

ICIEF Board

The Monthly
 Living Guide
 for the Itabashi
 International
 Community



Japanese Lessons for Beginners - Now Recruiting Students!

ICIEF conducts beginning Japanese classes for City residents who are new to Japan and/or cannot speak Japanese. If you or someone you know wants to begin learning Japanese, please contact ICIEF.

| Course | Time |
|--------|---|
| A | Mon/Thu course 10:00~12:00 |
| | April 6 (Mon)~Sept 17 (Thu), weekly, Mon/Thu |
| B | Tues/Fri course 18:30~20:30 |
| | April 7 (Tues)~Sept 15 (Tues), weekly, Tues/Fri |
| C | Wed/Sat course 10:00~12:00 |
| | April 8 (Wed)~Sept 19 (Sat), weekly, Wed/Thu |

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Place: Green Hall meeting rooms **Capacity:** 20 people per course (first come, first served basis)

Fee: ¥4,800 ※Plus separate textbook charge

To apply: Send the following information via E-mail, fax or postcard, to the address below: ①” Beginning Japanese Language Class” Application (「初級日本語教室申込」), ②Preferred course (A, B or C from the table above), ③ Address, ④Name (*furigana*), ⑤Gender, ⑥Telephone number, ⑦Nationality

Contact: ICIEF International Exchange Section (〒173-8501 inside Itabashi City Hall)

☎03-3579-2015 / FAX 03-3579-2166 / E-mail: kkouryu@city.itabashi.tokyo.jp

Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Experienced lawyers will give expert advice on issues that often affect foreign residents, such as visas/immigration, refugee status, divorce, inheritance, labor, etc. Private consultation available; appointment only; interpreting available.

Date: March 19 (Thu), 2015 13:00~16:00

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

Fee: FREE ※Consultation is limited to approx. 30 minutes per person.

To apply: Apply by email by 3 (three) days before the event.

E-mail: kb-bk-kanri@city.itabashi.tokyo.jp ※Emails are accepted in Japanese, Chinese or English.

※If you require interpreting, please request it at the time of booking.

Contact: ICIEF, International Exchange Subsection ☎03-3579-2015



International Salon: Friendship Club Nakama

The International Salon is a place where foreign people and Japanese people can meet and interact freely over a cup of tea held once a month by volunteers. We look forward to seeing you!

Date: 3/21, 4/11 (Sat) 14:30~16:30 **Place:** Green Hall, Meeting Room 601 (Sakae-cho 36-1, Itabashi)

Fee: ¥200 (includes refreshments) No booking necessary, just turn up on the day!

Contact: ICIEF International Exchange Section ☎03-3579-2015

<http://www.geocities.jp/itabashifriendshipclub/index.html>

<https://www.facebook.com/itabashifriendshipclubnakama>



City Hall Counter Relocations due to North Building Renovations

With the completion of North Building renovations, counters on the relevant floors will be relocated. Dates for the closing of old counters and the opening of counters at the new locations are as shown below. Use of the South Building car and bicycle parks is scheduled to start from April 2015. Until then, visitors should continue to use the temporary visitor car and bicycle parks.

| No. | Name of Department | Current Location | Old Counter Closes (5:00PM) | New Location | New Counter Opens (8:30AM) |
|-----|---|------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| 1 | Regional Promotion Section | S BLDG 2F | March 6 (Fri), 2015 | N BLDG 8F | March 9 (Mon), 2015 |
| 2 | Sports Promotion Section | | | | |
| 3 | Culture & International Exchange Section | S BLDG 5F | | N BLDG 7F | |
| 4 | Contracts, Property & Management Section | | | | |
| 5 | Environmental Preservation Section | | | | |
| 6 | Environmental Strategy Section | | | | |
| 7 | Sanitation & Recycling Section | | | | |
| 8 | Welfare Division Administration Section | MS BLDG 3F | | N BLDG 8F | |
| 9 | Environmental Strategy Section | Ecopolis Center | | N BLDG 7F | |
| 10 | Administration Section Public Works Division | MS BLDG 4F | March 13 (Fri), 2015 | S BLDG 5F | March 16 (Mon), 2015 |
| 11 | Parks & Greenery Section | | | | |
| 12 | Traffic Safety Section | MS BLDG 5F | | | |
| 13 | Planning Section | | | | |
| 14 | Construction Section | | | | |
| 15 | Building & Repairs Section | Green Hall 7F | March 20 (Fri), 2015 | N BLDG 8F | March 23 (Mon), 2015 |
| 16 | Education Consultation Center (Hasune) | — | March 27 (Fri) | S BLDG 6F | April 1 (Wed), 2015 |

Contact: South Building Renovations Adjustment Group, Government Building Management & Construction Section

☎03-3579-2125

【KEY】 S BLDG: South Building, N BLDG: North Building, MS BLDG: MS Building

Restaurant and Kiosk to Open in Itabashi City Hall South Building

The new restaurant and kiosk will operate under reduced opening hours during March, with the grand opening scheduled for April 1 (Wed)! Stop by for a bite to eat or a spot of shopping on your next visit to City Hall!

【Opening Hours】

1 Pre-opening (March 9~29) ※The restaurant and kiosk open on different days.

(1) Restaurant: March 23 (Mon)~pre-open

Weekdays 11:30~14:30 ※Private reservations only weekdays after 5:30pm and weekends/national holidays.

(2) Kiosk: March 9 (Mon)~pre-open

Weekdays 11:30~14:30 ※No service on weekends or national holidays.

2 Grand opening (April 1~)

(1) Restaurant: Weekdays 11:30~19:00 (weekends and national holidays 11:30~14:30)

(2) Kiosk: Weekdays 8:00~21:00 (weekends and national holidays 8:00~17:00)

Contact: South Building Renovations Adjustment Group, Government Building Management & Construction Section

☎03-3579-2125

City Hall Counters Weekend Service (March, April)

A limited weekend counter service will be offered during peak periods (March, April) in order to ease congestion and improve residents' services.

Opening Days: March 29 (Sun) and April 5 (Sun) **Time:** 9:00~17:00

Applicable Counters: Itabashi City Hall main building (Family Registration Section, Tax Payment Section, NHI & Pension Section, Child Subsidies & Medical Care Subsection Children Policy Section), Akatsuka Branch Office, City Residents' Offices (Tokiwadai, Shimo-akatsuka, Takashimadaira) ※Please inquire for exact details of services offered.

Contact: General Counter Preparation Group, Government Building Management & Construction Section, Facilities Management Division ☎03-3579-2078

3/29(日) 4/5(日)

Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festivals)

Cherry blossom festivals will be held at nine locations in Itabashi this year. Enjoy a fun time with your family under the fully blooming cherry blossom trees this spring.

○March 29 (Sun)

| Area/Contact | | Time/Place |
|--------------|---------------|--|
| Itabashi | ☎03-3963-5049 | 11:00~15:00 Itabashi 5 th Junior High School, school grounds ☆Cancelled in case of rain |
| Naka-cho | ☎03-3958-1101 | 9:20~14:00 Former Ohyama Elementary School, school grounds; Itabashi Traffic Park ☆Cancelled in case of rain |
| Hasune | ☎03-3969-5723 | 10:30~15:00 Johoku Park, baseball ground ☆Held in Hasune Regional Center in case of rain |
| Funado | ☎03-3558-4193 | 10:00~15:30 Ukima Park ☆Cancelled or down-sized in case of rain |

○April 4 (Sat)

| Area/Contact | | Time/Place |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| Sakuragawa | ☎03-3974-3180 | 10:00~14:00 Sakuragawa Elementary School, school grounds ☆Held on following day (April 5, Sun) in case of rain |

○April 5 (Sun)

| Area/Contact | | Time/Place |
|----------------|---------------|--|
| Tokiwadai | ☎03-3559-6560 | 10:00~15:00 Peace Park ☆Cancelled in case of rain |
| Shimura-sakaue | ☎03-3969-7577 | 10:00~15:00 Azusawa Park, baseball ground ☆Cancelled in case of rain |
| Maeno | ☎03-3969-0307 | 11:00~15:00 Maeno Park ☆Cancelled or down-sized in case of rain |
| Tokumaru | ☎03-3932-5370 | 11:00~15:00 Nishitoku 1 st Park ☆Cancelled in case of rain |

※Please direct any inquiries to the relevant Regional Center in each area.

Itabashi Peace Manifesto Commemorative Exhibit

Itabashi City adopted its Peace Manifesto on January 1, 1985, expressing a desire for lasting world peace. Since then, the City has undertaken various projects in order to make the declaration a fruitful endeavor. The exhibit will display 30 selected outstanding pictures and posters on the theme of "war and peace" by elementary and junior high school students, plus materials related to the Great Tokyo Air Raids. Use the exhibit as an opportunity to consider the meaning of "peace".

Date: March 5 (Thu)~11 (Wed) 11:00~22:00 (7 days including weekends)

Place: Aeon Itabashi Shopping Center 5F, Special Event Space

Contact: Itabashi Peace Manifesto Commemorative Project Commission Office
(General Affairs Subsection, General Affairs Section) ☎03-3579-2052

Hot Spring Discount Coupons

Many hot springs offer special discounts for people enrolled in the National Health Insurance or over 75 medical insurance systems and their families, because of the health benefits.

| | Facility Name | Contract Price | (Standard Price) | Address | Telephone |
|---|---|----------------|---------------------|---|--------------|
| ① | Spadio Natural Hot Spring ※Closed every 2nd Thu (except Feb and Aug) | ¥1,780 | (¥2,200) | Miyamoto-cho 49-4, Itabashi | 03-3967-1126 |
| ② | Tokyo Somei Hot Spring Sakura | ¥1,080 | (¥1,296) | Komagome 5-4-24, Toshima | 03-5907-5566 |
| ③ | Times Spa Resta | ¥2,160 | (¥2,600) | Times Station Ikebukuro, (Reception 11F), Higashi Ikebukuro 4-25-9, Toshima | 05979-8924 |
| | Stay Pack (21:00~9:00) ※Sun-Thu and holidays only | ¥3,900 | (¥4,800 ~¥5,125) | | |

※①, ②Price for junior high school and over. Contact the facility for price for elementary school and under.

※②Weekdays only. ※③Age 17 and over only. Extra charge applies on weekends and holidays (excluding Stay Pack).

To apply: Fill out a discount coupon at NHI & Pension Section (City Hall South Building 2F, #24), Latter-Stage Elderly Healthcare System Section (City Hall, North Building 2F, #13), or any City Residents' Office and take it to the facility.

Contact: Administrative Subsection, NHI & Pension Section ☎03-3579-2401 /

Organization & Payments Group, Latter-Stage Elderly Healthcare System Section ☎03-3579-2327

Discount Coupons for Acupuncture, Moxibustion, Massage, Shiatsu

Usage period: April 1 (Wed), 2015~March 31 (Thu), 2016 **No. of coupons:** 7 coupons (1 booklet per person)

Target: (A) Those aged between 65 and 75 years old during fiscal year 2015 (born between April 2, 1940 and April 1, 1951), enrolled in the NHI system in Itabashi, with no outstanding premium payments

(B) Those with a registered address in Itabashi, enrolled in the Latter-Stage Elderly Healthcare System, with no outstanding premium payments

To apply/Contact: Send the following information by postcard between April 1 (Wed), 2015~Feb 29 (Mon), 2016 (postmarked): ①"2015 Treatment Coupons Application" (「平成 27 年度施術割引券申込」), ②Address/postcode, ③ Name (*furigana*), ④Age/DOB, ⑤TEL, ⑥NHI Card number (for A above) to (1) below or Latter-Stage Elderly Healthcare Card number (for B above) to (2) below.

● You can also apply in person at the counter from April 1 (Wed), 2015~March 31 (Thu), 2016.

(1) City Hall South Building 2F #24. Bring your NHI Card.

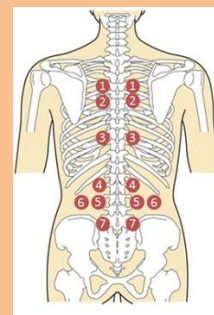
(2) City Hall North Building 2F #13. Bring your Latter-Stage Elderly Healthcare Card.

● You can also apply using the dedicated postcards at all Residents' Offices, Regional Centers, *Fureai* Halls, *Ikoi-no Ie* (Rest Houses), Senior Citizens' Health & Welfare Centers, and (1) and (2) above.

● Those applying under (A) can also apply electronically (see City homepage for more details)

Contact: (1) Administrative Subsection, NHI & Pension Section ☎03-3579-2401 FAX 03-3579-2425

(2) Latter-Stage Elderly Healthcare System Section ☎03-3579-2327, 2373 FAX 03-3579-3402 〒173-8501



Funding for Japanese Classrooms and International Exchange Projects

ICIEF provides funding for volunteer groups conducting activities in Itabashi such as Japanese language schools and international exchange projects aimed at improving communication and understanding between Japanese and foreign residents.

Criteria: (1) Teaching Japanese language to foreign people between April 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016

(2) International exchange, advisory services, multicultural coexistence projects etc. between April 1 and July 31, 2015

Amount of funding: Half of total project costs (annual limit of ¥200,000 per organization per year)

※Funding provision and amounts are decided after the screening process.

To apply: NLT April 15 (Wed). Submit a completed application to the below in person or by post. Application forms are available at ICIEF counter and homepage (<http://www.itabashi-ci.org/>) and the Itabashi General Volunteer Center.

Contact: ICIEF, International Exchange Subsection (inside Itabashi City Hall 〒173-8501) ☎03-3579-2015