



Minami no Kaze Vol. 58

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The only facility in Yokohama that functions as a citizens activity support center and an international exchange lounge

What is **Minami Citizens Activities** and **Multicultural Lounge** ?

I want to teach someone what I'm good at!

I want to borrow a conference room!

I want to know about events!

I want to learn Japanese !

I want to connect with the local community!

I want to introduce someone my country's culture!

I want to consult about my worries in Japan

I want to volunteer as a translator or an interpreter !

For such cases
Come to Minami Lounge!



About 3 min. walk from Minami Ward Office
About 10 min. walk from Koganecho station
About 5min. walk from Bandobashi station

From April 2025 Minami Lounge's "New change"

(1) Opening Dates

[consultation]
7 days a week 9:00~17:00
[Closed]
3rd Monday of every month
National Holidays
Year-end and
New Year holidays

(2) Supported languages

Japanese: everyday
Chinese: everyday
English :Monday to Friday
Thai: Thursday
Vietnamese: Friday

(3) Foreign language books corner

You can **browse**
and **borrow**
Multilingual Books
(English, Chinese, etc.)



(4) New staff members

"We're waiting for you at Minami Lounge"

Citizens Activities Staff

Multicultural Staff

Language Staff (Vietnamese/Chinese)



I am YAMAZAKI Kiyoka.
I was an English staff member until March, so I've been in the lounge for a long time, but my work has changed and I'm learning a lot. I would like to continue to enjoy my work so that I can blend in with the community of Minami Ward.

I am WATABE Mariko.
After becoming a mother, I became more interested in creating the future for the next generation. I would like to work with you to create a city where you can connect with peace of mind. Please feel free to contact us ♪



I am SUZUKI Yuri. My hobbies are listening to music, dancing, and visiting museums! If you have any problems, things you want to know, or anything you want to tell us, I would be happy to assist you. Please come and talk to us! I'm looking forward to interact with many people at Minami Lounge!

I am Pham Van Thuy. I'm from Vietnam. When I came to Japan, I didn't know Japanese at all. At that time, both life and study were very difficult, so I can understand the hardships of people who just came to Japan. I would like to share my experience with those in need to make life in Japan a little easier.



I'm Shisen Go. I came to Japan when I was in the third year of junior high school. I would like to use my experience to help foreigners adapt to Japan more easily. My hobbies are reading and traveling abroad. Please visit Minami Lounge!

Volunteer Programs for Youth with Foreign Connections

It's okay if it's your first time! Would you like to have fun volunteering during your summer vacation? This is a total of 5 programs from orientation to practical experience supported by Minami Lounge! You will have hands-on experience volunteering at an after-school kids club for elementary school students.

Schedule:

Session 1: 7/22 (Tue) Orientation

Session 2: 7/29 (Tue) Project

~ What kind of activity should we do? Let's think about it together~

Session 3: 8/5 (Tue) Event preparation and rehearsal

Session 4: 8/12 (Tue) **Event** Minamiyoshida Elementary School After-School Kids Club

Session 5: 8/19 (Tue) Review

Recruitment: 15 Members who are high school or university students with connections to foreign countries

How to apply

Google Forms



【How to apply】

Email or Google Forms

Please contact us with (1)Student Name

(2) School name (3) Grade (4) phone number

Tel: 045-232-9544

Email: minami-kouza@yoke.or.jp

Deadline: Wednesday, July 16



Events in 2024

Above: Youth volunteers are introducing themselves.

Left: Children are having fun playing with a shooting target.



Introduction of Multicultural Volunteer (11)

I came to Japan 30 years ago and am now living with my Japanese husband and three children. My hobbies are climbing mountains and running.

The most inconvenient things are language and the way to take a train.

I was not good at speaking Japanese, and it was hard to make Japanese friends, but when I got a part-time job, I started learning Japanese. I had to use Japanese. So, my Japanese improved naturally.

10 years ago, I started language support volunteer through the introduction of my friend. I learned about life style in Japan and the subjects that I had almost forgotten. Also, I received a lot of power from the children.

I also interpret for school interviews. Especially for parents who have just arrived.

I translate interviews by caring about the cultural context. I am very happy to be useful to other people.



廖 芳蘭

(Ms. RYO HOURAN)

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① **Consultation Desk (Free of charge)** : Mon.-Sun. 9:00-17:00

(Closed on : Every 3rd Mondays · Dec.29 to Jan.3 · National holidays)

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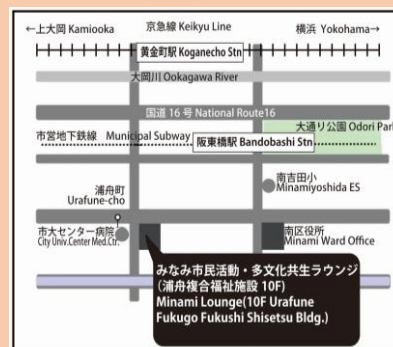
(Foreign Language) 045-242-0888

※Please check below for available languages

② **Free of charge consultation** :

Law (2nd Thurs), Visa (3rd Thurs) and Education (4th Thurs)

※ 13:30-, 14:30- (Appointment needed. Tel.045-242-0888)



Minami Lounge URL
<https://tabunka.minamilounge.com/>

◀ Direction Map

【Available languages and days】

Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
language	Chinese English	Chinese English	Chinese English	Chinese English Thai	Chinese English Vietnamese	Chinese	Chinese