



Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

Seeking for Volunteers who can help Foreign Residents ♪

Volunteers supporting foreign residents who are registered in Minami Shimin Katsudo・Tabunka Kyosei Lounge【Minami Lounge】will help with living problems in Minami-ku and nearby districts. Volunteers will help foreign residents who cannot yet speak/understand Japanese by interpreting, translating and by supporting Japanese studies. This will help local residents and foreign residents to understand each other. We also are looking for volunteers who can introduce their home country to others living in Japan. ♪

1 Voluntary works

Volunteers will help the foreign residents to understand and communicate with others based on Minami lounge's requests. To accept or decline the request will be decided by the volunteer's own intention. The volunteering activity will be the following;

- (1) Interpreting for the matters which cannot be done by the Minami city hall interpreting volunteers.
- (2) Interpreting at private school(elementary, junior high and high school) and at the prefectural high school meetings.
- (3) Interpreting at the meeting such as PTA of municipal elementary and junior high school.
- (4) Interpreting for matters concerning daily life (places like hospital).
- (5) Interpreting at state or prefectural administrative organs.
- (6) Translating letters from the administrative organs and schools.
- (7) Support Japanese studies, helping children to adjust school by their mother tongue and to help cultural exchange (also events).
- (8) To the matters which cannot be done by interpreter dispatching system.



2 How to register

Please register at the Minami lounge. You will need to fill out the application form and there will be a rough interview.

3 Contact・Application place

Minami Shimin Katsudo・Tabunka Kyosei Lounge 3-46 Urafune-cho, Minami-ku (10th floor Urafune Fukugo Fukushi Shisetu Bldg.) Contact Tel no. 232-9544 Fax no.242-0897



Voices from the Volunteer !!

From Ms. Kim



My name is Kim Jung-Soon.
I came to Japan 6 years ago with my family. At first I could not speak Japanese and there were nothing I could do. Now I can speak Japanese in daily life and I am helping as a volunteer in Minami lounge. I read Korean books to children and introduce Korean culture. Korea is very near to Japan geographically, but is said as a far country. I am glad if Korea would be a closer by my culture introduction. I would like to talk with people from all kinds of culture. Please take courage to join the volunteer activity. I think it will help you enjoy your life in Japan.



From Ms. Gao

I came to Japan with my family a year ago.
At first I could not speak Japanese and didn't have any friends. My husband went to work, my children went to school and the house was very quiet. I went to Japanese language school in Minami lounge and made a lot of Chinese friends. By Minami lounge's request I went to Japanese elementary school to read Chinese books and to help students with Chinese as a mother tongue. As a former teacher, I felt a sense of accomplishment. Learning about daily information (disposal of garbage, earthquake and events), I am starting to understand about Japanese society and enjoying every day.



The 27th Minami Ward Cherry Blossom Festival



The 27th Minami Ward Cherry Blossom Festival will be held at Maita Park on April 2nd (Sun).

The O-oka Gawa promenade will also be lighted up (there will be Japanese lantern) from March 25th (Sat) up to April 9th (Sun). The light up will be situated at the riverside starting from the Gumyouji shopping street to the riverside near the Koganecho Station. The light-up will be 3km long, and there will be around 2,500 Japanese lanterns.

Please come and see both events, the Cherry Blossom Festival and the light up.

The details are the following

 **The 27th Minami Ward Cherry Blossom Festival** 

【Date】 Apr.2nd, 2017 (Sun) 10:00~15:00 (cancelled in case of stormy weather)

【Place】 Maita Park

- Stage performances, stalls, bazaar and selling of products from disaster stricken area.
- * There are a lot of events enjoyable for children and adults.
- * Minami lounge will open a booth with balloon art and tea tasting of the world.

 **Cherry blossom light up**

and Japanese Lanterns lighted up 

【Term of the light-up】 March 25th (Sat)
~April 9th (Sun), 2017

【Time of the light-up】 18:00 ~22:00
(Mon. ~ Thurs. till 21:00)

- * The term of the light-up might differ due to the condition of the cherry blossom.

Other Parks where you can see Cherry Blossom in Minami Ward



- Mutsukawa Chuo Park - 13min. walk from Gumyouji St.(Keikyu Line)
- Gumyouji Park - 0min. walk from Gumyouji St.(Keikyu Line)、 8min. walk from Gumyouji St. (Municipal Line)
- O-oka Park – 6min. walk from Gumyouji St.(Keikyu Line)

Consultation 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.)

Call : (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 Consultation about law, visa and education (Free of charge)

Appointment is required. Call 045-242-0888

Other Consultation Services:

YOKE Information Center (Call: 045-222-1209)

Monday to Friday 10:00~17:00 (11:30~12:30 Lunch break) ※inquiries accepted till 16:30

2nd -4th Saturdays 10:00~13:00 ※inquiries accepted till 12:30.

【Available languages】 English, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese

【Closed】Sundays, National holidays, 29Dec.~3Jan. & 1st/3rd/5th Saturdays



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