



Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

If your child is newly attending a Japanese public elementary school or junior high school,

Take Our School Guidance Service



FREE OF CHARGE; ENGLISH & CHINESE LANGUAGES AVAILABLE

Don't you have any questions or anxieties about the Japanese school your child is attending newly? There are a lot of differences in many aspects between a Japanese school and your countries' one. You need to know about the Japanese school first, so that your child can enjoy the school life without any anxieties or troubles.

How to take the school guidance service

- ◆First, obtain the school application form (white or blue) at the ward office.



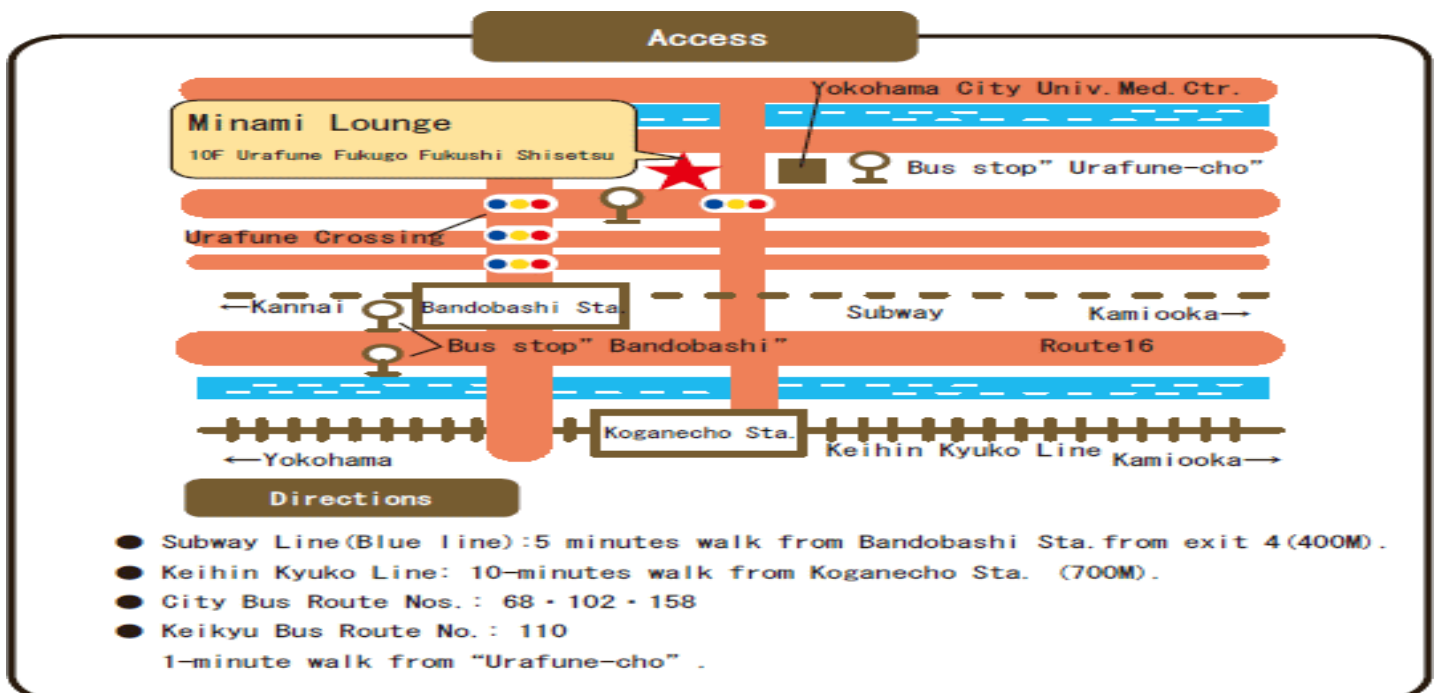
Appointment required in advance



- ◆Second, telephone to the Minami Lounge , **045- 232-9544**, to get an appointment.
At Minami Lounge, we provide information, **free of charge**, on Japanese school system as follows:
 - Things you have to obtain/prepare before entering schools
 - Details of school lunches, Japanese educational system, etc
 - Also, we will help you to make contact with the school in your language



- ◆Go to the school and the ward office for further procedure.



The 40th Minami Matsuri Festival

- Date & time: Sat, 25 & Sun, 26 July 2015, from 1400 to 2000 hrs
- Place: Maita Koen (Park), 1-1, Shuku-cho, Minami-ku
- Attractions: Stage events (Minami Citizens Summer Stage), Bon odori dance, picture lanterns, refreshment booths, bazaar, etc.



No-Ryo-Sai (Summer Festival)

- Date & time: Sunday, 16 August 2015, from 1100 to 1400 hrs
- Place: Urafune Fukugo Fukushi Shisetsu (Urafune Welfare Complex), 3-46, Urafune-cho, Minami-ku
- + Machi-no-sensei (instructors in the community) & the citizens' activity groups will participate.
- + Various attractions including refreshment booths, stage show, etc. on the 1st to 12th floors of the building



Change to a "RESIDENCE CARD" not later than 8 July 2015

You MUST change your "certification of alien registration" to a "residence card"

Mid to long term residents MUST change the cards not later than 8 July 2015.

It is advisable to change it as soon as possible, since the offices may be much crowded when the closing date comes nearer.

The same applies to those who need changing to a "certification of special permanent resident."

For more information, see the web site of the Immigration Bureau of Japan:

<http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/keiziban/pdf/kirikaenoosirase.pdf>



The road traffic law changed, stricter for cyclists: enforced on 1 June 2015

A fine may be imposed on the CYCLISTS who violate the revised law, such as going on the right side of a road, using a cell phone or earphones on the bike, or riding without the light in the night, etc.

If you violate the law twice or more within three years, you have to take a training course.

There are fourteen items of violations in the new law, including ignoring the traffic lights, disregarding a stopping sign, or passing a railway crossing gate, or drink driving.

Those who do not take the training course will be fined up to 50,000 yen.

For more information, see the web site of the National Police Agency:

<https://www.npa.go.jp/koutsuu/kikaku/bicycle/pdf/H270304/leaflet.pdf>

<http://www.think-sp.com/2015/01/28/dokoho-kaisei-2015-6-1/>



► The Minami Lounge provides various consultations on daily living in many languages

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

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