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Happy New Year! 2024!



Happy new year!



I want to become better at Japanese.

What kind of year
do you want this
year to be?



I would like to make more Japanese friends and hang
out with them.



Then you should go to the Utsunomiya City
International Association (UCIA).



Last year, I participated in a facility factory tour and
saw a factory and a botanical garden in Ibaraki
Prefecture. I also made a lot of friends.



Factory tour



Japanese learner presentation

I participated in a Japanese learner's
presentation and made a speech in
front of an audience using the
Japanese I am studying.



UCIA also holds other international exchange events such as
Japanese culture gatherings and bus tours, so let's go to UCIA!



If you have a My Number Card, you can submit a notification of moving out of Utsunomiya online using the My Number portal from your smartphone or computer. No procedures are required at the counter.

To submit a notification of your new address, please bring your My Number Card to the municipal office of your new address.

For more information, please see the city website or My Number portal website.



←City HP



←My Number portal URL

Inquiries: Citizens Affairs Division ☎028-632-2271

You can transfer city taxes, etc. from your Pay Pay bank account (withdraw money from your account).

▽Applicable items

- ① Municipal tax/prefectural tax (normal collection)
- ② Fixed asset tax/city planning tax (land/houses)
- ③ Fixed asset tax (depreciable assets)
- ④ Light motor vehicle tax (by type)
- ⑤ National Health Insurance premium
- ⑥ Medical insurance premiums for the elderly
- ⑦ Nursing insurance premium
- ⑧ Childcare fee (user fee)
- ⑨ Mother-child father-child widow welfare fund redemption money
- ⑩ Cemetery common facility management fee
- ⑪ Municipal housing usage fee
- ⑫ Municipal housing exclusive parking lot usage fee
- ⑬ Scholarship refund

▽How to apply

Please submit a bank transfer request form for each item to the relevant division counter directly or by mail.

▽Other

The transfer start date and application deadline vary depending on the item. Please inquire at the applicable division.

Inquiries:

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| ① ~④ Taxation Division | ☎028-632-2189 | ⑨ Child Policy Division | ☎028-632-2389 |
| ⑤ Insurance and Pension Division | ☎028-632-2330 | ⑩ Life Safety Division | ☎028-632-2819 |
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| ⑧ Childcare Division | ☎028-632-2322 | | |

“A panel exhibition commemorating the 40th anniversary of our friendship city partnership with Qiqihar City, China” is taking place.

🕒: January 14, 2024 (Sun) - January 24, 2024 (Wed) 10:00AM - 5:00PM

@: Utsunomiya Omotesando Square 5th floor, Lobby

📷: Photographs showing exchanges with Qiqihar City, China and landscape photographs of the current Qiqihar City.

Other: Please see the UCIA website for details.

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



UCIA URL

International Exchange Salon 🎵

- 🕒 Jan 27 (Sat) 4:00PM - 6:00PM
Every 4th Saturday
- 😊 An event where you can talk with people from various countries 🎵

Cost Free

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

☎ 028-616-1563



Japan Cultural Experience Day

- 🕒 Feb 11 (Sat) 10:00AM ~ 2:00PM
- 😊 Experience various aspects of Japanese culture, such as kimono wearing, tea ceremony, flower arranging, and mini straw making, etc.
Enjoy the Japanese drums and other performances

Cost 300 yen (Elementary students 100 yen)

Sign Up Please come directly to the venue on the day.
*A reservation is required for the kimono wearing experience (First 20 people)

@ City Hall 14F Big Meeting Room (1-1-5 Asahi)

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UCIA Bus Tour

- 🕒 January 28 (Sun) 11:50AM - 9:00PM
- 😊 Go to Ashikaga Flower Park, one of the three major illuminations in Japan, Sano Outlet, and Sano Yakuyoke - Daishi 🎵

Cost General: 4,000 yen, UCIA members: 3,500 yen, Foreigners: 3,000 yen,
International students: 2,500 yen

*Ashikaga Flower Park admission fee and travel insurance included

*Lunch is not included (please eat before participating)

Sign Up Please bring your participation fee and come to the UCIA Secretariat.

Limit First 40 people

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Please come dressed in warm clothes!

Masterpiece Viewing Event



- 🕒 Jan 28 (Sun) 2:00PM -
- 😊 "Green Book"

Cost Free

Limit First 300 people

Sign Up Not necessary

@ Higashi Citizen Activity Center
Audiovisual Library

☎ (Nakaimaizumi 3-chome)

028-638-5704

New Year Concert 🎵

- 🕒 Jan 28 (Sun) 2:00PM - 3:00PM

- 😊 Please enjoy the concert with two violins 🎵

Cost Free

Limit First 30 people (infants and above)

Sign Up Sign up by phone

@ Kawachi Library (3397 Nakaokamoto cho)

☎ 028-673-6782



Charles from the Republic of Ghana

We asked Charles about Ghana, Kente cloth, what he admires about Japan, what he is researching at Utsunomiya University, and his message to everyone.



Maakyel "Good morning" in Twi.

Andrew Charles Frimpong came to Japan six years ago as a technical education research student. Ghana's official language is English, but Twi is spoken at home.

UCIA: What kind of country is Ghana?

Charles: Ghana is located in West Africa, and the annual temperature ranges from 20 to 35 degrees, with a rainy season and a dry season. The wind is cool, so you can wear light clothes. Ghanaians are kind and friendly.

UCIA: What is your hometown, Kumasi, famous for?

Charles: Ghana is famous for its chocolate, but Kumasi is also the production center for the famous dyeing and weaving craft called Kente cloth. With its bright colors, Kente cloth is worn at weddings and other important occasions.

UCIA: How did you come to know about Japan?

Charles: When I was a child, I saw a movie about Japanese karate and the kata looked really cool, so I admired it and wanted to learn karate in Japan.

UCIA: What kind of work did you do in Ghana?

Charles: I was working to train school teachers. Although the number of elementary and junior high schools has increased in Ghana, the number of high schools and universities is small. Children study hard in order to go to higher education, but the problem is that they focus on studying for entrance exams.

UCIA: What kind of research are you conducting at the university?

Charles: I am conducting research to train vocational high school teachers. Mainly in construction, electricity, ICT, etc. I would like to provide education on Japanese manufacturing in Ghana.

UCIA: Please give a message to everyone.

Charles: Japan is very safe, so I can concentrate on my studies and work. The quality of education in Japan is high, so I want students to study while understanding Japanese culture.

UCIA: Charles, "Medaasi" (Thank you!)

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Service

Consultation for Foreign Residents

※Communication in other languages is also possible using a tablet capable of multilingual interpretation and translation.



UCIA's official LINE

We send fun exchange events and life information.

"Please register as a friend and use it as an information gathering tool."



"Oh-i!" is published in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Thai, and Vietnamese. You can also read it on the UCIA website.
<https://www.ucia.or.jp/>



		Spanish Portuguese	Vietnamese	Chinese	Thai	English
UIP ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM - 6:00PM	Mon	1 st & 3 rd Mon	Tues	Wed	Fri
		4 th Sunday of the month (Appointment needed)				
City Hall ☎028-632-2834 (During office hours)	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Thurs	—	2 nd Thurs	—	1 st Thurs
	2:00PM - 5:00PM	Thurs	2 nd Thurs	—	1 st Thurs	3 rd Thurs

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