300th Edition

December 2018





Takasaki City: Population: 374,260 Area: 459.16 km² Registered Foreign Residents:

There are 5,447 foreign residents from around 60 different countries residing in Takasaki City from China, Philippines, Vietnam, etc... (as at 1st November 2018)

International Family Gathering

Join our gathering exclusively for international families! We'll hear from a guest presenter about her experience raising her children in Japan within an international family environment, learn about some of the issues international families face, and think about how to deal with them. Let's enjoy getting to know other similar families while our children become friends.

Date & time: Sunday 16th December, 10am-12:30pm

Place: Takasaki Chuo Kominakan (27 Suehiro-cho) Attendance fee: ¥300 per family

Max. participants: 20 families

Presenter: Cheiron McMahill

- PhD in Applied Linguistics in multilingual education for children
- ESL Instructor at South Central University, Minnesota, USA

Sign up: Call or email Takasaki International Relations Society by Wednesday 12th December, 2018.



Korean Language Course

In order to increase the number of people living in Takasaki with an understanding of the language and culture of foreign residents, the TIRS is holding a beginners Korean course. Participants will learn basic Korean conversation, and how to read and write the script.

Period: Tuesday 8th January– Tuesday 12th March 2019, every Tuesday for a total of 10 lessons.

Time: 1:30pm to 3:15pm.

Place: Chuo Kominkan (Suehiro-cho)

Eligible participants: People aged 18 years or over who have never learnt Korean before.

Max. participants: 20 (selected on merit)

Course content: Basic conversation and reading/ writing script while learning about Korean culture and way of life.

Teacher: Ms. Chonsuk CHE

Course fee: ¥3,000 for TIRS members, ¥5,000 for non members (plus an extra ¥2,000 for the purchase of the course textbook)

To apply: Send a postcard to the TIRS office (address at bottom) by Friday 7th December, and include the following information: Your name, address, telephone number, reasons for wanting to take the course.

Legal Consultation for Foreigners in Takasaki

Free, confidential legal counselling for foreigners with interpreting in English, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese and Tagalog.

Next Consultation Day: Sunday 17th February, 2019 Time: 10am-3pm

Place: Takasaki Chuo Kominkan (Suehiro-cho 27) **Consultants**: Lawyers, immigration lawyers, labor and pension specialists

More Information & Appointments: Gunma Association of Tourism, Local Products & International Exchange TEL: 027-243-7271 or 090-1215-6113 on the day.

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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Takasaki Pageant of Starlight

Hundreds of thousands of tiny Christmas lights will once again decorate the streets of central Ta-

kasaki, turning it into a festive wonderland of light! Massive Christmas trees, floating light objects on the moat, champagne goblets along Symphony Road, and much more will areet you.

Period: 23rd November 2018-Sunday 6th January 2019, lit up from 5pm-10pm (until midnight on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundavs)

Place: Central city area from the station to city hall

Takasaki Daruma Market

Date & time: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd January 2019, 10am-4pm each day

Place: Takasaki Station West Street Activities:

- Take one of the buses leaving regularly from the station to popular shrines to make your first visit of the new year
- Check out the Daruma stalls from local artisans and find your special doll to take home



and drink from one of the many outdoor food stands

Enjoy local specialty food

休日当番医

きゅうじつとうばんい

'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	Sun 2nd Dec	Sun 9th Dec	Sun 16th Dec	Sun 23rd Dec (Pub. Hol.)	Mon 24th Dec (Pub. Hol)	Sun 30th Dec
Internal Medicine (Naika)	Onogaki lin (Nakai-machi 3) 2027-352-2233	Jinseido lin (Ino-machi) 2027-361-4165	Iwata Bodies Clinic (Yanaka-machi) 2027-347-4560	Ariga Clinic (Azuma-cho) 2027-326-1711	Shimizu lin (Shigoka-machi) 2027-322-0534	Aihara lin (Shimo-Taki-machi) 2027-352-1272
	Tsuchiya Naika lin (Tonya-machi 2) 2027-360-3555	Uehara Naika lin (Naka-Toyooka- machi) 2027-327-6955	Nishimura lin (Showa-machi) 2027-388-1811	Numano Clinic (Yanagawa-cho) 2027-322-2926	Momo-no-Ki Clinic (Yawata-machi) 2 027-344-3130	Ogura Clinic (Shibasaki-machi) 2027-3352-1811
Pediatrics (Shonika)	Kodomo-no-Mori Shinryosho (lizuka-machi) 2027-388-8863	Hamajiri Clinic (Hamajiri-machi) 2027-363-8311	Shonika Himawari Clinic (Minami-Orui -machi) 2027-352-9552	Hiura lin (Kenzaki-machi) 2027-344-1175	Shonika Meimei Clinic (Shimonojo- machi) 2027-387-0733	Shiroyama Clinic (Shiroyama-machi) ☎027-327-2759



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Other Winter Lights Displays

Lake Haruna Illumination Festa

Friday 7th December -Wednesday 26th December 2018, 5pm-10pm, near Lake Haruna Visitor Center. Features fireworks displays (7th, 10th, 13th, 17th, 20th and 26th December), laser shows, go carting, cable car trips to the top of the mountain and other special events during the Festa.

Shinmachi Illumination Festa

Saturday 1st December 2018-Thursday 31st January 2019, 4:30pm-10pm in the area around JR Shinmachi Station.

Nozomi-no-Sono Illumination

Monday 3rd-Monday 31st December 2018, sundown to 8pm in Terao-machi.

Receive this Newsletter by Email

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

AMDA International Medical Information Center

TEL: 03-6233-9266 (Monday-Friday, 10am-3pm) Introduction of medical facilities with staff who speak the patients' language and explanation of the Japanese health care system.

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