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TAKASAKI & YOU

<u>Takasaki City:</u> Population: 374,745 Area: 459.16 km² <u>Registered Foreign Residents:</u>

There are 4,905 foreign residents from around 60 different countries residing in Takasaki City from China, Philippines, Vietnam, etc... (as at 30th June, 2017)

=Information from TIRS=

Watch Cricket in Takasaki!

Come and watch cricket at this tournament held by the Sri Lankan community in Japan with 16 teams of Sri Lankan players participating. As well as the cricket games taking place on the field, there will be Sri Lankan restaurants on the sidelines selling food and drinks. If you like cricket, or would like to find out and eat some delicious food at the same time, come and visit us at the International Relations Society tent on the day.

Date & Time: Sunday 20th August, 11am-2pm (tournament goes all day, but these are the hours we'll be there).

Place: Multipurpose ground near Gunma Gymnasium (Takasaki-shi Ashikado-machi 1430)

Details: Come to our tent (no registration needed) to receive a complimentary cool drink, experience cricket yourself in our mini cricket workshop, and chat with players. You can stay for as little or as long as you like. Bring a picnic blanket/chair. **Cost**: Free! Anyone can come along on the day. **Sign up**: Not necessary but please check our Face-

Sign up: Not necessary but please check our Facebook page on the day to confirm details, as we may cancel due to bad weather. The tournament itself is run by the Sri Lankan community, and will take place, rain or shine, from 9am to 9pm.

Receive this Newsletter by Email

Send an email to: office@takasaki-irs.org **Subject**="Request for Newsletter Notification"



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Presenting Choro of Brazil

Day & Time: Sunday 3rd September, 2pm-3:30pm **Place**: Socius (Takasaki-shi, Ashikado-machi)

Cost: Free

Details: Choro singer Yoshimi Katayama will give a talk about her love for this Brazilian music genre, her visits to Brazil to study it, and how she connected with the world through music.

Sign up: By clicking "going" on our Facebook page, or by calling/emailing the office (details at bottom).



Autumn Japanese Classes

Our Japanese classes held at 4 locations around Takasaki feature small groups divided according to your level, and you'll be assisted by trained volunteer teachers. There are a range of days and times to suit you.

Chuo Kominkan (Suehiro-cho 27)

Tuesdays (10am-noon), 12th Sept-21st Nov Thursdays (7pm-8:30pm), 14th Sept-16th Nov Saturdays (1:30pm-3:30pm), 9th Sept-18th Nov

Nakai Kominkan (Nakai-machi 3-21-1)

Wednesdays (6:30pm-8pm), 13th Sept-15th Nov

Gunma Fukushi Kaikan (Munadaka-machi 977-1) Mondays (10am-11:45am), 2nd Oct-27th Nov

Mondays (10am-11:45am), 2nd Oct-2/th Nov Wednesdays (4:30pm-6:15pm), 13th Sept-15th Nov

Jiyukukan Michikusa (Shinmachi 2147-18)

Mondays (10am-11:45am), 2nd Oct-11th Dec Saturdays (10am-11:45am), 7th Oct-9th Dec

Cost: ¥500 yen for a 10 lesson course

Sign up: Call or email (details below) with your name, address, telephone number, nationality,

length of time spent in Japan so far, Japanese ability and the course you want to attend.



Takasaki International Relations Society (International Relations Corner, 2nd Floor Takasaki City Hall)

TEL: 027-321-1201 (in English OK), FAX: 027-330-1819, Email: office@takasaki-irs.org Website: www.glocalfive.net/tirs/ (Japanese, English, Chinese & Portuguese versions)

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2017 Japan Cup International Women's Softball Championship

Japan USA Australia Canada Jonan Ball Park, Takasaki

Friday 25th August (gate opens 10am)

12:00 USA vs. Canada

15:00 USA vs. Australia

18:00 Japan vs. Canada

Saturday 26th August (gate opens 10am)

12:00 Japan vs. USA

15:00 Canada vs. Australia

18:00 Japan vs. Australia

Sunday 27th August (gate opens 12:30pm)

14:30 3rd place final

17:30 Final

One day pass:

Adults 2,000 yen (2,500 yen at the gate) Junior/high school students 600 yen (1,000 yen at the gate) *Younger children free

Available from: Ticketpia, e+, other convenience store ticketing machines, at the ball park, or 8th floor of city hall.

=Information from Takasaki City=

43rd Takasaki Festival & Fireworks

Weekend of 5th and 6th August Central Takasaki

Takasaki Festival's major attractions include Wadaiko drummers, Awa-odori dancing in the streets, traditional festival performers, the float parade, portable shrines carried around town, and the amazing fireworks display.

Float Parade: 16 floats roll around the central city area. See the parade set off on Saturday 5th from 2:30pm in the street in front of Takasaki Station west, the twilight gathering of the floats from 6pm

at Motenashi Hiroba, and the finale at 4pm in Tamachi on Sunday 6th August.

Craftmens' Fair: Try your hand at making a wooden chair, mini tatami mat, a key chain, etc. Popular with children! Venue: Park in front of city hall. Fireworks Display: 7:40-8:30pm. Free vantage points include Takasaki Park, the sports parks on the far side of Wada-bashi Bridge, green areas along the river and the parking lot behind Takasaki Hospital. Get a space from 8am on the morning of the display. Some areas will have restricted entrance according to capacity. See map below. Transport Information: Traffic into the central city area will be restricted from 1pm to 10pm on the 5th, and from 1pm to 9pm on the 6th August. Use



of public transport is highly recommended.

- =area requiring a ¥2000 ticket
- 1. Notsuke & Yachiyo Sports Parks
- 2. Riverside grassy area (max. 5,000 people)
- 3. Wada-bashi Sports Park
- 4. Former golf course (now a park)
- 5. Parking lot of Soka Gakkai building

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休日当番医



'Kyujitsu toban i' are the medical clinics on duty on weekends and national holidays. Surgery hours are 9am to 6pm. Be sure to take along your health insurance card. %Schedule changes monthly, see 15th-of-the-month Takasaki Koho for full list. For other cities, see your local city magazine.

Night Clinic (1F Public Heath Center Takamatsu-cho), Mon-Fri=7:30pm-10pm; Sat, Sun, pub. hol=7pm-10pm **Children's Emergency Health Consultations**: Dial #8000 to speak with a health professional for advice on whether to go to the hospital (Mon-Fri=6pm-8am next day; Sat, Sun, pub. hol=9am-8am next day).

Date	6th Aug (Sun)	11th Aug (Pub.Hol.)	13th Aug (Sun)	20th Aug (Sun)	27th Aug (Sun)
Internal Medicine (Naika)	Yamauchi lin (Kita-Futaba-cho) ☎027-322-6338	Ariga Clinic (Azuma-cho) 2027-326-1711	Aihara lin (Shimo-Taki-machi) ☎027-352-1272	Mizuno Shinkei Naika Clinic (Kuragano-machi) 2 027-395-0888	Shimizu lin (Shigoka-machi) ☎027-322-0534
	Yoshihama Naika Shonika Clinic (Tsurumi-cho) ••027-322-5865	Okamoto Naika Clinic (Kami-Nakai-machi) 2027-325-5050	Kita Takasaki Clinic (Ohashi-machi) 2027-322-2707	Momo-no-Ki Clinic (Yawata-machi) ☎027-344-3130	Aoi Naika Clinic (Yachiyo-machi 1) 2 027-310-3939
Pediatrics (Shonika)	Kodomo-no-Mori Shinryojo (lizuka-machi) ☎027-388-8863	Hiura lin (Kenzaki-machi) 2 027-344-1175	Matsushima Shonika lin (Kaizawa-machi) ☎027-361-5823	Oyama Shonika lin (Kuragano-machi) 2027-346-0880	Koizumi Shonika lin (Renjaku-cho) 2 027-322-3985