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Shinagawa Children Centers

Check Out Your Local Children Center!

Shinagawa Children Center mascot Yume-chan

There are twenty-five Children Centers in Shinagawa City. They offer programs for children from newborns to eighteen years of age, and others which small children and parents can do together. The centers aim to promote wholesome physical and mental health through consultation services related to childrearing and play activities. Please use your local Children Center.

Inquiries: Child-rearing Support Subsection, Child Upbringing Section
Tel: 03-5742-7823, **Fax:** 03-5742-6351

Facility Information

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Closed Sundays, national holidays, and during the yearend/New Year's holidays
Note: The hours and holiday schedules of some Children Centers are different.

Activities for Infants and Toddlers and Parents

Children Centers conduct age-specific programs such as Oyako no Hiroba (Parents & Children's Plaza) for families with infants and/or toddlers to promote friendly exchanges of parents through programs. These include seasonal events, play activities and crafts.

Play Activities for Elementary Schoolers

There are various club activities for elementary school children, including ping-pong, basketball, dancing, unicycle riding, crafts, *taiko* drums and band music.

Children Centers conduct various other programs and classes as well. For more information, please visit the Shinagawa City website.

Shinagawa City website

Introducing: Some Programs Conducted at Children Centers

A Place Where Junior High and High Schoolers Can Relax

Teens' Plaza*1 is a unique Children Center program that supports junior high and high school students. Twice a week, Center hours are extended from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. for "Teens' Time," when only junior high school and high school students are allowed to play.

*1 This program is available at Higashi-Shinagawa, Nakahara, Hiratsuka, Higashi-Nakanobe, Yutaka, Fujimidai, Takioji, Higashi-Oi, and Yashio Children Centers.

Children Centers in Shinagawa City

Children Center	Address
Higashi-Shinagawa	1-34-9 Higashi-Shinagawa
Kita-Shinagawa	2-7-21 Kita-Shinagawa
Minami-Shinagawa	4-5-28 Minami-Shinagawa
Koseki	5-8-15 Kita-Shinagawa
Mitsugi	2-6-13 Nishi-Shinagawa
Higashi-Gotanda	5-24-1 Higashi-Gotanda
Nakahara*2	6-6-18 Nishi-Gotanda
Hiratsuka	2-2-3 Hiratsuka
Ushiroji	2-9-19 Koyama
Nakanobu	1-6-16 Nishi-Nakanobu
Hatanodai	5-19-5 Hatanodai
Nishi-Nakanobu	3-8-5 Nishi-Nakanobu
Higashi-Nakanobu	2-5-10 Higashi-Nakanobu
Yutaka	1-18-15 Yutakacho
Minami-Yutaka	4-17-21 Yutakacho
Ohara	6-16-1 Togoshi
Fujimidai	6-1-8 Nishi-Oi
Ito	6-13-1 Nishi-Oi
Ipponbashi*3	2-25-1 Oi
Oi-Kurata	4-11-34 Oi
Takioji	5-19-14 Oi
Suijin	5-13-19 Minami-Oi
Minami-Oi	3-7-13 Minami-Oi
Higashi-Oi	1-22-16 Higashi-Oi
Yashio	5-10-27 Yashio

*2 Nakahara Children Center is in operation at a temporary location during FY2023.
*3 Ipponbashi Children Center is closed during FY2023.

App

Shinagawa Kodomo Pocket App Now Available!

You can download the app here.

The Shinagawa Kodomo Pocket app, which is useful for expectant mothers and mothers raising children up through high school, is now available. Please use this multilingual app to get the latest information from Children Centers.

App Store　Google Play

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Are You Familiar with National Health Insurance?

● What Is National Health Insurance?

Japan's social security system includes health insurance. This health insurance program is broadly divided into workbased (company) insurance, regionally based National Health Insurance, and Latter-Term Elderly Medical Insurance for those who are seventy-five years of age or older. Those who live in Japan are required to join one of these health insurance plans. (However, eligibility requirements for enrollment must be fulfilled.) Japan's National Health Insurance system is a mutual-aid program in which members pay insurance premiums based on their income, and to which both the national government and local municipalities also contribute.

● Those Who Can Enroll in National Health Insurance

Under seventy-five years of age who live in Shinagawa City and have completed resident registration can enroll. However, those to whom any of the following applies are not eligible to enroll.

- Those who are eligible to join another public health insurance program, such as company health insurance
- Those who are receiving public financial assistance for everyday living
- Those with an authorized period of stay of three months or less (including those who have not obtained the proper visa)
  Note: In some cases, you may enroll if your visa is classified as "performance," "specific skills," "family stay" or "designated activities" and your period of stay is approved for over three months.

● Notification

You must be sure to file the designated notification form with the National Health Insurance and Pension Section within fourteen days of the following circumstances. Your individual number (My Number) is required for procedures.

Note: If someone else files an application on your behalf, he/she will need to present a proxy letter.

(1) To join the program
- When you enter Japan or move to Shinagawa City
- When you withdraw from the employee health insurance program
- When you give birth to a baby (if you cannot enroll in social insurance)

(2) To withdraw from the program
- When you move out of Shinagawa City or leave Japan
- When you join the employee health insurance program
- Death
  Note: You can apply for funeral expenses.

(3) Other situations
- When you move within Shinagawa City
- Change in name
- Change in head of household
- Consolidation or dissolution of household(s)
- Your health insurance card is lost or damaged

Inquiries: Qualification Subsection, National Health Insurance and Pension Section (Hon Chosha 4F, **Tel:** 03-5742-6676, **Fax:** 03-5742-6876)

The 33rd "Traditional Crafts & Tastes of Shinagawa Exhibition"

The arts and crafts on display include vivid *Edo-kiriko* (Edo cut glass), *wasai* (Japanese dressmaking), and *kusakizome tebataorimono* (textile work using plants as dyes). Skilled professionals in these arts and more from the Shinagawa Traditional Crafts Preservation Group will have demonstration booths. Get creative at an experience corner taught by master artisans and enjoy the various events scheduled. Please come!

Date and Time: January 27 (Sat.) and 28 (Sun.), 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Location: Event Hall, Curian7F (in front of Oimachi Station)

Traditional Crafts

Butsuzo chokoku (Buddhist statue sculpting), *kotto shuri* (antique repairing), *Edo-kiriko* (Edo cut glass), *wasai* (Japanese dressmaking), *nihon shishu* (Japanese embroidery), *hyogu* (picture framing), pottery, *chochin moji* (paper lantern calligraphy), *ribiyo hasami* (hairdresser scissors), *Edo sudare* (Edo bamboo blind), *urushi kogei* (lacquerware), *kanaami* (metal mesh), *Tokyo tegaki yuzen* (Tokyo yuzen dyeing with handdrawn patterns), *Tokyo kiritansu* (Tokyo paulownia wood chests of drawers), *kusakizome tebataorimono* (textile work using plants as dyes), and tatami

Traditional Tastes

Japanese tea, bread and Japanese sweets
Note: You will be able to eat and drink within the site.

Inquiries: Administration Subsection, Commerce and Manufacturing Section (**Tel:** 03-5498-6335, **Fax:** 03-5498-6338)

Shinagawa Library Global Storytelling Room

This is a storytelling event in English and French put on by native speakers and others. Get familiar with foreign languages while enjoying some hand games.

Date and Time: February 18 (Sun.)
① 1:30 to 2:15 p.m.
② 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.
Notes:
1. The event site will open fifteen minutes before each session.
2. The program for ① and ② is the same.

Eligibility and capacity: Sixty elementary school children or younger (on a first-come, first-served basis)
Notes:
1. You can apply for up to four people
2. Parents/guardians may accompany their children and are included in the number of group members

Location/Application/Inquiries: Please apply by telephone or in person at the service counter by January 24 (Wed.) at Shinagawa Library (2-32-3 Kita-Shinagawa; **Tel:** 03-3471-4667, **Fax:** 03-3740-4014).

About COVID-19 Vaccinations

(information current as of December 22)

■ Vaccinations started in Autumn 2023

Eligibility: Everyone who is at least six months of age and has received the initial vaccinations.
Locations: Hospitals and clinics in Shinagawa City
Vaccine: Vaccine for omicron variant (XBB.1.5)
Vaccination fee: Free

● Concerning Vaccination Tickets

Tickets are being mailed out to residents who do not have any unused vaccination tickets. If you have unused vaccination tickets, you will not receive any more, since the unused ones are still valid.

Please note that if you have lost your vaccination ticket or recently moved into Shinagawa City, you must complete application procedures.

Note: If you have not yet received the initial vaccinations, you can still receive them.

For more information, please visit the Shinagawa City website.

Inquiries: Unit in charge of COVID-19 Vaccination, Health Care and Disease Prevention Section, **Tel:** 03-5742-7846, **Fax:** 03-5742-6012
Note: Inquiry numbers have changed as of January.

Tokyo Multilingual Coronavirus Hotline

Consultation services are available to answer your questions about lifestyles, health, and any concerns regarding the spread of the coronavirus.

Languages: Twelve (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepali, Tagalog, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, French and Burmese)

Tel 0120-670-440

Hours 24 hours
(also available on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

InterFM 89.7MHz
Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info,* a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:
Mondays: Chinese and Japanese
Tuesdays: Korean and Japanese
Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese
Thursdays: English and Japanese
Fridays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency. You can also check the broadcast content via the website.

Website: https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/