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# Gotemba Newsletter

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★The Gotemba Newsletter can be viewed on the GIA Internet site:

https://www.gia-gotemba.com

★Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

#### 1. Gakudo

#### What is Gakudo?

There are 17 publicly managed and 15 privately managed afterschool facilities in the city.

The children we accept are mainly elementary school students, and if accepted they must meet certain requirements such as having difficulty caring for them at home.

The reception hours are based on the working hours of parents, and on weekdays when school is in session, the hours are until around 6:30pm. During holidays and long vacation periods, the hours are from 8:00am to 6:00pm. In addition, we have are very creative in how we spend our time. Beside doing homework and playing, some facilities include lessons such as piano and English conversation in some places.

#### **During long school holidays:**

During long school holidays such as summer vacation, we accept children early in the morning.

Children spend their mornings doing homework, reading, and playing outside.

We also hold events that children love, such as summer festivals and sports days, that can not be done during afterschool hours.

#### Afterschool:

We accept children during afterschool hours.

After the children eat a snack and take a break, they study for lessons and complete their homework, etc. After studying, children can hang out with friends and do whatever they like while waiting for their parents to pick them up.

When using public afterschool:

If you want to start from the beginning of the year:

Applications will be accepted and selected during December of the previous year.

If you want to start from the middle of the year:

- When starting from the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month: Transfer payment by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month.
- When starting from the 16<sup>th</sup> of each month: Transfer payment by the end of the remaining month.

Reception counter: Childcare Support Division

o When using private afterschool:

Since each facility is independently managed, payment and application methods are different. Application and inquiries are accepted at each facility.

Please see the childcare support website for details on facilities and required documents.



#### 2. Have You Applied for Childcare and Household Living Support Special Benefits, and Fuji-san Coins?

These special benefits are provided to low-income families raising children whose lives have been affected by the soaring prices of food and other items. If you have not applied yet, please come to the Childcare support division.

Period: Till Thursday, February 29, 2024

Inquiry: Childcare support division at (82)4124

#### 3. Door-to-Door, Receiver Update

Inquiry: Crisis management division at (82)4370

Over 6 years period, receivers used for broadcasting information about self-defense practice and city announcements are being changed to new models one by one.

When the installation time approaches, we will send documents to eligible households to notify them.

It will be installed sequentially starting from November every year, but we update them starting from the oldest installed year. Houses may not necessarily receive their new receiver at the same time as neighboring households. \*One receiver is provided to households with resident registration for free. All companies are subject to pay.

- Introduction of the new receiver
  - ① Radio is available
  - ② Light weight and equipped with an LED light
  - \* Please replace batteries regularly.

#### 4. (For year-end adjustment) Payment confirmation will be issued for national health insurance tax etc.

If you want to know your payment amount for national health insurance tax, medical insurance premium for the elderly, or long-term care insurance premium for your year-end adjustment; we can issue a payment confirmation for 2023 (expected payment). You can get it by mail or at the counter, please contact our staff.

The amount of deduction for a social insurance premium is taken from your public pension (Excepting disability pensions or survivor's pensions) and will be written on the withholding slip, for said pension,

issued by Japan pension service. If this applies to you, please contact Numazu pension office directly. (This is not issued by Gotemba city)

\* For people who have already received their year-end adjustment deduction, these deductions do not apply to income tax. You will receive a payment confirmation for income tax at the end of January, 2024.

Inquiries: National health insurance pension division staff at (83)1255

Medical care for the elderly staff at (82)4188

Long-term life welfare division, Care Insurance staff at (82)4134

Numazu pension office at 055(921)2201

#### **5. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION** / Inquiry: (88)3337

- ◆FREE ITEMS: Baby bed, Chair, Futon, Newborn thermometer, Kids toilet supplies, Stool, Chair, Semi-double bed
- ◆CHARGED ITEMS: Public kindergarten uniform
- ◆DONATION NEEDED: Dehumidifier, Telephone with fax, Gas water heater, Child car seat (from new born), Baby stroller (from new born), Vacuum
- ◆NEGOTIABLE ITEMS:

(Last updated on 9/14<sup>th</sup>)

- \*Fax and Telephone answering machine service are not available.
- \*We only introduce re-useable items. No items are stored in the office.

#### 6. November's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (WED)	Legal Counseling (1:00pm)	City Hall	19		
2			(SUN)		
(THU) 3	Library Festival (9:00 am)	Library	20		
(FRI)	` ` `	•	(MON) 21		
(SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library	(TUE)		
5 (SUN)			22	Workshop for Pregnant Women/ Father (9:30am)	Health Care Center
6 (MON)			(WED)	Oyako Ohanashi no Kai (10:30am)	Library
7	Adult Health Consultation	Health Care	23	(10.000)	
(TUE)	(1:30pm) Oyako Ohanashi no Kai	Center	(THU) 24		
(WED)	(10:30am)	Library	(FRI)		
9 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall	25 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library
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(FRI) 11			(SUN) 27		
(SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library	(MON)		
12 (SUN)			28 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
13	Health Consultation for 2 years	Health Care	29	Health Checkup for 3 years old	Health Care
(MON)	old (1:10pm)	Center	(WED)	(1:00pm)	Center
14 (TUE)			30 (THU)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15pm)	Health Care Center
15 (WED)	Legal Counseling (10:00am)	City Hall		•	'
16 (THU)			[Deadline November 30 <sup>th</sup> (Thu.)]  ● National Health Insurance tax of 5 <sup>th</sup> ● Medical Care System for people aged 75 and over (Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken) of 4 <sup>th</sup> ● Water usage and sewer usage for November		
17 (FRI)	Hello Baby Gathering (6:45pm)	Health Care Center			
18 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30pm)	Library			

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