

**Events This Month:**

There are lots of events through out the summer. Go outside and experience them!

**Nature Observation at Mount Tsukuba**

This trip observes the plants on Mount Tsukuba. Please wear shoes and appropriate attire for easy movements.

Time: a) August 19 (Thurs) b) August 26 10:00 – 12:00 (cancelled only in case of heavy rain)

Venue: Miyukikahara Rest Area, Mount Tsukuba, Shizen Kenkyu Road. Target: Parent and child of primary school and above. No. of Participants: 40 (first come first served) Fee: Free What to Bring: writing utensils, drinks, towel

Application method: by phone, or fax the application form (download from Tsukuba City Homepage) to Tourism Division, [TEL]029-883-1111, [FAX]029-868-7615.

**Natsu Toku Science Tour 2010 (Science Tour Tsukuba) Special Event for Summer Holiday**

It is the special day to enjoy Tsukuba Science Tour Bus, science experiments and workshops!

**1. 'The World of Stars' Course**

Date: August 24 (Tuesday)

Events: Morning: Geological Museum, JAXA Tsukuba Space Center Tour. Afternoon: Tsukuba Expo Center (constellation chart plate making, planetarium viewing)

Target: primary school student and their guardian(s)

No. of Participants: 40 (first come first served)

Application method: By phone before August 17 (Tuesday).

**2. The Ecological Energy Course**

Date: August 26 (Thursday)

Events: Morning: Hovercraft making. Afternoon: Mega Solar in AIST, Science Square Tsukuba.

Target: primary school students and their guardian(s)

No. of Participants: 40 (first come first served)

Application method: By phone before August 19 (Thursday).

\*Fees will apply to all courses

Inquiries: Tsukuba Science Tour Office, [TEL]029-863-6868

**Career Guidance for Foreign Students**

This career guidance is for foreign students from universities, graduate schools, two-year college, National College of Technology and specialized training college, who will be graduating in March or September of 2011 and March of 2012. It explains on how to look for jobs in Japan, change status of residence and many more.

Time & Date: August 24 (Tues), September 28 (Tues), 10:00-12:00, (Registration: starts at 9:50) Venue: HelloWork Shinagawa, Tokyo Foreigner Employment Service Center (Roppongi Job Park, Roppongi 3-2-21, Minato-Ku, Tokyo)

Program: How to look for job in Japan, changing status of Residence and choice of job, job-seeking manners, how to register and use Tokyo Foreigner Employment Service Center and more. (student card, Alien Registration Card, pencils are required for participation). Application Method: Contact 03-3588-8639, or make appointment at reception of Tokyo Foreigner Employment Service Center (first come first served).

**Sports Events:**

Here comes the second-half of the summer. How about working up a good sweat by joining the activities below?

**Banka no Hokoyosan Hiking**

'Banka' means the end of the summer. Enjoy the remaining of the summer by joining this hiking trip!

Time & Date: August 29 (Sunday) 9:00 (cancelled only in case of heavy rain) Venue: Shimin Kenshu Center (Hojo 1477-1, Tsukuba). No. of Participants: 40. Fee: 1500yen (drinks, snacks, hot bath entrance fee, commemorative picture are included) Lunch is not provided. Application method: By phone before August 26 (Thurs). Inquiries: Shimin Kenshu Center [TEL]029-867-1153

**Original Yoga Class**

Time: Sept 14 – October 26, 19:00 – 21:00 (every Tue. 7 lessons) \*for Sept 21, lesson will be held on Sept 30. Venue: Oho Gymnasium (Oho Community Hall next to the former Oho Branch Office, 1-10-4 Tsukuho, Tsukuba) Target: age 18 or above who lives/works in Tsukuba (high school students are excluded) No. of Participants: 30 (Will be decided by lot in case of overwhelming applications). Fee: 2000yen. What to Bring: dress to exercise, running shoes, towel, drinks. Application method: Write the name of the class, address, name (with Furigana), age, Tel. no. & work address (for those who lives outside Tsukuba) on a return postcard & send in by August 19. The results of the lot will be announced by the return postcard. Children are not allowed to be brought along to the class. Inquiries: Sports Promotion Division [TEL]029-883-1173 (305-8555, Karima 2530-2(Kenkyugakuen D32-2)).

**City Chat Café**

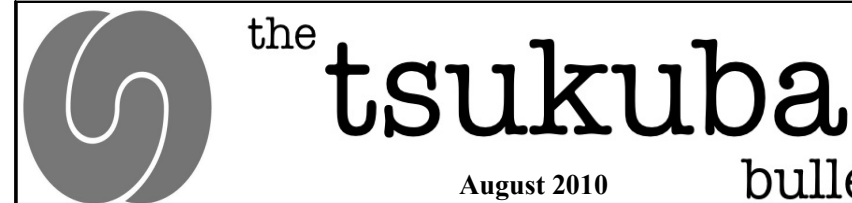
This is an event for foreigners and locals to engage in light conversation. There is no restriction on age or nationality as long as you can speak English or Japanese, please do come over for a chat! Date: August 29 (Sun), September 12 (Sun) Time: 14:00 - 16:00. \*The date may change. Please check the homepage for latest updates. Venue: Lala Club, 1st floor of Lala Garden Tsukuba Shopping Center. No reservation & fee are required. Contact: Tsukuba International Café Office, [E-mail] icafe@sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp [URL] http://www.sakura.cc.tsukuba.ac.jp/~icafe/

**Beware of Unethical Business Deals!**

Recently, increasing number of fraudulent and aggressive sales calls have been reported. Fraudulent tricks like aggressive peddling where the salesman stays till the deal is sealed, or construction work is paid in advanced but takes forever to start are very common. Scams such as solicitors pretending to be a member of neighbourhood community association or public institutions is also common. If you find anything suspicious, please refrain from making a deal and contact Consumer Information Center at 029-861-1333.

**Be Careful of Water Accidents!**

Summer is the season for swimming, but please be careful of rivers and lakes when playing. Due to the thriving farming activities, the water level of flume and reservoir may be deeper than 1m / about 3 feet depending on places. It is fatal if a child falls into the waters, so please be sure to stop children from playing at the flume and reservoirs.



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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

**Tsukuba Festival 2010**

Once again the season of Matsuri (festival) has arrived! Tsukuba festival is the biggest festival held every summer, which attracts 400-500 thousand visitors with festive parades, fireworks and street performances. For this year, the festival is held at **two** venues.

Date/Time: August 28th, 12:00 – 21:00;  
 August 29th, 10:00 – 21:00

**Events: 1<sup>st</sup> venue (Tsukuba Center & Its Surroundings)****1. Bazaar in Tsukuba Center Square:**

- “Tsukuba’s good products” market is organized by Product Association and Chamber of Commerce.

- Fair stalls

**2. Stage in Tsukuba Center Square:**

[1st day] Japanese drum and dance by local groups, bands and many other performances, special appearance of *Tensou Sentai Goseiger*.

[2nd day] Dance, Tsukuba street corner music marketplace, Performance by cossami & ByeByeBoy

**3. Fureai Square in Central Park:** bazaar and pony riding organized by welfare and volunteer organizations (will be cancelled in case of rain)

**4. Creo Square:** food stalls, Wakuwaku Mini Stage.

**5. Parade:**

Parade of **Nebutas**, local portable shrines and floats on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 15:00 – 21:00; August 29<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 – 20:00. Parade at Tsuchiura Gakuen-sen, located between the Nishi Ōdōri and Higashi Ōdōri intersections.

**Events: 2<sup>nd</sup> venue (Kenkyugakuen Station Park)****1. Art Town Tsukuba 2010:**

Street Performance, World Restaurant, Art Market

**2. Fireworks:** Around the park, on August 28, 20:30 - 20:45.

\*The Tsukuba City Hall Parking lots will be opened for public on August 28<sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 23:00, 29<sup>th</sup> 08:00 – 23:00

\*It is expected that the roads will be very crowded. Please scoop on well in advance.

Inquiries: Tsukuba Festival Organizing Committee (Tsukuba City Tourism Division), 029-883-1111

**Living Information****Deadline for Municipal Tax Payment:****August 31st (Tuesday)****Municipal & Prefectural Residential Taxes (2<sup>nd</sup> period)**

Contact: Municipal Tax Division, Tax Division [TEL] 029-883-1111

**National Health Insurance Taxes (2<sup>nd</sup> period)**

Contact: Health Insurance and Pension Division [TEL] 029-883-1111

**Telephone Numbers for General Services Counters and Health Centers Have Changed**

General Services Counter:	Health Center:
Yatabe : 029-883-1401	Yatabe: 029-883-1407
Oho : 029-883-1402	Oho : 029-883-1408
Toyosato: 029-883-1403	Sakura: 029-883-1409
Sakura : 029-883-1404	
Tsukuba : 029-883-1405	
Kukizaki : 029-883-1406	

Inquiries: Citizens Services Division, [TEL] 029-883-1111

**Continuation of Child Allowance:****Have you sent in the “Present condition form”?**

The present condition form was sent by mail in the mid of June to recipients who are receiving the child allowance since March. This form is required to continue to receive the allowance after June. Please note that the allowance will be stopped starting from June if the form or any other necessary documents are not submitted.

\*Please notify if there are changes in child custody, such as change of child’s guardianship.)

\*Please note if the present condition form is not submitted for 2 years, the recipient will lose the rights to receive the child allowance.

Submission method: Hand in or mail to the Children’s Services Division or any General Services Counter (305-8555, Karima 2530-2 (Kenkyugakuen D32-2)) [TEL] 029-883-1111

**Recipients of Child Allowance and Special Child Allowance**

Please note that it is necessary to submit the present condition form (child allowance) and income report (Special Child Allowance) annually in order to receive the allowances. Please submit the documents according to the schedule below.

\*For those who could not come at the appointed date, please hand in the documents to the Children’s Services Division or the Disability Services Division by August 31<sup>st</sup> (Tuesday).

Schedule	Area	Venue
August 13 (Fri)	Yatabe	Disaster Prevention
August 16 (Mon)	Oho, Toyosato	Meeting Room 3,
August 17(Tue)	Sakura	2nd floor of City Hall
August 18 (Wed)	Tsukuba	Tsukuba Health Center Lobby 1st floor
August 19th (Thurs)	Kukizaki	Kukizaki Health Center Lobby 1st floor

Reception time: 9:30 – 11:30, 13:00 – 15:30

Inquiries: Children’s Services Division (Child Allowance), Disability Services Division (Special Child Allowance), [TEL] 029-883-1111

### Registration for the 37th Japanese Language Courses

This course is conducted for foreigners living or working in Tsukuba to learn Japanese Language which is useful in their daily life. Beginners and those who have studied Japanese before are welcome to join the courses.

#### Class Category:

##### 1. Tuesday Class

*Nihongo 1:* Beginner course

*Nihongo 2:* For those who have studied Japanese for more than 50 hours. Able to give brief self introduction and are able to read Hiragana and Katakana.

*YomiKaki:* For those who would like to learn Hiragana, Katakana and Kanji.

##### 2. Tuesday Class

*Nihongo3:* For those who have studied Japanese for more than 100 hours. Understands noun modifier (meishi shushokugo). Able to write Hiragana and Katakana.

*Nihongo4:* For those who have studied Japanese for more than 150 hours. Able to express. Able to speak in full sentence.

*Nihongo no Kai:* For those who have studied Japanese for more than 200 hours. JLPT Level 3 and higher. Able to express opinions on various topics in simple Japanese.

Target: Foreigners who live or work in Tsukuba, and their family. Duration: Tue, October 5 - March 29 (20 lessons); Thurs, September 30 - March 31 (20 lessons)

Time: 18:30 - 20:00 Venue: Tsukuba Capio (Takezono 1-10-1, Tsukuba) No. of participants: 15 for each class. Course Fee: 6,000yen (new applicant), 5,000yen (existing student).

Materials Fee: book cost (please pay on the 1st day of lesson)

Application Period: starts on September 1st

Application Method: Fill in the required information on the application form and submit it to the Tsukuba International Association (form to be downloaded from the homepage).

Inquiry: Tsukuba International Association (9:00 - 17:00) Closed on Sunday & Monday. (305-0032 Takezono 1-10-1) [TEL]029-869-7675

E-mail: inter@tsukubacity.or.jp

Homepage: http://www.tsukubacity.or.jp

### Wanted: foreign participants for Tsukuba city comprehensive disaster-preparedness drill Tour

Foreigners can experience disaster drill, which assumes that Tsukuba was strike by a strong earthquake. There are 18 types of trainings, some of which you can partake in demonstration. Drills includes: evacuation guidance, first aid, rescue from collapsed buildings, recovery of lifeline.

Time & Date: September 26 (Sunday) 8:30 - 12:00

(cancelled in case of stormy weather, contact on the day of the event: 0180-99-2984)

Meeting Place: Kenkyugakuen Station Park

Destination: Tsukuba City Hall.

Eligibility: Foreigners. Fees: Free of charge, with interpreters (there might be no interpreters for some languages) No. of participants: 30.

Application Method: Tsukuba International Association. [TEL]029-869-7675 E-mail: inter@tsukubacity.or.jp

### Let's Go Camping!

Let us introduce the camp sites in Tsukuba!

#### Toyosato Yukari no Mori

This is a natural park with 12 hectares of lowland forest filled with Japanese red pine and saw-toothed oak. Rhinoceros beetles, stag beetles, swallowtail butterflies, and other insects can be collected and observed in this park. Come have a taste of nature with fluttering of fireflies, chirpings of various birds and lots more. There are insect museum, lodging facility 'Akamatsu', and much more. Please call to make reservation and for inquiries.

Location: Tohigashi 661, Tsukuba City

Facilities: Insect museum, lodging facility 'Akamatsu', forest center, crafts center, outdoors stage, camping sites, sports square, BBQ grills, acorn lake, esplanade.

Event: outdoor observation, insects classroom, recruitment of foster parents for Rhinoceros beetles and more.

Closed on: Mondays, or the next day if it is a holiday. \*Open throughout Summer Holiday.

Contact: Toyosato Yukari no Mori [TEL] 029-847-5061

#### Kukizaki Komorebi Rokuto no Mori

This forest is located on a hill with view of Ushiku swamp. It takes about 15 minutes by car from JR Jyouban line Ushiku Station and 10 minutes from the Jyouban Highway Yatabe IC. Camping, BBQ and other outdoors recreation activities can be enjoyed here.

Location: Rokuto 1002, Tsukuba City

Facilities: Multipurpose Hall, cabin, camping site, BBQ facilities, space for tents.

Contact: Komorebi Rokuto no Mori Management Office, [TEL] 029-876-5040, Tsukuba Appointed Management company, Nakaizumi Construction, 029-876-1222. \*Reservation or Application by phone are Capital or Bold.

#### Tsukuba Fureai no Sato

The aim of this facility is to enrich understanding of agriculture to school children and urban dwellers as well as to local citizens by promoting the exchange of urban and rural areas through conservation and use of rich natural environment of Mt. Tsukuba.

Location: Usui 2090-20, Tsukuba City

Facilities: Forestry, Agriculture and Fishery Workshop (with lodging), esplanade, exhibition hall, adventure square, plants dye workshop, Soba making workshop, camping site, outdoors green land, plaza facilities, cottages, BBQ facilities, farm.

Closed on: Tuesdays, New Year's Holiday (Dec 27 - Jan 7)

\*Open throughout Summer Holidays

Contact: Tsukuba Fureai no Sato [TEL] 029-866-1519

#### Population of Tsukuba City

As of July 1st, 2010:

Total Population: 214, 600

Male: 110, 188

Female: 104, 412

Household: 87, 838



### Clinics open on Holidays (9:00~17:00)

**\*In case of Emergency, Call the Tsukuba Fire Department  
Tel: 851-0119**

- Aug 13 Hoyodai Shika Clinic, *Houyoudai 33-8*, Tel: 874-9248  
Ohkubo Shika Iin, *Kasuga 3-12-9*, Tel: 863-7373
- Aug 14 Horie Shika Clinic, *Takamihara 1-1-207*, Tel: 874-5068  
Keino Shika Iin, *Ohzone 2915*, Tel: 864-1312
- Aug 15 Okano Seikei Gekanaika Clinic,  
*Nishi Ohhashi 192*, Tel: 856-2300  
Hirose Iin, *Houjyou 85*, Tel: 867-0127  
Hasegawa Shika Iin, *Uenomuro 2088-3*, Tel: 857-1857  
Yasumine Shika Iin, *Hanabatake 3-12-9*, Tel: 864-1749
- Aug 16 Hisamatsu Shika Clinic, *Rokuto 1062-3*, Tel: 876-0655  
Saotome Shika Iin, *Tamadori 2707*, Tel: 864-2122
- Aug 22 Ogura naika, *Higashi 2-4-14*, Tel: 852-0777  
Hirose Clinic, *Kunimatsu 56-1*, Tel: 866-0129
- Aug 29 Katsuragi Clinic, *Karima 196-1*, Tel: 852-1105  
Aoyagi Iin, *Uenomuro 887*, Tel: 857-1522
- Sept 5 Tsukuba Ichou Byouin, *Takamihara 1-2-39*, Tel: 874-3321  
Shibuya Clinic, *Konda 2029-1*, Tel: 863-5252
- Sept 12 Sakai Iin, *Wakaguri 1283-6*, Tel: 876-3831  
Kashimura Naika Shoukakika Clinic,  
*Shimohirooka 744-1*, Tel: 863-0606
- Sept 19 Takasaki Clinic, *Takasaki 772-12*, Tel: 873- 3733  
Kanou Iin, *Hanamuro 860*, Tel: 857-2981
- Sept 20 Kusunose Iin, *Oguki 509-1*, Tel: 876-2711  
Kurata Naika Clinic, *Kurihara 3443*, Tel: 857-8181
- Sept 23 Tsukuba Souai Byouin, *Takasaki 1008*, Tel: 873-2511  
Iioka Iin, *Sakura 3-20-2*, Tel: 857-7526
- Sept 26 Jiyuugaoka Iin, *Jiyuugaoka 165-19*, Tel: 876-0888  
Minami Odori Clinic, *Takezono 2-16-24*, Tel: 851-3697

### Multilingual Living Information

The Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR) provides important information regarding medical care, education, emergency and natural disasters in 13 languages. Multilanguage information Website: <http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengo/index.html>

### Free Consultation Service For Foreigners

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

(Tsukuba City Hall International Division, 2nd floor)  
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: 029-868-7700 \*Phone number has changed after moving to new location.

#### 2. Consultation Centre for Foreigners

(Ibaraki International Association)

Mon.	Tue.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.
English and Japanese (8:30-12:00, 13:00-17:15)				
Portuguese 8:30 - 12:00	Korean & Spanish	Chinese & Thai	Portuguese & Tagalog	Thai & Indonesian
Chinese 13:30 - 17:00				

Consult in person or by phone. [TEL] 029-244-3811

### MaruMaru Café

Welcome guests from various nations and people in charge of international relations to enjoy pleasant chat and music aired on every Sunday, 20:00 - 20:30, Repeat on Sundays, 12:30 - 13:00. Channel: FM84.2MHz, Radio Tsukuba. Contact: Tsukuba International Association, Takezono 1-10-1, [TEL]029-869-7675 E-mail: inter@tsukubacity.or.jp

### 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 - Sun: 10:00 - 18:00).

**Library closed on:** Aug 16, 23, 30. Sept 6, 13, 22, 23, 27, 30.

#### **When borrowing from the library...**

When borrowing books and other materials from the city libraries, you 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. If you do not live in Tsukuba, but work or study here, you can also apply for a card, but you will also need to present a work or student ID.

### 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 Health Promotion Division. Sakura Health Center: 029-857-3931. Yatabe Health Center: 029-838-1100. reception hour: 12:45 - 13:30, Check-up starts at 13:00.

#### **Check-up at 18 months**

August: babies born in January 2009: August 25, Sakura Health Center.

Sept: babies born in February 2009: Sept 8, 22, Sakura Health Center. Sept 15, Yatabe Health Center.

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

August: babies born in July 2007: August 18, Yatabe Health Centre, August 24, Sakura Health Center.

Sept: babies born in August 2007: Sept 2, 7, Sakura Health Center. Sept 29, Yatabe Health Center.

#### **Vaccinations for Infants**

In Tsukuba, vaccination period is setup according to the Vaccination Laws. "Individual Vaccinations" can be received at any cooperating Medical Institutions with 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. (\***Reception: 13:00 - 14:20**) Choose a date and a location which 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. September 9,27 Sakura Health Center. September 6, 21, Yatabe Health Center. September 3, Oho Health Centre.

### International Speech Contest in Japanese

Ten more months to Tsukuba's turn in holding this event! The International Speech Contest in Japanese is to provide a chance for people from all around the world to express their opinions in Japanese, and to exchange their views of Japanese and international societies. It has been organized annually since 1960. NHK. The script of the participants' speeches are used in text books of secondary schools and high schools. The 52th International Speech Contest in Japanese is scheduled to be held in Tsukuba, Ibaraki on June 11th, 2011. The information of the speech contest will be published in this bulletin at anytime. If you are interested, give it a shot!