

Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

Japanese language class for elementary school pupils connected to foreign countries

Suzume no kai • Hibari no kai

A new Japanese language class for elementary pupils will start from October in Minami lounge.

Suzume no kai Every Mon.(No class on 3rd Mon.)

Hibari no kai Every Wed. (No class on 3rd Wed.)

Time : ①14:40~15:40 ②15:50~16:50

Place : Minami Lounge

Whom to teach : Elementary school pupils whose first languages are not Japanese.

What to teach : Useful Japanese in order to have a better school life.

Fee : Free of charge

(You will need to join the safety insurance)

Contact : Mr.Takachio

Mail Address : takachio@hotmail.com

Tel. no. : 080-3466-1122

If your child is expecting to enter 1st grade of elementary school on April,2021

A letter will be sent from the ward office around middle of October to the family with a child expecting to go to elementary next school year (April, 2021) and also are registered as a resident of Yokohama city on Oct.1st. The letter will be a notice about going to school and health check-up for the child, so please keep the letter. The health check-up will start from end of Oct.

If you do not understand the contents of the letter, please contact Minami Lounge.

Gathering for Foreign Parents “Let’s Talk about Child-rearing”

This gathering will explain the difference between kindergarten and nursery. Also we will talk about the application flow for the two facilities. The gathering will be done in English, Chinese and easy Japanese.

There will also be an introduction to temporary childcare program of Yokohama city. If you are interested, please come to the gathering.

Japanese storytelling and singing program will be held for children, too.

Date: Sep.30th (Wed.) 10:30~11:30

Place: Minami Lounge “Tamokuteki room”

For: 8 Foreigners who are child-rearing in Japan.

Apply to : Minami Lounge

- ① Tel:045-232-9544
- ② FAX:045-242-0897
- ③ By visiting

※ You can participate with your children.



Next gathering we will talk about the nursery & kindergarten school life. If you have time, please join the gathering.

Date/Time : Jan.27th, 2021 10:30~11:30





From Minami Lounge



Web casted Minna no “Wa!” Festa ~ 2020 version



This year, Minna no “Wa!” Festa will not be held face to face. The gathering will be held at the website of “Minami Lounge”. If you are in an internet environment, you can enjoy our event anytime and anywhere you choose from Dec.1st. The event will be web casted for a month. Please click the website top page (Japanese version) and view the event. You can access our website by the following address.



Minami Lounge : <https://tabunka.minamilounge.com>

Novel Coronavirus Infection Related Information

① Reduction or exemption of payments for national health insurance and nursing-care insurance

There is a reduction/ an exemption of the payment for the insured who was effected by the novel coronavirus. The details differ by the types of the insurance and requirements. Please contact Ward Office Insurance and Pension Division/Insurance Section, TEL 045-341-1126 (Japanese) .

※For consulting in foreign language please see ③

② People who couldn't receive wages during their leave (Leave Allowance)

For workers working in a small to medium size company and were forced to leave under the novel coronavirus, there is a support fund and allowance. Please see the following website for the details.

English → <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/11600000/000648770.pdf>

(If you took the leave during April to June, the application deadline will be Sep.30th (Wed). There is also an application deadline for people who took the leave on and after July.)

③ Consultation in foreign language

YOKOHAMA Foreign Residents Information Center TEL.045-222-1209

High School Admission Guidance

“High School Admission Guidance for Non-native Speakers of Japanese” will not be held this year. Please see the following website for multi-language information of Kanagawa public high school.



<http://me-net.or.jp/guidance/>

Minami Lounge New Staff



Hello. My name is Reiko Itakura. My work in Minami Lounge is to plan & coordinate projects. I would like to gather up with the district's citizens and work hard for the citizen's activity.

Consultation concerning daily life is available in multiple languages at Minami Lounge

① Information and advice concerning daily life (Free of charge)

Office hours : Monday-Sunday 9:00~17:00(Closed; 3rd Mondays, 29Dec.~3Jan.)

Telephone :(Japanese) 045-232-9544 (Foreign Language) 045-242-0888.

*Look below for available language and days

【Available language and days】

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Chinese	Chinese	Chinese English	Chinese Thai	Chinese Tagalog	Chinese	Chinese

② Free of charge consultation about law (2nd Thurs), visa (3rd Thurs) and education (4th Thurs)

※ 13:30~, 14:30~ (Appointment needed. Tel.045-242-0888)

★ Minami Lounge is operated by YOKE on behalf of Minami Ward Office.