



# Minami no Kaze

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## Minami Lounge Information

### New school year starts in April in Japan Elementary (Primary) School

- ★ School year begins in April. Pupils spend six years at elementary schools; no repeating of grades in general. There are class observations for parents/guardians; four or five times a year.
- ★ No provided meals on such days as a field day, excursions, etc. Parents/guardians will prepare a packed lunch for their children. No special arrangements are necessary. No matter if you get one from a store. In that case, it may be a good idea to replace it into your lunch box.
- ★ Interpreters are available when you meet a teacher at private consultation or home visit. Please ask school staff.
- ★ Don't forget to take your slippers when you visit school. No slippers are provided for parents/guardians.



### Middle (Junior High) School

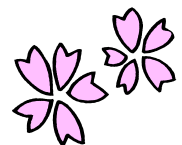
- ★ No repeating of grades in Japanese middle schools, even though your performance is not good. You will move up to the next grade in April.
- ★ School performance is very important! Records of latter half of the second year and first half of the third year will be sent to the senior high school when you take its entrance examination.
- ★ 98 percent of middle school students go on to senior high schools. You have to pass the entrance exam of a senior high. Some schools prepare special exams for foreign students. Some schools positively accept foreigners.
- ★ Daily attitude at school is important!  
No absence from school. Not to be late for school. Do your homework every day. Submit all works (notebooks, papers).



## TABUNKA (multicultural) FURII SCHOOL YOKOHAMA 2014



1. Curriculum: Study subjects for entering senior high schools (Japanese/Kokugo, mathematics & English)
2. Who can join the school?
  - i. Finished foreign middle school before coming to Japan, and wishing to enter Japanese senior high school.
  - ii. Finished Japanese middle school, and preparing for entering senior high school.
  - iii. Studying at night class of middle school, and wishing to enter senior high school.
  - iv. Anyone who wishes to study at "Tabunka Furii School Yokohama."
3. Location: At Minami Shimin Katsudo/Tabunka Kyosei Lounge (Minami Ward Citizens' Activities/Multi-Cultural Co-Existence Lounge), in Yokohama Municipal Urafune Welfare Complex Bldg.
4. Date & Time for 2014 School Year: from 24 April 2014 to February 2015  
Every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday; from 1000 to 1630 hours (five hours per day)  
Basically, NO classes on National Holidays.
5. Fees: Admission fee; 10,000 yen: monthly fee; 30,000 yen (excluding teaching material fee)
6. Briefings: 1<sup>st</sup>: 6 Apr 2014 (Sun), from 1400 hours  
2<sup>nd</sup>: 22 Apr 2014 (Tue), from 1700 hours
  - ※ Same briefings on both days
  - ※ Reservation by telephone/e-mail required.
7. References:
  - Tabunka Furii School Yokohama  
Representative: Ms. Masako Igusa; e-mail: [tfy2012@softbank.ne.jp](mailto:tfy2012@softbank.ne.jp) tel: 080-4875-2301
  - ME-net (Multicultural Education Network Kanagawa); e-mail: [me-net@com.home.ne.jp](mailto:me-net@com.home.ne.jp)
  - Minami Lounge; 045-232-9544 (Ms. Kishino/Ms. Oh)





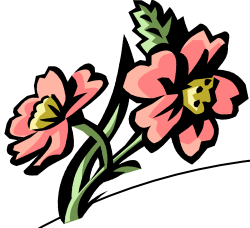
## 24<sup>th</sup> Minami Ward Cherry Blossom Festival

**Lighting up of cherry blossoms along the O-oka Gawa River  
And many other enjoyable events!**

Date & time: 6 April 2014 (Sun), from 1000 to 1500 hours

Places: O-oka Gawa River Promenade, Minami Center, Minami Public Hall, and  
Yokohama Commercial High School

Events: Middle school brass band concert (Minami Public Hall), exhibition of products from disaster-stricken areas, snack stands, bazaar, Koto performance, open-air tea ceremony, distribution of young flower trees (from 10 am, at Minami Center), parade/folk dance procession (1100 to 1230 hrs; from Minami word office along O-oka Gawa River), mini electric garbage truck, sports events, etc.  
Minami Lounge will hold a booth.



### Legislation to be enforced on 1 April 2014:

- ☆ Consumption tax rate will be raised to 8 % on 1 April 2014.  
It will be raised again to 10 %, in one and a half years time, on 1 October 2015.
- ☆ Japanese government will join the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction.
- ☆ The premium of National Pension will be raised by 210 yen per month from 15,040 yen in JFY 2013 to 15,250 yen.

### ► Minami Lounge provides daily life information in multi languages.

1. Information and free advice concerning daily life

Office hours: Sun – Sat: 09:00 – 17:00 (closed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of a month)

Phone: 045-232-9544 (Japanese) / 045-242-0888 (below listed languages)

#### 【Available languages】

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

2. Free consultation about law, administration and education

Appointment is required by phone (045-242-0888)

3. Other Consultation Services below:

#### **Yokohama Association for International Communications and Exchanges (YOKE) Information Corner**

YOKE provides you with useful information about daily life as well as with free consultation about residence status and educational issues. (Phone: 045-222-1209) Open hours as follows:

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

(Inquiries are accepted until 16:30)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays: 10:00 – 13:00 (inquiries are accepted until 12:30)

Available languages: English, Chinese, Spanish and Japanese

Closed on Sundays, National Holidays, from 29 Dec thro 3 Jan, and 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays



- ★ Minami Lounge is managed by YOKE on behalf of Minami Ward Office