



Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

In February 2016, the New Minami Ward Office Building To Open

The new building consists of the ward office, the public hall, the fire station, and the public works office.

The new Minami Ward Government Office will open at 08:45, on Monday, 8 February 2016.

The present ward office will open until Friday, 5 February 2016. Please do NOT confuse!

The Public Work Office, Fire Station, and Public Hall will move one by one to the new building.

■ Address of the new building: 33, 2-chome, Urafune-cho, Minami-ku, Yokohama

■ **Transportation:**

Train

14 min walk from Koganecho Station of Keikyu Line

8 min walk from Bandobashi Station of Blue Line, Yokohama Municipal Subway

Bus

<Urafune-cho Bus Stop> Municipal Bus #68, #102, #158 & #324; Keikyu Bus #110

<Minami Ward Office Bldg (Minami-ku Sogo Chosha Mae) (New Bus Stop)>

Municipal Bus #79 & #158; Kanachu Bus #To 45; Sotetsu Bus #Asahi 4; and Keikyu #110

<Shuttle Bus Service> Municipal Bus; between western area of Minami ward and the new Ward Office; test operation for one year

Parking

Parking space for 132 vehicles; height up to 2.3 meters

Available 24 hours a day; charged; Use of public transportation is advisable



School Guidance Viewed By the Elementary School Principal

The school guidance means an orientation lecture, in three languages, namely, Chinese, English and Japanese, by the Minami Lounge for foreign related parents and guardians of the children who are to enroll public elementary and middle schools in Minami ward.

We interviewed Mr. Fujimoto, the head teacher of Minami Yoshida elementary school. In his school, more than 50 per cent of the pupils are foreigners or foreign related ones. Various actions, therefore, are taken by the school for the children to experience the cultures of others. During "the greeting week", they greet each other by saying "good morning" in many languages. They enjoy world cuisine at "MY World Lunch", and learn food cultures and characteristics vary in the world. At the "Relation Hours",

they enjoy games of other peoples. And more.

Flows of foreigners never stop to this school where already many pupils with different cultures and customs are studying. We asked the principal whether there had been any changes since the school guidance started in April.

Fujimoto replied that, after the guidance, the guardians became conscious about themselves as guardians whose children were attending new school. As the lecture gave them in advance concerning an idea of the school life in Japan, they see the difference from their original countries.

"I am happy, as a head of a school, that the parents now understand that they have to make efforts to get used to the school life, as well as their children do. Although it is not a simple matter to understand different cultures and tolerate each other, we can do it working with the families, school and communities." "My dream," he continues, "is that the children studied at Minami Yoshida will love each country and love each culture of the world, and dispatch the good points of, not only Minami Yoshida but also Yokohama, to the world."

It is impossible to learn all the school system by only one lecture. He hopes to have a second guidance after children started the school live, so that we can obtain questions from the guardians and take following up actions.



Report about 'Minnano "Wa!" Festa'

On Saturday, 28 November 2015, 'Minnano"Wa!" Festa' was held. It was a beautiful warm autumn day, and there were as many as 1,110 people came to the festival. We appreciate very much for the participants, i.e. the friends with the citizens' activity groups, the teachers of the neighborhood (Machi-no-Sensei), voluntary supporters of foreigners, and many, many friends!!



The MCs of the stage



Chango performance



Philippine dance



Let's sing together!



Thai dance



Biwa performance



Tai chi practice



MC for speech presentation



Japanese speech presentation



Brass ensemble



Mt. Fuji on the day

► Minami Lounge provides consultation about daily life in multilanguage

1. Information and advice concerning daily life (free of charge)

Office hours: Sunday - Saturday: 09:00 - 17:00 (Closed on the 3rd Monday of a month)

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

【Available languages on the days of the week】

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

2. Free consultation about law, visa, or education.

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

- Other Consultation Services below:

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

(Phone: 045-222-1209) Open hours as follows:

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

(Inquiries are accepted until 16:30)

2nd & 4th 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 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturdays



★ Minami Lounge is operated by YOKE on behalf of Minami Ward Office