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Introduction of Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA)

UCIA: Utsunomiya City International Association



Japanese language study presentation

UCIA offers a variety of international exchange opportunities, including Japanese language classes, foreign language classes, introduction to Japanese culture, facility factory tours, and cooking classes.



In cooperation with Utsunomiya City, UCIA is engaged in programs to receive students from sister cities (homestays) and dispatch junior high and high school students, etc.



Enjoying picture books

UCIA also offers general consultation in various languages (page 4) and interpreting and translating services (fee-based).



Facility factory tour



Japanese cultural experience

As you can see on page 4, you can introduce yourself and your country of origin to the community, so please come and check out UCIA sometime!



Please put out garbage on the set days & times

On April 1 the company that collects household garbage will change, so the time that garbage is collected at some garbage stations will change.

Please separate the garbage by type and put it in your garbage station by 7:00AM or 8:30AM on the specified day of the week.

Please refer to the "Garbage Collection Days List" on the Utsunomiya City website for the time to put out garbage by region.

Utsunomiya City URL⇒



【Inquiries】 Garbage Reduction Division (Gomi Genryo-ka) ☎ 028-632-2423

Procedures for online moving notification using your My Number card

Persons with My Number cards can complete the moving notification process online through the My Number Portal in addition to at the city hall service counter. The city hall services counter is often crowded in March and April with people completing moving procedures due to starting a new job, job transferring, advancing in school, etc., so completing procedures online is convenient.

After confirming that your previous address has been transferred on the My Number Portal, please bring your My Number card to the municipality service counter for your new address and to complete the moving notification procedure.

Please refer to the Utsunomiya City website for details on the notification procedures.

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My Number Portal⇒



【Inquiries】 Citizens' Division (Shimin-ka) ☎ 028-632-2271

Service counter waiting time status notification sites

If you need to go to the Utsunomiya City Hall Citizens' Division or service counter of a regional community center or branch office to complete procedures for something, you can check the current waiting time on Utsunomiya City's official website or LINE account. Please consider using this function.

Utsunomiya City URL⇒



Utsunomiya City LINE⇒



Fun events ♪ ♪

Festa my Utsunomiya 2025

~Put on by the “International Exchange Square”~

- ⌚ May 18 (Sun) 10:00AM - 3:00PM
- 😊 <International Exchange Square booths>
Booths will allow you to experience the Japanese tea ceremony, Brazilian cuisine, and Taiwanese cuisine, as well as learn about various international exchange organizations
- 😊 <Performance stage>
Musical instrument performances, hula dancing, etc.
- Cost** Free (Boothes, performance stage)
- @** Utsunomiya Castle Park (1-15 Honmaru-cho)
- ☎** Utsunomiya City International Association (UCIA) 028-616-1870



International Exchange Salon ♪

- ⌚ Every 4th Saturday 4:00PM – 6:00PM
- ⌚ April 26 (Sat)
- 😊 An opportunity to enjoy interacting with people from various countries.
- Cost** Free
- @** Utsunomiya International Plaza (4-1-1 Baba-dori)
- ☎** 028-616-1563



Japanese Film Viewing

- ⌚ April 18 (Fri) 10:00AM
- ⌚ April 19 (Sat) 2:00PM
- 😊 “Cherry Blossoms Seen by Sorokin”
- Cost** Free
- Limit** First 50 people
- Sign up** n/a
- Numbered tickets will be distributed starting 30 minutes prior to the showing
- @** East Library (*Higashi Toshokan*)
(3 Nakaimaizumi) Audiovisual Library
- ☎** 028-638-5704



Send a Flower Box for Mother's Day

- ⌚ May 10 (Sat)
10:30AM – 12:00AM
2:00PM ~ 3:30PM
- 😊 Create your own original work using easily obtainable materials ♪
- Cost** 300 yen
- Limit** First 15 people each time (infants & older)
- Sign up** Starting April 25 at 9:30 via phone or going directly to Kawachi Library (3397 Nakaokamoto-cho)
- ☎** 028-673-6782



Tochigi Korea Festival 2025

- ⌚ April 26 (Sat) 11:00AM – 5:00PM
- 😊 • Free kimchi-making workshop (First 20 people, numbered tickets will be distributed starting at 10:30AM)
- Stage performances
- Food & beverage booths, etc.
- Cost** Free admission
- @** Orion Square (8-3 Eno-machi)
Tochigi Korea Festival 2025
Organizing Committee
- ☎** 028-622-7777

Interview

Rosana of Brazil

We asked Rosana of Brazil about Atibaia City, Brazilian festivals, reasons why Japanese men are popular, her favorite historical sites in Utsunomiya, her job, and what she recommends for foreigners in Japan.



Boa tarde! (Hello in Portuguese)
Rosana came to Japan 30 years ago.

UCIA: What type of place is your hometown, Atibaia?

Rosana: Every year, a “Flower and Strawberry Festival” is held, and it is famous as a flower and strawberry city. Many flowers, including roses and chrysanthemums, are produced, accounting for 25% of the nation’s total.

UCIA: What is a famous festival in Brazil?

Rosana: The “Carnival,” which is held throughout Brazil in February or March. Among them, the carnival in Rio is famous. Many teams proceed through the main streets dancing the samba or riding in brightly decorated floats, each team being screened and selected.

UCIA: We have heard that Japanese (Japanese descent) men are considered popular in Brazil. Why do you think that is so?

Rosana: People of Japanese descent are raised in a multiethnic society, so they are flexible, harmonious, and have a good image. I think it's because there are many people who value their family and friends very much.

UCIA: What are your favorite historical sites in Utsunomiya?

Rosana: The Oya History Museum has a large underground area and looks like it's in a different world. I like the beautiful scenery of Mt. Ishi in the Oya Landscape Park.

The history of Utsunomiya Castle is said to date back to the Heian period, so I like that as well.

UCIA: What kind of work are you doing?

Rosana: For 30 years, I have been working as an interpreter at the consultation desk for Utsunomiya City. I receive consultations on daily procedures, labor, education, etc. I learn how to solve problems while being consulted. It also serves as an opportunity for me to brush-up my Japanese.

UCIA: What do you recommend for foreigners?

Rosana: Since they have come all the way to Japan, I recommend that they go to parks and facilities near where they live and enjoy eating delicious food from Tochigi Prefecture. I encourage them to go out and about and not be afraid about not being able to speak Japanese.

UCIA: Rosana, Obrigada. (Thank you!)

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Services

Consultation times have changed.

General consultation in various languages

※Assistance in other languages is possible using a tablet that can interpret and translate multiple languages.

		Spanish	Portuguese	Vietnamese	Chinese	Thai	English
UIP 2028-616-1564	3:00PM – 6:00PM	Mon	1 st & 3 rd Mon		Tues	Wed	Fri
					4 th Sun (by appointment only)		
City Hall 2028-632-2834 (Business hours only)	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Thurs		—	—	—	Thurs
	2:00PM - 5:00PM	Thurs		2 nd Thurs	3 rd Thurs	1 st Thurs	—



UCIA OFFICIAL LINE

We send out information on fun exchange events and everyday life information. Please register as a "Friend" to use it as an information gathering tool.



“Oh-i!” is available in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Thai, and Vietnamese. You can also read it on the Utsunomiya City International Association’s (UCIA’s) website at <https://www.icia.or.jp>