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Golden Week is special this year!!



The emperor will change during Golden Week in May, so I've heard there will be more public holidays than usual.

Some people will apparently be able to have 10 days off.



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Really? For some reason my calendar doesn't indicate there are more public holidays. I wonder why.

Golden week this year is special, so let's figure this out together.



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2019 Golden Week ♪

April 27 (Sat)	
April 28 (Sun)	
April 29 (Mon/public holiday)	<i>Showanohi</i> (Showa Day)
April 30 (Tues)	Holiday as it is between other public holidays
May 1 (Wed/public holiday)	Enthronement of New Emperor
May 2 (Thurs/public holiday)	Holiday as it is between other public holidays
May 3 (Fri/public holiday)	<i>Kenpoukinenbi</i> (Constitution Day)
May 4 (Sat/public holiday)	<i>Midorinohi</i> (Greenery Day)
May 5 (Sun/public holiday)	<i>Kodomonohi</i> (Children's Day)
May 6 (Mon)	Compensation holiday

On **May 1** the Japanese year system will change from "Heisei" to "Reiwa" (令和).

The holidays from April 30 – May 2 are special for just this year.



Other special holidays this year

Oct. 22 (Tues/holiday) . . . The day on which events will take place to declare to Japan and the world that the new emperor has taken the throne

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By the way, the present emperor's birthday of December 23 will become a regular weekday. Starting in 2020, February 23 will be the public holiday to celebrate the emperor's birthday.

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Please be sure to confirm the business hours of hospitals, banks, etc. during Golden Week. The City Hall will be on holiday, but some facilities are different, so please confirm about those as well.



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Sign up for a Mass Health Exam Starting in April



You can sign up for a mass health exam by telephone or Internet. The Internet is useful, as you can sign up at any time.

Detailed information on how to sign up, where to sign up, the schedule for health exams, etc. will be posted in the “Kenko Zukuri no Shiori” (Health Info. Pamphlet), April edition of the “Koho Utsunomiya” (Utsunomiya monthly publication), the city website, etc.



How to sign up

◇ Sign up by phone

City Mass Health Exam Appointment Center ☎ 028-611-1311

▽ Day/time: 8:30AM – 5:15PM

(Closed Sat, Sun, public holidays, year-end/start)

◇ Sign up by Internet

Mass health exam appointment system

▽ Available 24 hours/day

▽ <https://www.city.utsunomiya.tochigi.jp/kurashi/kenko/kenshin/1004397.html>

※ Caution points when signing up

▽ Health exam tickets will be sent out at the end of April.

▽ If you prefer an individual health exam, please sign up directly at a medical institution.

Inquiries: Kenko Zoushin-ka (Health Promotion Division) ☎ 028-626-1129

Print out certificates at a convenience store using your “My Number” card



You can print out certificates, such as a copy of your residency certificate, using your “My Number” card at convenience stores around the country.

Please operate the touch panel while reading the instructions on a “Kiosk terminal” (multi copy machine) located at a Seven Eleven, Lawson, Family Mart, Mini Stop, etc.

◇ Access time frame: 6:30AM – 11:00PM (Excluding year end/start holidays and when under maintenance)

※The system will not be able on April 23, 2019 (Tues) due to maintenance.

◇ Necessary documents: “My Number” card (Individual number card)

◇ Applicable certificates and service charges:

- Copy of residency certificate, seal registration certificate, proof of earnings, taxation certificate, supplementary family register: 200 yen
- Certificate of individual/family register: 350 yen

Inquiries: Shimin-ka (Citizen’s Division) ☎ 028-632-2265

Zeisei-ka (Tax Division) ☎ 028-632-2187

International Exchange Salon 🎵

- 🕒 Every 4th Saturday 4:00PM – 6:00PM
April 27 How to spend Golden Week
- 😊 Enjoy interacting with people from a variety of countries. Family participation is welcome!

Cost Free

- @ Utsunomiya International Plaza
(4-1-1 Baba-dori)



Utsunomiya Cocktail Carnival 2019 🎵

- 🕒 May 12 (Sun) 12:00PM – 6:00PM
- 😊 Taste cocktails made by top class bartenders!

Cost Drink & food tickets 600 yen/ticket

- @ Orion Square (8-3 Eno-machi)
- ☎ Utsunomiya Kanko Convention (Utsunomiya Tourism Convention Association)
028-632-2445



Theme Exhibition "Maple Leaves"

- 🕒 Until June 16 (Sun) 9:30AM - 5:00PM
- 😊 Enjoy various shaped leaves and maple flowers that bloom from spring to summer.

Cost Adults: 250 yen, High school & university students: 120 yen, Junior high school students and younger: Free

- @ Tochigi Kenritsu Hakubutsukan (Tochigi Prefectural Museum)
(2-2 Mutsumi-cho)
- ☎ 028-634-1311



Dance! Dance! Dance!

- 🕒 April 21 (Sun) 11:00AM - 12:00PM (Opens at 10:30AM)
- 😊 Try various dances and release stress with your kids!

Teacher Irina Kashiwazaki
Max 100ppl (any child able to walk and older can participate)

- @ Minami Toshokan (South Library)
(56-1 Suzumenomiya-machi)
Southern Cross Hall
- ☎ 028-653-7609



Loved by All! Mickey Mouse Day

- 🕒 April 20 (Sat) 10:00 – 12:00 (AM session)
1:30 – 3:30 (PM session)
- 😊 Show several short Mickey Mouse movies in a row (Morning and afternoon movies are different)

Max First 400ppl Enter/leave freely

- @ Minami Toshokan (South Library)
(56-1 Suzumenomiya-machi)
Southern Cross Hall
- ☎ 028-653-7609



Children's Festa in Bunka no Mori 2019 🎵

- 🕒 May 5 (Sun) 10:00AM – 3:00PM
- 😊 Music performances, coloring, crafts, walk in forest, etc.

Cost Free

Sign up Not necessary

- @ Utsunomiya Bunka no Mori (1077 Nagaoka-machi)
- ☎ Kodomo Festa in Bunka no Mori Jikkoiinkai (Children's Festival in Bunka no Mori Organizing Committee) 028-643-0100



Starting April 2019

日本語教室 Japanese Classes

This is an opportunity for those wanting to study Japanese to do so together.

Venue	Day	Time	Level & target	Cost
Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP)	Sunday	10:00AM - 12:00PM	Junior high school students & high school students	4 times 1,000 yen
	Monday	1:30PM - 5:30PM ※Must sign up	Beginner - advanced	1hr 150 yen
	Tuesday	1:30PM - 3:30PM ※Must sign up	Advanced	Each class 1 month 1,000 yen
	Wednesday	10:00AM-12:00PM	Beginner - Intermediate	
		1:30PM-3:30PM		
Saturday	1:30PM-3:30PM			
Sugatagawa Chiku Shimin Center	Tuesday	10:00AM-12:00PM		
		6:30PM-8:30PM		
Sogo Fukushi Center	Thursday	6:00PM-8:00PM		
Kita Shogai Gakushu Center	Saturday	6:30PM-8:30PM		

Inquiries: Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA) ☎ 028-616-1870 Email ucia@ucia.or.jp



People coming for the first time are asked to show up 10 minutes before the class starts. Some classes have days off, so please be sure to confirm the schedule.

Other classes will be mentioned next month.

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP)

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 hours) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill our application form at UIP, pay the fee, and submit the application.

“Oh-i!” is published in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Thai, and Vietnamese 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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