

Gotemba Newsletter

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<https://gia-gotemba.com>

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



1. National Spring Traffic Safety Exercises will start from April 6th (Sat.) to 15th (Mon.)

Elementary and Jr. high schools in Gotemba have their entrance ceremonies on Friday, April 5th. Each freshman starts commuting to school with high hopes and a little bit of tension.

Let's be considerate when driving, and pay special attention to children, as they tend to jump out of nowhere as they commute to school; especially in and around a designated school zone.

Important point of the exercise

1. Ensuring a road traffic environment where children can pass safely and practicing safe crosswalks.
2. Awareness of giving priority to pedestrians, be considerate, and drive while yielding to each other.
3. Wear a helmet and follow traffic rules when riding bicycles, electric kickboards, and others.
4. Ensuring traffic safety around crosswalks. (City's focus point)

Inquiry: Kurashi-no-Anzenka at (82)4123

2. The 22nd Gotemba Cherry Blossoms Festival

Tourism Exchange Division at (82)4622, Tourism Association at (83)4770

The 22nd Gotemba cherry blossom festival will be held at Chichibunomiya Memorial park as the main venue.

★Event:

- Chichibunomiya Memorial park
Date & Time: March 30th (Sat) and 31st (Sun), from 9:00am to 8:30pm (last admission at 8:00pm)
Content: Various food/ drink stands, cherry blossom tea party and Kimono experience, Koto stage, Cherry blossom Mini tour with souvenir (some charged)
- Higashiyama Kannon-do: Cherry blossom tea party
Date & Time: March 31st (Sun), from 10:00am to 2:00pm
*Ends as soon as the sweets run out.

★Night light-up:

It may be changed due to cherry blossom conditons.

◎Chichibunomiya Memorial Park

Date & Time: From the end of March to the beginning of April, from sunset to 8:30pm.

◎Gotobara loop line (along the street around Chichibunomiya's front gate)

Date & Time: From the end of March to the beginning of April, from sunset to 8:30pm.

◎Higashiyama Kannon-do:

Date & Time: Till Wednesday, April 10th, from sunset to 9:00pm

◎Fuji-san Juku-no Mori

Date & Time: March 30th (Sat), 31st (Sun), April 6th (Sat) and 7th (Sun), from sunset until 8pm.

◎Gotemba Kogen TOKINO SUMIKA:

Date & Time: Till April 7th (Sun), from sunset to 10:00pm.

★Gotemba Cherry Blossom Photo Contest:

Application period: Application must arrive on Friday, May 17th.

Category: ①Chichibunomiya Memorial Park, ②SNS, ③Higashiyama Kannon-do, Peace park, Gotobara loop line, Lake Higashiyama, Fuji-san Julu-no Mori, Tokino Sumika

- Please check the INDEX GOTEMBA for the details (2D code).



★Parking informaiton:

- ① Chichibunomiya memorial park
- ② SBS my home center parking (only at night time on the 3/30th (Sat) and 31st (Sun))
- ③ Outlet parking places (P15)
- ④ Outlet parking places (P24), only for 3/30th (Sat) and 31st (Sun)

3. You can Submit a Student National Pension Insurance Premiums If You Are Student Over 20 years-old

National pension division at (82)4122

Numazu Pension Office at 055(921)2201

All residents (including internationals) in Japan who are between 20 years old to 59 years old must join a national pension and are responsible for paying it. The national pension not only ensures your retirement life, but it also supports you or your family if you become physically disabled by disease or injury or if you lose your main income earning family member.

Students can receive a deferment of payment of national pension insurance premiums by applying for special payment for students.

An application can be submitted once you turn 20 years-old, students need to apply every year. In addition, the period during which the student national pension insurance premiums are approved will be added to the eligibility period for receiving the old age basic pension in the future, but it will not be added to the amount of the received. In order to receive a full old age basic pension in the future, you can pay an additional national pension insurance premium within 10 years after applying for a special student payment.

- Objects:

Registered students (at university, 2 years college or special school etc.) older than 20 years-old. Also, that person's previous year income is below a certain amount.

- How to apply:

- ① New applicant

Apply at city hall or the nearest pension office after April 1st with the following.

(Things you need)

- A copy of your student identification card (Front and back) or student registration certificate (Original)
- "My number" or "Things including basic pension number".

- ② For renewal applicants

*For students whose payment exemption is approved in 2023, an application postcard will be sent by the beginning of April. You will need to fill in the necessary information, and please send it back. If you have not received a postcard, please apply with a normal application after April 1st.

*Those who have extended their school period to pursue a higher education or etc. will need to apply again.



▲Mynapotal



▲Japan pension service homepage

4. Support Benefit for Households Exempt from Resident Tax

(Households subject to resident tax per capita only)

In order to protect citizen's lives from rising prices, we will provide 100,000yen (per household) to households subject to only the per capita resident tax in 2023.

Object:

Households that are registered as a Gotemba residents as of December 1, 2023, and Where all household members are not eligible for the 2023 resident tax income tax rate.

(In 2023, excluding households eligible for support benefits such as households exempt from resident tax.)

*Households that moved to this city from other municipalities after January 2, 2023 will need to apply because no tax information.

➤ Please check the city website for the details (2D code).



Application & inquiry:

Please contact the social welfare division in person or by mail, no later than Friday, May 31st. Social welfare division at (70)3223

5. Emergency Medical Center Closing

Closing Dates: Thursday, April 11th from 6:00pm to Friday, 12th at 8:00am.

Available at Fuji Hospital, phone at (83)3333.

Inquiry: Emergency Medical Center at (83)1111

6. Fuji-san G Coin Point Reduction Festival

If you shop with using Fuji-san G coin, you will receive 10% of the payment amount back in points immediately.

Period: From April 11th (Thu) to May 15th (Wed)

Grant upper limit: 2,000 dollars (Shopping up to 2,000yen)

*The expiration date of granted points is August 15th (Thu).

*Points less than 1 yen will be rounded down.



➤ Please check the city website for details (2D code).

Inquiry: Commerce and industry promotion division at (82)4683

7. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

※Fax and Telephone answering machine services are not available.

* FREE ITEMS: Basket goal, Books, New blanket, Portable AC, Fully automatic washing machine, Refrigerator, Printer, Electromagnetic cooker, Child seat, Baby stroller, Potty

(NAGOTIABLE ITEMS): NA

* DONATIONS NEEDED: Baby crib, Electric bicycle, Oven rang, Fan, Microwave, Refrigerator, Recorder

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): NA

(Last updated on 2/13rd, 2024)

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

8. April's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/ TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/ TIME	LOCATION
1 (MON)	Legal Counseling (1:00pm)	City Hall	17 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
2 (TUE)				Book Starts	Health Care Center
3 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center	18 (THU)		
	Book Starts	Health Care Center	19 (FRI)		Health Care Center
4 (THU)	Mother Support Consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	20 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library
	Mother Support Consultation (1:30 pm)		21 (SUN)		
5 (FRI)			22 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:20am)	Health Care Center
6 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library	23 (TUE)	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15pm)	
7 (SUN)			24 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library
8 (MON)				Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
9 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center	25 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall
10 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30am)	Library	26 (FRI)	Health Consultation and Fluoride application for 2 and half years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
	Tax Consultation (1:00pm)	City Hall	27 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library
	Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center	28 (SUN)		
11 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	City Hall	29 (MON)		
	Emergency Medical Center Closure Date (from 18:00, Available at Fuji hospital)		30 (TUE)	Adult Health Consultation (9:30am)	Health Care Center
12 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center	(Tax payment) Payment due date: Apri 30 th (Tue.) ●For the property tax and urban planning tax 1 st		
13 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library			
14 (SUN)					
15 (MON)		Health Care Center			
16 (TUE)	Seminar for 4 months Babies (9:45am)	Health Care Center			
	Legal Counseling (10:00am)				

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