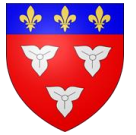


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Orleans, France and Utsunomiya



Do you know the city of Orleans?
It's one of the sister cities of Utsunomiya. This year is its 30th anniversary since it became a sister city.

The reason it became a sister city is because the town development of Technopolis is similar.

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In Utsunomiya City, there are various cultural exchanges, such as dispatches of citizen visit groups and youth, and the acceptance of high school students from Orleans, etc.



Now I'll tell you about the city of Orleans to commemorate the 30th anniversary!

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I asked Mr. Mayer Guillaume,
UCIA's French teacher from
the city of Orleans!

The city of Orleans is such a city♪

Speaking of the city of Orleans...

- **Jeanne d'Arc**
Orleans is famous for being the city she first saved in the Hundred Years' War.
- **Vinegar**
The wine changed into vinegar while carrying wine in the Loire River.
- **Bells**
The bells in the shopping mall "Bell Mall" have a connection with Orleans.



Highlights



- **Joan of Arc celebration (Jeanne d'Arc Festival)**
You can enjoy the atmosphere of the Middle Ages (4C-15C). The mayor of Utsunomiya and a city citizen delegation took part in it this year.
- **Sainte Croix Cathedral**
- **Hotel Groslot**
(Old city hall of Orleans)
- **Scenery along the Loire River**

~Message from Mr. Guillaume of Orleans~

It's because of the sister city relationship that citizen exchanges can take place. I recommend that you go to Paris while homestay in Orleans or studying there as an exchange student. In addition, there are various experiences and exchange programs that are possible because it is a sister city. Please take advantage of this, and visit the city of Orleans.



LRT passing in front of
Sainte Croix Cathedral

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Subsidy starts for the cost of infant ear examinations



An infant ear examination is a medical examination to check the hearing of a new-born baby (3 days old).

One to two out of 1,000 babies are said to naturally have a hearing problem.

It's vital to discover the problem at the early stage, and giving the baby adequate assistance helps grow his/her language and mind.

The examination is available at the clinic where the baby was born, so make sure to consult a doctor.

- ▽ **Subject to subsidy** Babies born after April 1 and is living in Utsunomiya on the examination day.
- ▽ **How to apply** Submit the “Infant ear examination registration card” and maternity passbook to the clinic.
- ▽ **Amount of subsidy** A maximum amount of 5,000 yen is subsidized for the examination. (Costs that exceed 5,000 yen need to be paid)
- ▽ **Other** If the examination was done without submitting the registration card, contact the Kodomo Katei Ka (Children & Families Division) ☎ 028-632-2388



Utsunomiya Health Points Points can now be exchanged

(For people who used the app)

- ▽ **Subject** Points collected through exercising and fitness in the 2018 fiscal year.
- ▽ **Due date** September 30
- ▽ **Things to be exchanged** Bus card, Quo card, etc.
- ▽ **How to apply** Apply at “Point exchange 2018” in the “Utsunomiya Health Points App” installed in your Smart Phone.
- ▽ **Other** People who collected 3,000 points or more in the 2018 fiscal year are able to participate in a drawing in the app that awards discount cards, etc.

Discount cards that can be used at restaurants, etc., will be shown in the app on June 1.

Items exchanged for points will be delivered to the applicant's home.

Contact Kenko Point Jigyo Jimukyoku
(Health Point Project Office)
☎ 0120-990-960
Kenkou Zoushin Ka
(Health Promotion Division)
☎ 028-626-1128





Festa My Utsunomiya 2019 International Hiroba ~Hold hands with friends from around the world~

🕒 May 19 (Sun) 10:00AM – 3:00PM

😊 <Booths>

Tea ceremony workshop, Iran/Brazilian/Taiwanese/Korean cuisine, coffee, bread and worldwide beer, African beads, fair trade and international exchange organization's booths, etc.

<Stage>

Enjoy Japanese traditional instruments and folk instrumental performance and dances around the world.

Sign up Not necessary

@ Banba Hiroba (The square under Futaarayama Shrine)

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



International Exchange Salon 🎵

🕒 Every 4th Saturday 4:00PM – 6:00PM

May 25 (Sat) Explanation about Japanese culture, origami

😊 Enjoy interacting with people from a variety of countries. Family participation is welcome!

Cost Free

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

☎ 028-616-1563

South Library Children's Festival



🕒 May 19 (Sun) 10:00AM – 3:30PM

😊 Origami class, seed planting experience, librarian workshop, special storytelling, library quiz rally, tea time, etc.

Cost Free

@ Minami Toshokan (South Library)
(56-1 Suzumenomiya-machi)

☎ 028-653-7609



Utsunomiya Azalea & Flower Fair



🕒 May 25 (Sat) - June 2 (Sun)

😊 An event at which people can enjoy being close to flowers and trees through Utsunomiya City's official flower, the azalea. At the venue, about 250 plants grown by gardeners from all over the country will be displayed. You can enjoy the attractiveness of the flowers buying azaleas, learning how to care the flowers, participating in a charity auction, and so on.

Cost Free

Parking Free

@ Michi-no-Eki Utsunomiya Romantic Village (254 Nissatomachihei)

☎ Utsunomiya Azalea & Flower Fair Executive Committee 028-632-2456



Starting April 2019

日本語教室 Japanese classes

Why don't you study Japanese together? Here's the information about Japanese classes other than those at UCIA.

Location/Address	Day	Time	Level	Fee	Contact
Machizukuri Center (5-9-7 Motoimaizumi)	Mon	10:00AM-12:00PM	Beginner & Intermediate	¥500 per month	Ippo Ippo Nihongo 028-637-7394
	Sun	1:15PM-2:45PM	Beginner	¥3300 for 10 classes	NPO Dekthai group 028-678-8996
Tochigi International Association (9-14 Honcho)	Tue	10:00AM-12:00PM	Beginner & Intermediate	¥300 per class	FJC Nihongo Tomonokai 028-635-9595
	Thurs				
	Fri	10:00AM-12:00PM	Advanced		
UIP (5F, 4-1-1 Baba-dori)	Sat	10:00AM-12:00PM	Beginner & Intermediate		
Kiyohara Chiku Shimin Center (15-4 Kiyohara Kogyo Danchi)	Sat	7:00PM-9:00PM	Beginner & Intermediate	¥1000 per term	Kiyohara Chiku Kokusai Kouryukai 028-667-1014



Please contact directly before going to each class.

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.

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