

## Festival information

### 1.) Ichinoya Yasaka Shrine Gion Festival (garlic festival)

People, who lived in Japan for a long time have probably heard about the "Gion festival." The most famous one is held at the Yasaka Shrine in Kyoto, but from July to August, this festival is held all over Japan. Shrines throughout Japan that were dedicated to god Gion started to hold this summer festival just like the one in Kyoto. It is said that the holding of this festival would prevent oncoming pestilence. In July, the Gion Festival is held at many of Tsukuba's shrines, but the one held at the Ichinoya Yasaka Shrine is well known as the garlic festival. On the day of the festival, garlic, who is said to be effective in protection from pestilence, is distributed at the shrine. Shrine's worshipers then hang the garlic on their front door and pray for the safety of their family and good health. Moreover, on that day there are many street stalls on the premises of the shrine.

A legend says that during the Edo period famine occurrence the feudal lord, that ruled this region, saved many of his people by using the effect of the Ichinoya Yasaka Shrine garlic. Because since old times the Ichinoya Yasaka Shrine has been seen as an authoritative shrine among the Yasaka shrines of Ibaraki Prefecture, other shrines hold the festival only after the one at Ichinoya finished.

**Schedule:** 28<sup>th</sup> of July (Tue), \*The festival itself will be held from the morning, but it is common for the portable shrine to be carried in the evening.

**Place:** Ichinoya Yasaka Shrine (Tsukuba, Tamatori 2617)

**Inquiries:** TEL: 029-864-1132; URL: <http://yasaka.or.jp/>

### 2.) Tsuchiura Kirara Festival

This festival is held every year on the first Saturday and Sunday in August, and it unites the Star Festival with prayers for aquatic safety. The main street in front of west entrance of Tsuchiura station turns into a pedestrian paradise. On the first day there is a parade (13:00~17:00) and the Star Festival dance (17:00~21:00). On the second day, floats will be paraded on the main street area bustling with visitors.

**Date and time:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of August, 13:00~21:00

**Inquires:** Tsuchiura Kirara Festival Executive Committee (Tsuchiura City Tourism Association) TEL: 029-824-2810

### 3.) Looking for participants for the Tsukuba Festival 2009

Tsukuba Festival, the largest annual event will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> of August. This year as well its organizers are looking for enthusiastic participants.

**Nebuta parade's haneto:** *Nebuta* is a special float, originating from Aomori Prefecture. In a parade of *nebutas*, dancers called *hanetos* dance around the float. Anybody can participate in the parade as a *haneto*. Persons that wish to participate can apply via fax or e-mail by 25<sup>th</sup> of August. (Follow-up information will be mailed to the applicants later on.)

**Inquiries:** Nebuta Office, TEL: 090-8891-4578 (ask for Mr. Gokita); FAX: 029-856-6880;

**E-mail:** [info@tsukubanebuta.com](mailto:info@tsukubanebuta.com) ;

**URL:** <http://www.tsukubanebuta.com>

People willing to pull the bampaku float: Among *nebuta* floats and portable shrines, 1985 EXPO commemorative floats will also appear in the festival. Organizers are looking for elementary school children willing to parade the float. (On the day of the festival the children need to be accompanied by a guardian or a parent.)

**How to apply:** Apply via telephone by 31<sup>st</sup> of July (Fri).

**Inquiries:** Tsukuba Festival Executive committee office

(Tsukuba City Hall, Tourism Division, TEL: 029-836-1111)

Tsukuba performance stage participants: On the 30<sup>th</sup> of August the Tsuchiura Gakuen-sen (Between Higashi Ōdōri and Nishi Ōdōri) will be turned into a pedestrian paradise and dancing performances will be held on the street. The organizers are in search of participants for these performances.

**How to apply:** Apply via phone by the 24<sup>th</sup> of July (Fri).

**Inquiries:** Tsukuba Festival Executive committee office (Tsukuba City Hall, Tourism Division, TEL: 029-836-1111)

### Japanese courses for beginners

The Tsukuba Cultural Foundation will start a course in beginner's level Japanese for people living and/or working in Tsukuba and their families, who wish to improve their daily conversation skills in Japanese. Both complete beginners and persons with little experience in learning Japanese can apply. Furthermore, people looking for a job are especially welcomed to participate.

#### Course contents

1.) Nihon-go 1 Level: complete beginners

Textbook: "Nihon-go 45 jikan"

2.) Nihon-go 2 Level: persons, who have studied Japanese for 50 or more hours, are able to introduce themselves, and can read hiragana and katakana

Textbook: "Nihon-go 45 jikan"

**Persons eligible to apply:** People living and/or working in Tsukuba and their family, who wish to improve their Japanese speaking ability. This course is particularly recommended to people who are in search of work.

**Time and date:** 10:00~12:00 every Wednesday and Friday from 15<sup>th</sup> of July to 25<sup>th</sup> of September

The schedule may be changed. For detailed information, download the schedule from the homepage.

**Place:** Tsukuba Science Information Center, Azuma 1-10-1 (The same place where the old Ibaraki Prefecture Information Center was.) \*On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and September 4<sup>th</sup> the lessons will be held at Tsukuba Capiro, Takezono 1-10-1.

**Student quota:** 10 people per class

**Lesson costs:** ¥6,000 (new students), ¥5,000 (continuing students)

\*Please pay the lesson costs when you apply, but be aware that no reimbursement is possible. Moreover, the textbook is paid separately during the first lesson.

**How to apply:** Fill in the application form and take it directly to the Tsukuba Cultural Foundation. You can get the form at the foundation's office or download it from their homepage.

**Inquiries:** Tsukuba Cultural Foundation, 305-0032, Tsukuba, Takezono 1-10-1 (inside the Tsukuba International Association);

TEL: 029-869-7675; FAX: 029-851-9797;

**E-mail:** [class@tsukubacity.or.jp](mailto:class@tsukubacity.or.jp) **URL:**

<http://www.tsukubacity.or.jp/info/modules/tinyd3/index.php?id=2>

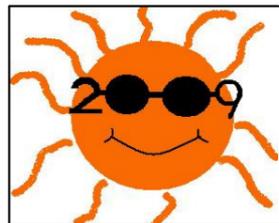
### Lets have fun chatting in English!

1. **City Chat Café:** Regardless of age or nationality, you are most welcome to join us to chat in English while having a cup of coffee at Lala Garden from 14:00-16:00, on 29 Aug, 6 Sep and 27 Sep. For inquiry: [icafe@sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:icafe@sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp)

URL: <http://www.sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp/~icafe/>

2. **Chattering In English:** Free to join, no reservations needed, for people around Tsukuba who like to chat in English. Held every Saturday from 14:00~16:00 at Azuma Community Hall (Tsukuba Center Building 4/F, Azuma 1-10-1)

For inquiries email: [xxreikoohbaxx@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:xxreikoohbaxx@yahoo.co.jp) (Ooba san)/ [ynaitoh@hb.tp1.jp](mailto:ynaitoh@hb.tp1.jp) (Naitou san)



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### 2009 fireworks display information

1.) **Sumidagawa fireworks display** (Tōkyo, Taitō-ku-Sumida-ku)  
As the most famous fireworks display in Tōkyo, each year it receives lots of visitors. The meeting place is the riverside of Sumidagawa. Around 21,500 fireworks will color the night sky.

**Date and time:** 25<sup>th</sup> of July (Sat), 19:00~20:30, \*The event will be postponed to the next day in case of rain or stormy weather.

**Place:** Sumidagawa riverside (5~15 minute walk from Asakusa Station or Kuramae station of the Toei Chikatetsu Asakusa Line)

**Place** 1: Sakurabashi downstream~Kototoibashi upstream.

2: Komagatabashi downstream~Umayabashi upstream

**Inquiries:** Sumidagawa fireworks display executive committee, TEL: 03-5608-1111,

Web page: <http://sumidagawa-hanabi.com/>

2.) **Ōarai Seaside fireworks display** (Ibaraki prefecture, Higashi Ibarakigun, Ōarai machi)

Ōarai seaside fireworks display brings out the real feeling of summer. Around 3,000 fireworks will color the night sky.

**Date and Time:** 25<sup>th</sup> of July (Sat), 19:30~21:00, \*The event will be postponed to the following day in case of rain or stormy weather.

**Place:** Ōarai sun beach ( Higashi Ibarakigun, Ōarai machi, Ōnuki-chō), \* 7km from Higashi Mito Dōro, Mito-Ōarai IC via National Highway 51

**Inquiries:** Ōarai machi office, Tourism Division

TEL: 029-267-5111

Ōarai Tourism Association,

TEL: 029-266-0788



3.) **Matsudo fireworks display** (Chiba prefecture, Matsudo-shi)

This fireworks display is bustling every year with numerous visitors who gather alongside Edogawa. 8,000 fireworks will be shot off close to the spectator seat, so the visitors can enjoy the magnificent spectacle right in front of their eyes.

**Date and time:** 1<sup>st</sup> of August (Sat), 19:15~20:20, \*Will be postponed to 8<sup>th</sup> of August in case of rain or stormy weather.

**Place:** Edogawa riverside, 15 minutes from the west exit of the JR Matsudo station, right in front of the Matsudo municipal library.

**Inquiries:** Matsudo fireworks display executive committee, TEL: 047-366-7327

4.) **Koga fireworks display** (Ibaraki prefecture, Koga-shi)

15,000 multicolored fireworks will be shot off. Large-sized fireworks called *sanshakudama* that are rarely seen in the Kantō region will also be shot off.

**Date and time:** 1<sup>st</sup> of August (Sat), 19:10~20:40, \*Will be postponed to the next day in case

of rain or stormy weather.

**Place:** Koga Golf Links (alongside Watarasegawa), 15 minutes walking distance from Koga station on the JR Mito line

**Inquiries:** Koga City Hall, Tourism Division,

TEL: 0280-92-3111

5.) **Mito Kōmon festival's fireworks display** (Ibaraki Prefecture, Mito-shi)

The fireworks display will be one of the parts of the Mito Kōmon festival, which will be held from the 7<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of August. 4,000 fireworks will be shot off in the vicinity of Lake Senba. During the festival, events like a float parade, carrying of the portable shrine, Mito Kōmon parade, a carnival etc. will also be held.

**Date and time:** 7<sup>th</sup> of August, 19:30~21:00, \*Will be postponed to the 14<sup>th</sup> in case of rain and stormy weather.

**Place:** Lake Senba (JR Mito station's north exit, board the bus at bus terminal 6 heading to Senba and get off at Senba Lake)

**Inquiries:** Mito Tourism Association, TEL: 029-224-0441,

**URL:** <http://www.mitokoumon.com/maturi/koumon/koumon.html>

6.) **Toride Tonegawa fireworks display** (Ibaraki Prefecture, Toride-shi)

The event will be held along river Tone, and many visitors are expected to come. 8,000 fireworks will be shot off.

**Date and time:** 8<sup>th</sup> of August, 19:00~20:30, \* Will be postponed to the 9<sup>th</sup> or the 10<sup>th</sup> in case of rain or strong wind.

**Place:** Toride Ryoku-chi Undō Park (5 minutes walking from the east exit of the JR Toride station)

**Inquiries:** Toride City Tourism Association (within Toride City Hall), TEL: 0297-74-0217

Information hotline on the event day 0180-993-873

7.) **Inashiki summer festival** (Ibaraki Prefecture, Inashiki-shi)

Stage events, presentation of provincial art and sales of special regional products will be held at this festival. The firework display, which is said to be the largest one in Ibaraki prefecture, will be the highlight of the festival with over 12,000 fireworks.

**Date and time:** 22<sup>nd</sup> of August, 19:00~21:00, \*Will be postponed to the following day in case of rain and stormy weather.

**Place:** Edosaki Sōgō Undō Park (45 minutes by bus from JR Tsuchiura, get off at the last station called Edosaki, from there 15 minutes by foot)

**Inquiries:** Inashiki City Tourism Association (within Inashiki City Hall), TEL: 029-892-2000

8.) **Jōsō Kinugawa fireworks display** (Ibaraki prefecture, Jōsō-shi)

Beginning with the creative fireworks competition, 'Fireworks Art Contest', there are many other programs worth seeing such as the 'Fireworks Museum' and 'Collection of the Latest works of National Fireworks Professionals', as well as 'Fireworks Illusion', which is a fireworks show set to music.

**Date and time:** 29<sup>th</sup> of August, 19:00~20:20, \*Will be postponed to the 30<sup>th</sup> of August or 5<sup>th</sup> of September in case of rain or stormy weather.

**Place:** Hashimoto Undō Park (15 minutes walking from the Mitsukaidō station on the Kantō railway)

**Inquiries:** Jōsō Kinugawa fireworks display executive committee, TEL: 0297-22-2121

Jōsō City Hall, Tourism Division, TEL: 0297-23-2111

**Local Research Institutes Open to Public for Summer Holidays**  
 There are a great number of research institutions in the city of Tsukuba, and many of them have prepared observation areas or tours in order to increase the public awareness of science and technology. During summer holidays, from July 18<sup>th</sup> (Sat) to August 31<sup>st</sup> (Mon), 38 institutes will be open for viewing, mainly for children. Also, there will be several events at research facilities which differ from their usual exhibitions which are introduced below.

**1. Tsukuba Expo Center** Tsukuba City Azuma 2-9 TEL 029-858-1100)  
 Until August 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday), a special exhibit about bugs and technology is on display where surprising technologies inspired by the unique design and abilities of insects are introduced. A special event centered on the observing of a cicada from its cocoon is also planned.  
 Date: `Mushi Teku Ten` is until August 31<sup>st</sup> (Monday), excluding July 21 (Tuesday). 9:50~17:00  
 Entrance Fee: Adults (over 18) ¥300、 children ¥150

**2. JAXA Tsukuba Space Center** (Tsukuba City, Sengen2-1-1 / TEL 029-868-2023)  
 The Tsukuba Space Center is the only place in Japan with a real H-II rocket on display. In addition, rocket engines used in fuel tests, test satellites and a full sized replica of the Japanese experiment wing of the International Space Station are all on display. Entrance is free of charge.  
 Date : Every Day 10:00~17:00 (Reception is until 16:00)

**3. National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)** (Tsukuba City Umezono 1-1-1 / TEL 029-862-6214) / Entrance is free  
 Date and time : July 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9:30~16:30  
 Contents • Special Lecture (lecturer : Mathematician • Jin Akiyama) • Robot Demonstration • Science experiment show • Tour • Child-Parent craft corner etc

**4. National Institute for Environmental Studies (NIES)** (Tsukuba City Onogawa 16-2 / TEL 029-850-2453)  
 Time and date : July 25<sup>th</sup> 9:30~16:00  
 Take a ride on a crane-equipped working vehicle and view the ground below and buildings through a thermo-camera from 15m above ground, observe creatures living in the soil, experience making a cloud out of PET bottles and many other activities and lectures are going to be held. Admission is free.

**5. National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention (NIED)** Tsukuba City, Tennoudai 3-1 / TEL 029-863-7792) Time and Date : July 31<sup>st</sup>, (Friday), August 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Open: ①10:30~11:30 ②14:00~15:00  
 Dr. Avalanche Rangers very popular `Summer Natural Disaster Science Experiment Classroom` will be held during the above times. The strangely looking Dr. Avalanche, with his blonde wig and colored glasses, is actually a researcher at NIED. He holds fun and easy to understand demonstrations about natural disasters across the country for children and adults alike. Parents and children can enjoy educational activities like an avalanche experiment or an explanation of the liquidation of the ground caused by earthquakes. Free admission.

**6. The Tsukuba Agricultural Research Hall** (Tsukuba City Kannondai 3-1-1 / TEL 029-838-8980)  
Time and date : July 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 9:00~16:00 / Free Admission. Main events: • Fruit and vegetable researchers answer questions about summer holiday research projects • `Udon` making experience, tied into research at the facility • Experience life in the olden days (with threshing etc) • Crawfish catching

**Swimming pool information 2009**  
**1.) Hanabatake neighborhood park swimming pool**  
 Outdoor 25 meter-long pool with a separate pool for infants. It is not possible to bring in swim rings and toys etc. If infants are going to use the pool they need to be accompanied by an adult.  
 Working period: 1<sup>st</sup> of July to 31<sup>st</sup> of August  
 Holidays: No holidays. However, the pool will be closed in case of bad weather and low water temperature.  
 Hours or Operation: Tickets are available for each of the following time slots. In order to use the facilities past one time slot and into the next, an additional ticket is required.  
 1. 9:30 ~ 11:30 2. 13:00 ~ 15:00 3. 15:30 ~ 17:30  
Fee: High school students and older: ¥210, Junior high school students and younger: ¥100 (\*Fee is the same for all time slots)  
Location: Tsukuba-shi, Hanabatake 3-11-5  
Contact: Hanabatake neighborhood park management office, TEL: 029-864-2221

**2.) Ninomiya Park swimming pool**  
 Outdoor 25 meter-long pool with a separate pool for infants. It is not possible to bring in swim rings and toys etc. If infants are going to use the pool they need to be accompanied by an adult.  
Working period: 1<sup>st</sup> of July to 31<sup>st</sup> of August  
Holidays: No holidays. However, the pool will be closed in case of bad weather or low water temperature.  
Hours of Operation: Tickets are available for each of the following time slots. In order to use the facilities past one time slot and into the next, an additional ticket is required.  
 1. 9:30 ~ 11:30 2. 13:00 ~ 15:00 3. 15:30 ~ 17:30  
Fee: High school students and older: ¥210, Junior high school students and younger: ¥100 (\*Fee is the same for all time slots)  
Location: Tsukuba-shi, Ninomiya 1-15  
Contact: Ninomiya park management office, TEL: 029-851-4439

**3.) Dohō Park swimming pool**  
 50 meter-long, indoor warm water pool with 9 lanes. It is obligatory to wear a swimming cap. Elementary school children and children younger than that need to be accompanied by an adult. Children under the age of 4 cannot use the pool.  
 Working period: throughout the year  
 Holidays: the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month (sometimes there are extra holidays) Hours of operation : April to November: 9:00~21:00; December to March: 10:00~17:00  
Fee: under 2 hours: adults: ¥350; junior high school/ high school students: ¥200, elementary school students and younger: ¥140  
Location: Tsukuba-shi, Ninomiya 2-20  
Contact: Dohō Park management office, TEL: 029-852-1432

**4.) Hotel Lakeside Tsukuba**  
 Leisure pool with a large-scale water slide. Working period: 18<sup>th</sup> of July to the 31<sup>st</sup> of August (planned). Holidays: No holidays. However, the pool will be closed in case of bad weather or low water temperature. Hours : 9:00~17:00 (reception until 16:00). Fee: High school students and older: ¥900; elementary and junior high school students: ¥500, children 3 years and older: ¥300. Location: Tsukuba-shi, Shimoiwasaki 708-1  
Contact: Hotel Lakeside Tsukuba, TEL: 029-876-5050

**• Science Tour Bus convenient for visiting research Institutes**  
 The `Science Tour Bus` visits all the institutes that offer exhibits or tours year round. Usually only operating on weekends and holidays, this bus will operate every day except Mondays during summer vacation. You can use the day pass with unlimited rides (adults ¥500, Elem. School children ¥250). A south course (Minami Mawari) and north course (Kita Mawari) exist, both originate at the Tsukuba Station bus terminal, stop number 7. TEL 029-863-6868 (URL) <http://www.i-step.org/tour/>  
 \* Free Bus from Tsukuba to AIST~NIES on July 25

**Vaccinations for Infants**  
 The vaccination centers established in Tsukuba offers two ways of getting a vaccination. One can make an appointment and get an "individual vaccination" or can go on the appropriate day to the center and get a group vaccination which is free of charge for certain age groups.  
**Polio Vaccination**  
Qualifying age: from 3 months ~ 90 months.  
Reception hours: 13:00~14:20  
 \*Children between the age of 1 and 2, who haven't been vaccinated, need to get vaccination for measles and rubella as a priority.  
July: Sakura Health Center: July 17.  
August: No group vaccinations available in August.

**"Tsukuba Rinrin Road" Photo Contest**  
 The Tsukuba Rinrin road is a 40.1km cycling road connecting Tsukuba and Tsuchiura City. This route presents the beautiful scenery of Mount Tsukuba and a peaceful country view. The photo contest focuses on collecting pictures of the Rinrin road, people using the Rinrin road, places around the Rinrin road, etc.  
Period: July 21~September 30  
Categories: 1: Children (Grade 4 Elem. School~ Grade 3 Junior High School) 2: General  
Intended for: Residents and workers or students living in Ibaraki Prefecture  
Size: Children: Cabinet Prints (2L prints)  
 General: 254x305mm (10x12 inches)  
No. per applicant: max 5 per person (\*Unpublished only)  
Application method: Attach the photos to the designated form and post it to the postal address below. The application form is distributed at all Community Halls and can also be downloaded from the homepage.  
Contact: Ibaraki Prefecture Planning Department, Regional Planning Division, Promotion of Tsukuba Rinrin Road Office  
 〒310-8555 Mito-shi Kasahara-cho 978-6, Tel: 029-301-2735  
 URL: <http://www.pref.ibaraki.jp/bukyoku/kikaku/chikei/rinrinhp/tukubarinrinroadphotocontest-index.htm>  
 \* Application forms can also be downloaded from the Tsuchiura Civil Engineering Office website  
 URL: <http://www.pref.ibaraki.jp/bukyoku/doboku/01class/class23/5roadmap.html>

**Beware of Fraudsters Pretending to be City Hall Employees!**  
 Recently, it has been reported that fraudsters pretending to be City Hall Employees, demand for personal information from the public. Remember that no City Hall employee would require anybody to reveal any personal information to them over the phone, so refrain from sharing personal information with a stranger by the phone. Leaking of personal information may lead to fraudsters stealing money from you by demanding remittance, etc.

**Apply for Fixed Allowance As Soon As Possible!**  
 If you have not applied for the Fixed Allowance yet and qualify for it, it is advised that you apply for it as soon as you can. In case you did not receive the application form between the end of March and the beginning of April, contact the City Hall. To receive the Fixed Allowance you need to fill in the Application Form and submit it with the required documents before the deadline. The deadline is the 24th of September. The condition for qualifying for the Fixed Allowance is that you were registered as a resident or as a foreign resident (with a valid visa) at the City Hall on the 1st of February 2009. For more information contact the City Hall Fixed Allowance Office (1st floor Yatabe Branch Office) Tel: 029-836-9811  
 \* Be careful of fraudulent calls regarding Fixed Allowance, if there is a suspicious call do not discuss any personal information and contact the City Hall.

**Library:** Tsukuba Public Library.  
 TEL: (856) 4311. Open : Tue thru Fri: 9:30-19:00, Sa/Su/PH 9:30-17:00  
 Other than Tsukuba Public Library, there the library rooms at Yatabe Community hall, Tsukuba Community hall, Onogawa Community Hall and Kukizaki Community hall. (Tue - Fri: 10am - 6pm)  
**Library closed on:** July: 20, 21, 27.  
 August: 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
**When borrowing from the library...**  
 When borrowing books and other materials from the city libraries you will need a "Member's Card". If you are a resident in Tsukuba, you can simply apply at the central library or community center libraries after having presented some document that states your address. Even if you don't live in Tsukuba, but work or study here, you can apply for a card, but you will also need to present a work or student ID.  
**Story telling:** The library organizes story telling meetings in the "Story Room" at the back of the Children's Corner. Stories are told by volunteer story tellers.  
 July 18, August 1, 8, 15, 29: 3.00 - 3.30pm  
 July 25, August 22 : 3.00 - 3.30pm; 3.30 - 4.00pm  
**Medical Check-up for Babies**  
 Irrespective of residential area babies can receive the check-ups at the Sakura Health Center or Yatabe Health Center. A notification will be sent to you in the month prior to when the check-up is supposed to be administered. For more information, please inquire at either of the health centers or the City Hall, Health Promotion Division.  
 Sakura Health Center: 029-857-3931. Yatabe Health Center: 029-838-1100  
**Check-up at 1 year and 6 months**  
July: babies born in December 2007: Sakura Health Center: July 22  
August: babies born in January 2008  
 Sakura Health Center: August 4, 26. Yatabe Health Center: Aug 5  
**Check up at 3 years of age**  
July: babies born in June 2006: Yatabe Health Center: July 15  
August: babies born in July 2006  
 Sakura Health Center: August 8, 25. Yatabe Health Center: Aug 19

**Clinics open on Holidays**

July 19	Yokota Iin, Yatabe 2980, Tel: 836-0025 Kimura Clinic, Tsukuriya 1125, Tel 869-1211
July 20	Watanabe Iin, Onozaki 476, Tel: 851-0550 Tsukuba Byoin, Sasagi 1761, Tel: 855-0777
July 26	Miyamoto Naika Clinic, Karima 1-4, Tel: 855-6565 Oda Naika Clinic, Oda 2951, Tel: 867-2471
Aug 2	Sunshine Clinic, Yatabe 6107-14, Tel: 839-3333 Sakayori Iin, Kunimatsu 855-2, Tel: 866-0106
Aug 9	Nanairo Ladies Clinic, Nishi Ōnuma 637-6, Tel: 860-7716 Hayashi Iin, Hōjō 19-2, Tel: 867-0114
Aug 16	Tsukuba Tsuji Clinic, Iias Tsukuba, Tel: 868-7170 Tsukuba Chuo Byoin, Hōjō 5118, Tel: 867-1211
Aug 23	Tsukuba Gakuen Byoin, Kamiyokoba 2573-1, Tel: 836-1355 Hirose Iin, Hōjō 85, Tel: 867-0127
Aug 30	Kusunose Iin, Oguki 509-1, Tel: 876-2711 Hirose Clinic, Kunimatsu 56-1, Tel: 866-0129