/5 (Sat) 9:00 ~ 15:30

Strawberry Picking

Location: Minnami no Sato

30 minutes, all you can eat strawberry picking.

Until 3/31: 1,600 yen for adults

4/1-5/5: 1,200 yen for adults

Child entry fee is half of adult fee. Closed every Wednesday.

Information: 04-7099-8055

1/6 (Sat) ~ 1/8 (Mon) 10:00 ~

Mackerel Fish Ball Soup Sale

Location: Kamogawa Ocean Park

Information: 04-7096-1911

1/7 (Sun) 8:30 ~ 9:10 (Check-in)

Kamogawa Coming of Age Ceremony

Location: Kamogawa Sea World

Information: 04-7094-0515

1/11 (Thurs) 9:30 ~ 16:00

Boso Area Hiking:

Kagihara Pass to Mt. Awatakayama

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin-no-Mori

Price: 1,300 yen

Information: 04-7095-2821

1/12 (Fri) 9:30 ~ 16:00

Boso Area Hiking:

Mt. Migori to Mt. Shou & Mt. Awatakayama

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin-no-Mori

Price: 1,300 yen

Information: 04-7095-2821

1/20 (Sat) ~ 3/11 (Sun)

Nana Batake Road

Location: Fields around Kamogawa Junior High School

Information: 04-7092-0086

1/21 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 12:00

KIRA's Disaster Prevention Workshop

An event to help international residents learn how to better prepare for a natural disaster. More event details will be available closer to the event date.

Information and registration: 04-7093-7828

1/21 (Sun)

40th Annual New Year Hanetsuki Tournament

Location: General Sports Facility, Kamogawa Dome

Come watch this badminton-like Japanese sport.

Information: 04-7092-0320

1/28 (Sun) 9:30 ~ 12:00

Rice Flour Pizza Making

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin-no-Mori

Cost: 1,700 yen

Information: 04-7095-2821

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