

ICIEF Board

*The Monthly
 Living Guide
 for the Itabashi
 International
 Community*



Japanese Speech Festival: Come listen and chat!

Foreign people studying Japanese will speak about things they felt living in Japan, surprises related to cultural differences and such. Take this chance to hear how foreigners think. Please stay for a social mixer after the speeches, to chat with the speakers and other participants.

Time: Sunday, February 24, 1:00-4:00PM

Speeches..... 1:00PM~

Social Time.... 3:00PM~

Place: Itabashi Green Hall 2F (Sakae-cho 36-1)

Admission: Free (no charge, no ticket needed!)

Other: Childcare available (Please call by Feb 20)

Contact: ICIEF International Exchange Section 03-3579-2015



Disaster Survival Seminar by Itabashi City

We know that Japan is susceptible to many natural disasters, earthquakes, floods, fires, typhoons.... We don't know when a disaster may strike, but we can prepare for them. To protect yourself and your family, you need to know what may happen and what to do in an emergency!

The Foundation has planned a seminar for non-Japanese people in Itabashi. An expert will teach you about fires, floods, earthquakes and the like, as well as emergency shelters, emergency supplies to keep at home, and what to put in an emergency kit to take with you if you must evacuate your home or workplace. And we will visit the Ikebukuro Life Safety Learning Center for hands-on learning. Sign up and bring your family or a friend, too. It's free, but space is limited - contact us right away! Translation provided.

Part A: Seminar (Preparing, Emergency Shelters, Disaster Information, etc.)

Part B: Hands On Learning (Earthquake Room, Fire Extinguisher, etc.)

Time: Sat, March 9, 1:30-5:00PM

For: Non-Japanese living, working or studying in Itabashi

Space: 30 (by lottery) **Cost:** Free

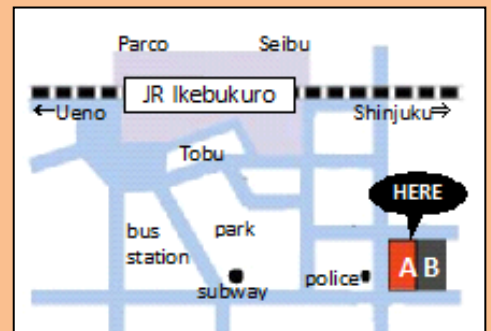
Place: Ikebukuro (5 min from Ikebukuro Station, see Map→)

Part A: Kinro Fukushi Kaikan (Nishi Ikebukuro 2-37-4)

Part B: Life Safety Learning Center "Bosaikan" (Nishi Ikebukuro 2-37-8)

Sign Up: By Fri, Feb 22, via telephone, email, fax or postcard, submit the following: ① "Disaster Seminar Application", ② Name, ③ Address, ④ Age, ⑤ Daytime telephone, plus email or fax, ⑥ School or Workplace in Itabashi, ⑦ (If translation needed) Preferred language.

Contact: ICIEF International Exchange Section, TEL 03-3579-2015, FAX 03-3579-2166, kkouryu@city.itabashi.tokyo.jp Itabashi 2-66-1, Itabashi-ku, Tokyo 173-8501



Paying Resident Taxes

In Japan, from mid-February to March 15 is tax season. Your taxes support everything from welfare programs to education to disaster prevention. Even if you had no earned income, your tax return is used for calculating health insurance premiums and non-taxed certificates, so it's important to submit a tax return.

☆Who needs to file?

Everyone with home address registered in Itabashi City as of January 1, unless one of the following applies to you:

- ✓ You submit an income tax return; or
- ✓ You had only salary income last year, and resident tax is deducted by your employer; or
- ✓ You plan to leave the country within less than one year after entering.



☆If you had no income last year

Just fill in that area on the back of the return form and submit it.

☆What you need to submit a return

Return form; personal seal; breakdown of income and expenses; (for salary earners) certificate of tax withheld or pay statement; certificates for payments of life insurance, personal pension contributions, earthquake insurance, National Health insurance, National Pension premiums and other social insurance; (to apply for medical expense deduction) receipts for medical services in 2012; (for non-citizens) passport.

☆Where to submit your return, window hours

Special Tax Return Reception Area, Itabashi City Hall 2F
February 18 to March 15, 2013
8:30AM-5:00PM (Mon-Fri)

☆Submission by mail

Mark the appropriate box and submit all materials in a return envelope.

Itabashi Historical Museum: Special Exhibit of Local History

The Itabashi area is roughly comprised of the early modern Shimo Itabashi, Kanai Kubo, Nakamaru villages. In 1889 (Meiji 22) these villages combined with the Ikebukuro enclave, Kami Itabashi enclave and part of the Takinogawa village to form the town of Itabashi. With the creation of Itabashi ward in 1932 (Showa 7), it was organized into 10 districts, 1-chome to 10-chome.

This exhibit focuses on of Itabashi's many changes from ancient times to the establishment of Itabashi Ward (*ku*) in 1932.

Term: Sat, February 9 to Sun, March 24

* Closed Mondays (open Monday holidays, closed following day)

Hours: 9:30AM-5:00PM

Admission: Free

Location: Itabashi City Historical Museum 2F (Akatsuka 5-35-25)

TEL 03-5998-0081



Event

Itabashi Local Traditional Performing Arts

Itabashi has many local traditional arts which are designated by the nation or the city and carefully maintained by preservation groups. Five of these will be presented at a special event, including a special guest group from Kawagoe City.

Time: Sunday, February 24, 1:00PM (doors open 12:30)

Place: Narimasu Act Hall (Narimasu 3-11-3-405)

Access: Tobu Tojo line, Narimasu station (1 min from North exit)

Performers: Akatsuka Suwa Shrine Ta-asobi Preservation Society, Tokumaru Yotsutake Odori Preservation Society, Tokumaru Kitano Shrine Shishimai Preservation Society, Kanda Style Shinmei Song Preservation Society, Sagami Style Hagiwara Masayoshi fellows, Minami Tajima Singers Ashiodori Preservation Society (special guests)

Cost: Free

Space: 470 (first-come, first served)

Sign Up: None

Contact: Lifelong Learning Section (Cultural Properties) TEL 03-3579-2636



Admin

Seeking: Itabashi e-Monitors

In order to improve City policy and operations, Itabashi City is seeking residents to give their reactions and feelings. Feedback will be collected via internet, so you can do it whenever is convenient for you. Please apply!

Task: Complete various surveys (around 3 per year)

Qualifications: Meet all the following criteria: * 20 years or older as of April 1, 2013; * Living, working or studying in Itabashi; * Able to view websites on a computer and use email (all in Japanese); and * Not an employee of Tokyo or other local government in Tokyo.

Space: 200 (if applicants exceed 200, selection based on a balance of geographic area, age, etc. Results to be announced in March.)

Term: From May 2013 to March 2015

Sign Up: By Thurs, February 28, submit an application form (found at Public Relations Section or Regional Centers, or the City website) to the office below.

** This position is not paid. All costs are participant's responsibility.

Contact: Public Relations Section ((PR/My Handy Book Group), TEL 03-3579-2024

Event

International Salon : Friendship Club Nakama

Meeting new people and making more friends is always a good thing! The International Salon is a place where volunteers bring Japanese and non-Japanese together. From children to adults, anyone can join in, so please drop in.

When: Saturday, March 2, 2:30 to 4:30 pm **Where:** Green Hall, Room 504 (Sakae-cho 36-1) ※5-min walk from Mita Line *Itabashi Kuyakusho-mae* or Tobu Tojo Line *Oyama* Station

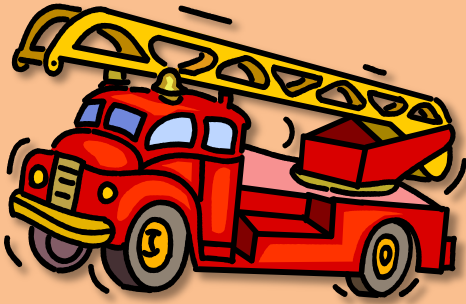
Fee: 200 yen (includes refreshments) **To Apply:** Walk in

Contact: ICIEF International Exchange Section TEL 03-3579-2015
See the Friendship Club *Nakama* website:

www.geocities.jp/itabashifriendshipclub/



Citywide Disaster Emergency Training



On Sunday, March 10, Disaster Emergency Training will be held at 17 locations around the City. This is training for disaster response, simulating an intensity 6-Upper earthquake in Tokyo, where some homes in Itabashi are destroyed and fire breaks out.

Daily preparations are vital in an emergency. Taking part in the citywide Disaster Emergency Training will help you to be prepared for a sudden emergency, make rational decisions and respond calmly.

The day of the training may be cold, so please take care -- don't overtax yourself!

Date: Sunday, March 10 (Times below)

Locations:

Area	Site	Time
Itabashi	Higashi Itabashi Park, Little League baseball field (Itabashi 3-50-1)	9:15~11:45
Kumano	Itabashi 5th Elementary School (Nakamaru-cho 19-1)	10:15~11:30
Nakajuku	Kaga Junior High School (Kaga 2-19-1)	9:20~11:45
Nakacho	Itabashi 2nd Junior High School (Saiwai-cho 26-1)	9:20~10:55
Fujimi	Itabashi Friend Center (Fujimi-cho 3-1)	9:30~10:45
Oyaguchi	Oyaguchi Elementary School (Oyaguchi Kita-cho 21-1)	8:55~10:45
Tokiwadai	Peace Park (Tokiwadai 4-3)	9:50~11:30
Shimizu	Shimura 1st Elementary School (Izumi-cho 17-1)	9:30~11:25
Shimura Sakaue	Azusawa Park, Baseball field (Azusawa 3-8)	9:30~11:10
Nakadai	Wakagi Elementary School (Wakagi 1-14-1)	8:50~10:30
	Shimura 5th Elementary School (Nishidai 3-38-23)	8:50~10:30
Hasune	Shimura 6th Elementary School (Sakashita 2-18-1)	9:00~11:15
Funado	Funado Elementary School (Funado 3-6-15)	9:35~11:00
Maeno	Maeno Elementary School (Maeno-cho 6-40)	9:00~11:00
Sakuragawa	Sakuragawa Elementary School (Toshin-cho 2-29-1)	9:00~11:10
Narimasu	Narimasugaoka Elementary School (Narimasu 3-17-7)	9:30~10:55
Tokumaru	Akatsuka 1st Elementary School (Tokumaru 4-13-1)	9:35~11:35
Takashimadaira	Tokumarugahara Park, Baseball field (Takashimadaira 8-24)	9:30~11:20

Agenda:

- ✓ Where to take shelter from danger in or around your home
- ✓ Setting up an Emergency Shelter to receive evacuees
- ✓ First-line fire fighting to prevent greater damage
- ✓ Rescue and help for people trapped inside damaged buildings
- ✓ First aid and care for injured people
- ✓ Other items as appropriate to each area



Contact: Disaster Prevention Measures Section (Disaster Support Group) TEL 03-3579-2152