



Minami No Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information *Celebrating First Anniversary*

Minami Ward News

Nationality change on Alien registration card associated with Alien Registration Law abolishment for Taiwan descent.

From July 1st, 2011, Taiwan descent can change the nationality from "China" to "China (Taiwan)" of the Alien registration card.

Applied person:

Address, domicile or residence in the country of the nationality of the Alien registration card is written as Taiwan district who have special permanent resident or resident status or those child who is born in Japan.

The change is only applicable for Alien resident card and whoever above 16 years old must go through the procedure by one's own self at the ward office.

Contact:

Minami Ward Family Registration Division

TEL: 743-8137



Lounge News

Lounge Festival

November, 26th (Saturday)

Minami Lounge will celebrate its 1st anniversary with citizen groups and non-Japanese residents of Minami ward at the lounge festival.

Events:

- ① World of tea and food
- ② Walking wearing kimono
- ③ Non-Japanese speech in Japanese
- ④ World of dancing
- ⑤ Flea market
- ⑥ Sing world of songs

Please enjoy cross-cultural experience and international exchange.



Safe and Pure water of Yokohama

The number of people who worries about safety of water increased after the Fukushima nuclear accidents of the Great Tohoku earthquake. For foreigners, damages caused by harmful rumors are deep-rooted because of the language barrier. To dispel the uneasiness, we would like to talk about the tap water in Yokohama city.

Yokohama city has 3 water sources, Doushikawa (Yamanashi Pref. water origin), Sagamiko and Banyugawa (Sagamigawa river mouth). The water is sent to 3 filtration plants in Yokohama city which has high level water quality criterion than the national standard. In these plants, approximately 100 inspections, including bacterium and trihalomethane tests are done.

The measurement results of the radioactive substances are posted everyday on the website.

Furthermore, odor analysis of tap water is done by the latest nanotechnology and 5 inspectors tasting the water twice a day to offer safe and pure water.

- ① Waterworks department of Yokohama City

<http://www.city.yokohama.lg.jp/suidou/os/20110322153218.html>

- ② Health and Food information and consultation involved with Fukushima nuclear accidents

Tel: 045-671-2470 Fax 045-664-7296

Term: March 23rd, 2011 (Wed) noon ~ For the time being Time: 9:00 ~ 17:00



How to use Minami Lounge



☐ Check our web site

<http://tabunka.minamilounge.com/chinese.php> 《Chinese page 》

Minami Shimin Katsudo・Tabunka Kyosei lounge had renewed the homepage.

Japanese classes, consultation information and other useful information can check from “Support For Foreign Residents” button.

Please access our website.

☐ Learn Japanese

Besides volunteer Japanese classes, Minami Lounge can introduce support classes for Japanese Language Aptitude Test, support for children’s learning classes and other useful information. If attending classes are difficult, one-on-one volunteers can be found. Please contact for more details.

☐ Make friends, communicate with Japanese.

① ☐ Meeting of non-Japanese mothers

Non-Japanese mothers gathering is for mothers who have child waiting to enter kindergarten. The meeting is sponsored by Minami Fukushi Hoken Center.



The theme will be decided every time. The purpose of the gathering is to dispel uneasiness of child raising in Japan through friendly exchanges, health nurse and midwives speeches.

Please do not leave the notice from the Fukushi Hoken Center and use this free support service. Free interpretation service can be requested at Minami lounge.

⇒ Japanese dance lesson at August 3rd. ⇒

Next workshop:

Date: October 14th (Friday) 10:30~12:00

Event: Cooking “Otsukimi dango” (Japanese sweets)+ Child raising mini-lesson.

Place: Minami Shimin Katsudo Tabunka Kyosei Lounge (3-46 Urafunecho)

Contact: Fukushi Kodomo Center Kodomo Katei Shienka (Child rearing support group)

Contact person: Ms Eriko Mizukami/Ms Akiko Saito 743-8251



② Participate ward event = • = Rainbow Festa

The event is held every year with welfare facilities and schools around Nakamura area to liven up this area.

Date: 9月23日 (Friday・holiday) 10:00~14:00

Events: Chinese lion dance、Japanese drum performance

Carnival booth、flea market.

Introducing and communicating with community groups and community action groups.

Venue: Nakamura chiku center・Dontokoi Minami and Nakamura primary school・Nakamura special-needs school.

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Everyday: Chinese / Wed. English / Thurs. Thai / Fri. Tagalog

