A Newsletter for Foreign Nationals



Each year, Ota City holds a Fireworks Festival as an expression of hope for lasting peace. This year's festival will feature about 5,000 fireworks.



#### Getting there

English

- Walk approximately 5 minutes from Rokugodote Station on the Keikyu train line.
- Take the Tokyu Bus bound for "Rokugodote" from JR Kamata Station's West Exit and get off at Rokugodote. The venue is a 3-minute walk from there.
  - \* Please note that buses will stop at Takahata Shogakko instead of Rokugodote and return to Kamata Station between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm on the day of the festival.
- Take the Keikyu Bus bound for "Hanedashako (via Rokugobashi)" from JR Kamata Station's East Exit and get off at Rokugobashi. The venue is a 7-minute walk from there.
- \* Please note that vehicles will not be allowed to enter the venue. Bicycle parking space will be limited, so please use public transportation or walk to the venue.

#### When

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#### 6:00 pm to 8:10 pm on Thursday, August 15

- \* The fireworks display will be from 7:30 pm to 8:10 pm
- \* The festival will be canceled in the event of stormy weather.

#### Program

#### Attractions

- Jazz: Kenichi Sonoda and His Dixie Kings
- Wadaiko performance (Japanese drums): Ota City Taiko Federation
- Peace memorial ceremony

Fireworks display (About 5,000 fireworks)

#### Where

The Tama River riverbed (near Nishi-Rokugo 4 Chome)

\* Please bring a picnic mat and rain gear.

#### Inquiries

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If calling on August 14 or 15, please use the following dedicated number:
 ☎ 0180-99-3838

#### Summer Museum and Memorial Hall Quiz Rally

Ota City is holding a "quiz rally" at museums and memorial halls in the city. Join the rally to learn a little about culture and art while having a good time!

Participants will receive a special Hanepyon sticker created especially for the quiz rally. They will also enter a drawing for a commemorative souvenir.

Who

Elementary and junior high school students in Ota City and their parents

When

July 20 (Sat) to August 25 (Sun)

#### Information on Premium Vouchers

In a program to coincide with the scheduled consumption tax increase, Ota City will sell "premium vouchers" for residents exempt from Inhabitant Tax and households raising children. The coupons will allow users to purchase goods worth 25,000 yen with a maximum of 20,000 yen.

People who satisfy either of the following requirements may purchase the vouchers.

- Person who is exempt from paying Inhabitant Tax in 2019 (Not applicable to a person receiving public assistance or to a spouse, dependent relative, or family employee having the same livelihood as a person who is subject to taxation)
- Head of a household having a child who was born between April 2, 2016, and September 30, 2019



Aiming to Make Ota City Free of Secondhand Smoke

- Indoor smoking will be prohibited in eating and drinking establishments in principle -









A total of ten different facilities:

- Folk Museum
- Omori Nori-no-furusato Museum
- Ryushi Memorial Museum
- Kumagai Tsuneko Memorial Museum
- Sanno Sodo Memorial Museum
- Ozaki Shiro Memorial Museum
- Tamagawadai Park Kofun Tomb Exhibition Room
- Charcoal Gallery
- Igarashi Kenji Memorial Dry Cleaning & Laundry Museum
- Museum of Life in the Showa Era

When

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Sales period: September 24, 2019, to January 31, 2020 Usage period: October 1, 2019, to February 29, 2020

How to apply

An application form will be sent to those people exempt from Inhabitant Tax who are thought to be eligible for this program around the end of July.

Around mid-September, an exchange certificate for the purchase of vouchers will be sent to households raising young children and Inhabitant Tax-exempt people who submitted their application form.

Where to purchase vouchers

Bring your exchange certificate and identification to a post office in Ota City.

### Indoor smoking will become prohibited in principle on April 1, 2020.

Beginning on September 1, 2019, eating and drinking establishments will be required to indicate the smoking conditions inside by posting "No smoking," "Designated smoking available," or other information at their entrances. The city plans to begin sending an information pamphlet and indication stickers to eating and drinking establishments in Ota City in August. Please visit the Ota City website for more information.





Ota City launched this free smartphone app in November 2017. The app contains many useful functions, including a garbage collection calendar, a garbage sorting dictionary for finding answers to questions, and an alarm setting that notifies the user of a collection day the day before and on the day.

Download it by searching for "Ota City Garbage Sorting App" on App Store or Google Play.



Return of Medical Expenses after Loss of Eligibility for National Health Insurance

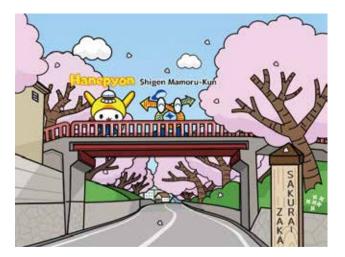
If you join your employer's health insurance scheme or move out of Ota City, be sure to notify Ota City that you will leave the Ota City National Health Insurance program and return the insurance card the city issued to you.

Joining your employer's health insurance scheme or moving out of Ota City will cause you to lose your eligibility for the Ota City National Health Insurance program from the date that you joined the other scheme or moved out of the city. Consequently, you may no longer use the insurance card for the Ota City program.

#### Regarding the due dates for Inhabitant Tax

The due dates for payment of the general collection portion of the 2019 Special Ward Inhabitant Tax and Metropolitan Inhabitant Tax (Inhabitant Tax) are July 1, September 2, October 31, 2019, and January 31, 2020.

The second due date is September 2, so make your payment prior to that date.



Inquiries

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If you visit a medical facility using the Ota City program's insurance card without eligibility, you will be required to return the portion of the medical expenses that were covered by Ota City (between 70% and 90% of the total medical expense) and personally make a claim for that portion with your new health insurance scheme.

If you will visit a medical facility before your new insurance card is issued, please consult with the health insurance scheme that is processing your card and notify the medical facility that your card is still being processed.

Inquiries

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The due date for payment of the Light Vehicle Tax (light vehicles and motorcycles) was May 31. Make your payment as soon as possible if you have not yet done so.

Use automatic bank transfers to avoid forgetting your payments. Please ask for details.

 Tax Collection Promotion Section, Tax

 Payment Division

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## **Elementary Japanese class**

This course is for beginning learners of Japanese.

Points covered	<ul> <li>Conversational skills for everyday life situations in Japan (city office, hospital, post office, bank, train, shopping, disasters, etc., as well as using and responding to Japanese in an emergency [using an AED, etc.])</li> <li>Hiragana and katakana</li> </ul>
Who	Non-Japanese aged 16 or older who live, work, or attend school in Ota City
When	1:00 pm to 3:00 pm each Sunday (total of 9 lessons) August 4, 11, 18, 25 and September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2019
Where	mics Ota 1st floor, Consumer Center (5-13-26 Kamata)
Fee	1,500 yen (for textbook and materials)
Capacity	First 20 applicants





# The Cool OTA-KU Ambassadors for 2019 have been selected!

Inquiries

- On June 20, we asked 28 people from the United States, China, Turkey, Indonesia, Sweden, the Philippines, Taiwan, Italy, Paraguay, Vietnam, and Thailand to serve as "ambassadors"!
- The Cool OTA-KU Ambassadors present the excellent aspects, attractions, and fun events of Ota City to the people of the world.
- Visit the "International City Ota" web page on the Ota City website for more information!



http://www.city.ota.tokyo.jp/ kokusaitoshi/index.html 

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