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The schedule of events might be changed.
Please re-check the schedule before you
attend any events.

Announcements & Services

Tea Meeting with the Mayor
Meet and chat with the Mayor,
exchange ideas over a cup of tea.

Eligibility: Group of people (5 to 10 people in a group) over elementary school age. Applicants should live, work or go to school in Yokohama. Elementary school and junior high school children should be accompanied by adults.

Limit: One group per day
*Chosen by lottery.

Date&Time: Apr.24 (Tue), May22 (Tue), and Jun.25 (Mon);
14:00-15:00

Location: Mayor's office, City Hall (walk from South exit of JR Kannai Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Send SP, Fax, or e-mail to be received by Feb.21 (Tue), and write E,A,N,T,F, e-mail address, name of your group, name of each member in your group, also the topic you would like to talk about in about 50 Japanese letters. Send it to 〒231-0017 Naka-ku Minato-cho 1-1, Shimin-kyoku Kocho Sodan-Ka.

Application and Inquiries:
(045) 671-2333 (J) Fax (045) 212-0911 Email:

kouchou3@city.yokohama.jp

Check the website for more details.
http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/s_himin/kochosodan/kocho/tea/bos_yu/

National Pension Plan Premium. Payment by Account Transfer or by Credit card is Convenient For account transfer of National Pension Plan Premium, application procedures can be done at financial facilities or at Japan Pension Service Offices with no handling fee. You can designate an account other than your own such as your family member's, and there will also be some discount system. Apply by Feb.24 (Fri). You can also pay the

Premium by credit card. For more information, ask the Japan Pension Service Office of your area or the Health and Social Welfare Bureau, Health Insurance and Pension Division.

Inquiries: (045) 671-2418 (*J)

Events & Activities

Employment Fair for Single Mothers

There will be job consultation, recruitment information and a useful seminar on job-hunting for single mothers. The fair will be conducted in Japanese. Please bring your CV.

Date&Time: Mar.1 (Thu), 10:00-15:00

Location: Yokohama-shi Shakai Fukushi Center (walk from Sakuragicho Stn)

Fee: Free

Eligibility: Mothers of single-mother households

Limit: 50 people *First come, first served.

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 227-6337 (*J)

The 6th Yokohama Yamate Art Festival

Facilities in the Yamate Area, and people in the community are holding an art festival together with the Western-style houses of the area. Come and enjoy!

Date: Jan.29 (Sun)-Mar.4 (Sun),

Location: 6 Yamate Western-style Houses and facilities around them (walk from Motomachi Chukagai Stn on Minatomirai Line/ JR Ishikawacho Stn)

Fee: Free *Some events have charges.

To Apply: Please go directly to the site. *Some events need to be booked ahead of time.

Inquiries: (045) 623-2957 (*J)
<http://www2.yamate-seiyokan.org/>

The 24th Spring Break Family Movie Show

The animated film "Hokkyok no Muusica Mieseca" will be shown during spring break. This event is for parent & child.

Limit: 1,000 people *Chosen by lottery.

Eligibility: Elementary school children and under who live or go to school in Yokohama and their guardians

Date&Time: Mar.27 (Tue), 10:00-12:00

Location: Kannai Hall (5 min walk from North Exit of JR Kannai Stn)

Fee: Free

To Apply: RPP (E,A,N, and the number of participants (up to 4 persons including guardian per entry) to 〒231-0031 Naka-ku, Bandai-cho 1-1, Kyoiku Bunka Center 7F, Shido Kikakuka Yokohama-shi Shichokaku Center *Entries must be postmarked by Feb. 29.

Inquiries: (045) 671-3734 (*J)

Nojima Beach Clean-up

Let's clean up Nojima Beach together!

Date&Time: Feb.25 (Sat), 12:30-14:30 *Cancelled in case of inclement weather.

Location: Nojima Beach (Nojima Park) (a walk from Nojima Koen on the Seaside line)

Fee: Free

To Apply: By phone, Fax, or email by Feb.22 (Wed) (E, N (of representative), T and the

Key

RPP ():

Send a **Reply-Paid Postcard** (purchased for ¥100 at post offices) with the information listed in parenthesis on the sending half, and your name and address on the return half.

SP ():

Send a **Standard Postcard** (purchased for ¥50 at post offices) with the information listed in parenthesis.

E: Event name; **A:** Your Address; **N:** Your Name; **T:** Tel; **G:** Age; **X:** Sex
(*J): In Japanese only

number of participants) *3rd grader of elementary school and younger must be accompanied by a guardian.

Application & Inquiries: (045) 782-9169 (*J) Fax (045) 701-9599 Email: nojima@yokohama-youth.jp

Participants Wanted for Kids Dance Show
Disney's Live Performance!
Mickey's music party! At the shows, "Kids Dance Show" will be held. Sing and Dance with Mickey on stage!

Date&Time: Apr.7 (Sat) and Apr.8 (Sun); 10:00-/
13:00-/16:00- 3 shows/day and the total of 6 shows

Limit: 3 teams/ shows *Chosen by screening.

Fee: Free

Location: Kanagawa Kenmin Hall, Main Hall (a walk from Nihon Odori stn on Minatomirai Line)

To Apply: Check the website for the details.

<http://www.ctv.co.jp/disneylive/kidsdance/index.html>

Hina Dolls Display at Yokohama Doll Museum

Girl's day is on Mar.3.

An annual event of Hina Dolls display starts on the first day of spring.

Come see the beauty of the dolls.

Date&Time: Feb.4 (Sat)-Mar.25 (Sun); 9:30-16:30

Location: Yokohama Doll Museum (3 min walk from NO.4 exit, Motomachi Chukagai Stn)

Fee: ¥300 for Adult, ¥150 for Elem. and Jr. H.S. student

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 671-9361 (*J)



St. Valentine's Day Events at the Zoo

①Nogeyama Zoo

You have a chance to see the zookeepers give a special Valentine's meal to the animals.

There also will be a special guided tour by the zookeepers.

Date&Time: Feb.11 (Sat); 13:30- and 15:30-

Feb.12 (Sun); 13:30-, 14:30-, and 16:00- *Cancelled in case of inclement weather.

Location: Nogeyama Zoo (10 min walk from Hinode cho Stn on Keikyu Line)

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 231-1307 (*J) <http://www.nogeyama-zoo.org/>

②Kanazawa Zoo

You can feed certain Valentine's Day snacks to some animals.

To feed goats and sheep:

Feb.11 (Sat) and Feb.12 (Sun); 11:00-/13:30- at Honobono Hiroba, First 30 people each time

To feed the elephants: Feb.12 (Sun), 14:00- at the elephant house, First 100 people

Place: Kanazawa Zoo (bus from Kanazawa Bunko Stn on Keikyu Line to "Natsuyama Sakae" stop and 6 min walk from the bus stop/buses are available from Kanazawa Bunko Stn to Kanazawa Zoo on the weekend and holidays)

Fee: Event is free. Admission fee is ¥500 for adult

To Apply: Please go directly to the location.

Inquiries: (045) 783-9101 (*J) <http://www.kanazawa-zoo.org/>

Tai Chi Classes for Beginners

Begin to learn this Chinese traditional exercise, become healthy, and make new friends!

Date&Time: Thursdays between Apr.5 to Jun.14 (10 classes in total); 10:30-11:45

Fee: ¥4,000

Eligibility: Beginners of Tai Chi who live, work, or go to school in Yokohama

Limit: 50 people *Chosen by lottery.

Location: Yoshino-cho Shimin Plaza (3 min walk from Yoshino-cho Stn on the Municipal Subway)

Application Period: Feb.13 to Mar.9

To Apply: RPP (E,A,N,T,F,G) to: 〒231-0015 Naka-ku Onoe-cho 6-81 Nissei Onoe-cho Bldg.2F Yokohama-shi Recreation Kyokai *Entries must be received by Mar.9.

Inquiries: (045) 671-5049 (*J)

Learn About the Solar System

This is a science workshop for children. Using energy from the sun, you will make a model of the solar system, and learn about space and planets.

Date&Time: Mar.27 (Tue) *Three workshops on one day: ①10:00 to 12:00 ②12:30 to 14:30 ③15:00 to 17:00

Eligibility: Elementary school children, grades 4 to 6

Limit: 60 people in total, 20 people per workshop

Fee: Free

Location: Hamagin Kodomo Uchu Kagakukan (Hamagin Space Science Center) (3 min walk from JR Yokodai Stn)

To Apply: RPP(E,A,N,T,Grade, and the time you wish to participate) *You can apply for up

to two persons on one postcard. Send it to: 〒235-0045 Isogo-ku Yokodai 5-2-1 Hamagin Kodomo Uchu Kagakukan Hamagin Kids Science D Kakari *Entries must be received by Mar.9.

Inquiries: (045) 832-1166 (*J)

St. Patrick's Day Parade in Motomachi

This exciting event is coming back this year! Come along to Motomachi, dress up in green and join in the fun!

Date: Mar.17 (Sat)

Location: Motomachi Shopping Street (near Motomachi/Chukagai Stn on the Minatomirai Line or JR Ishikawacho Stn)

Schedule of the Day:

12:00 Face Painting at Motomachi Plaza

13:00 Opening Ceremony

14:00 Parade Starts

15:30 Open Air Ceili (Irish Dance Party)

URL:

<http://www.inj-yokohama.com>

Plum Viewing Events

①Sankeien, Outer Garden

Come view the beautiful red and brilliant white plum blossoms!

Date&Time: Feb.11 (Sat) to Mar.4 (Sun), 9:00-16:30

Location: Sankeien (Take a bus from Negishi Stn on the JR Negishi Line)

Fee: ¥500 (Admission to Sankeien)

Inquiries: (045) 621-0635 (*J)

②Okurayama Park Plum Viewing

During the plum blossom viewing event, there are services such as open air tea ceremony, classical Japanese dance performance, music performance, a sale of plants and other stalls.

Date&Time: Feb.18 (Sat) and Feb.19 (Sun), 10:00-16:00

Location: Okurayama Koen (7 min walk from Okurayama Stn on the Tokyu Toyoko Line)

Inquiries:

(045) 540-2234 (*J)

③Kodomonokuni Plum Festival

Enjoy the awesome view of 650 plum trees! There will be food stalls, service of warmed milk, plum pinwheel making, Japanese traditional street performance, playing with top, and with other Japanese traditional games.

Date&Time: Saturdays and Sundays between Feb.18 (Sat) and Mar.4 (Sun), 13:00-15:00

Fee: ¥600 for adults, ¥200 for Elem. and Jr. H.S. student, ¥100 for children over 3 yrs old.

Location: Kodomonokuni (2 min walk from Kodomonokuni Stn on the Tokyu Kodomonokuni Line)

Inquiries: (045) 961-2111 (*J)



Outdoor Ice Skating Spots

①Akarenga Art Rink

Term: Until Feb.26 (Sun)

Time: 13:00-22:00 on weekdays,
11:00-22:00 on weekends and
holidays

Fee: ¥500 for adults, ¥400 for
Elem. and Jr. H.S. student, ¥300
for children over 3 yrs old. Rental
skates fee is ¥500.

Location: Yokohama Red Brick
Warehouse (6 min walk from
either Bashamichi or Nihon Odori
Stn on the Minatomirai Line)

Inquiries: (045) 211-1515 (*J)

②Kodomonokuni Ice Skating Rink

Term: Until
Feb.26 (Sun)

Time:
10:00-16:00

Fee: *Fee

includes admission to

Kodomonokuni and rental skates;
¥1,300 for adults, ¥700 for
elementary and middle school
children, and ¥600 for children
over 3 yrs old.

Location: Kodomonokuni

Inquiries: (045) 961-2111 (*J)



Photography Exhibitions

①Bashamichi Photo Contest

This photography contest has
been held ever since 1981.

Award winning photos in the past
30 years are being displayed in
the store windows in Kannai,
Bashamichi, Isezakicho areas

Dates: Feb.1 (Wed) to Feb.15
(Wed)

Location: Bashamichi Shopping
Street (Bashamichi Stn on
Minatomirai Line or JR Kannai Stn)

Inquiries: (045) 641-4068 (*J)

②2011 Press Photography Exhibition

Look back on 2011 through
pictures taken by photojournalists.
300 photos of the news which
happened in Japan during 2011
are being displayed.

Date&Time: Jan.14 (Sat) to
Apr.15 (Sun), 10:00-17:00 (entry
by 16:30)

Fee: ¥500 for adults, ¥300 for
high school students, free for
younger than J.H. school.

Location: The Japan Newspaper
Museum (connected to Nihon
Odori Stn on Minatomirai Line)

Inquires: (045) 661-2040 (*J)

Events at Konan

International Lounge

①Healthy Cooking with

Kanten (agar-agar)

Kanten is a gelatinous substance
made of *tengusa* seaweed. It can
be used as a substitute for gelatin.

In this cooking lesson, you will
learn to make; risotto, terrine,
noodle salad, smooth milk jello
with mushroom sauce, and
others.

Date&Time: Mar.6 (Tue),
10:00-14:00

Fee: ¥800 (*Please note that you
still have to pay this fee if you
cancel on the day of the class.)

Limit: 35 people, *First come,
first served.

Location: Yumeooka Office Tower
10F, Willing Cooking Room
(Kamiooka Stn on the
Keikyu/Municipal Subway)

To Apply: From Feb.11 (Sat),
please telephone or come to the
lounge to apply.

Things to Bring: Your apron and
a washcloth

②13th Konan International Lounge Festival

Join us in this special event full of
international communication!

On stage, there will be a Japanese
speech contest by Japanese
language learners, singing and
folk dancing, and brass band
performance. You may also
enjoy different kinds of tea from
around the world!

Date&Time: Feb.26 (Sun),
10:30-15:30

Location: Konan Kumin Bunka
Center, Himawari no Sato (3 min
walk from Kamiooka Stn on
Keikyu/Municipal Subway)

Inquiries for ①&②: (045)
848-0990

Aoba International Lounge

①Hinamatsuri Gathering

Mar.3 is *Hinamatsuri*, girl's day. It
is a good chance for you and your
children to celebrate, play with
other children and to exchange
information on child-rearing.

Date&Time: Mar.1 (Thu),
10:00-12:00

Eligibility: Under school-age
children and their guardians

Limit: 20 groups *First come,
first served.

Fee: Free

To Apply: By phone starting on
Feb.11 (Sat)

②Morning Coffee

A great opportunity to meet
people over a cup of coffee.

Date&Time: Mar.4 (Sun),
10:30-12:00

Fee: Free

To Apply: Please go directly to
the location.

Location: Aoba International
Lounge (1 min walk from Tana Stn
on the Tokyu Den-en toshi Line)

Inquiries: (045) 989-5266

e-mail :

aobaloungeintl89h1@t07.itscom.net

Announcements from
Hodogaya International
Exchange Center

①Children's study Meet-up

Let's study together with teachers
and volunteers

Eligibility: Elementary and Jr.
high school students of foreign
nationalities.

Date&Time: Feb.18, 25 and
Mar.3 (Sat); 10:00-12:00

Fee: Free

②International Mothers' Gathering

Eligibility: Foreign mothers

Date&Time: Feb.7 and 21 (Tue);
10:30-11:30

Fee: Free

③Hello Gathering

Eligibility: Foreigners and
Japanese

Date&Time: Feb.18 (Sat),
15:00-16:30

Fee: Free

Location: Hodogaya
International Exchange Center,
Iwama Shimin Plaza (3 min walk
from Tenno-cho Stn on the
Sotetsu Line)

Inquiries: (045) 337-0012

E-mail: toiawase@hodogaya-kokusai.com

<http://www.hodogaya-kokusai.com>

Earthquake Disaster Information Center

Based on an agreement with the
City of Yokohama, YOKE has set
up an Earthquake Disaster
Information Center for foreigners,
which supports foreign residents
by providing multilingual
information on assistance for the
quake victims, information on
food and health safety due to the
radioactivity from the Fukushima
Nuclear Plant explosion, and so on.

*The schedule listed below may
be subject to change without
advance notice.

Monday through Friday

10:00-16:30 (lunch break from
11:30-12:30) *English, Spanish,
Chinese

Second Saturdays

10:00-12:30 *Chinese and
Spanish

Fourth Saturdays

10:00-12:30 *English and
Spanish

The Information Center is closed
on Sundays and holidays.

Information Center Number:
(045) 222-1209

E-Mail: info.corner@yoke.or.jp

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