

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. My Life in Gotemba with Fuji-san G-coins

Fuji-san G-coins have been in use for 1 and half years, since the summer of 2022. Approximately 1 in 2 citizens now use it, and there are over 350 stores/businesses where G-coins can be used in the city now. We will continue to aim to become an even more beloved digital currency.

Commerce and industry promotion division at (82)4683.

G-coins are used in various situations:

*There are various requirements for benefits.

A list can be checked on the city's website.



*Scene 01: Marriage/ Childbirth

- Marriage life support:
To support married life, 50,000 dollars will be given to couples who married after April 1st, 2023.
Inquiry: Commerce and industry promotion division at (82)4683
- Childbirth/ Childcare support:
As a birth celebration and childcare support, 20,000 dollars is provided to children who were born on or after April 1st, 2022.
Inquiries: Childcare support division at (82)4124, Health promotion division at (82)1111.

*Scene 02: Health

- Body vitality program:
500 dollars for those who have undergone a specific medical examination under the National Health Insurance. 500 dollars for those who receive subsequent specific health guidance. (Total: 1,000 dollars)
- Gotemba health mileage achievement benefits:
500 dollars will be given to those who have been issued a "Fuji-no-Kuni Health card".
Inquiry: Health promotion division at (82)1111.

*Scene 03: Education

- Entrance celebrations to Elementary/ Jr. High school in Gotemba
10,000 dollars will be given to households with a Gotemba city resident, who will enroll in elementary/ Jr. high school, for the 2023 school year as of April 1st, 2023.
Inquiry: Childcare support division at (82)4124.

*Scene 04: Child rearing

- Support for low-income child-rearing households
In order to provide a better child-rearing environment, special government subsidy will be given to support low-income child-rearing households.
Inquiry: Childcare support division at (82)4124.

*Scene 05: Respect for the elderly

- Celebration of 77, 88 and over 100 years-old.
As a celebration of healthy longevity, 10,000 dollars will be given to people who will turn 77, 88 and 100, 101 or older.

*Scene 06: Sports

- Sports awards
1,000 to 30,000 dollars will be given to those who participate in competitions that fall under the city's sports award grant guidelines.
- "I Love Sports" achievement celebration
Award recipients will receive between 500 to 2,000 dollars for "I Love Sports competition".
Inquiry: Sports exchange division at (82)4135.

*Scene 07: Environment

- 5,000 to 10,000 dollars will be given to those who have installed multiple products at the same time of auxiliary equipment targeted for introduction support projects such as household regional decarbonization transition promotion equipment, etc. (ex. Solar power)
Inquiry: Environment division at (83)1603.

*Scene 08: Events

- City events
Participation points will be given to those who participate in Eki-maeru, Industrial fair, Local events (Inno cultural festival, dream festival Tamaho etc.)
- School events
Available to pay at Gotemba high school cultural festival, Go-ko Shop G-shop based on students' ideas.
* G-coins can be used at various events and local event etc. Please ask for more details.
Inquiry: Commerce and industry promotion division at (82)4683.

*Scene 09: Premium Fuji-san G-coin is on sale!

Premium Fuji-san G-coins have been sold 4 times so far.
G-coins are currently on sale during the year-end and New Year holidays with a premium rate of 30%.
(Sales ends Wednesday, January 31st)
For more details, please check Koho-Gotemba issued on December 20th, 2023.
Inquiry: Commerce and industry promotion division at (82)4683.

2. Support Benefit for ¥70,000/ household To All Residents Tax-Exempt Households, etc.

(*You need to take the following procedures to receive the benefit.)



City homepage:

City provides ¥70,000 per household to households exempt from resident tax as support to reduce the burden of rising prices of food, energy, etc.

Inquiry: Social Welfare Division at (70)3223

- Eligible households (You can't get duplicate benefits from both ① and ②)
 - ① Registered in Gotemba as of Dec. 1, 2023 and all members of the household are exempt from resident tax for 2023.
Household members dependent on relatives capable of paying resident tax are not eligible.
(Such as a student who is dependent on a parent or a parent dependent on their child)
- Procedures to receive the benefit
We will send a confirmation letter to the target household by the middle of January.
Please check the contents and reply with the enclosed envelope.

- ② Households experiencing a sudden income drop
Among households other than exempt from resident tax, Households members whose combined financial situation is equivalent to non-taxable income* due to a sudden income drop from January to December in 2023.
{All family's expected annual income (12 times of any monthly income after Jan. 2023) is equivalent to non-taxable households}
Annual salary income estimate...930, 000yen for a single person, 2,040,000yen for a single parent



○ Procedures to receive your benefit

You need to submit your application with your ID copy and any document showing income (such as salary slip etc.) to the city.

- ※ Application forms will be posted on the city homepage by the middle of January and distributed to social welfare division, city hall branches, social welfare council.

- Application period: Friday, May 31st, 2024.

※ If eligible households receive the confirmation letter, please return it by the deadline.

Beware of “bank transfer scams” and “exploitation of personal information”. If you receive a suspicious phone call or anything, please contact the city's consumer life center at (83)1629 or Gotemba police station at (84)0110.

3. Let's Consider Purchasing a Sunto Area Mutual Aid Traffic Accident Insurance Plan for the Entire Family.

Inquiry: Community safety section at (82)4123.

This insurance plan compensates Gotemba, Susono, Oyama, Nagaizumi and Shimizu residents. It is a mutual aid system for anyone unfortunately involved in a traffic accident.

- **Coverage period:** From Monday, April 1st, 2024 to Monday, March 31st, 2025
- **Eligibility:** Gotemba registered residents
※In the case you move out from Gotemba during this period, you are still eligible to be a member.
- **Fee:** The premium is 500 yen (1 year) per person.
※You can join up to 2 shares.
※Later on the April 1st enrollment will be still same fee.
- **Application submit period:** By Sunday, March 31st
※You can apply after April 1st on an as needed basis, but coverage start the day after the premium is paid.
- **How to enroll:**
Please submit your mailed application to financial institutions within the city (excluding post offices).
※Your community association leader will not be collecting.
- **How to receive compensation money:**
Claims must be made within two years following the day of the accident, and submit the necessary documentation shown below to Community safety section.
 - ① Designated consolation payment claim form by Sunto area mutual aid traffic accident insurance plan.
 - ② Traffic accident certificate (Copy is available.)
 - ③ Certificate of treatment which specifies injury date, reason and name of illness, visitation/hospitalized date. (Copy is available)



For more details, please check homepage of Sunto Area Mutual Aid Traffic Accident Insurance Plan.

*Please check here for the mutual aid amount.

4. Memorial Gift Distribution for Absentees from the Coming-of-Age Ceremony 2024

Memorial gifts will be distributed to those who were absent from the Coming-of-Age ceremony. The memorial gift is a smartphone stand made from scrap materials from elementary and Jr. high school desks.

Distribution Period: From Monday, January 22nd to Thursday, February 29th.

Distribution Place: Social education division, Gotemba regional promotion center or any branch office

*Absentee or family, please come to the office to receive the memorial gift.

Inquiry: Social education division at (82)0339

5. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

※Fax and Telephone answering machine services are not available.

*FREE ITEMS: 3 way cooler box, Japanese chest of drawers

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): Kindergarten uniform (Koyama Nintei Kodomo-en), Kendo armor set

*DONATIONS NEEDED: Microwave, Rice cooker, Fully automatic washing machine, Telephone with FAX, Dehumidifier

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): NA

(Last updated on 12/13th, 2023)

We only accept re-useable items. No items are stored in the office.

6. February's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (THU)	Legal Counseling (1:00 pm)	City Hall	18 (SUN)		
2 (FRI)			19 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:20 am)	Health Care Center
3 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library	20 (TUE)	Seminar for 4 months Babies (9:45 am)	Health Care Center
4 (SUN)				Medical Checkup for 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center
5 (MON)			21 (WED)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 and half years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
6 (TUE)	Medical Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center	22 (THU)	Workshop for Pre-Papa & Mama (9:30 am)	Health Care Center
7 (WED)	Mother support consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center		Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall
	Mother support consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	23 (FRI)		
8 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall	24 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library
9 (FRI)	Health Consultation for 2 years old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	25 (SUN)		
10 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library	26 (MON)		
11 (SUN)			27 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
			28 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library
12 (MON)				Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center
			29 (THU)		
13 (TUE)			The tax payment and rate of February [February 29 th (Thu.) is a due date of payment] ●4 th Property tax and Urban Planning tax ●8 th National Health Insurance tax ●7 th Old Citizen Medical Care Premium		
14 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library			
	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center			
	Book Start	Health Care Center			
15 (THU)	Adult Health Consultation (9:30pm)	Health Care Center			
	Legal Counseling (10:00 am)	City Hall			
16 (FRI)					
17 (SAT)	Ohanashi Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library			