Free Japanese Lessons

Did you know that the Kamogawa International Relations Association offers free Japanese language lessons to residents of Kamogawa? The class is held throughout the year for introductory level learners and focuses on Japanese used in daily life. It is possible to join whenever. For more information, please see below or contact KIRA at: 04-7093-5931

You can also find free online resources from Toyota city at: www.toyota-j.com/e-learning/

Class Instruction
The class is taught by Japanese volunteers. The class text is Minna no Nihongo I and II. The course curriculum comes from the Agency for Cultural Affairs.

Class Times and Location:
Every Week
Wednesday 13:30～15:30
Friday 19:00～21:00

Location:
Kamogawa Chuo Kominkan
Second Floor Meeting Room
Address: 60 Maebara Kamogawa City

Join the “Gomi Zero” Movement!

This year’s “Gomi Zero” Movement will take place on Sunday, May 27th, throughout Chiba prefecture. The “Gomi Zero” or “Zero Waste” Movement was created in order to aid in the efforts of keeping not only Japan, but the world a cleaner place by reducing waste and promoting the reuse of materials. In addition to following the 3 R’s (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle), this day encourages community members to take a more active approach and volunteer to help clean the city.

Garbage collected should be separated by: cans, glass, plastic bottles, and burnable waste. Separated garbage should be placed in the labeled “Volunteer” garbage bags that can be found at the Environmental Division (3rd floor of the City Hall), Fureai Center, Citizen Service Center, and respective district branch offices. The bags should then be taken to designated collection areas by 10:00. City collection cars will pick up the garbage. For any questions, please call: 04-7093-7838

Maru Gomi 2018

Kamogawa’s annual “Maru Gomi” beach clean-up event will be held on Saturday, May 26th from 9:00 to 10:30. If you would like to help, participants will meet at Maebara Beach in front of the Kamogawa Civic Hall. For more information, please contact: 04-7093-5300

Car Tax Reminder

This is a reminder that the Japanese automobile tax is due on May 31st. Formal bills will be sent out early to mid-May to those who owe taxes on their vehicles. For more information, please call the Kamogawa City Hall Tax Division at: 04-7093-7832
Living in Kamogawa

Aeon Tax Free Shopping Guide for International Visitors

Guidance of tax-free procedure

Our store does not charge any fee for tax-free procedures; We will refund the consumption tax amount (8%) of the tax-free product in Japanese Yen.

Those eligible for tax-free procedure

- Non-Japanese residents and the person who made the purchase (substitutes are not accepted)
- Has been in the country for less than 6 months (re-entry dates do not apply)

Application period

On the day of purchase
(Within open hours of the tax-free counter)

Location for application

Tax-free counter

Tax-free goods

- Products to be consumed in Japan, goods for business sales, and items purchased at stores other than those operated by AEG are not exempt from tax.

General goods

Clothing

Shoes/ Bags

Household electric appliances

Cameras/ watches

Products apart from consumables

Purchased amount for tax-free products

A total of at least ¥10,801 (tax included) in a day

*The amount cannot be added with consumables.

Attention

Purchased products must leave the country within 6 months after your arrival in Japan.

Consumables

Food products

Beverages

Cosmetics

Pharmaceuticals

Other consumables, batteries, films, etc.

Purchased amount for tax-free products

A total of at least ¥35,401 and no more than ¥540,000 (tax included)

*The amount cannot be added with general goods.

Attention

Purchased products must leave the country within 30 days after the date of purchase.

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Chiba Prefecture began the “Ambassadors to Spread Chiba Prefecture’s Charm to the World Together with CHI-BA+KUN” (abbreviated as “CHI-BA+KUN Ambassadors”) project in 2011.

The CHI-BA+KUN Ambassadors are exchange students and other foreign residents living in Chiba Prefecture, who use their blogs, Facebook, and other social media to promote Chiba Prefecture’s many attractions in their native languages.

The ambassadors proactively explore Chiba both voluntarily and through Prefecture-sponsored tours, which include cultural workshops and visits to famous spots in Chiba. The CHI-BA+KUN Ambassadors use these experiences to promote Chiba Prefecture’s attractions (tourist spots, cuisine, daily life, etc.) in their own words.

Chiba Prefecture is working to reach out to overseas visitors using Narita International Airport through this project.

DEADLINE:

Applications must be received by 17:00, May 1st!

For more information and to apply visit the Chiba Prefectural Government Website:

https://www.pref.chiba.lg.jp/kokusai/english/information/residents/ambassadors.html

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Japanese Income Statement Explanation

By now, all salaried employees in Kamogawa should have received their income statement. The Japanese income statement known as, the “Gensen Choshu Hyo” in Japanese, is a slip of paper detailing an employee’s salary, tax deduction, and social insurance deductions from the previous January 1st to December 31st year. The slip is made by your employer and submitted to the tax office. If you have multiple employers, each employer will submit an income statement. Therefore if you are employed by multiple employers, you will receive a slip detailing your income and deductions from each employer separately. Add the values on each slip to find your gross income and total deductions.

Information Indicated on Income Statement:
1) Address of Employee
2) Name of Employee
3) Gross earnings from January to December
4) Amount remaining from ③ after deductions on income
5) Fixed deduction based on Social Insurance and other premiums paid
6) Amount of income tax paid
7) Amount of Social Insurance premiums paid (Health Insurance and Pension Insurance)
8) My Number

Personal Seal Registration Certificate Printing

New rules have come into effect regarding the printing of personal seal registration certificates.

Up until now, in order to receive a registration certificate, citizens needed to bring their personal seal registration cards. Beginning in May, a driver’s license, or other official document provided by the government with a picture can be used instead.

If you are getting a certificate for anyone other than yourself, however, a personal seal registration card is still required. Also, as before, if you lose your registration card, you must re-register your personal seal. For more information, call: 04-7093-7831

Notice

On Sunday, May 27th, the city of Kamogawa will be holding elections for city council members. Campaigning will begin on Sunday, May 20th at 8:00 and end at May 26th at 20:00.
For more information, please call the Kamogawa Election Committee at: 04-7093-7845

Disaster Prevention

It’s never a bad time to start preparing for natural disasters! Here are a few tips on how to protect yourself in the event of an emergency.

- Know how you should react in an emergency
- Know where your evacuation areas are located
- Secure loose items in your home in case of an earthquake
- Be sure to have at least 3 days of food & water
- Discuss evacuation plans with your family
- Attend local disaster prevention activities
- During an emergency, cooperate with you neighbors and those around you
May

Community Farm Plots
Minnami no Sato is renting out farm plots for the year. If you would like to rent a plot for personal use, please see the information below.

Location: Minnami no Sato
Plot size: 6m x 5m
Price: 10,000 yen for the first plot, 6,000 yen for every plot after (yearly price)*
You may begin farming the month following your application.

*Limited to four plots per person/household. If you begin farming on July 1st, October 1st, or January 1st, there is a discount.
For more information or to apply please call:
04-7099-8033
04-7093-7834

Until 5/5 (Fri)
Strawberry Picking
Location: Minnami-no-Sato
Information: 04-7099-8033
Location: Tamura Farms (Until Golden Week)
Information: 04-7097-1162
Prices (30 minute all you can eat!): 4 and older ¥1,200, 3 and younger ¥600

5/1 (Tues)
First of the Month Market
Location: Amatsu Shinmeigu Shrine
Information: 04-7094-0323

5/3 (Thurs) 13:00 ~
Orca Kamogawa vs Ehime FC Ladies
Location: Kamogawa General Sports Facilities
Information: 04-7099-2350

5/13 (Sun) 13:00 ~
Orca Kamogawa vs Bunnys Kyoto SC
Location: Kamogawa General Sports Facilities
Information: 04-7099-2350

5/15 (Tues) 13:130 & 18:30
Kamogawa Theater Movie Screening:
Midnight Diner 2
Location: Kameda College of Health Sciences, Mizuki Hall
Information: 04-7099-1211

5/17 (Thurs) ~ 5/20 (Sun)
Chinese Ink Paiting Exhibition
Location: Citizen Gallery
Information: 0470-29-5250

5/19 (Sat) 11:00 ~
Orca Kamogawa vs Yokohama FC Seagulls
Location: Kamogawa General Sports Facilities
Information: 04-7099-2350

5/19 (Sat) 19:00 ~ 20:30
Spring Stargazing
Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori
Information: 04-7095-2821

5/20 (Sun) 8:00 ~
Kamogawa Fire Department Presentation
Location: Citywide
Please note that sirens will be used.
Information: 04-7093-7833

5/20 (Sun) 9:30 ~ 12:00
Nature Walk: Flowers and Summer Birds
Location: Uchiurayama Kenmin no Mori
Information: 04-7095-2821

5/27 (Sun) 18:30 ~ 20:30
Stargazing from a Temple
Location: Kanonji Temple
Information: 090-6119-0478

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