



Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

Individual Number System Starts

For Foreigners Registered as Residents in Japan

Starting from October 2015, an individual number (twelve digits) will be sent to each of you.

- What is "the individual number"? The individual number, nicknamed "My Number" in Japanese, will be used for social security, tax, and other purposes. The number will be given not only to the Japanese citizens but also to the foreigners registered as residents in Japan (mid-term residents, special permanent residents, etc.).
- For what purposes the individual number be used? It is used for such procedures as pension, employment insurance, medical insurance, social security, welfare payment, tax return, etc, namely, administrative works that are established by law.
- Your municipality will send a notification card (Tsuchi card) to your registered address. You may fail to receive the notification card if your current address is not registered. Please confirm your registered address in advance.



Telephone numbers for inquiry: 0570-20-0178 (Japanese)
0570-20-0291 (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, & Portuguese)

For more information, see the web site of the Cabinet Secretariat:

<http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/otherlanguages.html>

<http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/pdf/lang/07.pdf>

For parents/guardians who have children attending first grade of public elementary school in Minami ward from now on

- *Join our school guidance at Minami Lounge.
- *Japanese, Chinese, and English languages available. Free of charge.
- *Schedule:
Wed, 16 Sep, 2 pm; Chinese
Thur, 17 Sep, 2 pm; Japanese
Fri, 25 Sep; English

*Appointment required. Call 242-0888 (Minami Lounge)



High School Entrance Guidance for Students whose Mother Tongues are Not Japanese (Interpreters Available)

You can get information including types of high schools, entrance examination system for foreigners, and costs to enter high schools, or main public high schools in Kanagawa prefecture. Individual counseling is available.

- ☆On 23 Sep (Wed/National Holiday); 13:00-16:00
- ☆At Nishi Kokaido (Nishi ward public auditorium, with Nishi chiku center) 10 min walk from Yokohama Station
Address: 1-6-41, Okano, Nishi-ku, Yokohama
- Introduction Meeting for Students from Overseas/ Other Prefectures who are Related to Foreign Countries (Interpreters Available)**
- ☆On 4 Dec (Fri); from 14:00 hrs
- ☆At Hodogaya Kokaido (Hodogaya ward public auditorium) 3 min walk from the north exit of Hoshikawa Station, Sotetsu Line), address: 1-2-1, Hoshikawa, Hodogaya-ku, Yokohama
- ☆Those who are registered at the junior high schools in Kanagawa Prefecture cannot attend this meeting.

Exchange Meeting Held among Students, Old Boys/Girls & Supporters

On 24/25 Aug (Mon/Tue), a meeting was held among the students, old boys/girls who used to study in the supporting class, and the supporters, as well as the members of the summer supplementary courses and the training session of supporters. After reviewing the homework of the summer holiday, the exchange meeting with the graduated of the class started. Divided into four groups, students listened to the experiences of the elders, and got some clues for their study. They were able to share their troubles, and they may be able to predict their future. (^ ^)



We studied **hard**.
Enjoyable meeting!



staff playing Indonesian instruments called Ankurun



blowing two recorders at the same time



a staff and a supporter playing a Disney song



sports Fukiya



splitting watermelon by hitting with a rod

Voices of participants:

- ★ I really enjoyed the day with full of events. It was very nice to see smiles of all the students and supporters every time. (^ ^) by a supporter
- ☆ I had a very good time to talk with various people. The game of "split-the-watermelon" was marvelous! by Junior high second year

Minna-no "Wa"! Festa

Let's look forward to joining!

Let's enjoy songs and music of the world! Have a good time by eating food and drinking teas various countries!

You can try several "experimental courses" by "Machi-no-Sensei (instructors of the neighborhood)" and citizens' groups of activity.

Date & time: Sat, 28 Nov 2015, 11:00 – 15:00

Place: Minami Lounge (Citizens' Activity/Multicultural Lounge)

Fifth Anniversary of "Minami Lounge"

by Hiroyuki Kimura, Director of Minami Citizens' Activity & Multicultural Lounge

Five years ago in October 2010, "Multicultural Lounge" was established in Minami ward. Now, it is called Minami Citizens' Activity and Multicultural Lounge (Minami Lounge) from April 2011.

Since the establishment, this lounge offers a number of supporting projects for foreigners. First, consultation in multilanguage, i.e. Chinese, English, Thai, and Tagalog (Philippines): This office serves as a contact point for those who cannot obtain information necessary in their everyday life because of the language. The advices they want include; "I would like to study Japanese. Are there any Japanese volunteer classes?", or, "I would like my child enter a Japanese public junior high school, and I want to know the Japanese education system," and so on.

Our main projects are for foreigners. "Study supporting class for foreign junior high school students" is open on Tuesdays after school hours for public junior high school students in Minami ward. "Citizens' voluntary interpreters" are dispatched to the elementary schools and junior high schools in the ward, or the ward office. "Class for voluntary Japanese instructors" is for those who would like to be voluntary instructors. "Minami ward school guidance" is for foreign parents and guardians who have children entering public elementary and junior high schools in Minami ward.

Anyone who would like to volunteer as an interpreter, translator, or study supporter (Japanese language/other subjects), do NOT hesitate to ask and join us now.