

# Kamogawa Communicator

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## Free Consultation for Foreign Residents

For legal matters, labor issues, divorce, accidents, and inheritance.

Consultation is free but reservations are required. Consultation time is limited to 45 minutes per person. Interpreters are available with 10 days prior request. For reservations or more information, please contact the Chiba International Center.

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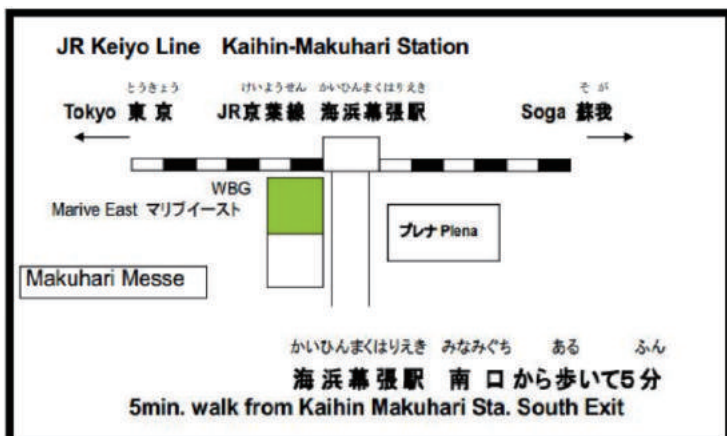
**Date:** Monday, February 5th

**Time:** 13:00 – 16:00

**Cost:** Free

**Location:** 5 minute walk from the Kaihin Makuhari Station (South Exit)

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



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



## Hina Doll Festival

Annually, the Hina Doll Festival, also known as Doll's Day or Girls' Day, is held on the 3rd of March. A tradition rooted in the Heian period, it was believed that the elegant clothing of the dolls captured evil spirits, so people would decorate their homes with the dolls to watch over their children. If you'd like to participate in this year's festivities, stop by Katsuura between Friday, February 23rd and Sunday, March 4th. Just north of Kamogawa, Katsuura's BIG Hina Matsuri is well known for its 60 step hina doll platform decorated with about 1,800 dolls! However, don't stop there, because you will definitely want to explore the city and see the estimated 30,000 dolls that are spread across town!

For more information, please call the Katsuura Tourism, Commerce, and Industry Division at: 0470-73-6641

Or, visit the event web page at: [www.katsuura-sanpo.com/news/post-15821](http://www.katsuura-sanpo.com/news/post-15821)

# Living in Kamogawa

## Consultations for Income Tax Declarations

Consultation for filing income taxes, as well as acceptance of municipal and prefectural taxes, will begin starting Friday, February 16. Please be sure to file taxes by Thursday, March 15. The reception venue will be the 4th floor of the Kamogawa City Hall. For those living in the following districts, the chart to the right details the designated dates for acceptance. Bus services running from the Nagasa, Emi, and Amatsu-Kominato areas to city hall will be available.

Individuals that have been living in Kamogawa city as of January 1, 2017, as well as farmers, fishermen, those self-employed, and those who receive income from real estate must file their taxes. For salaried workers, be sure to check with your employer whether or not your taxes are directly taken from your salary.

Even individuals who do not receive an income should still file their taxes. Please bring all necessary documents such as tax certificates, pension plans, and national health insurance forms.

For more information, call the Tax Division in City Hall at:  
04-7093-7832

For a detailed bus schedule, please see the February 1st edition of Koho Kamogawa at:  
[http://www.city.kamogawa.lg.jp/gyoseijoho/koho\\_kocho\\_boshu/kohokamogawa/](http://www.city.kamogawa.lg.jp/gyoseijoho/koho_kocho_boshu/kohokamogawa/)

Venue: Kamogawa City Hall's Fourth Floor Meeting Rooms			
Area: Amatsu-Kominato		Buses: Available for All	
Dates & Days		Time	District Name
Feb. 16	Fri	AM PM	Nishicho, Kiyosumi, Yomogi Higashicho, Eguruma, Nakacho
Feb. 19	Mon	AM PM	Kido, Hikitsuchi Shiba
Feb. 20	Tues	AM PM	Shinmachi, Yatsu Hashimoto, Nakajuku, Hamacho
Feb. 21	Wed	AM PM	Yoriura, Obizo, Asahicho, District 2 & 3, Hakkei Kaito, District 5 & 6
Feb. 22	Thurs	AM PM	District 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 District 12, 13, 14
Area: Kamogawa Buses: Soro, Oyama, Suki, Yoshio, Futomi, Emi			
Feb. 23	Fri	AM PM	Futomi, Futomihama Amazura, Emi Tayuzaki, Emi Yoshiura, Nishiyama, Futomi Nishi
Feb. 26	Mon	AM PM	Emi Aoki, Higashi Emi, Hata (Ichiibara) Nishi Emi, Emi Utono, Emi Higashi Makado, Emi Nishi Makado, Emi Sotobori
Feb. 27	Tues	AM PM	Hata (non Ichiibara), Nishi, Higashi, Kami Nakacho, Dai, Futago, Miya
Feb. 28	Wed	AM PM	Utsumi, Yairo Nukariya, Hanabusa, Awato
Mar. 1	Thurs	All Day	Izumi, Hiroba
Mar. 2	Fri	All Day	Nishicho, Higashicho
Mar. 5	Mon	AM PM	Bando, Oshikiri, Kyoden Ikeda, Odagaku
Mar. 6	Tues	AM PM	Takehira, Kawashiro, Futoo Raishu, Dairi, Tabara Nishi
Mar. 7	Wed	All Day	Kaisuka, Isomura
Mar. 8	Thurs	All Day	Maebara, Yokosuka
Mar. 9	Fri	AM PM	Hiratsuka, Kobata, Narabayashi Kozuka, Sano, Kamanuma, Oyama Hiratsuka
Mar. 12	Mon	AM PM	Narigawa Kitakomachi
Mar. 13	Tues	AM PM	Minami Komachi Kami Kobara, Shimo Kobara
Mar. 14	Wed	AM PM	Ohata, Naraihara Terakado, Yokoo, Hosono
Mar. 15	Thurs	AM PM	Matsuoji, Okawazura Naka, Miyayama, Haccho





## Hatakeyama Yuko Hina Doll Display

On May 11th, 1891, Russo-Japanese relations grew tense after the attempted assassination of the Russian crown prince Nicholas II in Shiga Prefecture. Serious wounds to the prince prompted the beginning of what is now known as the “Otsu Incident,” and Russian ships began to occupy Kobe Harbor. The Kamogawa born Hatakeyama Yuko, concerned that a war with Russia would mean the ruin of Japan, traveled to Kyoto. To no avail she pleaded with the Japanese government to make amends with Russia. On May 20th, in a final attempt to relieve international tensions, the 25 year old Yuko wrote letters of apology to both the Russian and Japanese governments and took her own life on the steps of the Kyoto Legislative Building. Her actions gained international sympathies and Russia decided against declaring war on Japan.

The hina doll display in Kamogawa’s Kannonji Temple memorializes her commitment to peace and will be on display from Sunday, February 25th through Sunday, March 4th. It will be open from 9:00~17:00 each day, with a memorial service held for Hatakeyama Yuko’s departed spirit every day at 13:00. There will also be mobiles on display that are made by families that support Kannonji Temple as well.

For more information, call: 04-7092-3540

## Kamogawa Resident Day at Kamogawa Sea World

A few times every year, to thank the citizens of Kamogawa for their continued goodwill, Sea World allows local residents free entry into the park. The first one of the New Year will be on Monday, February 12th (National Foundation Day compensatory holiday).

There will be character meet and greets, various performances, and you can even come see Kamogawa’s own female soccer team, Orca Kamogawa, get a lucky splash from Sea World’s orcas!

### *Schedule*

- 9:00~** Farmer’s market
- 10:30~10:50** Shishimai “Lion’s Dance” with accompanying live music
- 11:00~11:20** Character meet and greet! (Chiba-kun, Taiyo-kun, Orutan, and Silky!)
- 12:00~12:20** Kamogawa Junior High School Wind Ensemble
- 13:30~13:50** “Kamogawa Sea World: From then Until Now,” special lecture by Director Katsumata
- 13:55~** Orca Kamogawa (Kamogawa’s female soccer team) events
- 14:30~14:50** Character meet and greet! (Chiba-kun, Taiyo-kun, Orutan, and Silky!)

For more information, call: 04-7093-4803  
Please bring proof of residence for free entry.



# What's Happening This Month

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day

**Until 3/11 (Sun)**

**Nana Batake Road**

Location: Fields around Kamogawa Junior High

Information: 04-7092-0086.

**Until 5/5 (Sat)**

**Strawberry Picking**

Location: Minnami-no-Sato

Information: 04-7099-8055

Prices:

Until 3/31

4 and older 1,600 yen, 3 and younger 800 yen

4/1 ~ 5/5

4 and older 1,200 yen, 3 and younger 600 yen

All you can eat for 30 minutes!



**Welcoming Spring**

**2/3 (Sat) Seichoji Temple Setsubun**

Information: 04-7094-0525

11:20 Procession of floats

11:30 Ceremony for those who have passed

11:50 Mamemaki ("Bean Throwing")

12:30 Performances

**2/3 (Sat) Tanjoji Temple Setsubun**

Information: 04-7095-2621

**2/3 (Sat) Oyama Fudosen Setsubun**

Information: 04-7098-0178

**2/3 (Sat) Choanji Temple Setsubun**

Information: 04-7097-1255

**2/3 (Sat) Namikiri Fudosen Setsubun**

Information: 04-7094-0800

**2/3 (Sat) Shirataki Fudo Mamemaki**

Information: 04-7097-0183

**2/3 (Sat) Futomi Otoshi 18:00 ~ 20:00**

Six bamboo bonfire pillars over four meters high will illuminate the shoreline and welcome spring.

**2/1 (Thurs) 18:30 ~**

**Russian Girls' Chorus**

Location: Civic Center

Information: 04-7093-3800

**2/10 (Sat) 14:00 ~**

**Valentine's Concert**

Location: Chuo Community Center

Come and see the third "Journeys Through Music" sponsored by the Chuo Community Center. Four pianists will play one piano at the same time!

Information: 04-7093-1141

**2/22 (Thurs) 9:30 ~ 16:00**

**Boso Area Hiking:**

**Yokoo Guard House Site to Kururi Castle**

Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin-no-Mori

Price: 1,400 yen

Information: 04-7095-2821

**2/24 (Sat) 17:30 ~ 20:00**

**Stargazing in Kiyosumi**

Location: Kiyosumi Iko Community House

Come and view the night skies in the Kiyosumi District of Kamogawa. There will be free mochi and tonjiru soup.

Information: 04-7093-7828

**2/24 (Sat) ~ 2/25 (Sun)**

**Kamogawa Community Center Festival**

Location: Citizen's Gallery and Civic Center

The Community Center festival is a great time to see the many activities that happen at Kamogawa's community centers. There will be musical performances, artistic showcases, and much more. For more details, please see the February 1st edition of the Koho Kamogawa.

Information: 04-7093-1141

**2/25 (Sun) 10:00 ~**

**Nagasa Avenue Ekiden Race**

Location: Begins in Kyonan, ends in Kamogawa

Information: 04-7093-5111

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