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This is a free monthly English newsletter for foreign residents carrying excerpts from the Japanese newsletter published by the city of Sakura. Unless otherwise indicated, inquiries over the telephone or at the city facilities are handled only in Japanese. If you do not speak Japanese, please be accompanied by someone who speaks Japanese when you make inquiries. Inquiries in English can be answered generally on Mondays and Tuesdays through Koh'hoh-ka (Public Relations Section) at the Sakura City Hall. (Printed on recycled paper.)

SAKURA MONOZUKURI FESTA 2015

10:00 to 16:00, Sat, May 16 & Sun, May 17

at Shizu Community Center
& Yuhkarigaoka Minami Kohen Park

☎ Industry Festival Executive Committee, ☎484-6145

Monozukuri means to create good products. To introduce products unique to Sakura, a lot of local products will be put on exhibition, where you can taste, see, touch and feel foods and products. Please join and make a new discovery of Sakura.

Shizu Community Center

◆Exhibition of Manufacturing in Sakura

Panels and sample products will be displayed so that you can easily have an overall view of the technology and products manufactured and used in Sakura. A new discovery of Sakura is waiting for you!

◆Exhibition of works by High School Students

Students of International cooking course & Fashion design course, Sakura Higashi Senior High School, showcase their products.

◆Workshops by Artists living in Sakura

- ✧ Eraser Stamp carving (by NAGASHIMA Mitsuru)
- ✧ Original decorative hanger (by HORII Masatoshi)
- ✧ Resin accessory making (by ASHA)

◆Giveaway: ☆Yo-yo balloons (Suzuki Latex Industry Co., Ltd.)

☆Soccer ball rice balls (Maruzen Nori Kakoh Hambai Co., Ltd.)

Shizu Community Center Parking Area

◆Display of construction, police and special service vehicles!

◆Music recitals by elementary and junior high schoolers

Sat. 16 10:30: Ohjidai elementary school choir
14:00: Ino junior high wind orchestra

Sun. 17 11:00: Wada elementary school choir
14:00: Nambu junior high wind orchestra

◆Yuru-Kyara, local mascot characters Festival

Sat. 16 13:00: Let's see Kamuro-chan and other characters!

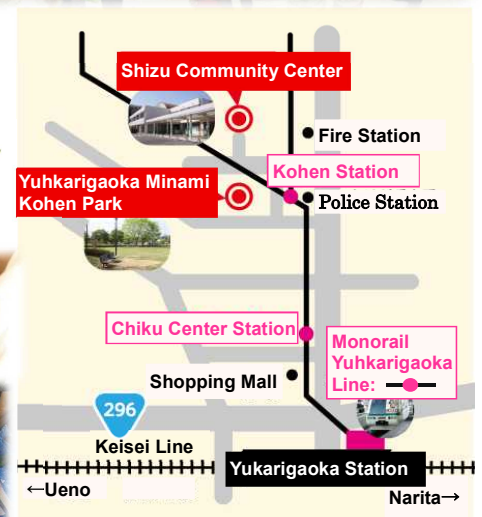
◆Corporate advertising presentation and Lotteries

Companies participating the festival offer the prizes.

Yuhkarigaoka Minami Kohen Park

◆Farmers, retailers, and service sectors' Big Market

Variety of merchandise from all over the City will gather to be exhibited and sold. Have fun and find your favorite shops!



Parking Alerts

- ▶ There is no city parking available. Please use public transportation since toll parking lots nearby will be very crowded during the festival.
- ▶ Free Ride of monorail Yuhkarigaoka line is offered during the festival. Please have a ride and fun!
- ▶ Street parking is strictly prohibited. Never park on the streets and pay due consideration for the nearby residents.



EXPERIENCE of KATCHU, SAMURAI ARMOR COSTUME

Tuesday, May 5 (Kodomo-no-Hi, National Holiday)

☎ Bunka-ka (Culture Section), 484-6192

Kodomo-no-Hi (Children's day) is a national holiday to celebrate the happiness of all children. On this day, visitors to Buke-yashiki are offered an opportunity to put on samurai armor costume, one of the traditional symbols for children's day in Japan. Ticket to Buke-yashiki is required as usual (adult/¥210, student/¥100, infant, elementary & junior high children/ free), but the costume is offered for free, being available for both adults and children who are 140cm tall or above, from

10:00 to 12:00 and 13:30 to 16:00 at Kyuh-Tajimake-juhtaku (the former residence of the Tajima samurai family). On-site applications will be accepted from 9:30 in the morning and from 13:00 in the afternoon.



DOG REGISTRATION TEMPORARY TELLER

☎ Seikatsu Kankyoh-ka (Environmental Sanitation Section), 484-6148



SCHEDULE OF MASS VACCINATION		
DATE	PLACE	TIME
5/7 (Thu)	Nishishizu Fureai Center	9:30 - 11:30
	Shimin Ongaku Hall (City Concert Hall)	13:30 - 15:30
5/9 (Sat)	Seibu Hoken Center	9:30 - 11:30
	Shizu Community Center	13:30 - 15:30
5/21 (Thu)	Shizu Community Center	9:30 - 11:30
	Kenkoh Kanri Center	13:15 - 14:30
6/2 (Tue)	Shimin Ongaku Hall (City Concert Hall)	9:30 - 11:30
	Sakura Minami Library	13:30 - 14:30
6/20 (Sat)	Seibu Hoken Center	9:30 - 10:30
	Negoh Kohminkan	11:20 - 12:00
	Entrance Hall of the City Hall	13:45 - 15:00
6/23 (Tue)	Nishishizu Fureai Center	9:30 - 11:30
	Shimin Ongaku Hall (City Concert Hall)	13:30 - 15:00
7/10 (Fri)	Shizu Community Center	10:30 - 11:30
	Shimin Ongaku Hall (City Concert Hall)	13:30 - 14:30
7/24 (Fri)	Shizu Community Center	10:30 - 11:30
	Nishishizu Fureai Center	13:30 - 15:00

Under the Rabies Prevention Law, all dog owners are required to register their dogs and have them vaccinated against rabies once every year after the dog becomes 91 days old. For owners' convenience, Sakura City sets up temporary tellers for dog registration as shown to the left. Registration fee is 3,000 yen (separate from the 3,550 yen for vaccination mandatory every year).

In addition, you are required to report any change in your dog's registration, such as changes in its owner or address. Also, when your dog died, you need to file a death notice to have the record canceled.

**Participants
Wanted!**

FARMING EXPERIENCE FOR KIDS & THEIR PARENTS

☎ Jidoh Selshohnen-ka (Children & Youth Section), 484-6190

In order to learn the importance of nature, environment and food, the city offers kids and their parents a series of farming experience at fields close to Yatomi elementary school as follows.

Day & Time: 9:00 to 11:30 of total 11 days in the period from June 7 to November 29

Fee (for the whole program of 11 days and harvests):
2,000 yen per group of kids and their parents

How to apply: Tentative reservation is accepted from May 7. (Upon tentative reservation, please obtain detailed schedule and confirm that you can participate in the whole program before making a definite reservation.)

Maximum Number of participants: Roughly 30 groups

CLAIR

MULTILINGUAL LIVING INFORMATION

CLAIR, <http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengo/>

Don't you have any questions about life in Japan? Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR)'s website has a wealth of information for the benefit of foreign residents in Japan available in 13 languages in total.

Informative topics include housing, education, health care, emergencies/disasters, and much more!



Languages: supported:

English, German, Chinese, Korean, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, Russian, and Japanese (with *furigana* phonetics).



Free Counseling on Foreign Residents' Living by SIEF

SIEF: ☎/fax 484-6326, email: info@sief.jp, website <http://www.sief.jp>

Sakura International Exchange Foundation (SIEF) offers free counseling service for foreign residents living in Sakura who have difficulties in their daily lives. Phone calls for the counseling are accepted on the following days. If a face-to-face meeting is needed, please make a reservation by the previous day.

Please feel free to call!

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 / 13:00 - 16:00

Day: Tuesday and Thursday (excluding national holiday)

Language supported: English, Spanish, and Chinese

FREE LEGAL CONSULTATIONS FOR FOREIGN RESIDENTS

13:00 to 16:00 (45 min/person), at Chiba International Center

Chiba International Center, ☎297-0245, email: kudo@cch.or.jp
http://www.mcic.or.jp/e_index.html



Consultations regarding legal problems including divorce, accident, inheritance, etc. is provided by lawyers and legal specialists for free. Interpreters are available upon 10 days prior request. For a consultation, please make a reservation in advance.

May 2015*	Jun	Jul**	Aug	Sep*	Oct	Nov*	Dec	Jan 2016**	Feb	Mar
11 (Mon)	1 (Mon)	11 (Sat)	3 (Mon)	7 (Mon)	5 (Mon)	2 (Mon)	7 (Mon)	16 (Sat)	1 (Mon)	7 (Mon)

* On dates with *mark, problems regarding immigration, visa, and business starts can be consulted additionally by specialists.

** July and January sessions are "Comprehensive Consulting" where consultation regarding pension, insurance, labor problems can be provided along with the above consultations by social and labor insurance specialists.



Rice Paddy Planting Experience
10:00-12:00, May 16, 24
(Up to 50 persons/day – Application required)

Do you know how good it feels to stand barefoot in the paddy mud? Try and enjoy planting rice seedlings with your whole family!
Fee:1,000 yen/person



Potato Digging
10:00, 14:00
Sat, Sun, & National holiday
from Mid-May to Mid-June

***Application accepted at the main building from one hour before the session**

Potato digging is one of the popular harvesting activities for kids and families. When you enjoy your day at Kusabue-no-Oka, do not miss this satisfying experience. Participation fee is 360 yen for three rootstocks.

Admission Fees

Please note that all the fees above are required separate from the admission fees below.

One-Time Ticket	Fee
Children of kindergarten age and younger	Free
Children of elementary and junior high school age	100 yen
Adults and Youth of high school age	410 yen
Adult with physical disability certificate & One carer	Free
Annual Passport*	
Children of elementary and junior high school age	500 yen
Adults and Youth of high school age	2,000 yen

*Courtesy service is offered at Read Farmers' Dining and Rose Cafe to those with annual passport.



Bird Pest Control
May 29 - June 19

☎ Nohsei-ka (the Agricultural Administration Section), 484-6142

In order to minimize the damage to crops caused by birds, bird hunting by shotguns will be conducted by Sakura Ryohyukai (Hunting Club).

Time: 8:00 - 17:00

Date: Any 8 days out of the period shown above

The closest attention will be paid so as never to harm humans and their properties. The shooting areas are farmlands and its surroundings in the whole city excluding urban areas, centering on Sakura, Negoh, Wada, and Yatomi districts. We ask for your kind understanding and corporation.

Kusabue-no-Oka Park Information

☎485-7821, Open 9:00 to 18:00
<http://www.kusabue.shiteikanri-sakura.jp>

Satsuki Sai (May Festival)
May 2 to May 6



Shuriken Sentai Ninninger Hero Show

11:00 / 14:00, May 2

Job Experience for Kids*

For time, participation fees and other details, please call the park or visit the website (Japanese only).



- ▶ **Let's be a Kusabue-no-Oka staff!**
 - ✓ Train conductor May 3
 - ✓ Animal handler May 3
 - ✓ Newspaper writer May 3
- ▶ **Let's be a firefighter!** May 4
- ▶ **Let's be a farmer!** May 5
- ▶ **Let's be a policeman!** May 6

Craft Workshops

- Ninja Shuriken (Throwing star) ¥100, May 2
- Cloisonne accessory ¥700~, May 2
- Tole Paint May 2 to May 5

Fun Activities

- Kusabue-no-Oka Quiz rally Through May Festival
- Traditional Japanese Play May 5

Presentations of

- Cheerleading (May 2), Firefighters' band (May 4), Sakura Taiko-shuh (Japanese drums, May 5), Police music band (May 6)
- ... and lots more events!

Rose Festival at the Rose Garden
Sat, May 16 to Sun, June 7



This year, Kusabue-no-Oka Rose Garden celebrates its 10th anniversary. Having been inducted into Rose Garden Hall of Fame for the first time in Asia, it continues efforts to collect, preserve and introduce precious roses. You can enjoy walking around the splendid garden of beautiful roses in 1,050 species including heritage roses (wild and old roses).

LIGHT VEHICLE TAX

Please do not fail to file every change or cancellation of your light vehicle!



☎ Shiminzei-ka (City Tax Section), 484-6114

From May 16, light vehicle tax notice will be sent to those who own *Kei-jidohsha* (Light vehicle) as of April 1. Please make sure you meet the payment deadline of May 31. Certain city taxes including light vehicle tax can be paid at City Hall, financial institutions, and convenience stores.

Please note that payment in installments is not accepted for light vehicle tax.

For tax reduction programs and other details, please carefully read the information attached to the tax notice, or call us.

POPULATION OF SAKURA CITY

As of the end of March, the population of Sakura is 177,411 (87,471 males and 89,920 females) in 74,809 households. 2,283 registered foreign residents are included in the above.

HEALTH INFORMATION



HEALTH INFORMATION FOR MOTHERS & CHILDREN				Holiday & Nighttime Emergency Medical Services	
Health Check-ups	May 2015	Center	Reception		
Children of 4 months , born in December 2014 	Fri. 29	Kenkoh KC	9:30 – 10:30	Nighttime on Sunday & Holiday 19:00 - 21:45 Dentistry & Internal Medicine at Kenkoh KC ☎239-2020	
	Tue. 19	Seibu HC	/13:30 – 14:30		
	Mon. 11	Nambu HC	13:30 – 14:30		
Children of 8 months , born in August 2014 (“Mogu-Mogu Class”)	Tue. 26	Kenkoh KC	13:30 – 13:45		
	Fri. 08	Seibu HC	9:30 – 9:45		
	Wed. 13	Kenkoh KC	13:15 – 14:15		
Wed. 20	Seibu HC				
Wed. 27	Nambu HC				
Children of 18 months , born in November 2013	Tue. 12	Kenkoh KC	13:15 – 14:15	Pediatric Emergency 365 Days at Kenkoh KC ☎485-3355 for children under age 16 Monday through Saturday: 19:00 - 5:45 (next morning) Sunday & holiday: 9:00 – 16:45 & 19:00 – 5:45 	
	Thu. 21	Seibu HC			
	Thu. 28	Nambu HC			
Dental Check for children born in May or November 2012, or in May 2013 * On the days with * mark, consultation on Speech Development is also available.	Fri. 15*	Kenkoh KC	13:15 – 14:15		To Find On-Duty Doctor Recorded audio guidance 8:30-22:00 on Sunday & Holiday ☎484-2516 ●Daytime treatment of Internal Medicine, Surgery, Dentistry ●Nighttime treatment of Surgery * Treatment is provided at each doctor’s office
	Tue. 19				
	Mon. 11*	Seibu HC			
	Mon. 18				
	Thu. 14*	Nambu HC			
Child Development Consultation for preschoolers (“Suku-Suku Hattatsu Sohdan”)	Thu. 21	Kenkoh KC	9:00 – 12:00	Health Consultation for Adults Consultation by public health nurse Thu, May 7 9:30 - 11:30 at Seibu HC *Application required	
	Mom’s and Dad’s Class for expectant parents due in Aug. or Sep. 2015	Sun. 24	Seibu HC		9:00 – 12:00

HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ADULTS

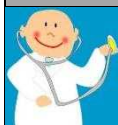
Reservation required

FREE MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION

Time	Date	Reservation accepted from	Place	Consulted by
13:50 - 16:00	Thu. May 21	May 1	Nambu HC	Psychiatrist
	Tue. June 9	May 15	Kenkoh KC	Counselor

If you are suffering from some mental disorders, e.g. having insomnia, depression, suicidal thoughts, please call for a reservation of free consultation. Reservations can be made by the previous day of the session, which is 40-minute consultation per person including 10-minute interview by public health nurse. Do not suffer alone!

OTHER INFORMATION



A NEW CLINIC OPENED IN YATOMI DISTRICT

☎ Eijukai Yatomi Asakura Clinic, 481-5131

On April 9, 2015, a new clinic for internal medicine “Yatomi Asakura Clinic” opened in the special nursing home “Yatomi Asakura.” The clinic is open for everyone inside and outside the nursing home and expected to offer an easy access to medical service in the district.

SPECIFIC HEALTH CHECKUP FOR FAMILY MEMBERS OF KYOHKAI KEMPO

☎ Kyohkai Kempo, 308-0525

Kyohkai Kempo (Japan health insurance association) covers a large part of the cost for specific health checkups of the insured’s family members. Please do not miss this once-a-year opportunity! Checkup slips will be sent to the insured’s address directly.

Kenkoh Kanri Center

☎ 485-6711



Seibu Hoken Center

☎ 463-4181



Nambu Hoken Center

☎ 483-2812

