

ICIEF Board

*The Monthly
Living Guide
for the Itabashi
International
Community*

Event

23rd Bologna Book Fair in Itabashi ~Enjoy World Picture Books!~

Come and enjoy a selection of picture books from all over the world donated to Itabashi by the organizers of the Bologna Children's Book Fair held every year in the city of Bologna in northern Italy. Books from over 30 countries and regions will be on display for children and adults alike to enjoy! ♪

Date: August 16 (Sun)~23 (Sun) ※Closed on August 17 (Mon)

※9:00~19:00 (Late opening from 10:00 on August 16)

Place: Narimasu Art Gallery (Narimasu 3-13-1)

Access: 3 min walk from North Exit of Narimasu station, Tobu Tojo Line
or 5 min walk from Exit 5 of Chikatetsu Narimasu station,
Tokyo Metro Yurakucho/Fukutoshin Line

Cost: FREE Just go directly to the venue!

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/itabashi.ehonkan>

Contact: Itabashi Bologna Children's Book Hall ☎03-3579-2665



Admin

Admission of Foreign National Children to Itabashi Schools

If you wish to enroll a foreign national child in an Itabashi elementary school, please bring the child's passport and complete enrollment procedures at the Educational Affairs Section. If you can, please bring someone with you who understands Japanese.

In Itabashi, as a rule children attend the elementary school within the school district where they live. However, choice of another nearby school may be possible with good reason. If you wish to apply for a school other than that within the school district where you live, please ask when you apply.



Eligible to start school: Children born between April 2, 2009 and April 1, 2010

Application period: September 1~30, 2015 (Mon-Fri),

9:00~12:00, 13:00~17:00

To apply/Contact: Educational Affairs Subsection, Educational Affairs Section, Board of Education
(Itabashi City Hall, North Building 6F, counter #14) ☎03-3579-2611

★Consultation Support Center for Foreign Residents TEL: 03-3202-5535 / 03-5155-4039

【Time】 Mon~Fri 9:00~16:00 ※No service every 2nd and 4th Wed 【Language】 English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese

Nursing Care Insurance in Itabashi

Under the nursing care insurance scheme, all those aged over 40 enroll as members (the insured) and bear the cost of insurance, and can access nursing care services when needed.



【Category I insured individuals: those aged 65 and over】

Foreign nationals aged over 65 who have been legally resident in Japan for more than 3 months and who are listed on the Basic Resident Register must all enroll in the Nursing Care Insurance scheme. An insurance card is issued on turning 65. Please look after it carefully. You will be able to access care and support services in the event that you are certified as needing them.

【Insurance premium payment methods for Category I】

Insurance premiums are calculated on a sliding scale according to income based on a “base amount” calculated from the cost of services.



- If you have a yearly pension of more than ¥180,000, premiums are deducted automatically from your pension (Special Collection). However, new qualifiers (those who turned 65 during the fiscal year and those who have moved in from another municipality) must pay by Ordinary Collection (see below) until Special Collection is initiated.
- If you have a yearly pension of less than ¥180,000 or are a new qualifier, you must make payments by yourself either by payment slip or bank transfer (Ordinary Collection). If you wish to pay by bank transfer, please contact to request an application form.

【Category II insured individuals: those aged 40~64】

Foreign nationals aged 40-64 qualify for care or support services if certified as requiring them due to one of sixteen specified diseases covered by nursing care insurance (terminal cancer, cerebrovascular disease, etc.)

【Insurance premium payment methods for Category II】

Payment methods are determined according to the calculation method of your medical insurance plan. Payments are lumped together with the premiums for your medical insurance.

【What happens if you default on insurance premium payments?】

If you are behind with insurance premium payments, benefit restrictions may be imposed when you access nursing care services. Please keep up to date on your premium payments so that you can receive nursing care services with peace of mind.



Contact: Health & Livelihood Division, Nursing Care & Insurance Section, Qualifications & Insurance Premiums Subsection ☎03-3579-2359

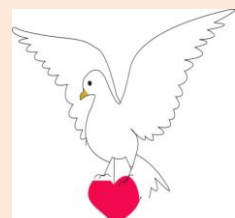
Itabashi Peace City Manifesto Commemorative Project ~Peace Art and Atomic Bomb Exhibition~

Itabashi adopted its Peace Manifesto on January 1, 1985, expressing the desire for lasting world peace. Since then, Itabashi has undertaken various projects in order to make the declaration a fruitful endeavor. The “Peace Art and Atomic Bomb Exhibition” will exhibit the best pictures and posters created by elementary and junior high school students, the leaders of the next generation, on the theme of “War and Peace”, as well as atomic bomb-related posters and historical materials from World War II. The event is held during the summer vacation so why not make it an opportunity to attend with your family and think about the meaning of “peace”?

Date: August 17 (Mon)~25 (Tues), 8:30~17:00 (closed on Sun)

Place: City Hall 1F, Citizens’ Event Space

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



★☆☆Summer Event Workshop★☆☆

Try your hand at a variety of fun science experiments and craftwork activities!

Date: August 5 (Wed)~22 (Sat) 13:00~16:00

Place: Science & Education Hall, B1 Mini Exhibition Corner

Target: 5 years and above (adults welcome too!)

(Children under elementary school grade 3 must be accompanied by a guardian)

Reception: Tickets go on sale at 1F reception from 9:30 on the day

August 6, 13, 20 (every Thurs)

Spinning Anime~Triple Change~

Capacity: 18 people

(6 people/time, 3 times/day)

Time: 60 minutes

Cost: ¥400

August 5, 12, 19 (every Wed)

Fossil Hunter!

Capacity: 30 people

(5 people/time, 6 times/day)

Time: 30 minutes

Cost: ¥500

August 7, 14, 21 (every Fri)

Meteor Hunter!

Capacity: 30 people

(5 people/time, 6 times/day)

Time: 30 minutes

Cost: ¥500

August 8, 15, 22 (every Sat)

Bubbly Bath Powder

Capacity: 30 people

(5 people/time, 6 times/day)

Time: 30 minutes

Cost: ¥400

★Star-Gazing Club★

An explanation of the stars in the night sky in the planetarium followed by observation using astronomical telescopes in the nearby park with help from expert volunteers.

Date: August 1 and 15 (both Sat), 19:00~20:30 (approx. 90 minutes)

Target: Elementary school and above (elementary school students must be accompanied by a guardian)

Place: Science & Education Hall, 1F Planetarium, Peace Park

Contact: Science & Education Hall (Tokiwadai 4-14-1, Itabashi) ☎03-3559-6561 E-mail: itakk@itbs-sem.jp

See the Science Hall's homepage for more details: <http://www.itbs-sem.jp>

August 30 to September 5 is Disaster Prevention Week!

Furniture falling over or moving during earthquakes increases the danger of fire and injury and impedes evacuation attempts. Help protect yourself from earthquakes by fixing furniture to prevent it falling over or moving in the event of an earthquake. Also, make sure to participate regularly in regional disaster drills to increase your knowledge and awareness of disaster prevention!

Contact: Fire Prevention Section, Itabashi Fire Station ☎03-3964-0119

Fire Prevention Station, Shimura Fire Station ☎03-5398-0119



Event

Itabashi Historical Museum: Guide to Events

① Special Exhibition: Akatsuka Castle Ruins: The Musashi Chiba Clan

An exhibition will be held on the Musashi Chiba Clan which is deeply connected with the Akatsuka area where the Museum is located. The ruins of Akatsuka Castle where it is said the castle keep was located are to the rear of the Museum and the surrounding area is now a leafy park, so it is ideal to drop by while out for a stroll.

Period: September 19 (Sat)~November 1 (Sun)

Place: Itabashi Historical Museum, 2F Planned Special Exhibition Room



② Old Folk House Annual Event: Otsukimi (moon-viewing)

The night of August 15 by the lunar calendar is known as "Jugoya" ("fifteenth night") in Japanese. On this night, it is a nationwide custom to offer pampas grass, rice dumplings and harvest crops and do "moon-viewing". This year "Jugoya" will fall on September 27. In Itabashi too, it was customary to decorate houses with offerings of pampas grass, dumplings, pumpkin and sweet potato. This year too, the Old Folk House will be decorated with traditional Otsukimi decorations from the Akatsuka area. Come and see how people used to decorate their houses and enjoy the nostalgic atmosphere.

Period: September 26 (Sat)~October 4 (Sun) **Place:** Old Folk House, inside Itabashi Historical Museum

Both ①②: Period: 9:30~17:00 (last entry at 16:30) (Closed on Mon ※Open on Mon 21 and closed on Thurs 24)

Cost: FREE **Contact:** Itabashi Historical Museum (5-35-25 Akatsuka) ☎03-5998-0081

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International Exchange Salon: Friendship Club *Nakama*

The International Salon is a place where people can enjoy getting to know each other over a cup of tea held once a month by the volunteer group *Nakama*. It's a chance to discover different cultures, make new friends regardless of nationality and brush up on your language skills! Please drop by!



Date/Place: 9/5, 10/3, 11/7 (Sat) 14:30~16:30, Green Hall Meeting Room 504 (Sakae-cho 36-1)

※The venue for 11/7 only will be Shimo-Itabashi Eki-mae Meeting Hall (下板橋駅前集会所) (Itabashi 2-3-1, 1 min walk from Shimo-Itabashi station on TobuTojo Line)

Cost: ¥200 (includes refreshments) Just come directly to the venue!

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

Friendship club *Nakama* has a homepage with lots of information on the club's activities and members.

Find it by searching for "Friendship Club *Nakama*" (「フレンドシップクラブ仲間」)



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



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

***** Volunteer Staff Wanted!! *****

Friendship Club *Nakama* is currently in need of volunteer staff to help operate and maintain its homepage. Applications are welcome from those with an interest in international exchange and knowledge of website operation and maintenance. We look forward to hearing from you!

