



Preparing for Your Child's Elementary School Enrollment

【Pre-Elementary School Orientation】



This article is available in audio. 

How much do you know about Japanese elementary schools? GOCA will hold a Pre-Elementary School Orientation for parents and guardians with overseas roots to get you and your child ready. Please visit the GOCA website for details.


The orientation will include explanations of school supplies necessary for elementary school, school events, and other important matters. Parents who have already sent their children to elementary school will also be there to share their experiences.


For: Parents and guardians with overseas roots who have a child of four to six years of age.


* Interpreting will be provided (English, Chinese, and other languages).


* Childcare is available (a reservation is required) for the first five children (at least 18 months old but not yet elementary school age) will be accepted.



 Saturday, January 28, 2023
Time: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

 Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota")
4-16-8 Kamata, Ota-ku (2nd floor)

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 Free of charge



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Japanese Language Course: "Reading School Handouts" for Foreign Parents and Guardians



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Do you struggle to read the handouts your child brings home from school? This course will help you learn how to read handouts, find important information on them, and learn the meanings of words that often appear in them.

For: Foreign parents and guardians with an elementary or junior high school-age child
Foreign parents and guardians with a child scheduled to enter elementary school in the 2023 academic year

Participants must have the ability to read hiragana and katakana.

You can take the course in person in a classroom or online (with Zoom)!



🕒 February 15, 22 and March 1, 8, 15, 2023 (all Wednesdays)
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

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💰 Free of charge 👤 First 15 applicants

Childcare

Childcare is available for the first three applicants. For children who are at least one year old but not yet elementary school age. A reservation is required.

📄 Application form:
<https://forms.gle/chJNMZ4SLddybp3N6>
Or apply to GOCA by e-mail, telephone, or fax. Applications must be received by Tuesday, January 31.



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"Japanese Used in Nursing Care" Course



Have you just started a job in nursing care or are you interested in a nursing care career? Ota City offers a "Japanese used in nursing care" course to make your path easier.

Acquire useful communication skills by learning Japanese words and phrases that are used in nursing care work. Feel free to participate even if you are a beginner or unfamiliar with what nursing care work entails. Why not join us? Please visit the GOCA website for details.

🕒 Sunday, January 29, to Sunday, March 19, 2023
Sundays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm *These times are subject to change.

📍 Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota")
4-16-8 Kamata, Ota-ku (2nd floor)



💰 Free of charge

👤 20 participants
* You must be a person living, working, or attending school in Ota City.
* You must be at least 16 years of age.
* You must have basic Japanese conversation skills and be able to read hiragana, katakana, and simple kanji.

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Information
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【Regarding Resident Tax Payments】

The fourth payment of the inhabitant tax (special city inhabitant tax and metropolitan inhabitant tax) is due on January 31.

Mark your calendar so you don't forget!

Visit the Ota City website if you have questions about tax payments.

 Tax Payment Division
 03-5744-1205
FAX 03-5744-1517




【The 13th Gurutto Quiz Rally in Minemachi!】


The Minemachi Quiz Rally will take you around to different spots in five Minemachi neighborhoods to solve questions and keyword-based problems. All locations can be reached on foot or by bicycle. Participants who answer all of the questions correctly will receive a prize at the Minemachi Branch Office.


A quiz leaflet is available at Ota City branch offices, Minemachi neighborhood council offices, and on the branch offices website.

Let's see how well you can do!





 Monday, February 13, to Sunday, February 19, 2023

 Spots within five neighborhoods in Minemachi and the Minemachi Branch Office (7-1 Den-enchofu-Honcho, Ota-ku)

 Free of charge

 No reservation is required.

 Minemachi Branch Office
 03-3722-3111 FAX 03-3721-1493
E-mail minemati@city.ota.tokyo.jp

Ota City Quiz (Learn more about Ota City!)

Find the answers here ▶



Q1 What is Ota City's official flower?

① Hydrangea



② Plum (*ume*)



③ Cherry blossom (*sakura*)



Q2 Ota City has a mascot modeled after its official bird. Which of the following is it?

① Oh-chan



② Hanepyon



③ Kanon-chan



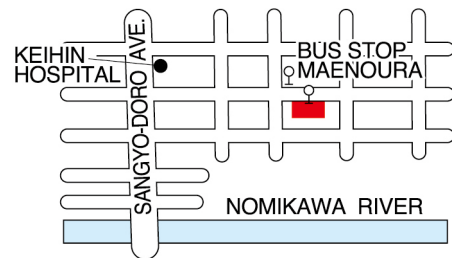
【Workshop: “Reading Easy Japanese”】

This workshop helps non-Japanese residents read a variety of Japanese books written in “easy Japanese,” a simplified form of the language that differs from what the Japanese speak and what appears in Japanese novels. The books are divided into levels from beginner to advanced, letting you read at the level that suits you best. With content ranging from Japanese folktales to literature, the books allow you to enjoy learning about Japanese customs and culture as you practice reading.



- 🕒 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, Sunday, March 12, 2023
- 🆓 Free of charge 👤 15 participants (a reservation is required).
Anyone interested in Japanese is welcome.
- 📄 Apply by providing your (1) name, (2) country of origin, and (3) contact information at the library counter or by fax or telephone.
- 📍📞 Omori-Minami Library
☎️ 03-3744-8411 📠 FAX 03-3744-8421

- 📍 Omori-Minami Library (1-17-7 Omori-Minami, Ota-ku)
■ Access
Keikyu Bus (for Morigasaki) In front of the Maenoura bus stop

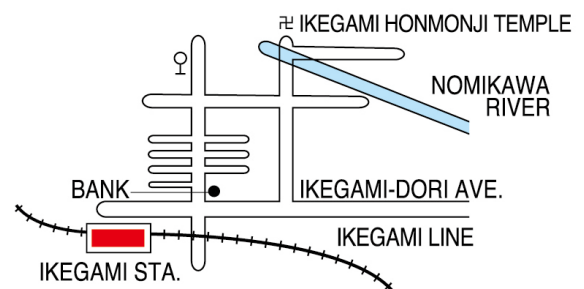


【English Picture Book Storytelling】

This program presents picture book storytelling in English by members of the storytelling volunteer group “Lupines” as well as hand play, songs, and other activities. It provides an enriching and nurturing environment by helping children become accustomed to English through picture books.

- 🕒 Starting at 11:00 am on the fourth Saturday of even-numbered months (February, April, June, August, October, and December)
- 🆓 Free of charge 👤 Five parent-child pairs (each session)
- 📄 A reservation is required (accepted by phone or at the library counter)

- 📍 Ikegami Library
4th Floor, Etomo Ikegami, 6-3-10 Ikegami, Ota-ku
■ Access
Fourth floor of Etomo Ikegami, a commercial facility connected to Ikegami Station on the Tokyu Ikegami Line



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