

Children's Home & Absence from Home Children's Association Start of the Guardian Subsidy System



The Children's Home & Absence from Home Children's Association is a place where elementary school students can play and spend time after school is finished if their guardians are away from home due to work or other reasons.

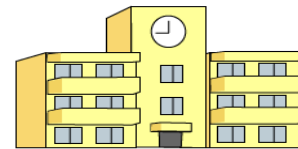
In order to reduce the burden on guardians utilizing the Children's Home and other facilities, a subsidy system started in April.

- ▽ For
- ① Households receiving welfare
 - ② Households applicable for school aid (families for which paying for school supplies and school lunch is difficult)

▽ Subsidy: (monthly amount) Up to 5,000 yen per one child

▽ Sign up: Fill out an application form available at the Shogai Gakushu-ka (Lifelong Learning Division) (City Hall 13F) or Children's Home and either bring or send it to the Shogai Gakushu-ka at the City Hall (postal code: 320-8540). (Municipal website for the application: <http://www.city.utsunomiya.tochigi.jp/ku-rashi/shogaigakushu/>)

▽ Inquiries: Shogaigakushu-ka (Lifelong Learning Division) ☎ 028-632-2676



National pension plan payment amount change

The amount has changed to the monthly amount of 16,490 yen from the April installment,

There are beneficial payment method options, such as discounts through bank account credit transfer and advanced payment, so feel free to inquire.

For example, if you pay a 1-year portion in advance in case, the insurance payment will be 194,370 yen, which is an annual reduction of 3,510 yen.

Furthermore, starting in the 2017 fiscal year, it is possible to pay a 2-year portion in advance, thus saving 14,400 yen.

If you are interested, you must apply at the Nenkin Jimusho (Pension Office).

- ▽ Inquiries: Utsunomiya Nishi Nenkin Jimusho (Utsunomiya West Pension Office)
☎ 028-622-4281
Hoken Nenkin-ka (Insurance Pension Division)
☎ 028-632-2327



If you hear a crime prevention buzzer go off nearby, please provide assistance!



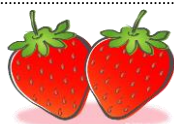
The Crime Prevention Association gives out crime prevention buzzers to first grade students of elementary school as a way to further crime prevention countermeasures.

▽ People in the community: If you hear a crime prevention buzzer go off nearby, please quickly confirm the situation and protect the child(ren) by getting them to a safe place, notifying people in the vicinity, calling 110, etc.

▽ Guardians: Please make sure your child(ren) have a crime prevention buzzer with them when they leave the house. Also, please be sure to teach them how to use the crime prevention buzzer at home and replace the batteries when necessary.

- ▽ Inquiries: Seikatsu Anshin-ka (Comfortable Living Division)
☎ 028-632-2137

Fun events 🎵 🎵



Visit the Disaster Prevention Museum & Pick Strawberries

- 🕒 June 4 (Sun) 1:00PM – 5:00PM Meet at the Tochigi-ken Bosaikan (Tochigi Prefectural Disaster Prevention Museum) (248 Nakazato-machi, Utsunomiya-shi)
- 😊 Visit and try some hands on activities at the Prefectural Disaster Prevention Museum to learn about what to do when there is an earthquake or disaster. Then enjoy picking strawberries. 🎵

Cost Exchange students: 300 yen, Adults: 500 yen, Young children & elementary school students: free

Max First 50 people

Sign up Please call the Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA).

@ Tochigi-ken Bosaikan (Tochigi Prefectural Disaster Prevention Museum) & Akabane Strawberry Farm (Shimokogura-cho, Utsunomiya-shi)

☎ Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA) 028-616-1870



International Exchange Salon 🎵

- 🕒 Every 4th Saturday 4:00 – 6:00PM
May 27: Golden Week events
- 😊 An event at which you can talk with people from various countries. Families welcome!

Cost Free

@ Utsunomiya International Plaza

☎ Utsunomiya International Plaza
028-616-1563



Held every 4th Saturday of the month!



Utsunomiya Shimin Plaza Film Festival Weekend Cinema

- 🕒 June 10 (Sat) 2:00PM
- 😊 Title: "Stagecoach" 1939/USA
Director: John Ford
Starring: John Wayne, etc.
- Other** Cost: Free
2nd Saturday of each month 2:00PM
- @ Utsunomiya Shimin Plaza 6F Tamokuteki Hall (Multipurpose Hall)
- ☎ Utsunomiya Shimin Plaza
028-616-1540



Festa my Utsunomiya 2017 ~Hold hands with friends from around the world~

- 🕒 May 21 (Sun) 10:00AM – 3:00PM
- 😊 <Booths>
Tea ceremony workshop, Indian food, Brazilian food, Vietnamese food, Chinese gyoza (pot stickers), African bread, German wine, beer fair trade, simple Japanese quiz, etc.
- <Stage>
Enjoy Japanese traditional instruments and folk instrumental performances and dances from around the world 🎵

Sign up Not necessary

@ Banba Hiroba (Futaarayama Shrine lower square)

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First Glimpse of Japan, a French Report

©This is a letter from a French student accepted by UCIA.



Bonjour/Konnichiwa,

I'm a 21 year-old French student who just arrived in Japan.

I'm conducting a research project for my university about Asian ritual practices.

It started last September in India with Yoga and Buddhism.

In December, I entered China to study Taiji and Taoism and here I am now, in Utsunomiya.

I enjoy staying and can meet kind people like you here, in Utsunomiya.

You can meet me by chance, as I'm riding a bike on my way to the gym dojos (wearing a shinai instead of a "baguette").

Besides my volunteering within the UCIA, studying kendo and the spirit of bushido is because



of my research and great interest, a purpose of my stay. See you then and thank you for being such a nice people.

Léopold

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 th Sunday of month (appointment needed)			
City Hall ☎028-632-2834 (during office hours)	9:00AM-12:00PM	Thurs	2 nd Thurs	—	—
	2:00PM-5:00PM	Thurs	—	2 nd Thurs	2 nd Thurs
Administrative Scrivener ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM-5:00PM	3 rd 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 – Sunday
8:30AM - 7:00PM
- ▶ 1 time (2 hrs) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill out an application form at UIP, pay the fee, and apply.

“Oh-i!” is published in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Thai, and is also available on the UCIA website. <http://www.ucia.or.jp>
There you can enjoy reading past issues of the “Oh-i!” too.

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