



Minami no Kaze



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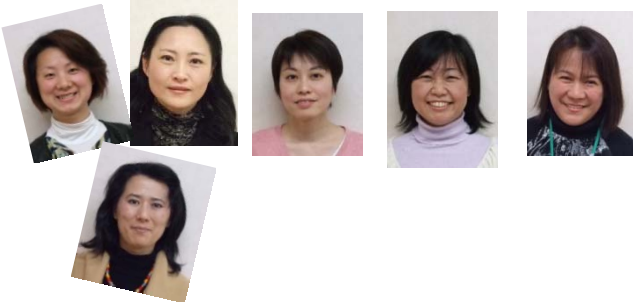
→ Please check the schedule below ★

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News from Yokohama City

“Yokohama City Installed machine translation to the City webpage”

You can enter from the top page by clicking your language button (English ,Chinese, Hangul, Espanol, Portugues) and the “machine translation” button on the bottom left hand. The Japanese written web page will be translated to the relevant language. Please note that translations may not always be accurate, as the translation is being performed through an automatic translation service.

The contents may also differ from the original Japanese website. We ask for your kind understanding in advance.

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★Schedule Of Minami Lounge Consultation Desk :

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese
		English	Thai	Tagalog		

FEEL SECURED OF THE EARTHQUAKE ~Regarding the Tohoku Pacific Offshore Earthquake on Mar.11

An unprecedented massive earthquake which hit the Pacific Ocean nearby Northeastern Japan and the enormous tsunami that was triggered by the earthquake gave a profound shock to the Japanese people and to the world. Planned rolling blackout due to lack of electricity supply in wide areas and its influence on the public traffic system may cause you inconvenience, but it is all the more important that we ask you for your cooperation and understanding under this emergency condition.

Do not panic, be patient, and stay calm.

Please be aware of the following points:

1. Make sure yourself is safe, protect yourself and others.
Please refer to the multi-lingual disaster guidelines at the following website.
<http://nip0.wordpress.com/about/>
2. For getting in contact with someone who you have become separated, please use the NTT toll-free public phone or local emergency dials by dialing 171 rather than your mobile phone.
3. Please cooperate in saving electricity.
For your information, please refer to the following website.
<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/front/welcome.html>
4. Information on the gas system.
You will need to restore the gas supply after a large earthquake, because the gas supply will be stopped automatically when the microcomputer meter detects a large earthquake.
Please refer to the following website of Tokyo Gas Co., Ltd. for restoring your gas supply.
<http://www.tokyo-gas.co.jp/>

Japanese Culture



Hina Matsuri (The Japanese Doll Festival)

(**March 3rd**) At "Hina-matsuri" also called 「Momo no Sekku」 (Seasonal Festival of Peach), ornamental dolls and flowers to celebrate the girls' growth and future happiness are displayed. Peach is essential for Hina-matsuri, because it is a seasonal flower of March and also, in ancient time, it was believed that peach can drive away bad spirits.

★Dolls in ancient court dress are set up on a tier of 5 or 7 shelves covered with scarlet cloth.



1st tier holds imperial dolls, Emperor and Empress.

2nd tier holds three court ladies.

3rd tier holds five male musicians (small drum, large drum, hand drum, flute and a singer).

4th tier holds two ministers. (right minister is young and left is old)

5th tier holds three protectors of the Emperor and Empress.

6, 7th tier displays a variety of miniature furniture, carriages ..etc

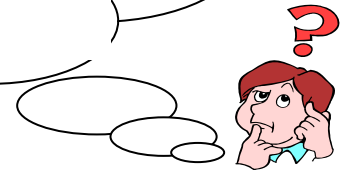
★The dolls can be displayed from around early February, but are taken down immediately after the festival. This is because it is believed that leaving the dolls after March 4 will result in a late marriage of the daughter.

Join Minami Lounge when you have Japanese Language problems

❑ Study Japanese Language:



Minami Lounge provides and introduces Japanese classes for non-Japanese residents. Volunteer teachers can help you to brush up your Japanese!



❑ Consultation:

Categories	Consultation matters	Date & Time	Cooperating Organization
Legal	Divorce on International marriages・parental authority・child raising, succession to property, traffic accident, other troubles..etc	Every 2 nd / Thursday 13:30~15:30	Yokohama Bar Association
Resident status	Acquiring / changing / extending status of residence, bringing relatives from abroad, establishing a new company ,etc..	Every 3 rd / Thursday 13:30~15:30	Gyoseishoshi Lawyer Association of Kanagawa
Education	Child's school life, advancing to higher schools.	Every 4 th / Thursday 13:30~15:30	Multicultural Education Network of Kanagawa



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