



Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

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Minami Ward will be 70 years old !

Minami-Ward will have the 70th anniversary of its municipality on December 1, 2013. During the World War II, in 1943 (the 18th year of the Showa Era), Minami Ward was separated from Naka Ward. From then until now, Minami Ward has recovered from the devastation of the war and gone through high economic growth and developed dramatically while the Showa Era changed to the Heisei Era.

Minami Ward is pleased to celebrate this special year, therefore, it is planning to hold some special events for its further development for the future.

As one of the events, the 'Great Photo Exhibition' is scheduled to be held in three places sequentially from October until December 2013. Approximately 150 photographs will tell all about its history of the past 70 years. Please refer to Minami-ward official website (in Japanese only) for further details.

▶ Yokohamabashi Shopping Mall Association is planning "Yokohamabashi International Festa" at Odori Koen (Park).

Date & Time: October 26 (Sat) 10:00 – 20:00



October 27 (Sun) 10:00 – 17:00



Minami Lounge will provide the information counter in Chinese, Thai, Tagalog and English during the festival!

Since July 8 2013, Basic Resident Registration System has been effective for foreign residents living in Japan.

A Basic Resident Registration card (so-called 住基カード juki card) is obtainable if you wish, which makes it easier and simpler for you, for instance, to:

- obtain each certificate at convenience stores,
- obtain a copy of residence record (住民票 juminhyo) at the ward office,
- submit moving-in/out application forms

Further details are provided at:

☆Juki Call Center for foreign residents:

Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

(Phone: 0570-066-630、03-6301-1337)

☆Inquiries in Japanese language:

Registration Section

(戸籍課登録担当)

Minami Ward Office (Phone: 045-743-8134)



English and Chinese volunteer interpreters are stationed at Minami Ward office.



These interpreters are stationed to assist English- and Chinese-speaking residents at the time of consultation for residence status issues, legal matters and their children's educational issues or for various procedures.

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English interpreters: every 1st Friday of the month (the 2nd Friday in May and January)

13:00–17:00 (Inquiries are accepted until 16:45)

Chinese interpreters: every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month

13:00–17:00 (Inquiries are accepted until 16:45)

(closed: the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sat, Sun, national holidays and from December 29 to January 3)

<Venue>

PR & Public Hearing Section (広報相談係)

Minami Ward Office, Counter No. 2 on the 2nd Fl.

▶ Well done, International Teachers for One-day Trial Lessons!

From July 26 till July 29, One-day Trial Lessons by 'Machi-no-Sensei' (teachers in the town) were held at Minami Lounge. The sensei of each class and the participants had a great time together. In particular, the international teachers for Spanish, Korean language and belly dance have made an excellent reputation for themselves. Thankfully, they provided all the participants with the perfect opportunity to learn and understand the difference or similarity of culture between each teacher's country and Japan.

Spanish Class



Korean Language Class



Belly Dance Class



Minna-no-Wa! Festival 2013 is coming soon!

Let's enjoy world's dancing and music with world's tasty cuisines and tea.

Date & Time: November 23, 2013 (Sat) 11:00 – 15:00

Venue: Minami Shimin-katsudo Tabunka Kyosei Lounge

Don't miss One-day Trial Lessons by Machi-no-Sensei as well!



▶ WANTED - Volunteer supporters for foreign residents

Minami Shimin-katsudo Tabunka Kyosei Lounge is currently seeking for volunteer supporters for;

1. interpreter / translator,
2. teaching Japanese to foreign residents,
3. teaching Japanese or school subjects such as English and Math to foreign-related children.

If you are interested in foreign residents support or international exchanges, please call us NOW!

▶ Minami Lounge provides daily life information in multi languages.

1. Free Advice for Living Information

Office Hours: everyday (except the 3rd Monday) 9:00 – 17:00

Phone: 045-232-9544 (in Japanese) / 045-242-0888 (in other languages as below)

【Available languages】

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

2. Free Consultation by Specialists (appointment required by phone at 045-232-0888)

3. Other Consultation Services:

YOKE Information Corner provides useful information for daily life and also free consultation for residence status and educational issues. (Phone: 045-222-120)

Monday – Friday: 10:00 – 17:00 (closed between 11:30 until 12:30 for lunch break)

(Inquiries are accepted until 16:30)

Saturday: 10:00 – 13:00 (inquiries are accepted until 12:30)

Available languages: English, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese

Office is closed on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sat & Sun, national holidays and Dec. 29 – Jan. 3.



◆ Minami Lounge is managed by YOKE on behalf of Minami Ward Office.◆