



What's UCIA?



Do you know "UCIA?" It's the association editing this newsletter. This is the 20th anniversary of its foundation!

It's the Utsunomiya City International Association, right? I'm taking Japanese classes there, and it's always easy to understand. This time I'm going to give you a quiz on UCIA. Try to answer the questions and learn more about UCIA!



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This is a true or false quiz. I wonder how many questions can you answer?

【Questions】

- Q1. UCIA was established to conduct sister city exchange programs of the Utsunomiya City Hall.
- Q2. UCIA's Japanese classes take place not only at "Utsunomiya Omotesando Square" but also other locations.
- Q3. You can't learn various foreign languages at UCIA.
- Q4. UCIA can accept translation requests for any language or content.
- Q5. When you have a problem, the only option for consultation is the "Consultation for foreign residents" service.
- Q6. UCIA hosts a monthly exchange salon in which Japanese and non-Japanese can participate.

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Here are the answers. How many did you get right?



【Answers】

- A1. <True> UCIA was established to provide opportunities for foreigners to learn Japanese and understand Japanese culture, and to provide an exchange opportunities for Japanese and foreigners.
- A2. <True> UCIA holds Japanese language classes at the Sugatagawa Chiku-Shimin Center, Utsunomiya-shi Sogo Fukushi Center, and Kita Shogai Gakushu Center. There are Japanese classes run by other organisations as well. Please refer to page 4.
- A3. <False> You can learn a variety of languages. UCIA recruits students twice a year (in March and September). For further information, please take a look at UCIA's website, <http://www.ucia.or.jp/> or Utsunomiya City's informative publication, the "Koho Utsunomiya".
- A4. <False> UCIA accepts documents that will be submitted non-profit organizations, such as governmental organizations. In addition, UCIA cannot accept personal translation requests.
- A5. <False> You can consult with administrative scriveners at the International Plaza every 3rd Monday of the month (4th Monday if it is a national holiday). You can consult them regarding your visa status, naturalization, etc. Appointments are necessary for consultations, so please call 028-616-1564 beforehand if you are interested.
- A6. <True> UCIA holds an "International Exchange Salon" every 4th Saturday of the month from 4:00PM to 6:00PM at the International Plaza. You don't need to sign up, and it's free. Feel free to join in! Please refer to page 3.

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Did you learn a lot about UCIA? On September 30, UCIA plans to hold a big event to celebrate its 20th anniversary! You can experience a lot of international exchange and Japanese culture activities, so invite your friends and family and come join in!



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Group medical exam sign up begins in April



Beginning in April 2016 signing up for group medical exams was made possible via phone and the internet. Signing up on the Internet is a very convenient system that can accommodate everyone's lifestyles, as it is possible to make a reservation even on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, or at night.

For details regarding the sign up method and locations and medical exam schedules, please refer to the April editions of the "Kenko Zukuri no Shiori" (Health Promotion Publication) or the "Koho Utsunomiya" (Utsunomiya Publication) or city website.



Sign up method

◇ Sign up by phone

Shi Shudan Kenko Yoyaku Center
(Municipal Group Medical Exam Reservation Center) ☎ 028-611-1311

▽ Sign up day/time: 8:30AM – 5:15PM (Closed Saturday, Sundays, national holidays, and year-end/year start holidays)

◇ Sign up by Internet

Group medical exam reservation system

▽ Sign up time: 24 hours

▽ <http://www.city.utsunomiya.tochigi.jp/kurashi/kenko/kenshin/>

※ Notes when signing up:

▽ Consultation tickets are sent out all at once at the end of April.

▽ Persons who would like an individual medical exam should sign up directly at a medical institution.

Inquiries: Kenko Zoshin-ka (Health Promotion Division) ☎ 028-626-1129



Starting March 12 the training system for drivers 75 years of age and older changed

Persons 75 years and older who would like to renew their driver's license need take a "Cognitive function test" and "Senior Citizen Workshop" at a driving school within 6 months prior to the renewal period.

Based on the test results, persons judged with "the possibility of dementia" need to be seen by a specialist doctor and submit a medical certificate.

If a person is diagnosed by a doctor as having dementia, or without any reason didn't take test or workshop, will have their license revoked.

Inquiries: Seikatsu Anshin-ka
(Comfortable Lifestyle Division)

☎ 028-632-2264

Youth Independence Support Center: "FLAP"

At "FLAP" counselors with expertise and experience, such as overtime work counselors, will think together with youth to help them resolve their problems and concerns.

▽ Day/time: Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM
(Closed national holidays & year-end/new year holidays)

▽ Venue: Chuo Shogai Gakushu Center

▽ Phone consultation: ☎ 028-633-3715

▽ Face-to-face consultation: At "FLAP"*





(*Reservation needed)

▽ On-site consultation: Consultations are periodically conducted at regional citizen centers, etc. Please confirm days, times, and venues by phone.





International Exchange Salon





-  4th Saturday of every month
4:00PM – 6:00PM
April 22 Orientation
-  An event at which you can talk with people from various countries. Families welcome!
- Cost** Free
-  Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP)
-  UIP 028-616-1563



It changes to every 4th Saturday as of April!







Experience Japanese culture! at the Fine World Festival

-  April 22 (Sat) & 23 (Sun)
10:00AM – 3:00PM
-  Try origami, torn paper art, tea, etc.
Please invite your friends and come!
- Cost** Free
-  Utsunomiya-shi Bunka Kaikan
(Utsunomiya Culture Hall)
-  Utsunomiya City
International Association
028-616-1870



Festa my Utsunomiya 2017 ~Hold hands with friends from around the world~

-  May 21 (Sun) 10:00AM – 3:00PM
-  <Booths>
Tea ceremony workshop, Indian food, Brazilian food, African bread, German wine, beer fair trade, simple Japanese quiz, etc.
- <Stage>
Enjoy Japanese traditional instruments and folk instrumental performances and dances from around the world♪
- Sign up** Not necessary
-  Banba Hiroba (Futaarayama Shrine lower square)
-  Utsunomiya City International Association 028-616-1870








Utsunomiya Cycle Picnic

-  April 30 (Sun) 7:30AM
-  The “Utsunomiya Cycle Picnic” will allow you to go to famous places in Utsunomiya by bicycle. Enjoy food made with the fresh vegetables of spring and local ingredients.
- Meet at** Romantic Village
-  Utsunomiya Cycle Picnic Taikai Unei Jimukyoku (Utsunomiya Cycle Event Management Secretariat) 028-643-6626 (Weekdays 10:00AM – 5:00PM)
Toshi Miryoku Sozo-ka (City Attractiveness Creation Division) 028-632-2460



South Library Children's Festival

-  April 23 (Sun) 10:00AM – 3:30PM
-  “Music performance even babies can enjoy” by the Jazz Sax Unit Blue Train
10:30AM – 11:30AM First 380 people
-  Librarian workshop, special story telling, library quiz rally, tea time, balloon show, origami workshop, traditional games and crafts, seed planting workshop, etc.
- Cost** Free
-  Minami Toshokan (South Library)
 028-653-7609

Japanese classes Nihongo kyoshitsu



This is information about Japanese classes other than those offered by the Utsunomiya City International Association.

| Venue | Day | Time | Level | Cost | Inquiries |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Machizukuri Center (Motoimaizumi 5-9-7) | Mon. | 10:00AM - 12:00PM | Beginner - intermediate | 1 mon. 500 yen | Ippo Ippo Nihongo 028-637-7394 |
| | Sun. | 1:15PM - 2:45PM | Beginner | 10 times/ 3,300 yen | NPO Dekthai Group 028-678-8996 |
| Tochigi International Center (Honcho 9-14) | Tues. | 10:00AM - 12:00PM | Beginner - intermediate | 1 time 300 yen | FJC Nihongo Tomo no Kai 028-635-9595 |
| | Thurs. | | | | |
| | Fri. | 10:00AM - 2:00PM | Advanced | | |
| UIP (Baba Dori4-1-1 5F) | Sat. | 10:00AM - 12:00PM | Beginner - intermediate | 1 time 300 yen | JLPT Nihongo Kyoushitsu 090-2450-4258 |
| | Sun. (Not every week) | 4:30PM - 6:00PM | Japanese Language Proficiency Test N2 - N5 | | |

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Services

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 – Saturday
9:00AM - 5:00PM
- ▶ 1 time (2 hrs) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill out an application form at UIP, pay the fee, and apply.

“Oh-!” is published in easy Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Thai, and is also available on the UCIA website. <http://www.ucia.or.jp>
There you can enjoy reading past issues of the “Oh-!” too.

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