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## Go to a Japanese traditional house !



November 3 was “Culture Day.”  
 I’m interested in Japanese traditional culture. Do you know a place where I can experience it in Utsunomiya?



There’s the Old Shinohara Family House.

Old Shinohara Family House?



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The Old Shinohara Family House is nationally designated important cultural property and has historical architecture, which is characteristic of Utsunomiya. I’ll tell you about it.

That’s the big building in front of JR Utsunomiya Station, right? I often pass by in front, but have never been inside, so I want to know about it!



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## ~ Old Shinohara Family House ~

### History

The Old Shinohara Family House was built about 120 years ago. It’s one of the representative old houses of Utsunomiya City, and soy sauce brewing and a fertilizer business was conducted there. Even in spite of the air raids in WWII, the main house and one of stone warehouses built in the Meiji Period remain and it is a symbol in front of the station.

### Highlights

#### 1. Atmosphere

The atmosphere of Meiji Period still remains, so you can learn about Japanese traditional life.

#### 2. Excellent materials and construction

You can see lots of good quality material, such as Oya rock used on the wall and Keyaki wood used for thick pillars.

Also, please take a look at the building’s structure and equipment.

#### 3. Various Events

Japanese dolls are exhibited during the Girl’s Festival in March and Boy’s festival in May. Also, there are many events such as Kimono and Japanese flower arrangement displays.



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You can borrow the English audio guide for free. In addition, there’re also guided displays in English and Chinese to enjoy. **Please read page 4** for more information, such as the location and hours, etc.!

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## Disaster Prevention Class for Everyone

What should we do if disaster happens?

Learn how to prepare for earthquakes, typhoons, heavy rain, etc., and experience an evacuation center.

- ▽ **Date:** Nov. 17 (Sat) 2:00PM - 4:00PM
- ▽ **Content:** Learn about disasters in Japan, experience an evacuation center, eat emergency food, learn how to gather accurate information, and learn how you can be prepared now
- ▽ **Participants:** People living in Tochigi Prefecture (About 40 people)
- ▽ **Cost:** Free
- ▽ Easy Japanese will be spoken. If you do not understand, English and Chinese etc. interpreters can help you.

- ▽ **Venue:** Tochigi International Center  
(9-14 Hon-cho, Utsunomiya City)
- ▽ **Sign up:** Tochigi International Association (TIA)  
Please sign up by telephone (028-621-0777) or by e-mail ([info@tia21.or.jp](mailto:info@tia21.or.jp))  
(Closed Sunday and Monday)
- ※ Please write the venue name (Utsunomiya City), your name, address, and telephone number in the e-mail.



## Child Care Salon “Niko Niko Hiroba”

Enjoy spending time gathering parenting information, playing games, doing exercises, reading picture books, listening to picture-story shows, learning about child care groups and specialized institutions, and consulting with a nursery teachers, etc. This facility is available for use for children up to about 3 years old, their guardians, and those who are pregnant. For details, please contact the venue.

Venue	TEL	Hours	Consultation
Chuo (9F LaLa square Utsunomiya)	028-627-0204	Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat 9:00AM - 12:00PM, 1:30PM - 4:00PM ※Mon, Tue, Fri and Sat 1:30PM - 4:00PM is for 0 years old.	Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Ishii (Ishii-machi)	028-660-0600	Mon - Fri 9:00AM - 4:00PM Sat 9:00AM - 12:00PM  ※Tue (Ishii), Wed (Kitasuzumenomiya), Thurs (Western) and Fri (Takebayashi) 1:00PM - 4:00PM is for 0 years old.	Mon - Sat 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Takebayashi (Takebayashi-machi)	028-621-4788		
Western (Tsuruta-machi)	028-647-4740		
Kita-Suzumenomiya (2 Wakamatsuhara)	028-653-5164		
Yuzunoko (Matsudashinden-cho)	028-674-2010		
Nakayoshi (Shirasawa-cho)	028-673-2511		
Mizuhono (Kamikuwajima-machi)	028-678-2526	Mon - Fri 10:00AM - 3:00PM ※Tue, Wed, Thurs 12:00PM - 3:00PM is for 0 years old.	Mon - Fri 9:00AM - 4:00PM
Takaragi (2 Wakakusa)	028-622-6460	Mon, Wed, Fri 9:00AM~12:00PM, 1:00PM~3:00PM	Mon - Fri 9:00AM - 5:00PM
Tomatsuri (1 Tomatsuri)	028-622-7552	Mon - Fri 9:00AM~12:00PM, 1:00AM~3:00PM	
Yayoi (1 Yayoi)	028-634-5653	Tue, Wed, Thurs 9:00AM~12:00PM, 1:00PM - 3:00PM	
Toyosato-Nakayoshi (Sekibori-cho)	028-624-3370	Mon - Fri 10:00AM - 3:00PM	Mon - Fri 9:00AM - 4:00PM



## International Festival Let's Amigo

- 🕒 Nov.18 (Sun) 10:00AM - 3:00PM (Rain or shine)
- 😊 · Booths and stage attractions from 13 countries!
- Explanation and sale of children's toys from various countries
- Free medical care for foreigners
- Dental counseling and lifestyle consultation held

**Cost** Free

- @ Tochigi Seinen Kaikan Concere (1-1-6 Komanyu)
- ☎ Tochigiken Seinen Kaikan Jigyoka 028-624-1488



## International Exchange Salon

- 🕒 Every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 4:00PM - 6:00PM
- Nov.24 Decorations for Christmas
- Dec.15 Christmas special event
- ※Dec. salon will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday
- 😊 An event at which you can talk with people from various countries♪

**Cost** Free

- @ Utsunomiya International Plaza
- ☎ 028-616-1563



## Utsunomiya Agricultural & Forestry Festival 🎵

- 🕒 Nov.17 (Sat) & 18 (Sun) 9:00AM-3:00PM
- 😊 Fun Event about Agriculture♪
- Sales and exhibition of vegetables, fruits, meat, dairy products, flowers and trees
- Game etc. fun events as well

**Parking** 900 cars acceptable

- @ Romantic-Mura Nigiwai-Hiroba (254 Nissato-machi-Hei)
- ☎ Agricultural and Forestry Festival Organizing committee 028-625-3388



## Hagurosan Bonten Festival

- 🕒 Hon-Matsuri: Nov. 23 (Fri/Holiday) 9:00AM - 7:00PM
- Kids Bonten Festival: Nov.24 (Sat) 9:00AM - 2:00PM
- 😊 Autumn Festival at the Haguro Shrine in existence since the Edo Period
- @ Haguro Shrine and Imazato-cho
- ☎ Haguro Shrine Office 028-674-3479



## Lifelong Learning Center & District Citizen Center Autumn Festival

- 😊 There will be exhibitions and presentations of artwork, food for sale, etc. It is a festival with a hometown feel. Please inquire at each center for details.
- 🕒@ Nov. 17 (Sat) - 18 (Sun):

Mizuhono District Citizen Center "Mizuhono Festival" (☎656-4250)

Suzumenomiya District Citizen Center "Suzumenomiya district Cultural Festival & Harvest Festival" (☎654-1013)

Nishi Lifelong Learning Center "Nishi Lifelong Learning Center Cultural Festival" (☎648-7480)

Nov.18 (Sun): Kawachi District Citizen Center "Kawachi Furusato Festival 2018" (☎671-3202)

Nov.25 (Sun): Tomiya District Citizen Center "Tomiya Soba Festival" (☎665-1663)





# Old Shinohara Family House



The present building explained on page 1 was built in 1895 and has a long history. I encourage you to go see it!

## < Old Shinohara House Information >

**Address:** 1-4-33 Imaizumi, Utsunomiya City

**TEL:** 028-624-2200

**Hours:** 9:00AM - 5:00PM ※Admission until 4:30PM

**Closed:** Monday (The next day if it is a holiday)

Day after a national holiday (Open if Sat, Sun, or national holiday)

Year-end/start (Dec.29 - Jan.3)

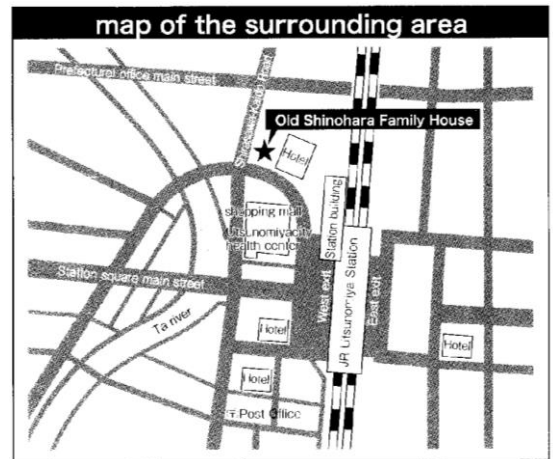
**Fee:** Adult ¥100 (¥80)

Elementary & Junior High school students ¥50 (¥40)

※The admission in ( ) is for groups of 20 or more people

※Free for students high school age or younger who attend school in Utsunomiya

Just a 3 min. walk from  
JR Utsunomiya Station!



## Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP)

### Consultation for Foreign Residents



		Spanish Portuguese	Chinese	Thai	English
<b>UIP</b> ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM - 6:00PM	Mon	Tues	Wed	Fri
		4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of month (appointment needed)			
<b>City Hall</b> ☎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
<b>Administrative Scrivener</b> ☎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 – Sunday 8:30AM – 7:00PM
- ▶ 1 time (2 hours) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill our application form at UIP, pay the fee, and submit the application.

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