

ICIEF Board

① Free Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Experienced lawyers offer expert advice on issues that often affect foreign residents, such as visas and immigration, refugee status, divorce, inheritance, labor, etc. Private consultation, prior booking essential. ※If you require interpreting, please request at time of booking.



Time: 2017/2/16 (Thurs), 3/16 (Thurs) 13:30~16:00

Place: 2/16 Green Hall Meeting Room502(36-1 Sakae-cho)

3/16 Itabashi Culture Hall Room 4 (51-1 Oyama Higashi-cho)

Main Consultation Topics:visas/immigration,marriage/divorce,refugee status,inheritance,
 Labor issues,insurance/pensions

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

To Apply: Prior booking essential! Apply by email (Japanese, English) to Contact below by 3 days before the event.

② Japanese Speech Festival ~ Foreign residents want you to listen!

Foreign residents learning Japanese will demonstrate the fruits of their labor at this speech festival. This year's festival welcomes 29 participants from 12 countries who will deliver speeches from various cultural perspectives (in Japanese) about their experiences living in Japan. In addition, there will be a corner for traditional Mongolian and Tai dance, a corner where Japanese people will speak about their experiences living abroad, as well as other events! We look forward to seeing you there!

Time: 2017.3/4 (Sat.) 13:00~16:30 (Opens at 12:30)

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

Entrance: Free admission; RSVP not required Come directly to venue on day of event!



③ International Exchange Salon: Friendship Club Nakama

The International Salon is held once a month by volunteers as a place for people to enjoy meeting and chatting over a cup of tea. Discover other cultures, make new friends, and improve your language skills!



Time: 2017.2/18、3/11 (Sat.) 14:30~16:30

Place: 2/18: Green Hall Meeting Room 504 (36-1 Sakae-cho)

3/11: Shimo-itabashi eki-mae Assembly Hall (2-3-1 Itabashi)

Fee: ¥200 (Includes cost for snack and tea) Please come directly to venue!

(Contact for ①~③: Itabashi Culture & International Exchange Foundation, International Exchange Subsection (Itabashi City Hall 8F #13, inside Culture & International Exchange Section) Itabashi 2-66-1, Itabashi-ku ☎173-8501 ☎03-3579-2015/FAX 03-3579-2166 E-

Try on samurai armor and participate in Japanese tea ceremony at this tour



Itabashi foreign residents, commuters, and students are invited to join this tour where participants can try on samurai armor and participate in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. This is a great opportunity to experience Japanese culture and tradition.

Time: 2017.3/12 (Sun.) 10:00~12:30 Meet at 9:30 at Itabashi Historical Museum

※Will take place even in case of rain

Content: Try on samurai armor, plum-grove stroll, tea ceremony

Please note: Skirts and shorts are prohibited. Please wear easy-to-walk footwear.

Eligibility: Itabashi foreign residents, commuters, and students

Max no. of participants: 20 (lottery) **Fee:** ¥50 (Includes insurance fee in case of injury)

Guide: English

Contact: Send email by 2017.2/28 (Tue.) and please write the following:

① 3/12 Sightseeing tour application ② Address ③ Name ④ Age ⑤ Gender ⑥ Height ⑦ Nationality ⑧ Telephone number
Lifestyle & Tourism Section Tourism Promotion Group ☎03-3579-2251 **E-mail :** kb-kankou@city.itabashi.tokyo.jp



Ecopolis Center

①Homemade goods fair

Shop for handmade goods while chatting with the artisans that created them!

Discover goods with unique charm that appeal to your tastes.

Some booths will host hands-on craft activities!

Time: 2017.2.25 (Sat.) 10:00~15:00 (Held even in case of rain)

Content: Selling of handmade goods

Place: Ecopolis Center B1F

Entrance: Free of charge

(Purchase of goods and activities at individual booths are not free of charge)



②Ecopolis flea market

Ecopolis Center will hold a flea market! There will be about 40 booths selling a variety of goods.♪ An eco-friendly event which will help you achieve the “3Rs” (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle).♪

The event venue is indoors, so it will go ahead even in case of rain or bad weather.

Time: 2017.3/5 (Sun.) 10:00~13:00

Place: Ecopolis Center B1F

①②**Contact:** Ecopolis Center ☎03-5971-5001 (Closed 3rd Monday of the month)

E-mail: info@itbs-ecopp.jp

Science and Education Hall

【Star-gazing gathering】 Gaze at heavenly bodies through a telescope with the help of an astronomer supporter

Content: Commentary about stars (Around 30 minutes at planetarium); Observation gathering (Itabashi Peace Park; only in case of clear weather)

Time: 2017.3/4 (Sat.)、18:00 (Opens at 17 : 45)

Eligibility: Elementary school students and older
(Guardians must accompany elementary school students)

Cost: Free of charge **Max no. of participants:** 197 (first-come-first-served)

Hours: 9:00~16:30 **Closed :** Every Monday (Closed following day if falls on public holiday)

☎03-3559-6561 E-mail: itakk@itbs-sem.jp

For more details, please visit: <http://www.itbs-sem.jp>



Spring Fire Safety Campaign: March 1 (Wed)~7 (Tues)

House fires are becoming increasingly common. Prevent fires and protect and save precious lives by following basic fire safety rules. Never smoke in bed! Do not leave flammable (easily burnable) items on or around stoves and space heaters, for example, when doing laundry! Take care that your sleeves and other clothing do not catch light on the gas cooker when cooking!

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

Spring 2017 Itabashi Fire Prevention Fair

Time: 2017.2/20 (Mon.) 10:00~14:00

Place: Happy Road Oyama Shopping Street "Happy Square" (31-4 Itabashi-ku Oyama-cho)

- Content:**
- Panel on house fire prevention and fire prevention during after earthquakes
 - Using machinery that replicates the shaking of an earthquake to demonstrate how to prevent furniture from moving and falling
 - CPR, AED corner, try on mini firefighter attire
 - Spreading the message of fire prevention with flyers and tissues

"Itabashi Fire Festival"

Time 2017.3/4 (Sat.) 10:00~14:00

Place: Itabashi Fire Department (2-60-15 Itabashi-ku Itabashi)

"Komone Fire Festival"

Time: 2017.3/4 (Sat.) 10:00~14:00

Place: Itabashi Fire Department Komone Branch (2-14-10 Itabashi-ku Komone)

Content: Opening ceremony, firefighting demonstration, disaster prevention stamp rally in conjunction with firefighting corner
(Will use AED and fire extinguishers)



● **Shimura Fire Station** **Contact:** Shimura Fire Prevention Section ☎03-5398-0119

"Akatsuka Park Fire Festival"

Time: 2017.3/4 (Sat.) 10:00~15:00 **Place:** Akatsuka Park Fountain Plaza North (3-1 Takashimadaira)

Content: "Earthquake car" experience, "smoke house" experience, firefighting experience withstand pipe and fire extinguishers, experience with AED devices, etc.

"Fire Fighting Festival in Seven Town Azusawa"

Time: 2017.2/26 (Sun.) **Place:** Seven Town Azusawa (3-9-5 Itabashi-ku Azusawa)

Content: Opportunities to use AED devices, disaster prevention corner, and chance to try on mini-firefighter outfit.

Recruiting "Itabashi e-monitors"

The Itabashi Ward is asking for residents' opinions regarding governmental matters online in the form of "Itabashi e-monitors." Please use it when you have the time. We look forward to hearing from you.

Content: Various surveys (around 4 times/year)

Eligibility: Itabashi residents, commuters, and students as of April 1, 2017 that are at least 20 years old and meet the following requirements.

- Able to access homepage from personal computer or cell phone and can send emails in Japanese
- Are not public servants

Max no. of participants: 200 (if applicants exceed 200, decision will be made in late March-early April based on factors such as location, age, etc.)

Period: May 2017 – March 2019

How to apply: Please have your application arrive by 2017.2/28 (Tues.) ; Please apply through the designated application form on the Ward homepage.

Please note: There is no compensation. Expenses incurred are the responsibility of individual e-monitors.

Contact: Public Relations Section ☎03-3579-2024

In Japan, mid-February to March 15 each year is resident tax return season. Your taxes support everything from welfare to education and disaster prevention. It is important to submit a tax return even if you had no earned income, as your resident tax return is used as a basis for calculating your health insurance premiums and issuing tax exemption certificates.

~Resident Tax Declaration~

☆ **Who needs to submit a tax return...?** Everybody who was registered as a resident of Itabashi as of January 1, 2017, unless one of the following applies to you:

- You usually submit an income tax return
- Your only income during the previous year was from earned income (i.e. salary) and resident tax is automatically deducted from your salary each month by your employer

☆ **What to do if you had no earned income...**

Fill in the column on the back of the return form for those who had no earned income and submit it.

☆ **What to bring when submitting your tax return...**

Tax return form; personal seal; breakdown of income and expenses; certificate of tax withheld or payslips (for salary earners); certificates for life insurance payments, personal pension contributions, earthquake insurance, etc.; receipts for medical expenses paid in 2015 (for those receiving exemptions); payments certificates or receipts for social insurance contributions such as National Health Insurance (NHI), national pension contributions, etc.; passport

☆ **Where to submit your return form...** Itabashi City Hall North Building 3F Taxation Section

Period: 2/8 (Wed)~3/15 (Wed) 8:30~17:00 ※Excluding Sat/Sun/public holidays

☆ **Submission by mail:** Fill in the relevant sections on the form, enclose the necessary assessment materials and send using the return envelope provided.

☆ **Contact :** Taxation Section ☎03-3579-2101