

# Kakamigahara English News

## **Japanese Speech Contest**

The Annual Japanese speech contest for non-native Japanese in Kakamigahara is coming soon! This contest is open to any children and young adults for whom Japanese is a second language and not the mother language may apply. There are two classifications for the contest: **Junior** (from ages 6-12) and **Student** (ages 13-18). The theme is open, so why not give it a try? Applications (which will require a written copy of the prepared speech the speaker intends to deliver as well as contact information) will be accepted until January 27<sup>th</sup> 2017. The contest itself will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Take the challenge! We want to see as many participants this year as possible! We look forward to hearing your speeches and wish everyone good luck!

For more information, questions, or to begin the application process, please feel free to contact the Brand Souzouka office at 058-323-1426

Or by e-mail at [kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp](mailto:kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp)

Post: 504-8555 Naka Sakuramachi 1-69 Brand Souzouka Division c/o Kakamigahara International Association.

## **The Kakamigahara International Association (KIA)**

You can find us on the 6th floor of the Sangyou Bunka Center in the Brand Creation Division, our hours are 8:30 AM-5:15 PM.

Telephone: 058-383-1426

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Website: [www.kia1986.org](http://www.kia1986.org)

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, comments, or for more information.

## **Children's Health Services For February:**

Times for children health checks are from 13:00~13:30.

Please use the designated location for the area you live in. The areas are:

Sogo Fukushi Kaikan: For those living in the **Naka, Kawashima, Sohara, and Inaba Nishi Elementary School** areas.

Asahi Kodomokan: For those living in the **Unuma and Inaba Higashi Elementary** areas.

4 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
February 7 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 September 1-15
February 8, (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 September 16-30
February 9 (Thurs)	Asahi Kodomokan	2016 September

Includes physical

11 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
February 27 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 March
February 28 (Tues)	Asahi Kodomokan	2016 March

Physical and dental inspection

1 year 6 months (18 months)

Date	Location	For Children Born
February 13 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2015 July 1-15
February 14 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2015 July 16-31
February 15 (Wed)	Asahi Kodomokan	2015 July

*Includes physical and dental check*

3 years

Date	Location	For Children Born
February 21 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2014 January 1-15
February 22 (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2014 January 16-31
February 23 (Thurs)	Asahi Kodomokan	2014 January

*Includes physical, vision and hearing check, urine exam.*

For more information contact the Kakamigahara Kenko Kanrikan TEL 058-383-1115

## **Blood Drives in January**

January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sun): Apita Kakamigahara Store 9:30AM~12 Noon; 1:30 PM~4:00 PM

For more information, please call 058-383-7570

## **City Hall Holiday / After Hours and Services for January:**

The Kakamigahara City Hall will have the following irregular hours for the following services in January. Please use the basement entrance located on the North Side of the Main building.

### **City Tax:**

Holiday Hours:

January 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat) 10:00 AM~5:00PM

Evening Consultations:

January 6<sup>th</sup> (Fri); 10<sup>th</sup> (Tues), 11<sup>th</sup> (Wed), 12<sup>th</sup> (Thurs), 13<sup>th</sup> (Fri): 5:15 PM~8 PM

(First floor of City Hall, Tax Division)

TEL: 058-383-4773

### **National Health Insurance Premiums:**

Holiday hours: January 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat), 1 PM~5 PM

Evening hours: January 10th (Tues), 11th (Wed), 12th (Thurs), 13th (Fri): 5:15 PM~8 PM

TEL: 058-383-1112

## **Winter Festival 2017**

Those interested in making rice cakes (*omochi tsukuri*) won't want to miss this event on January 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday) at the Citizen's Pool. The event begins from 12:30 in the afternoon, with the mocha rice pounding beginning from 1 PM. There will be enough for 250 servings (1 piece per person). There will also be an open market from 10 AM to 3 PM. It will not be held if there is snow or rain.

For more information please contact the Citizen's Pool at 058-370-6506

## **Monkey Park Free Entry for Kakamigahara Citizens**

January 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, Monkey Park will waive the general admissions fee for Kakamigahara residents (you need to show your ID or evidence of living in Kakamigahara, 1 ID is good for 2 people). An admission fee will still be charged for the World Primate/monkey area of the park. For more information please call the park at 0568-61-0870.

### **Little World Park Winter Discount for Kakamigahara Citizens**

From December 10<sup>th</sup> through to January 31<sup>st</sup> 2017, the admissions price for Little World will be reduced to half the normal admission fee for Kakamigahara citizens (you must show your ID at the ticket gate). Reduced entry rates are as follows: Adults: 850 yen (regularly 1,700 yen) Senior Citizens: 650 yen (regularly 1,300 yen) High School Student: 550 yen (regularly 1,100 yen) Middle School/Elementary Student: 350 yen (regularly 700 yen) Over 3 years old: 150 yen (regularly 300 yen). For more information please feel free to call the park in Inuyama at 0568-62-5611.

### **International Cooking Class Chinese Edition**

The next KIA International Cooking class on February 2<sup>nd</sup> will be looking to China for some body-warming and delicious recipes! Please join us at the Sangyou Bunka Center's 4<sup>th</sup> floor Cooking Classroom for a good time learning about healthy cooking Chinese style! There is space for up to 24 to join, and the cost of participation is 1,500 yen (1,000 yen for KIA members). To sign up, send your name, address and postal code, telephone number with the Chinese Cooking Class heading on an e-mail or postcard to KIA. You can also contact us by phone or walk right in to the Brand Souzouka office on the 6F of the Sangyo Bunka Center.

Feel free to call or e-mail about any questions you may have!

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### **Reading Foreign Books Workshop**

Kia will be sponsoring a workshop for those interested in building their English reading skills. This workshop is open to anyone (up to 50 participants), and will take place on January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM-to 12 Noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Kakamigahara Central Library. Please register through the Brand Souzouka office, sending a post card or e-mail with the heading "Reading Workshop", your name, address and postal code, and telephone number. You may also register by phone or in person at the Brand Souzouka office.

Please feel free to call or e-mail about any questions you may have!

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