# 296th Edition

# August 2018





There are 5,230 foreign residents from around 60 different countries residing in Takasaki City from China, Philippines, Vietnam, etc... (as at 30th June, 2018)

## **Japanese Classes for Foreigners**

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 per 10 lesson course

Chuo Kominkan (Suehiro-cho 27)

Tuesdays 10am-12 noon; 11th Sept-13th Nov Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm; 13th Sept-15th Nov Saturdays 1:30pm-3:30pm; 8th Sept-17th Nov Nakai Kominkan (Nakai-machi 3-21-1)

Wednesdays 6:30pm-8pm, 12th Sept-14th Nov Gunma Fukushi Kaikan (Munadaka-machi 977-1)

Mondays 5pm-6:45pm; 3rd Sept-26th Nov Mondays 7pm-8:45pm; 3rd Sept-26th Nov <u>Shinmachi Bunka Hall (Shinmachi 3190-1)</u> Wednesdays 10am-11:45am; 12th Sept-14th Nov Saturdays 10am-11:45am; 15th Sept-24th Nov <u>Yoshii Nishi Community Center (Yoshii-machi Na-</u> gane 525)

Tuesdays 7pm-8:30pm; 11th Sept-13th Nov **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 level
- Language learning goals
- Course you want to attend



# Members' Bus Tour to Asian Rural Institute Nasu-Shiobara, Tochigi

The Asian Rural Institute (ARI) is a training center in Nasu-Shiobara city for around 30 rural leaders from Asia, Africa and the Pacific. Their training focuses on sustainable agriculture through integrated organic farming techniques. ARI holds a Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration every year produced by its students, and it is this event that bus tour participants will attend. English is the official language used at ARI.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Celebration features:

- Dishes from various nations prepared with organic produce from ARI (vegetarian and halal options available)
- Traditional handicrafts
- Song and dance from students' countries
- Trying on traditional clothing and photo booth
- Fundraising bazaar
- Produce grown at ARI on sale

Tour Date: Sunday 14th October 2018

**Time**: Depart Takasaki Station at 7am, return by 7pm

**Cost**: ¥3,000. If you are not yet a member of the Takasaki International Relations Society, please join before registering for the tour (annual membership fee is ¥2,000).

Max. Participants: First 38 people to register Registration: Contact the Takasaki International Relations Society (details at bottom) by 31st August.

# **Volunteers Needed for International Festival**

TIRS is looking for people to be involved in its annual International Festival to be held on Sunday 21st October 2018, at Viento Takasaki in Tonya-machi. Help is needed on the day with venue preparation, behind the scenes, stage coordination, and the general running of proceedings. Contact us for more information.

#### 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



## **June 2018**

## **Daycare for Sick/Recovering Children**

Children who are sick or recovering from illness can be cared for while parents work at the following special daycare centers in Takasaki. Prior registration is required. To use the service, please contact each individual facility to make a reservation.

#### Sugi-no-ko Noa (Kami-Nakai-machi) TEL: 027-384-2686

Open: Monday-Friday, 8:15am-5pm.

Accepts: Children from 1 year of age up to elementary 3rd arade.

Maximum children per day: 7

Cost: ¥100/hour (children suffering from influenza and other infectious diseases are ¥300/hour). Reservations: Can be made in advance by telephone from 3 days before up until the day prior to use, or call from 8am on the day.

### Kame-san (Yanagawa-cho)

TEL: 027-329-7505

Open: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:30pm

Accepts: Children from 1 year of age to elementary school age

Maximum children per day: 5

Cost: ¥2,000/day or ¥1,000/4 hours

Reservations: Call 8:30am-5:30pm up until the day before, or call from 8:30am on the day.

### Arinko (Takamatsu-cho)

TEL: 027-321-1246 (Takasaki City Hall Child Care Division)

Open: Monday-Friday, 7:30am-6pm Accepts: Children who fulfill all of the following points:

1. Resident of Takasaki

### 2. Normally attends kindergarten or daycare elsewhere but cannot attend temporarily due to illness or injury

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3. Parents are unable to care for the child due to work commitments or their own illness/injury

Maximum children per day: 9

Cost: ¥2,000/day

Reservations: Call 8:30am-5pm up until the day before, or 8:30-10:30am on the day.

# **Summer Festivals**

### Haruna Furusato Fireworks

Date: Wednesday 15th August, 7:30-9pm Place: Karasugawa Park (Shimo-Muroda) & nearby sports ground

Shinmachi Fireworks & Lantern Festival Date: Thursday 16th August Place: Karasugawa Sogo Ground (Shinmachi) and

Nukui River bank **Attractions**: Drumming, Bon-Odori dancing, fireworks from 7:45pm.

### Kurabuchi Summer Festival

Date: Saturday 18th August Place: Kurabuchi Branch Office Attractions: Brass band, floats, bingo, children's dance group, fireworks from 8pm.

Gunma Haniwa-no-sato Summer Festival Date: Sunday 19th August

Place: Haniwa-no-Sato Park (Hodota-machi) Attractions: Mini-train rides, fish grabbing, food and drink stalls, stage performances, fireworks from 7:30pm.

休日当番医

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**'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).

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Date	Sun 5th August	Sat 11th August (Pub. Hol.)	Sun 12th August	Sun 19th August	Sun 26th August
Intemal Medicine (Naika)	Sakurai lin (Shibasaki-machi) 2027-52-1270	Okamoto Naika Clinic (Kami-Nakai-machi) 2027-325-5050	Okamura Icho Clinic (Azuma-cho) 2027-310-1211	Sato Shonika Naika lin (Sakae-cho) 2027-324498	Yoshida Naika (Egi-machi) 🕿027-326-6210
	Nishioka lin (Hamagawa-machi) 2027-344-2252	Nakazawa lin (Tsukunawa-machi) 2027-361-2996	Yawata Clinic (Yawata-machi) 2027-343-2247	Yoshihama Naika Shonika Clinic (Tsurumi-cho) 2027-322-5865	Shimizu Naika (lizuka-machi) 🕿027-362-2838
<b>Pediatrics</b> (Shonika)	Miyashita Clinic (Shinbo-machi) 2027-360-5577	Shonika Himawari Clin- ic (Minami-Orui-machi) 2027-352-9552	Oyama Shonika lin (Kuragano-machi) 2027-346-0880	Koizumi Shonika lin (Renjaku-cho) 2027-322-3985	Kamio Kodomo Clinic (Dai-machi) 2027-315-3741