



Takasaki International Relations Society 高崎市国際交流協会

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# TAKASAKI & YOU

**Takasaki City:** Population: 374,609 Area: 459.16 km<sup>2</sup>

**Registered Foreign Residents:**

There are 4,930 foreign residents from around 60 different countries residing in Takasaki City from China, Philippines, Vietnam, etc... (as at 31st August, 2017)

=Information from TIRS=  
**International Family Picnic**

Come with your children to meet other internationally-minded families in the area. Let's enjoy a pleasant day in a beautiful park under the blue autumn sky!

**Date & Time:** Sunday 29th October, 1pm-4pm (cancelled if raining)

**Place:** Gunma-no-Mori Park (992-1 Watanuki-machi, Takasaki)

**Public Transport:** To get there, take Gururin Bus #10 from the east exit of Takasaki Station departing at 12:20. To get back, take Gururin Bus #9 from the park to return to the east side of Takasaki Station. It's a 30 minute, ¥200 bus ride (school children ¥100, younger free) each way.

**Bring:** A picnic blanket, drinks and snacks, balls/toys for your children, etc.

**Sign Up:** Contact the International Relations Society (details below).

**Autumn Japanese Classes**

Join the Takasaki International Relations Society's Japanese in Shinmachi this autumn! You'll be taught in small groups according to your level. Each course consists of 10 lessons.

**Place:** Shinmachi Bunka Hall (Shinmachi 3190-1)

**Cost:** ¥500 per 10 class course

**Lesson Days/Times:**

Wednesdays 10am-11:45am, 10/4-12/13

Saturdays 10am-11:45am, 10/7-12/16

**Sign Up:** Contact the Takasaki International Relations Corner by telephone or email. Let us know the course you want to attend, your name, address, telephone number, nationality, length of time spent in Japan, whether you can read/write hiragana and katakana, your language learning goals, etc.

**Receive this Newsletter by Email**

Send an email to: [office@takasaki-irs.org](mailto:office@takasaki-irs.org)

**Subject="Request for Newsletter Notification"**

**Cool Takasaki - Tea Ceremony**

The Cool Takasaki project brings authentic cultural experiences to Takasaki!

**Date:** Sunday 12th November, 1pm-2:30pm

**Place:** Takasaki City Gallery (Takamatsu-cho 35-1)

**Cost:** Free (first 10 people to sign up)

**Details:** Experience two kinds of tea ceremony performed by first class masters at the biggest tea ceremony event in the city.

**Sign Up:** Contact the International Relations Society (details below).



**Volunteers Needed for International Festival**

**Sunday 26th November, 11am-3pm**

**Viento Takasaki (Tonya-machi 2-7)**

**General volunteers:** Help out with the overall running of the festival, backstage, or in the booths.

**Karaoke competition:** Perform your favorite Japanese song on the stage with other foreigners.

**International Bazaar:** Donate your unneeded (new) souvenirs from other countries to be sold to raise money for charity.

Contact the International Relations Society (details below) for more information.

**Ministry of Justice Human Rights Hotline**

Have you been refused an apartment for being foreign? Have you been excluded due to cultural differences? If you are experiencing problems like these, please call the Human Rights Bureau in the Ministry of Justice. This service is available in English, Chinese, Vietnamese, etc.

**0570-090911**

Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm

\*Normal call charges apply

**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](mailto:office@takasaki-irs.org)  
 Website: [www.localfive.net/tirs/](http://www.localfive.net/tirs/) (Japanese, English, Chinese & Portuguese versions)



=Information from Takasaki City=

### One-Stop Center for Families with Children

The Takasaki One-Stop Center for Families with Children is a place where parents can access a wide range of services and facilities including:

- Play room for babies and toddlers equipped with blocks, books and simple toys
- Rest space with diaper changing facilities and a feeding room.
- Consultation desk for parents to talk with pediatric nurses and nursery teachers about children's development; assistance enrolling in nursery school/kindergarten (Tues-Fri, 10am-6pm, TEL: 027-393-6101).
- Consultation desk for parents wanting to return to the workforce after childcare leave (Tues-Fri, 10am-5pm, TEL: 027-393-6102).
- Childcare room "Kashi-no-ki" babysitting facility for children 6 months-8 years (Everyday 7:30am-10pm, ¥300/hr, registration necessary TEL: 027-393-6103).



**Location:** Ta-machi 71, 2nd floor  
\*No carpark. Use public parking at own expense.



### Enrolment in Nursery Schools for 2018

Nursery schools (hoikuen) are facilities that take care of children due to parents' work or other family situations. Enrolment is now open for places in Takasaki from April 2018. To meet requirements, parents must fulfil one of the criteria below:

- Employed for more than 64 hours in a month (4 hours 4 days a week or more).
- Actively seeking employment (child care available for up to 3 months)
- Be A full-time student
- Be Sick or injured themselves
- Caring for an ill or elderly family member
- Have suffered a house fire or the effects of a natural disaster
- A victim of abuse or DV

**Applications:** Pick up an application package from a Takasaki nursery school. Submit all required paperwork to your first preference nursery school by Friday 20th October 2017. Places will be prioritized following an evaluation process.

**More Information:** Child Care Division (Hoiku-ka) TEL: 027-321-1246



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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 Health 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	1st Oct (Sun)	8th Oct (Sun)	9th Oct (Pub. Hol)	15th Oct (Sun)	22nd Oct (Sun)	29th Oct (Pub. Hol)
Internal Medicine (Naika)	Yoshida Naika (Egi-machi) ☎027-326-6210	Horikoshi Naika Clinic (Kami-Nakai-machi) ☎027-323-3653	Okamura Icho Clinic (Azuma-cho) ☎027-310-1211	Sakurai lin (Shibasaki-machi) ☎027-352-1270	Ogura Clinic (Shibasaki-machi) ☎027-352-1811	Aizawa Clinic (Egi-machi) ☎027-322-6224
	Honobono Shinrojo (Yachiyo-machi 1) ☎027-386-6385	Yoshimura Naika lin (Aioi-cho) ☎027-322-2226	Sato Kokyukika lin (Iizuka-machi) ☎027-362-5122	Kiryama Clinic (Suehiro-cho) ☎027-310-1234	Tsuchiya Naika lin (Tonya-machi 2) ☎027-360-3555	Honda lin (Shimo-Toyooka-machi) ☎027-323-8060
Pediatrics (Shonika)	Koizumi Shigeta Shonika (Iizuka-machi) ☎027-362-5811	Shonika Sato lin (Yanagawa-cho) ☎027-322-2145	Kaizawa Chuo lin (Higashi-Kaizawa 3) ☎027-363-7001	Terao Kodomo Clinic (Terao-machi) ☎027-324-7788	Arai Kinder Clinic (Shimo-Nakai-machi) ☎027-325-4152	Shonika Himawari Clinic (Minami-Orui-machi) ☎027-352-9552