<<Important Notice>> Notification Card of Individual Number will be delivered

As published in the March issue, all registered residents including foreigners with mid to long term visa and permanent foreign residents are subject to the Individual Number system.

- **What is “My Number”?**
  A unique number is assigned to each citizen who has a resident card. This number is important because it is required for procedures at the City Hall (e.g. National Pension System, labor, medical care, social welfare, tax etc.) This number will be permanent and will not change unless it may be at risk of being used illegally. To avoid illegitimate use of your Individual Number, do not expose it to others except as required.

- **About the Notification Card**
  Notification Card is a card that contains your 12-digit Individual Number. From January 2016 onwards, this card will be required for procedures at the City Hall, work place and so on, so please keep your Notification Card carefully.

  **[Notification Card]**

- **Period and method of delivery**
  Notification Card will be delivered to your address which you registered at the City Hall before the end of November. For those who do not live in the registered address, please be aware that even you have registered for mail transfer at the post office, this mail will not be transferred. Furthermore, since the Notification Card will be sent out as registered mail, a delivery notice will be dropped into your mailbox in case you are absent at the time of delivery. In that case, please go to the post office or request for redelivery.

- **Envelope**

  **Content inside the envelope:** a cover sheet, Notification Card and application form for Individual Number Card, a brochure on “My Number System”, a return envelope for the application form

- **About Individual Number Card (Issuance Fee: Free)**
  Your name, address, date of birth, “My Number” and valid period will be listed on the Individual Number Card. Apart from serving as an ID card, this card can be used for getting a resident certificate and a seal registration certificate at convenient stores. If you would like to use these services, apply at the Citizen Services Division.

  **[Individual Number Card]**

- **[Application form]**

  **[Notification Card]**

- **[Application form for Individual Number Card]**

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- **Inquiry about “My Number”**
  (Japanese) 0570-20-0178
  (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese) 0570-20-0291
  ❋Monday – Friday (9:30-20:00)
  ❋Saturday, Sunday and public holidays (9:30-17:30)
  ❋Closed at the beginning and the end of the year
  ❋Contact available until 31st March, 2016
  ❋Call charges will apply because these are Navi-Dial services.

- **Inquiry about the delivery of Notification Card**
  Citizen Services Division

**Health Checkups before Entering Elementary School**

Health checkups will be given to preschool children who are going to enter elementary school in April, 2016. Please bring the health checkup notice “kenko shindan tsuchisho” (the postcard sent at the end of September) and receive health checkup at respective schools. For those who move into Tsukuba City after 1st September, please contact the Health Education Division.

**Eligibility:** Children born between 2nd April, 2009 - 1st April, 2010

**Contact:** Health Education Division
**Application for Day-care (Hoikuen) Entrance 2016**

Parents and guardians who would like to enroll their children into a day-care center or change to a different day-care center from April, 2016 can make the 1st application as follows:

**Eligibility:**
Children who reside in Tsukuba City, need day-care service (unable to be cared for at home) and are able to be cared for in group caring at day-care centers.

*Please note that letting children experience life in groups as a preparation for elementary school entrance is not a good enough reason for eligibility.

For children who have not yet been born, only those whose expected date of birth is on / before 31st January, 2016 and will be registered as a Tsukuba citizen are eligible for the first application.

**Reception date for 1st application:**

Reception date varies depending on individual day-care center. Please go to your first choice day-care center on respective reception date. Application can be made to all day-care centers on 29th November (Sun).

**Time & Place:**
9:00-11:30, 13:00-16:00 (City Hall 2F In-house Training Room)
*11th (Wed) – 13th (Fri) (City Hall 2F Meeting Room for Disaster Measures)*

※The order of application is not related to the screening for enrollment.

※After the deadline of the 1st application, selection will be made from those who applied in the 1st application period. After the review is completed for 1st application, if there are still spaces for enrollment, review and selection will be made for the 2nd application.

※Notification of 2nd application reception will be announced on the newsletter November Issue.

**Things necessary for application:** Please refer to the “Tsukuba City Daycare Center Enrollment Guide” distributed by the City Hall.

**Contact:** Children Services Division

**2016 Public Kindergarten Admission**

Eligibility: Having residency in Tsukuba City and born between the following period:
- Age 4 Class (born between 2nd April, 2011 - 1st April, 2012)
- Age 5 Class (born between 2nd April, 2010 - 1st April, 2011)

**Monthly Fee:** 6000 yen (plus additional charges for meal, etc.)

**Reception period:**
26th October (Mon) - 30th October (Fri) 9:00 – 16:30

**Application method:**
There will be a simple interview at your respective kindergarten. Please attend with your child and bring your name seal. For foreign residents, please bring your residence card. As interpretation will not be provided, please attend with somebody who can speak Japanese.

※Application forms are available all kindergartens. You can also download them from the City Hall website.
http://www.city.tsukuba.ibaraki.jp/14212/14263/14303/000309.html

**Contact:** respective kindergartens, School Affairs Division

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**A New Day-care Center will be open on 1st December**

**Place:** Azuma 1-8-10 Bivi Tsukuba 5th floor

**Time:** 7:00 – 20:00

**Eligible age:** after maternity leave - 5 years old

**Capacity:** 60 (estimated)

※For those who would like to enter the day-care center in December, the deadline of enrollment is 10th November.

**Contact:** Children Services Division

**Subsidy for Vaccinations against Influenza**

From 1st October onwards, subsidy for vaccinations against influenza will be given to children and the elderly.

**[Pediatric Influenza]**

Eligibility: Registered residents of Tsukuba City
1. 1 year old to under 13 years old
2. 13 years old to Junior High 3rd year (Born between 2nd April, 2000 – 1st April, 2001)

**Subsidy Period:** 1st October, 2015 - 31st January, 2016

**Subsidy Amount:** 1000 yen per vaccination

※Maximum of 3600 yen per vaccination for those receiving welfare (Please present the welfare certificate)

**Vaccination Frequency:**
Age group ①: Up to twice
Age group ②: Once

**Things to bring:**
Mother and Child Health Handbook, money for paying the remainder after subsidy, health insurance card, and welfare certificate (only for those who are receiving welfare assistance)

※Vaccination against influenza is not compulsory.

※Vaccination cost may vary depending on medical institution.

※If you would like to receive vaccinations at undesigned medical institutions, please apply at the Health Promotion Division beforehand.

For information about vaccination against influenza for the elderly, please contact the Health Promotion Division.

**Contact:** Sakura Health Center (029-857-3931), Health Promotion Division

**City Tax Payment Deadline**

Please make sure that taxes are paid by the deadline.

- **Municipal Tax / Prefectural Tax (3rd Period)**
  **Deadline:** 2nd November (Mon)
  **Contact:** Municipal Tax Division / Tax Collection Division

- **National Health Insurance Tax [Premiums] (4th Period & 5th Period)**
  **Deadline for 4th Period:** 2nd November (Mon)
  **Deadline for 5th Period:** 30th November (Mon)
  **Contact:** National Health Insurance Division

※The individual residence tax, together with the prefectural tax, is referred to as the municipal / prefectural tax, or residency tax. In principle, the residence tax is imposed on those residing in Tsukuba City as of 1st January, 2015. The amount of residence tax is calculated according to previous year’s income.

※The national health insurance tax applies to the head of a household that has a member who is under national health insurance. Together with subsidy from the country or prefecture, the tax collected will be used for covering medical expenses for treatment for illness or injury, childbirth, and death.
Tsukuba Tourist Information & Lounge Opening

Tourist Information 1F
On 5th September (Sat), the new commercial facility “BiVi Tsukuba” opened outside Tsukuba Station. Inside, you can find Tsukuba Tourist Information and the Lounge.

1F Tourist Information
Open every day 8:30 - 18:30
Tourism and event information for the city are available here.
Rental bicycles for tourists: 9:00 - 18:30 (reception until 16:00)
Adult (junior high school and above): ¥500  Child: ¥250

2F Lounge
Tue – Sat: 10:00 - 21:00
Sun/Public Holidays: 10:00 - 19:00
Mon: Closed
A multi-purpose space where you can come and relax or meet up with people. Events and seminars will be held occasionally.
Contact: City Promotion Office

Tsukuba Produce Fair & Agricultural Fair & Health Festa Opening
Date & Time: 24th (Sat) & 25th (Sun) October 10:00 - 16:00

<<Agricultural Fair @ Oshimizu Park>>
You can find a large collection of autumn seasonal foods. There will be stores selling fresh produce and value-added products. To promote local production and consumption, you can taste test bread made using “Yumeshiho” flour produced in Tsukuba, and a limited quantity of Yumeshiho will be on sale. There will also be a contest to guess the weight of the giant pumpkin, and much more!
Contact: Agriculture Division

<<Industrial Fair: connecting the future, Tsukuba’s industries @ Tsukuba Capio>>
The lively town Tsukuba
- A showcase of goods produced by businesses in Tsukuba, including technology, manufactured goods, and services.
- A large collection of Tsukuba’s gourmet. Exhibition sales of special products and local specialties.

An urban economics and businesses interaction hub
- Exhibitions by corporations along the TX train line
- Town promotion and introducing traditional industrial arts
- Exhibitions of industries, tourism information, and special products along the TX train line

“Tsukuba Robot Contest 2015” hosted by University of Tsukuba
Theme: “The cleanup for the first time”
National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST) (Science Square Tsukuba)
“Paro”, the heartwarming seal robot
Contact: Industry Promotion Division

<<Special radio program: “Tasting a ‘Deep’ Space” public recording>>
Hosted by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), National Institute of Materials Science (NIMS).
Date & Time: 25th October (Sun) 11:00 (Doors open 10:30)
Theme: Researchers from JAXA, AIST, and NIMS gather together to share about the research topics that they are jointly working on.
Entry fee: Free
Contact: JAXA Tsukuba Space Centre Public Relations Department 050-3362-6265

<<Tsukuba Health Festa @ Tsukuba Capio>>
There will be many events relating to health promotion, such as health consultations and body fat management.
Contact: Health Promotion Division

Tsukuba Science Festival 20th Anniversary
Tsukuba Science Collaboration 2015:
Science and the Environment Festival
Date & Time: 31st October (Sat) 10:00 - 16:00
(Opening ceremony 9:30 - 10:00 @ Tsukuba Capio)
1st November (Sun) 10:00 - 15:30

<<Tsukuba Science Festival 2015 @ Tsukuba Capio>>
This year is the 20th anniversary of the “Tsukuba Science Festival” first held in 1996. This year also, 56 stalls will be set up by primary, junior high, and senior high schools, universities, and research institutions in the city. Aside from scientific experiments performed by children and school staff and researchers, there will be observational industrial arts, a “Gallery of artworks by infants and children” corner, and various hands on activities.
It will be a fun-packed two days of hands-on scientific experimentation for children and adults alike. Come and take part in the “Tsukuba Science Festival”, and rediscover the joys and surprises of science!
Contact: Educational Guidance Division
<<Tsukuba Environmental Festival @ Oshimizu Park>>
The routine global warming action plans, measures taken against environmental problems around us and so on by the City and community-based organizations will be introduced. On the day, you can take the Segway for a test ride, generate electricity to power a mini SL by pedaling, and all sorts of hands-on activities. Come and see, hear, learn and experience eco Tsukuba.
Contact: Eco-City Promotion Division

<<Tsukuba 3E Forum @ Oshimizu Park>>
A forum where education, research facilities and corporations get together to openly discuss about technologies and systems needed to design a low-carbon society to reduce the stress on the environment. There will be participatory exhibitions on site, to discuss how we can create an eco-city, through panel exhibits featuring research on green energy systems, and demonstration experiments nearing commercial realization.
Also, keep an eye out this year for the “Tsukuba Centre Marché” mobile food and drinks vehicle operating in the vicinity of the Tsukuba Center square.
Contact: Eco-City Promotion Division

Events

<<G7 Science and Technology Ministers’ Meeting in Tsukuba, Ibaraki “Tsukuba Safe Town Concert 2015”>>
Date & Time: 25th October (Sun) 14:00 – 16:00
(Doors open 13:30)
Place: Nova Hall
*Please come by public transport.
Performers: Ibaraki Police Band, Teshirogi Minami Primary School
Pieces: It’s a Small World, The Sound of Music, Akiko Wada Collection, and more
Capacity: 1,000 people (first-come basis)
Entry fee: Free
Contact: Crisis Management Division

<<Tsukuba Monogatari 2015>>
Date & Time: 21st October (Sat) 11:00 - 18:00
Place: Hirasawa Kanga Ruins (Hirasawa 353)
Events:
* Ikuko Kawai, violin concert (15:00 - 16:00)
* Sale of local produce
* Hirasawa Kanga Ruins Illumination
* Bonfire (16:00 - )
*In case of rain, stage events only will be conducted at “Citizens’ Hall Tsukubane (Hojo 5060).
Access: Free shuttle bus (35 min. one way)
Tsukuba City Hall ⇔ Kenkyu Gakuen Station ⇔ Oike Park
From Tsukuba City Hall: First bus 11:00, last bus 15:00, buses run every 30 min.
From Oike Park: First bus 12:15, last bus 18:00, buses run every 30 min.
Contact: Tourism Division

<<Mt. Tsukuba Maple “Momiji” Festival >>
Period: 1st (Sun) - 30th (Mon) November
Place: Summit of Mt. Tsukuba, near Mt. Tsukuba Shrine, alongside the Mt. Tsukuba cable car/ropeway
Events: On Sat/Sun/Public Holidays, in addition to night time cable car operation and autumn-leaf illuminations, various events are scheduled. Also, a tourism bus will be in circulation around the base of Mt. Tsukuba.
Contact: Tsukuba Tourist Convention Association 029-869-8333 (Excl. Sat/Sun/Public Holidays)
Tsukuba Tourism Information Centre 029-866-1616 (Opens on Sat/Sun/Public Holidays)

<<Support Soccer Team Kashima Antlers Friendly Town Dayz “Tsukuba’s Day”>>
We invite you to come and support the Kashima Antlers in their home match. Before the match, special products from Tsukuba City will be on sale, and there will be stage events. Make sure to bring the coupon below along when you come.
Date & Time: 7th November (Sat)
11:00 Venue opens and events commence
14:00 Match start *The match will proceed rain or shine.
Place: Ibaraki Prefecture Kashima Soccer Stadium (Kashima City, Jinkoji 26-2)
Rival team: Yokohama F. Marinos
Eligibility: Students, workers and residents of Tsukuba City
Entry fee: Elementary and junior high school, 65 years of age and above, Antlers Fan Club member = Free
*General admission = ¥1,000 for a courtesy pass
Seating: Category 4 South (First-come basis), or supporters seats
Regarding the ticketing
Cut out the “special invitation courtesy pass” below, and bring it with you on the day of the match, along with your ID that indicates your address, work or school is in Tsukuba (e.g. driving license, health insurance card, student card, etc.) and proceed to the Kashima Soccer Stadium “Event counter” to receive an entry ticket. (Antlers Fan Club members must also bring their fan club ID.)
Ticket exchange commences 9:30.
*One coupon can be used for any number of people, but each person must bring their own ID, such as a student card, or proof of residence that indicates your address, work or school is in Tsukuba.

<<Petit Marché Vegetable Market>>
Promoting local production and consumption, JA and farmers sell safe and fresh vegetables at Petit Marché Vegetable Market.
Date & Time: November 16th (Mon), December 21st (Mon), 10:00 - 14:00 (while stocks last)
Place: Green area in front of the parking space of the City Hall
*In case of bad weather, the event may be cancelled.
Contact: Agricultural Division

Tsukuba City Hall TEL: 029-883-1111