



# Minami no Kaze

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## 2026 Minna no "Wa!" Festa will be held!

~ Meeting that expands the circle  
of the world and the community! ~

Minami Lounge's  
biggest event!

Date  
& Time

**November 15th (Sun.)**  
**11:00~15:00**

Place

**Minami Citizens Activity & Multicultural  
Lounge, Urafune Community House**

Many enjoyable events are planned! We will have Minami lounge registered groups & teachers introduction board and short classes, world wide dance & singing performances, Japanese speech by foreign students, international dishes and drinks, and many more exciting plans! Admission is free, no advance reservation is required, and everyone is welcomed to participate. Please feel free to join us! (The photo is from last year.) For the latest information, please check Minami Lounge website.



**We will be exhibiting a multicultural experience booth  
at the 51<sup>st</sup> Minami Ward Cultural Festival!**  
~World Culture through Art~

**October 31<sup>st</sup>(Sat.)**

**November 1<sup>st</sup> (Sun.)**

11:00~16:00

10:00~12:15

12:45~15:00

### Nepal

- Making a bookmark of Mandala art
- Traditional costume experience
- Aromatic spice experience
- Tasting Nepali Tea



### Pakistan

- Henna dyeing experience (100yen)



### Myanmar

- Making "Pyit Taing Htaung"  
...a Myanmar's traditional good-luck charm – a roly-poly doll



☞ Place : Minami Ward Office 1<sup>st</sup> floor

☞ No advance application is required. Some activities require a fee.

\*The content is subject to change. For the latest information and details, please check our website and Instagram or contact us.

# REPORT

## We conducted a “Volunteer Program for Young People with Ties to Foreign Countries”!



From July to August, a five-session volunteer program was held for junior high and high school students with ties to foreign countries. Thirteen students participated this year, and set up stalls at Osannomiya district festival for the first time.

The students were a little nervous during their self-introductions at first session, but they socialized while discussing ideas for festival stalls. They decided to set up stalls for a 1000-string lottery, a fishing game and a can-toppling game. They made preparations for the festival stalls and also conducted a role-play session.

On the day of the festival, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the students worked together and interacted with local residents. Many of the residents thanked the students that they had a good time.

Through this program, each of the participating students experienced connections with new volunteer friends and members of local community. They had some very precious time.



## Introduction of Multicultural Volunteer (15)

Hello, nice to meet you! I am Yoshimoto Khwanchanok from Thailand. After graduating from a university in Thailand with a degree in Japanese language, I worked for a Japanese company, married a Japanese person, and have been living in Japan since 2017. I started volunteering because I wanted to use my language skills and past experiences to let many people know about Thai culture and its charms.

I want to be a bridge between Japanese and Thai, supporting Thais and Japanese people to understand each other correctly and communicate with confidence through interpretation and translation. Furthermore, my volunteer work at elementary and junior high schools brought me great joy and warmth when I saw the children's smiles and the art work they had created with great effort. These experiences have been a major motivation for me to continue volunteering.

I hope to continue interacting with everyone, introducing and sharing Thai culture, and creating opportunities for more people to learn about the charms of Thailand.

Thank you for your consideration.



Ms. Yoshimoto Khwanchanok

## Minami Citizens Activity & Multicultural Lounge (Minami Lounge)

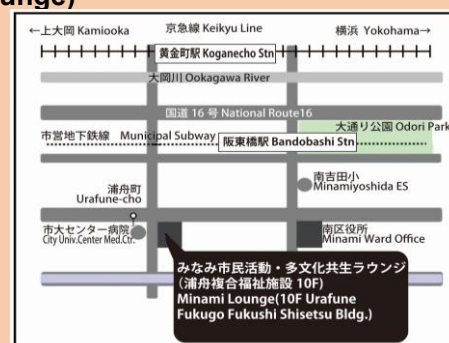
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① **Consultation Desk (Free of charge)** : Mon.-Sun. 9:00-17:00  
(Closed on : Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays · Dec.29 to Jan.3 · National holidays)  
Tel. : (Japanese) 045-232-9544  
(Foreign Language) 045-242-0888  
※Please check below for available languages

② **Free of charge consultation** :  
Law (2nd Thurs), Visa (3rd Thurs) and Education (4th Thurs)  
※ 13:30-, 14:30- (Appointment needed. Tel.045-242-0888)

【Available languages and days】

| Days     | Monday                         | Tuesday                        | Wednesday                      | Thursday                               | Friday                                       | Saturday            | Sunday              |
|----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| language | Japanese<br>Chinese<br>English | Japanese<br>Chinese<br>English | Japanese<br>Chinese<br>English | Japanese<br>Chinese<br>English<br>Thai | Japanese<br>Chinese<br>English<br>Vietnamese | Japanese<br>Chinese | Japanese<br>Chinese |



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

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