

Kakamigahara English News

National Disaster/ Emergency Workshop

EVENT! On December 18th (Sunday), there will be a *Bousai* (national emergency/disaster) Workshop to help familiarize foreigners in Japan with the disaster prevention information and services (and for some, to train volunteers) from 10AM to 4:30 PM at the Sogo Fukushi Kaikan 3F. We are looking for 50 volunteers to join one of two groups: 30 for interpretation practice/drilling to help information exchange for foreigners at shelters during disasters (looking for speakers of Japanese and at least one other language: English, Tagalog, Portuguese, and Chinese are most in demand, but any bi-or multilinguals of other languages are definitely welcome), and a second group to go through a general overview of the shelters, the procedures, and what services are available there. You may also sample some rations such as the *Alpha Mai* rice and *Kenchin* soup. This is important not only for those new to Japan or unfamiliar with the services and procedures in the city and nation, but also to spread the word and information to others who are unable or otherwise haven't participated in such an event. This is also to help the city build a network to increase safety and the chance of survival of those not able to communicate easily or effectively in Japanese.

There will also be a game and prizes. If you are interested, please contact the Prefectural International office at 058-214-7700 (Including your name, postal number, address, phone number and which group you'd like to join). You can also contact/send the info online to: gic@gic.or.jp Sign up soon as it will fill quickly. The deadline is December 9th. There is no fee to join.

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

E-Mail: kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp

Website: www.kia1986.org

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

Children's Health Services For January:

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
January 10 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 August 1-15
January 11(Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 August 16-31
January 12(Thurs)	Asahi Kodomokan	2016 August

Includes physical

11 months

Date	Location	For Children Born
January 30 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2016 February
January 31 (Tues)	Asahi Kodomokan	2016 February

Physical and dental inspection

1 year 6 months (18 months)

Date	Location	For Children Born
January 17 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2015 June 1-15
January 18 (Wed)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2015 June 16-31
January 20 (Fri)	Asahi Kodomokan	2015 June

Includes physical and dental check

3 years

Date	Location	For Children Born
January 23 (Mon)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2013 December 1~15
January 24 (Tues)	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	2013 December 16~30
January 25 (Wed)	Asahi Kodomokan	2013 December

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

For more information, please call 058-383-7570

Bone Marrow Donors Wanted

Japan is seeking donors of bone marrow for the national transplant bank. These donations are used for treating diseases such as leukemia. If you would like to sign up to donate bone marrow, please make arrangements or ask for further information by calling 058-383-7570.

City Hall Holiday / After Hours and Services for December:

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

City Tax:

Holiday Hours:

December 17th (Saturday) 10:00 AM~5:00PM

Evening Consultations:

December 9th (Fri), 12th (Mon), 13th (Tues), 14th (Wed): 5:15 PM~8 PM (First floor of City Hall, Tax Division)

TEL: 058-383-4773

National Health Insurance Premiums:

Holiday hours: December 17th (Sat), 1 PM~5 PM

Evening hours: December 8 (Thurs), 9th (Fri), 12th (Mon), 13th (Tues) 5:15 PM~8 PM

TEL: 058-383-1112

KIA 30th Anniversary Event

This December will be the 30th anniversary of the Kakamigahara International Association. To celebrate, they've been putting together one of their best year-end events so far. This year will include astronaut Yamazaki Naoko as a special guest lecturer! The event is open to up to 400 persons, but you must be a member or guest of a current member of the KIA (or sign up!), but there is no door charge for the event. KIA membership for 1 year is 2,000 yen.

The event will be held December 10th (Sat) opening at 1 PM at the Kakamigahara Sangyou Bunka Center. For more information or to register, please call KIA at 058-389-0765, or by e-mail: kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp, or come to the Brand Souzouka on the 6th floor of the Sangyou Bunka Center. We look forward to seeing you!

30th Annual Middle School English Speech Contest

Entries are now being accepted for the Speech Contest taking place January 22, 2017 (Sunday). Interested persons must be middle school students and residents of Kakamigahara city. All speeches must be between 3-5 minutes in length, and the theme is open to the speaker's choice. Please note that the cut-off for entry is December 9th, 2016. Interested parties should contact their teachers at their respective middle school; or by contacting the KIA through the Brand Souzouka office (504-8555 Naka Sakura machi 1-69, City hall Brand Souzouka (care of Kakamigahara International Association).

Feel free to call the office with questions or to register at 058-383-1426. Take the chance to try out your English skills and good luck!

Little World Park Winter Discount for Kakamigahara Citizens

From December 10th through to January 31st 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.

December Discount Admissions for Meiji Mura Park

From December 3rd~December 18th only general admission to Meiji Mura Park will be 500 yen a head for Kakamigahara residents. You must show your Kakamigahara ID at the gate. From December 3rd until February 19th, the Park will display holiday lights after 4:30 PM.

For more information contact the park directly in Inuyama at 0568-67-0314