



# Minami no Kaze

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## Minami Sakura Festival



“Minami Sakura Festival” will be held at Maita park on March 23<sup>rd</sup>(Sat.)& 24<sup>th</sup>(Sun.). Minami Lounge’s booth will be there . We are planning to make an exciting booth with Minami Lounge registered volunteers. Students from foreign countries who are studying Japanese in classes of Minami Lounge will also participate. To join the activities are free, but in some activities, material fees are needed. Please note that some activities might change due to the weather. Please come and enjoy the event!

(Pictures below are images of the activities.)

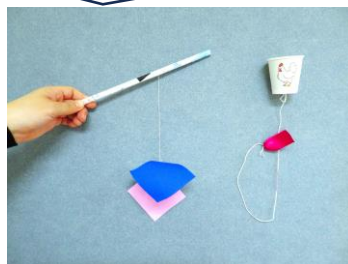
Date & Time		Booth from Minami Lounge Registered group & teacher	Multicultural Booth
Mar.23 (Sat.)	10:00-12:00	Pot Gardening (Material Fee 1,000yen)	Let’s make Ukrainian Charm!
	13:00-15:00	Face and Hand Painting (Material Fee 100yen)	Challenge Nepalese Game!
Mar.24(Sun.)	10:00-12:00	Craft Time (Making a windmill)	Sweets & Tea from Indonesia
	13:00-15:00	Craft Time (Sounds from paper cup toy)	Interview from Japanese Learner!

Ukrainian Charm



Pot Gardening

Wind mill & Paper cup toy



Nepalese Game



Sweets & Tea from Indonesia

## Walk along Ooka River Promenade to see Cherry Blossoms!

If you walk 5km along the river promenade of Ooka (Minami ward), there are about 500 cherry blossom trees. (Total of 700 cherry blossom trees along Ooka river promenade if you count the cherry blossom trees of Naka ward.) This Promenade is one of the famous cherry blossom sites in Yokohama.

Cherry blossom trees are very near and you can touch the flowers.



Another beautiful view of cherry blossom with the lantern lit can be seen in the night time.



You can feel the spring atmosphere from the cherry blossom boat tour.



If you want to sit and enjoy cherry blossom, going to Maita park might be a good idea.



# Information on the Emergency Benefit Payment + Children benefit (50,000yen)

"Due to rising prices of electricity, gas, food, etc."



Household in which all members were registered as resident of the City of Yokohama by December 1, 2023 and have already received the emergency benefit payment (30,000 yen) in FY2023 (except households which there were a change after June 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 ) and other households which meets the requirements can receive "Emergency Benefit Payment (either 70,000yen or 100,000 yen)". If your household can meet the requirements of the benefit, you can also receive the Children benefit (50,000yen). There are some households who need to apply for the benefit and also some households who do not need to apply. Please check the details written on the website of Yokohama City (Japanese and English flyer). If you are worried about your Japanese, please contact "Call center for City of Yokohama emergency benefit payment due to rising prices of electricity, gas, food, etc." The call center can support you in 9 languages including Japanese.

If you need to apply, **TAKE NOTE OF THE DEADLINE! It will differ by the benefit amount!**

• **Tax-exempt households emergency benefit payment → 70,000yen**

<https://www.city.Yokohama.lg.jp/kurashi/fukushi-kaigo/R5-7man-kyufu/20231130kyufu7annai.html>



• **Taxed only on Resident tax per capita → 100,000yen**

<https://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/kurashi/fukushi-kaigo/kyuhukin/R5-10man-kyufu/r5-10man-annai.html>



## ★Call center for City of Yokohama emergency benefit payment due to rising prices of electricity, gas, food, etc.

- ① **TEL: 0120-045-320** (Mon.-Fri. (Except Sat., Sun., and public holidays) 9:00-19:00)  
English, Chinese, Portuguese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Spanish, and Tagalog
- ② **FAX: 0120-303-464** (For people with hearing trouble) ※It might take some time until you get a reply.
- ③ **Email: support@yokohama-kyufu.jp**
- ④ **Application Support Center** : Located on every ward offices from Feb.1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 to May, 2024(depends on the benefit amount)  
Open from 9:00-17:00. Closed on Lunch break (12:00-13:00) , Sat., Sun. and public holidays.)  
Minami ward office's support center is located on 1<sup>st</sup> floor where there was a kiosk in the past.  
(Information of Feb.2024)

## Multicultural Volunteer



Ms. Ratih came from Jakarta Indonesia on 1993 due to her marriage. From 1993, she had been living in Minami ward. She says she loves Minami ward and is helping us as a volunteer. She had been living in Japan long and is now used to Japanese food. Therefore she was nervous about teaching Indonesian food at Minami lounge last year. However, she introduced everyone "Martabak", an Indonesian cuisine which is like Japanese pancake "Okonomiyaki" beautifully. She taught how to make "Martabak" with Japanese ingredients and was a huge success. Ms. Ratih says she would like to continue introducing Indonesian culture and at the same time help Indonesian people who just came to Japan to adjust to Japanese way of living.



Ms. Ratih Gayatri Sahara

※Minami lounge is seeking for volunteers who can help us by their language skills (especially Nepali, Tagalog and Vietnamese needed.) and also by sharing their motherland culture. If you are interested, please contact Minami Lounge!

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

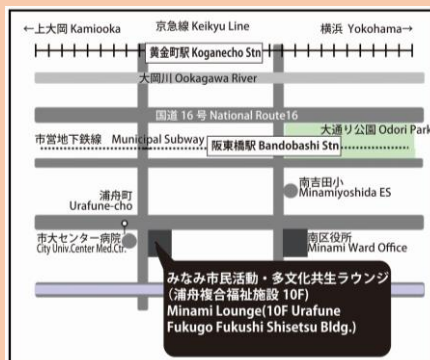
Urafune Fukugo Fukushi Shisetsu 10F, 3-46 Urafune-cho  
Minami-ku, Yokohama 232-0024

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)  
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】

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



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

◀ Direction Map