



Minami no Kaze

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Minami Lounge Information

New Year is coming! Let's learn about Japanese New Year custom!

The year 2018 will end in few days. In Japan, there are many customs related to welcome new year. Let's experience and learn Japanese way of celebrating new year.



Okazari

December things to do Nengajyo

It is a New year greeting card. Write in Dec. and post it so it will arrive to your friends/relatives on New Year.



Kagamimochi

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In the house, put a 2 piece of big rice cake as an offering to the god.

Okazari

It is a decoration to greet the god. Put it on the entrance door.



Osechi

December 31st

This day we eat **Toshikoshi Soba** and hope for long life.

January 1st~3rd New Year

Osechi

Lots of Japanese delicacies packed in a square bento box.

You can buy it in department store & super market

Many people go to the shrine & temple with family and friends to pray for the New Year.

A Soup with rice cake (mochi) which you eat on New Year's day.

Special allowance given to children on New Year's day.



Jinja

nanakusagayu

Hatsumoude



Ozouni

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Otoshidama

January 7th

Nanakusagayu

Eat rice porridge with 7 types of Japanese herbs (7kusa) and hope for good health.



Hatsumoude

★Some Jichikai (district's association) have making rice cake event. Check your district's information!

Ward Office·Collection of Garbage will be closed on holidays !!!

- Minami Ward Office Closed on Dec.29(Sat)2018-Jan.3(Thurs)2019
- Minami Lounge Closed on Dec.29(Sat)2018-Jan.3(Thurs)2019
- Collection of Garbage No collection from Dec.30(Sun)2018-Jan.3(Thurs)2019
There will be a notice at the collection points. Check for details.

Keep your garbage at your house till the collection date.



Got sick/injured during the holidays... Call : #7119 or 045-232-7119 (Emergency Consultation Desk)

For information about hospital press #1, For emergency medical consultation press #2 (Operated 24hours)

★Night Emergency Center : Everyday 20:00~24:00 Sakuragicho ☎ 045-212-3535

★Minami-ku Holiday Emergency Center : Open on Dec.30,2018-Jan.3,2019·Sun·Holidays
10:00-16:00 (Come between : 9:30~15:30)

☎ 045-731-2416



If you are worried talking in Japanese, it might be better to ask your friend/family who can speak Japanese to accompany you.



From Minami Lounge

Report of Minna no "Wa!" Festa

Minna no "Wa!" Festa was held on Nov.11th (Sun). It was a nice sunny day. This year 1,100 people came to enjoy the festival. 10th floor was a bustle with many people.



Stages of the world



Tea of the world



Japanese Speech



Food from various countries

Message from Senpai

The season of entrance exam is coming. To students studying hard to enter high school・university, how is your study going? Senpai who have experienced the exam and enjoying school life now have given you the following messages.

●Ms. Sophia Suzuki (Hakuho Joshi High 3rd grade)

When I was in 3rd grade of jr. high, I transferred to Maita Jr. high. I couldn't understand Japanese and the classes were difficult. At that time, my classmates were preparing for entrance exams. I was surprised, but tried to concentrate on learning Japanese so I can communicate with my classmates. Luckily there were students from same origin. My English was not good in my native country. However in Japan it became an advantageous subject for me. To enter my high school, I needed to score more than 500 points in TOEIC. I also had an interview test. With my test results, I was able to enter my high school as a scholarship student. At high school, my teachers and friends have helped me a lot. When I was in 2nd grade, I was able to speak Japanese and got used to Japanese high school life. From next spring I will join Meiji Gakuin University Faculty of International Studies♪ I dream to learn and know about many countries and work abroad in the future.



(From the Philippines)

●Ms. Xin Lin

(Yokohama Commercial High 1st grade)

I came to Japan last year's July. I couldn't speak Japanese and started to study from hiragana at 'Tabunka Free School'. At first, I was lonesome and also frustrated. Gradually, I started to understand Japanese. This year Feb. I have taken the entrance exam and were able to pass the high school's exam where I wanted to enter. The teachers & classmates there are all kind and they help me when I have something I couldn't understand. My Japanese skills improved! Now I have many Japanese friends and I am enjoying club activities.



I have 3 advices as a senpai who experienced high school entrance exam.

First advice is don't be shy and ask your teacher about things you don't understand. Next advice is when you make a mistake, study until you remember. Last one is try not to keep your stress. Try to exercise and be healthy. I hope everyone could get a good result.

(From China)

Consultation concerning daily life is available in multiple languages at Minami Lounge

①Information and advice concerning daily life(Free of charge)

Office hours : Monday-Sunday 9:00~17:00 (Closed; 3rd Mondays, 29Dec.~3Jan.)

Telephone : (Japanese)045-232-9544(Foreign Language)045-242-0888.

【Available language and days】*Look below for available language and days

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

②Consultation about law, visa and education (Free of charge)Appointment is required. Call 045-242-0888

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