

## Events in May:

### 1. Nationwide Human Rights Counseling "June 1st is the Human Rights Day"

The Human rights protection members pay close attention to human rights abuse in the region. When citizens' human rights have been violated, the human rights protection members will take prompt action. Also to promote importance of human rights, there are lectures and study sessions are held. The committee members are delegated by the Minister of Justice upon recommendation from the Mayor.

#### Place & Time:

Toyosato Community Hall on June 1st from 10am ~ 3pm

Yatabe Community Hall on June 3rd from 10am ~ 3pm

#### Contact & Registration:

Tsukuba City Hall Community Services Department

### 2. City Wide Cleaning

For the beautification of the environment, a City-wide litter pick up will be held on May 30th. Please collect empty bottles and empty cans only and put them in transparent or semi transparent plastic bags, and place these bags at the usual garbage collection place before 10am. The empty cans and bottles may be placed in the same bags.

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall Waste Management Division

### 3. International Cafe (City Chat Cafe)

This event organized by the University of Tsukuba, aims to provide an opportunity for the foreign and Japanese residents of Tsukuba regardless of age or nationality, to communicate in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere. Participation is free, no reservations required. Come and chat about a variety of topics both in English or Japanese. This event takes place twice every month. Next meetings will be on May 22nd, May 30th, June 13th, from 2pm-4pm at LALA Garden (1F, LALA Club area)

Inquiries: Tsukuba University International Cafe office

Email: [icafe@sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp](mailto:icafe@sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp);

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

## Some Great Places to Visit Outside Tsukuba

### 1. Hitachi Seaside Park

Established by the government Hitachi Seaside Park is located in Hitachinaka City. It has an area of 350 ha from which about 153.2 ha can be used by the public. With the theme "Sea, Sky and Greenery are Friends: Refresh and have a Healthy Experience", and there are forests, meadows, sand dunes, seashores, springs, etc have been established. In this period nemophila, poppy and roses are popular flowers to watch.

Location: 605-4 Onuma, Mawatari Hitachinaka City, Ibaraki.

Opening Hours: Varies with season, 9:30~17:00 recommended  
Closed on: Every Monday (if Monday is a public holiday then it is closed on the next day), December 31st, January 1st. It is also closed on from the 1st Tuesday to Friday in the first week of February. However it is open daily from March 16th ~ May 31st, July 18th ~ August 31st, September 1st ~ October 31st.

#### Ticket Price:

Adult (above 15 years of age): 400 yen

Silver (above 65 years of age): 200 yen

Children: 80 yen

Infants (below 6 years of age): free

\* There are also group discounts or one year passports as well/

#### Parking Fees:

Large size vehicle: 1500 yen

Normal size vehicle: 510 yen

Two wheel vehicle: 200 yen

#### Other:

Bicycle rental: adult 310 yen~, children 200 yen~

Seaside Train: One day round trip ticket: 500 yen

#### Contact:

Parks and Recreation Foundation

Hitachi Park Management Center

605-4 Onuma, Mawatari Hitachinaka City, Ibaraki Prefecture, 312-0012

TEL: 029-265-9001 FAX: 029-265-9339

Website: <http://www.hitachikaihin.go.jp>

### Science Tour Bus

There is a one day unrestricted boarding loop bus which runs through the Science City and various scientific institutions in Tsukuba.

Dates of operation: Saturdays, Sundays & Public Holidays (except during New Year)

\*During Summer Holidays it operates every day except for Mondays and the routes might change slightly.

Bus fare: Adult (Junior High Level and older) 500 yen, Children (Primary School Level) 250 yen, Infants may board for free (however, if there is no guardian present they have to pay the children's fare)

Boarding Method: Show the ticket and board any number of times on the same day.

Ticket Counter: TX Tsukuba Station [Tsukuba General Information Center], Tsukuba Bus Terminal [Kantou Tetsudo Tsukuba Gakuen Center Science Tour Bus]

Initial stop: Tsukuba Station Plaza [Tsukuba Center] Bus Station Platform 8

Main Stops: (North Loop) Tsukuba Botanical Garden Expo Center, (South Loop) AIST, JAXA, etc

#### Contact for Field Trip:

Research Institutions of Science and Technology Promotion Foundation of Ibaraki Tsukuba Science Tour Office

Inside of Tsukuba International Congress Centre, 2-20-3 Takezono Tsukuba City Ibaraki Prefecture 305-0032

TEL: 029-863-6868 FAX: 029-859-7525

Email: [s-tour@i-step.org](mailto:s-tour@i-step.org)

#### Contact for Bus Operations

Kanto Railway Company Limited Tsukuba Gakuen Service Centre, 1-1515-1 Azuma Tsukuba City Ibaraki Prefecture

TEL: 029-852-5666

Website: <http://www.i-step.org/tour/bustour/index.html>

### Please pay the Automobile Tax by the End of May

The Automobile Tax is levied every year to people who own a car as of April 1st (registered owners of automobile inspection certificate). Please pay at any financial institution, post office, convenience stores, or the Prefectural Taxation Office upon receiving the Tax Payment Notice. If you have already setup an account transfer, tax is automatically withdrawalable. The payment deadline is also May 31st. Moreover, the Payment period of Light Vehicle Tax, which is levied to light vehicle and scooter owners as of April 1st, is also until May 31st.

#### Contact:

Automobile Tax: Tsuchiura Prefectural Taxation Office

[TEL]: 029-822-7208

Light Vehicle Tax: Tsukuba City Hall, Municipal Tax Division

[TEL]: 029-883-1111



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TSUKUBA CITY HALL

International Affairs Division

Karima 2530-2, Tsukuba, Ibaraki, 305-8555

(Kenkyugakuen D32 Block 2)

TEL: 029-883-1111

Email: [ctz031@info.tsukuba.ibaraki.jp](mailto:ctz031@info.tsukuba.ibaraki.jp)

## Tsukuba City Hall has opened on May 6th 2010

The 7 City Hall branches have merged and will operate from the new City Hall Office:

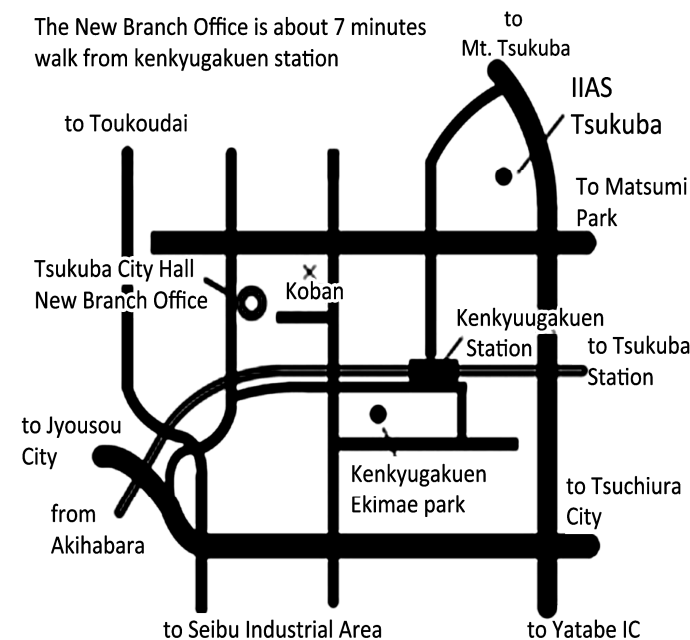
### New Tsukuba City Hall Office

Postal code : 305-8555

Location: Karima 2530-2, Tsukuba City (Kenkyugakuen D32 Block 2)

TEL : 029-883-1111

The New Branch Office is about 7 minutes walk from kenkyugakuen station



The Customer Service Centers have been relocated to the following locations as of May 6th 2010:

#### Yatabe Customer Service Centers :

Counters will be moved from Yatabe Branch Office to Yatabe Community Hall.(Yatabe 4711)

#### Toyosato Customer Service Centers

Counters will be moved Toyosato Branch Office to the Toyosato Health Centre (Kouya 1197-20)

#### Tsukuba Customer Service Centers

Counters will be moved from the Tsukuba Branch Office to the Tsukuba Health Centre.(Hojo 5029-2)

#### Kukizaki Customer Service Centers

Counters will be moved from the Kukizaki Branch Office to the Kukizaki Health Centre (Okuki 320)

#### Sakura Customer Service Centers (New)

Inside of the newly established Sakura Folklore Museum (Konda 1658-1)

#### Oho Customer Service Centers will not move

Oho Counters will remain at the Oho Branch Office (Tsukuho 1-10-4)

## News from the International Affairs Division Tsukuba City Hall

Due the relocation of the City Hall, International Affairs Division, which used to be on the 4th floor of Sakura Branch Office, has moved to the 2nd floor of the new City Hall. Please take note that the phone number has also changed.

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall International Affairs Division  
TEL: 029-883-1111

## Information on Child Raising Support

### Child Allowance (*kodomo teate*)

For: If you are registered in the Resident Registration or the Alien Registration in Tsukuba City and are raising children who are in Junior High School or younger, a guideline and application form has been sent to you. \* Regardless of Income.

Allowance amount : 13,000 yen/month per child  
Application method: Submit the necessary documents by postal mail or in person.

- The application form and guideline have not been sent to those who moved to Tsukuba or those who had a child after April 1st. Apply within 15 days counting from the day after moving into Tsukuba or Childbirth.
- Those who have been receiving the Childcare Allowance (*jido teate*) do not need apply. However, you need to apply in the case where a child now qualifies (Junior High 2nd or 3rd grader, who did not qualify due to income limit) for the Child Allowance.
- Please contact the following address for more information.

Place to submit: Tsukuba City Hall Children's Services Division, or any of the customer service centers in Tsukuba.

Contact: Tsukuba City Hall Children's Services Division [TEL] 029-883-1111

### 2010 Handy Book on Child raising "Mum and Dad read together and enjoy"

- This handy book provides important information regarding Child care support, balance between work and raising children, advices from other mothers, etc.
- 2010 Handy Book is distributed at all customer service centers, child raising support rooms, health centers, children's halls as well as community halls.

### Change in the Entrance and Exit of the Keyaki Plaza

- The entrance and the exit of the Keyaki Plaza have changed since May 6th. Please use the entrance located on the left side of the building. Please be careful as there is construction work going on at the Child Raising General Support Centre Building.

### Tsukuba Sports Event

Do you feel like going out for a stroll on a fine weather day? In this month it will be great to participate in the walking and hiking events introduced below.

#### New City Hall Opening Commemoration:

##### The 20<sup>th</sup> Tsukuba Gakuen Walk Rally

Enjoy nature while walking in groups with family and friends.

Date: June 19 (Saturday) \*rainy day: June 20 (Sunday)

Venue: Kukizaki Daini Elementary School (Kamiiwazaki 1076) Participation Fee: 100yen per person (includes insurance fees) \*Register for maximum of 5 persons per group

Application Method: Fill in the application form, which is located at community halls and athletic facilities and mail it to Sports Promoting Division at D32-2 Kenkyu Gakuen, Tsukuba City, 305-8555 by Friday, May 28.

Contact: Sports Promoting Division Tel: 029-883-1111

#### TX 5<sup>th</sup> Opening Commemoration:

##### 100km Walk Around Tsukuba

The walk is divided into 6 rounds within 2 years, each round is about 16km long.

Date: 1st round: June 5(Sat) 9:30am at Gateway of Ushiku Station. 2nd round: October 17 (Sun) 9:30am at Arakawaoki Station. 3rd round: November 14 (Sun) 9:30am at Midorino Station. Participation Fee: 300yen (price for all 6 or a single round) No reservation required.\*Donation for “UNICEF Love Walk” on June 5 \*Litter pick-up during the walk.

Contact: Tsukuba Gakuin University Tel: 090-4172-9674

Policy Office Tel: 029-883-1111

#### Satsuki Hiking in May

How about hiking up to the peak of Hokozyan Mountain?

Date: May 30 (Sun) 9:00 till 15:00 (no cancellation on drizzle) Venue: Citizen Training Centre (Hojyo 1477-1)

Participation Fee: 2000yen Capacity: 40 persons, register by phone at Citizen Training Center at 029-867-1153

#### Tsukuba Yuusui (Welling Water) Tour

Co-organized by Japanese Association of Groundwater Hydrology, enjoy the talk from the owner and specialists of the Yuusui while touring the welling water.

Date: May 30 (Sun) 10:00 till 16:00 (estimation) \*no cancellation on rainy day. Venue: Former Sakura Branch Office (Konda 1979). Destination: Konda, half way up Tsukuba mountain by bus. Eligibility: Residents or employed in Tsukuba. Capacity: 25 persons \*First come first serve basis Participation Fee: Free of charge Things to bring: Lunch and drinks Application Method: Register by phone (029-883-1111) at Environment Policy Division by May 21.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Tsukuba International Walkathon

Commemoration Walk of “Day of Measurement”

Date & Venue: June 6 (Sunday) Course A: 20km, Course B: 10km, Course C: 5km, Registration at 9.30am in Chuo Park. Course D: 5km Registration at 9.30am at Geospatial Information Authority of Japan.

Participation Fee: 300yen for 18 and older, (500yen for registration on-the-spot) 200yen for under 18 (300yen on-the-spot), free for age under primary school. \*Additional charges for non Tsukuba residents.

#### Sekkaku Walk

Pre-event for 4<sup>th</sup> Tsukuba International Walkathon

Date: June 5 (Sat) 9:00am for registration

Venue: former Tsukuba Office (Hokujyo 5060)

Capacity: 40 persons

Course: Tsukuba mountain Course (17km)

Participation Fee: 300yen (500yen for on-the-spot)

Application Method: Fill in the Post Office Payment Slip with your address, name, age, phone number and course name and mail to 00110-8-374140 Ibaraki Walking Association.

Contact: Tournament Office Tel: 029-873-7908 (contact: Kobayashi), Health Division Tel: 029-883-1111

#### Free Consultation Service For Foreigners

##### 1. Tsukuba City Consultation Centre for Foreigners

Consultation in English and Thai every Tuesdays, Chinese and Korean on Wednesdays. (Except on national holidays) from 10.00~12.00, 13.00~16.45. Consult in person or by phone. Ph: 029-857-1870. Ph No. will change from May 11 to 029-868-7700

##### 2. Consultation Centre for Foreigners

(Ibaraki International Association): Consultation in English or Japanese from Monday to Friday from 8.30~12.00,13.00~17.15. Chinese: Mon, Wed., Portuguese : Mon, Thur. Spanish: Wed. Thai: Wed. Tagalog: Thur. Consult in person or by phone. Ph: 029-244-3811

#### Clinics open on Holidays (9am~5pm)

\*In case of Emergency, Call the Tsukuba Fire Department

Tel: 851-0119

May 16 Hayashi Clinic (Inarimae), Inarimae 5-6, Tel: 859-0550  
Tsukuba Kinen Byouin, Kaname 1187-299, Tel: 864-1212

May 23 Higashi Geka Naika Iin, Higashi 2-26-16, Tel: 856-7070  
Houjou Iin, Hanabatake, 3-28-8, Tel: 864-0006

May 30 Narushima Clinic, Tateno 363, Tel: 839-2170  
Minano Clinic, Naika Kokyukika, Nishi Hiratsuka 318-1, Tel: 850-4159

June 6 Nemoto Clinic, Onigakubo 1108, Tel: 847-0550  
Hilltop Clinic, Sa 1004, Tel: 877-3130

June 13 Yatabe Shinryoujyo, Yatabe 6123-1, Tel: 836-1606  
Atsushi Clinic, Tamiyama 975, Tel: 850-7878

June 20 Maejima Ladies' Clinic, Matsushiro 4-10-12, Tel: 859-0726  
Ogura Iin, Numata 181, Tel: 866-0108

June 27 Watanabe Iin, Onozaki 476, Tel: 851-0550

#### Information: Science Tour Bus Stops

##### Tsukuba University Gallery

Operating hours: 9:00~17:00 Closed on: Mondays, New Year, Dates set by the University Fee: Free, reservation not required (In case of a large group please check with the university in advance) Location: 1-1-1 Tennoudai Tsukuba City. TEL: 029-853-2063 URL: <http://www.tsukuba.ac.jp/>

##### Geospatial Authority of Japan The Science Museum of Maps and Survey

Opening hours: 9:30~16:30 Closed on: Mondays (if Monday is public holiday then closed on the following day), New Year. Fee: Free, reservation not needed (Please make reservation in case of group with above 15 persons) Location: Geospatial Authority of Japan 1 Kitasato Tsukuba City. TEL: 029-864-1872 URL: <http://www.gsi.go.jp/MUSEUM/>

#### Tsukuba Botanical Garden

Opening hours: 9:00~ 16:30 Closed on: Mondays (Opens if Monday is a public holiday) Next day of Public Holidays (Opens on Saturdays and Sundays) New Year (December 28<sup>th</sup> ~ January 4<sup>th</sup>) Fees: University Students, adults 300 yen (Group discount available) High School students or under and over 65 years of age: Free. (Reservation is required for guided tour and group of 20 or more people) Location: 4-1-1 Amakubo Tsukuba City.

TEL: 029-851-5159. URL: <http://www.tbg.kahaku.go.jp/>

#### Tsukuba Expo Centre

Opening hours: 9:50 ~ 17:00 (Weekdays in Dec ~Jan until 16:30) Closed on: Mondays (If Monday is a public holiday then closed on the following day), last Tuesday of the Month, New Year

Fee: Exhibition Hall only: Adult 300 yen, Children 150 yen

Exhibition Hall & Planetarium: Adult 700 yen, Children 350

Special Program “Milky Way Fantasy” +100 yen (Children +50 yen)

Reservations: Not required (reservation required for group)

Location: 2-9 Azuma Tsukuba City TEL: 029-858-1100

URL: <http://www.expocenter.or.jp/>

#### Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) Tsukuba Space Centre

Opening hours: 10:00 ~ 17:00 (Admission until 16:00) Closed on: New Year, Event dates, Facility Inspection dates. Fee: Free.

Reservation: Required. Location: 2-1-1 Sengen Tsukuba City.

TEL: 029—868—2023 URL: <http://www.jaxa.jp/visit/tsukuba/>

#### National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) Agriculture Geological Survey of Japan

Opening hours: 9:30 ~ 16:30 Closed on: Mondays (Closed on following day if Monday is a Public Holiday), New Year.

Fee: Free Reservation: Not required (reservation is required for group of 15 or more) Location: 1-1-1 Higashi Tsukuba City.

TEL: 029—861—3750 URL: <http://www.gsj.jp/Muse/>

#### National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) Science Square Tsukuba

Opening hours: 9:30 ~ 17:00

Closed on: Mondays (Closed on following day if Monday is a Public Holiday), New Year. Fee: Free.

Reservation: Required for guided tour and group of 10 or more.

Location: Chuo Dai 1, 1-1-1 Higashi Tsukuba City

TEL: 029—862—6215

URL: [http://www.aist.go.jp/aist\\_j/sst/index.html](http://www.aist.go.jp/aist_j/sst/index.html)

#### Tsukuba Agriculture Research Gallery

Opening hours: 9:00 ~ 16:00 Closed on: New Year

Fee: Free. Reservations: Required for chartered bus group.

Location: 3-1-1 Kanondai Tsukuba City

TEL: 029—838—8980 URL: <http://trg.affrc.go.jp/>

※Generally, if there are continuous public holidays, the institutions that are closed on the following day of public holidays are closed on the day after the continuous holidays end.

※The information may change without notice, so please check with the institution you would like to visit in advance.

#### Library Information

##### Tsukuba Public Library.

PH: (856) 4311. Open : Tue ~ Fri: 9:30-19:00,

Sat/Sun/Public Holidays 9:30-17:00

There are library rooms at Yatabe, Tsukuba, Onogawa and Kukizaki Community Halls as well.(Tue - Fri: 10am - 6pm).

**Library closed on:** May 5,6,10,17,24,31

June 7,14,21,22,23,24,25,28

##### 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 of Tsukuba, you can simply apply at the central library or community center libraries by presenting ID with your address on it. Even if you do not 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.

**Books in Foreign Languages :** The Tsukuba Public Library has more than 10,000 books in English, Chinese, Hangul. There also practical books (travel guide, recipe books, etc) and novels and kids books (left side of the entrance) in about 17 languages. Foreign magazines are also available.

**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 on the following days.

May 15,29. June 5,12,19: 15:00 – 15:30

May 22. June 26: 15:00 – 15:30, 15:30 – 16:00

##### Medical Check-up for Babies

Regardless of residential zone, please attend the medical check-ups for babies at the Sakura or Yatabe Health Centers. A notification will be sent to you in the month prior to the check-up day. For more information, contact 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 18 months

May: babies born in October 2009: May 19 Yatabe Health Centre. May 26 Sakura Health Centre.

June: babies born in November 2009: June 9,23 Sakura Health Center. June 16 Yatabe Health Centre.

##### Check up at 3years of age

May: babies born in April 2007: May 20 Yatabe Health Centre.

June: babies born in May 2007: June 3,8 Sakura Health Center. June 30 Yatabe Health Centre.

##### Vaccinations for Infants

In Tsukuba, vaccinations period is setup according to the Vaccination Laws. “Individual Vaccinations” can be given at any cooperating Medical Institutions upon appointment, or “Group Vaccinations” could be given at the Health Centers on certain days for free for people of a certain age.

##### Polio Vaccinations (Group Vaccination)

For siblings who are yet to be vaccinated against polio it is best to get it together. (Children between 3months~90 months).\* No prior reservations required, vaccination will be given on first come first serve basis. Choose a date and a location that suits you best. If a child is yet to be vaccinated against Measles and Rubella, the child should get the Measles and Rubella Vaccination as a priority. May 24, June 14,28 Sakura Health Center. May 17, 25, June 11,21 Yatabe Health Center  
June 22 Oho Health Centre  
May 17, 25 Yatabe Health Center