



## I ♥ Utsunomiya



This year marks the 120<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Utsunomiya City. For this occasion, here's a quiz about Utsunomiya.

How much do you know about Utsunomiya? ①



Let's begin with foods of Utsunomiya!

Q1. What is the motif of "Gyoza Statue" in front of the west exit of JR Utsunomiya Station?

- (1) Monna Lisa (2) a goddess (3) a fairy (4) a mermaid

Q2. What is the name of a cocktail created in Utsunomiya consisting of brandy and apricot liqueur?

- (1) Tagawa- River (2) Marronnier Leaf  
 (3) Kamagawa Promenade (4) Big Tree



Q3. What is the famous fruit harvested in autumn in Kamikawachi-area?

- (1) Yuzu (2) Mikan (3) Apple (4) Mango ②



Next, here's some questions about nature.

Q4. How old is the Giant Ginkgo Tree of Asahi-cho designated as a natural monument of Utsunomiya City?

- (1) about 200 years old (2) about 400 years old  
 (3) about 600 years old (4) about 700 years old



Q5. Utsunomiya is a place where lightning often occurs. How many days did it strike the city during the year when the number of lightning occurrence was largest on record?

- (1) 12 days (2) 38 days (3) 53 days (4) 62 days

Q6. What is the name of the trap for catching river fish alive placed in Kinu-river from August to October?

- (1) yana (2) uke (3) yagura (4) ami



Q7. What item of Utsunomiya is used for the Roppongi Hills building complex and the Shiodome Tower in Tokyo?

- (1) Oya stone (2) ginkgo (3) bamboo (4) Japanese Cedar ③

Next is about "culture and history."



Q8. What kind of god is at the Futaarayama shrine?

- (1) Matchmaking (2) Money (3) Warding off evil (4) Battle

Q9. Approximately what was the population at the end of Dec 1896 when Utsunomiya city was established?

- (1) 9,400 (2) 19,000 (3) 35,000 (4) 40,000



Q10. When was the first "Furusato Miya Festival" held?

- (1) 1964 (2) 1965 (3) 1976 (4) 1980

Q11. How many holes are remaining on Nagaoka Hyakuana ancient tomb?

- (1) 49 (2) 52 (3) 58 (4) 62 ④



Last is "trivia"! You can answer if you know a lot of topics.

Q12. How tall is Utsunomiya tower?

- (1) 9m (2) 89m (3) 99m (4) 100m

Q13. In Utsunomiya, there are many town names which contains "yo (陽)." What does it mean?

- (1) where the sun rises (2) where the days are long  
 (3) place with many cheerful people  
 (4) a lively place where people gather

Q14. Which sister city's emblem is designed on the passage of Orion Street?

- (1) Auckland City, New Zealand (2) Orleans City, France  
 (3) Pietrasanta City, Italy (4) Qiqihar City, China ⑤



Here are the answers. How many did you get? The more you know, the more pleasant!!

Q 1 : (2) Q 2 : (4) Q 3 : (1) Q 4 : (2) Q 5 : (3)

Q 6 : (1) Q 7 : (3) Q 8 : (4) Q 9 : (3) Q 10 : (3)

Q 11 : (2) Q 12 : (2) Q 13 : (4) Q 14 : (3)

Questions abstracted from

"Exam of Miya no Monoshiri Tatsujin※"

※Inquiries: Utsunomiya Convention & Visitors Bureau

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# Temporary benefits announcement



Provision of two types of benefits will begin in September

## ① 2016 Fiscal year temporary welfare benefits

- ◇Recipients
  - People with a citizen's registration for Utsunomiya on January 1, 2016
  - People who are not being taxed for the 2016 Citizen's Tax (However, people who are dependents of someone taxed for the Citizen's Tax for the 2016 fiscal year, or people who are receiving living assistance are not eligible.)
- ◇Amount received: 3,000yen per person (1 time only)

## ② Temporary welfare benefits for people receiving disability/survivor's basic pensions

- ◇Recipients
  - People who are receiving the April and May 2016 portions of the disability basic pension or survivor basic pension and also receiving the 2016 temporary welfare benefits. (However, people receiving the "Temporary welfare benefit of 30,000yen for the elderly" are not eligible.)
- ◇Amount received: 30,000yen per person (1 time only)

※ People who may be eligible to receive it will be sent an application on September 12 (a form to for application) via postal mail. After applying, the subsidy money will be sent as a bank account money transfer to your bank account.

◎ **Reception period:** September 13, 2016 (Tues) – January 31, 2017 (Tues)

◎ **How to receive:** • Postal mail

- Receive at: Receive at: City Hall 1st floor Citizen's Hall (September 13 – 30), 16th floor Head Quarters (October 3 – January 31, 2017), all regional self-government centers, district citizen's centers, and branch offices

Inquiries: Temporary Welfare Benefits Headquarters ☎028-632-5172



## The children's medical cost subsidy program has expanded its eligibility coverage

Starting in April, it expanded from 6<sup>th</sup> grade elementary school students to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade junior high school students

### Utsunomiya's "Children's Medical Subsidy Program"

This is a program in which the city pays for medical expenses (the self-pay portion) for children up through their third year in junior high school living in Utsunomiya City when they receive medical care covered by health insurance for illnesses or injuries. If you show the "Children's medical cost subsidy qualification document" and "Health insurance card" at a hospital in Tochigi Prefecture, you do not have to pay for any medical expenses at the hospital's cashier window.



### How to use the "Children's Medical Subsidy Program"

※At the end of March 2016, a new "Children's medical cost subsidy qualification document (pink)" was sent via post to guardians of children up through their third year in junior high school living in Utsunomiya City. Please fill out an application if you didn't receive it or lost it.

※Please apply for a qualification document when you have a baby or begin to live in Utsunomiya City.

### When the "Children's Medical Subsidy Program" cannot be used

※ Items not covered by health insurance (health checkups, vaccines, medicine containers, documents, etc.) and meals during hospitalization are not applicable, so please pay those fees at the hospital's cashier window.



Inquiries: Kodomo Kateika (Child Family Division)  
☎ 028-632-2296

Fun events 🎵 🎵



## Miyakko Festa

- 🕒 October 8 (Sat) 10:00AM – 3:00PM
- 😊 Enjoy various games, “hands-on” activities, work experiences, stamp rally, performances with kids!
- @ Orion Square, Banba Hiroba, Utsunomiya Shimin Plaza, etc.
- ☎ Kodomo Mirai-ka  
(Children’s Future Division) 028-632-2944

## Utsunomiya Dietary Education Fair



- 🕒 October 2 (Sun) 10:00AM - 3:00PM  
(Cancelled if severe rain and wind)
- 😊 Think together with others about improving dietary habits with a sense of appreciation for food and meals.
- @ Utsunomiya Joshi Koen (Castle Park) Orion Square
- ☎ Utsunomiya Shokuiku Fair Jikkoiinkai Jimukyoku (Utsunomiya Dietary Education Fair Planning Committee Secretariat) 028-626-1126



## Miya Sunset Jazz

- 🕒 September 24 (Sat) 5:00PM – 7:20PM
- 😊 Jazz bands will perform, creating a town continuously alive with music. Come enjoy the live music!

**Performers** Link, Music Notes, SWINGING HERD ORCHESTRA

**Cost** Free

@ Orion Square

☎ Utsunomiya Jazz no Machi linkai  
(Utsunomiya Jazz Town Committee)  
028-632-2763



## Utsunomiya Culture Association Festival 2016

- 🕒 September 24 (Sat) 11:00AM – 4:45PM
- 😊 An event where you can enjoy both Japanese and western cultural performances, such as koto, Japanese drumming, Japanese dance, sword and fan dancing, folk songs, folk dancing, hula dancing, Tai Chi, magic, jazz, etc.
- @ Orion Square
- ☎ Utsunomiya-shi Bunka Kyokai  
(Utsunomiya Culture Association)  
028-632-2746



## Enjoy a barbeque with family and friends!

<b>Venue</b>	Kinugawa Ryokuchi Undo Koen (Kinu River Green Space Exercise Park) (Kamikuwajima-machi) ※Please be cautious when there are rain and thunder/lightening weather reports.	Mizuhono Shizen no Mori Koen (Mizuhono Natural Forest Park) (Nishiosakabe-machi)
🕒	9:00AM - 5:00PM	10:00AM - 3:30PM
<b>Equipment</b>	20 stoves, toilets, running water, parking lot	10 stoves, toilets, running water, parking lot
<b>Supplies</b>	None	Iron plate and grill
<b>Fee</b>	Free	1,020yen per unit per day
<b>Sign up</b>	Not necessary	Call the park up to 2 months in advance 028-657-5222
☎	Koen Kanri-ka (Park Management Division) 028-632-2529	※If there is an opening, you can make reservations on the same day as use.

• Take garbage home with you • Do not bury charcoal in the ground • If you drink alcohol, do not drive

## Information

# Utsunomiya Art Museum



In addition to Japanese works, Chagall, Margritte, Mucha, and other overseas paintings, designs, and carvings are on display.

Open	9:30AM – 5:00PM ※Admission until 4:30PM
Closed	Mondays ※ Open if national holiday, closed on next day Day after national holidays ※Open on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays
Admission	310yen (elementary & junior high school students 100yen, high school and university students 210yen)
Address	1077 Nagaoka-cho, Utsunomiya-shi
TEL	028-643-0100
Website	<a href="http://u-moa.jp">http://u-moa.jp</a>

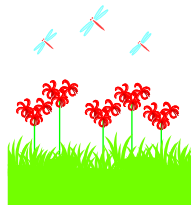


Children high school age and younger that live in or go to school in Utsunomiya City can enter for free!

All Utsunomiya City residents can enter for free on “Citizen’s Day” (April 1) and “Culture Day” (November 3)!

## Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Services

### Consultation for Foreign Residents



		Spanish Portuguese	Chinese	Thai	English
UIP ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM- 6:00PM	Mon	Tues	Wed	Fri
	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month (appointment needed)				
City Hall ☎028-632-2834 (during office hours)	9:00AM- 12:00PM	Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	—	—
	2:00PM- 5:00PM	Thurs	—	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs
Administrative Scrivener ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM- 5:00PM	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday (appointment needed)			

### Interpreter Volunteer Service

Go with someone needing language assistance to such places as national and prefectural facilities and the city hall and interpret for them.

- ▶ Monday – Saturday  
9:00AM - 5:00PM
- ▶ 1 time (2 hrs) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill out an application form at UIP, pay the fee, and apply.

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