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Takasaki City:
Population:
373,938
Area:
459.16
km²

Registered Foreign Residents:
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There are 5,443 foreign residents from around 60 different countries residing in Takasaki City from China, Philippines, Vietnam, etc... (31st January 2019)

Spring Japanese Classes

The Takasaki International Relations Society (TIRS) offers Japanese courses for local foreigners throughout the year at 5 locations around the city. They are taught by our volunteer staff, and students are separated into small groups according to their level.

Cost: ¥500 yen per 10 lesson course Chuo Kominkan (Suehiro-cho 27) Tuesdays 10am-12 noon; 7th May-9th July Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm; 16th May-18th July Saturdays 1:30pm-3:30pm; 11th May-13th July Nakai Kominkan (Nakai-machi 3-21-1) Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm, 8th May-10th July Gunma Fukushi Kaikan (Munadaka-machi 977-1) Mondays 7pm-8:45pm; 13th May-22nd July Shinmachi Bunka Hall (Shinmachi 3190-1) Wednesdays 10am-11:45am; 8th May-10th July Saturdays 10am-11:45am; 11th May-13th July Yoshii Nishi Community Center (Yoshii-machi Nagane 525)

Tuesdays 7pm-8:30pm; 7th May-9th July **Registration**: Contact the TIRS (details at bottom) before the start of the course you wish to attend. Let us know:

Name, address, telephone number

• Nationality, length of time spent in Japan

• Whether you can read/write hiragana or katakana and your speaking

Language learning goals

Course you want to attend

Junior International Club

Junior International Club is a group of 40 Takasaki students from grade 4 through to junior high school who get together 9 times a year to participate in international activities. In 2019, the group share activities with people from foreign backgrounds, take part in a Noh Theater experience, visit the Ministry of Foreign affairs, volunteer at the International Festival and hear about the experiences of people who have lived in a different culture.

Eligible Students: Must live in Takasaki and be from grade 4 of elementary school to grade 3 of junior high school.

Cost: ¥7,000 per year **Number of Spaces**: 40

Apply: Send a postcard to the International Relations Society (35-1 Takamatsu-cho, Takasaki) with the student's name, address, telephone number, school name, grade, and a few words about in their own handwriting about why they are interested in the club.

Deadline: Postcards must arrive at the office by Monday 22nd April.

Become a Volunteer

The International Relations Society has many opportunities for Japanese and non-Japanese residents to use their skills to help others.

Multicultural Instructors (Tabunka Koshi)

Do you know how to cook dishes from your native land? Can you teach English or another foreign language? Are you able to visit local schools and talk about the way of life where you grew up? If so, please register as a Multicultural Instructor. We take requests from schools, community centers and other public organizations, and then introduce them to our registered Instructors.

Language Assistants (Bogoshiensha)

If you speak and read Japanese as well as English or any other foreign language, this is your chance to help fellow foreign residents by interpreting for them in situations faced in everyday life in Japan. We dispatch Language Assistants to interpret at schools for foreign parents at meetings with teachers, at health check ups, and when doing business at other public offices.

Registration: Contact the TIRS office to obtain a registration form. Volunteer registration requires membership of the Takasaki International Relations Society (¥2,000/year)

TIRS 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) Facebook: takasaki.international



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=Information from Takasaki City= City Hall Open on Sundays in March/April

Takasaki City Hall and its regional branch offices will be open on the following Sundays during March and April to accommodate people who move in or out of the city at this time of year. **Dates:** Sundays 24th & 31st March, and 7th April. **Hours:** 8:30am-5:15pm

Services Available:

- Notices of moving in/out, change of address
- Personal seal (inkan) registration & certificates
- · Foreign resident procedures
- · Issue of resident certificates & family registers
- · My Number-related procedures
- · Joining/leaving National Health Insurance
- National Pension matters
- Nursing care insurance

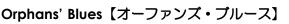
33rd Annual Takasaki Film Festival 23rd March-7th April 2019

As part of this year's festival, there will be a special program of four Japanese films screened with English subtitles, so even if your Japanese isn't up to understanding a movie level, you'll be able to appreciate these unique Japanese films.

One Cut of the Dead 【カメラを止めるな!】 Date & Time: Saturday 30th March, 12:00-13:36 Venue: Takasaki Culture Center (Suehiro-cho 23-1)

And Your Bird Can Sing 【きみの鳥はうたえる】 Date & Time: Saturday 30th March,15:30-17:16 Venue: Takasaki Culture Center (Suehiro-cho 23-1)

AKASAKI & YOU



Dates & Times: Thursday 4th April 19:50-21:19, Friday 5th April 17:20-18:49 Venue: Cinematheque Takasaki (Ara-machi 202)

Tourism [Tourism]

Date & Time: Sunday 7th April 15:00-16:17 Venue: Takasaki City Gallery (Takamatsu-cho 35-1) **More Information and Ticketing**:

See the Takasaki Film Festival website: http://takasakifilmfes.jp/

Applying for a Childcare Place for Children

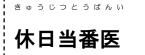
Application procedure changes from April

How to apply: Contact the childcare center of your choice in advance and inspect the facilities. Application forms are available from the center. Complete the application form, attach any required documents, and submit it to the Childcare Division at Takasaki City Hall, or the Citizens Welfare Division at Branch Offices by the due date for entry of each particular month. It is now possible to apply for a place **throughout the year**. The result of the application will be mailed to you within 2 weeks.

Application Dates:

- For places available from June 2019, apply between 1st-9th April
- For places available from July, apply between 13th-21st May

Other dates will be available when enquiring, or in the Koho Takasaki Magazine.



'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. *X*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	Sun 3rd March	Sun 10th March	Sun 17th March	Thu 21st March (Pub. Hol.)	Sun 24th March	Sun 31st March
Internal Medicine (Naika)	Uehara Clinic (Takazeki-machi) 2027-322-4965	Futaba Icho Naika Clinic (Futaba- cho) 2027-388-8592	Kondo lin (Iwahana-machi) 2027-346-2208	Aizawa Clinic (Egi-machi) 2027-322-6224	Inamura Clinic Al- lergy Kokyukika Naika (Minamiorui-machi) 2027-353-1769	Mizuno Shinkeinai- ka & Naika Clinic (Kuragano-machi) 2027-395-0888
	Tachibana Naika lin (Miyamoto-cho) 2027-322-3133	Gohyakuyama Clinic (Notsuke- machi) 2027-384-6508	Yoshimura Naika lin (Aioi-cho) 2027-322-2226	Oyama Naika Shinkeinaika lin (Kaminamie- machi) 2027-363-2258	Horikoshi lin (Tsubaki-cho) 2027-322-2843	Otsuka lin (Shimokotori- machi) 2027-360-3321
Pediatrics (Shonika)	Kodomo-no-Mori Shinryosho (lizuka- machi) 2027-388-8863	Hamajiri Clinic (Hamajiri-machi) 2027-363-8311	Shonika Himawari Clinic (Minamiorui- machi) 2027-352-9552	Hiura lin (Kenzaki-machi) 2027-344-1175	Shonika Meimei Clinic (Shimonojo- machi) 2027-387-0733	Shiroyama Clinic (Shiroyama-machi 2) 2027-327-2759