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Follow Japanese manners and get along well with your neighbors!



How's life in Japan?

I'm used to my job and have also been able to make friends, but it's unfortunate that I haven't been able to develop any relationships with the people living in my apartment.



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I'd like to know how I can get to know the people who live near me.



I'll tell you about manners in Japan and how to get to know people near you, so give it a try!

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How to get along well with your neighbors ♪

1. Take the initiative and greet others

When you meet your neighbors or people living at your apartment, take the initiative and greet them. It is best to greet them in Japanese. Greetings ("aisatsu") are the start of being able to get along well with the people living around you.



2. Be conscience of noise

Please be careful about making loud noise at your apartment, such as when listening to music or calling out to your friends. This is especially a nuisance to neighbors in the morning and at night, so please be quiet.



3. Follow garbage disposal rules

Utsunomiya City has garbage disposal rules. When putting out the garbage, be sure to confirm the garbage separation rules. Put out the correct type of garbage on the correct day. Also, do not leave objects in places that everyone uses, such as hallways.



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In order to provide good early childhood education and childcare for children ages 3 – 5, childcare fees for certified early childhood education facilities, such as preschools and kindergartens, became free of charge.

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*Starting the first April 1 after a child's 3rd birthday, until they enter elementary school

Childcare fees for children ages 0 - 2 is at cost

However!

◇ **Households that are not charged the citizen's tax are free of charge**

In response to the necessity of certified childcare, people using preschools and other certified facilities are applicable to this.

◇ **Second born children and thereafter get reduced rates**

As in the past, second born children get a 50% discount, and third born and thereafter children are free of charge.

What happens to ___? Q&A

Q. What happens to school lunch fees?

A. Parents pay the school lunch fees for children ages 3 – 5. Please inquire about the cost to the facility.

Q. What happens to the kindergarten fee?

A. The facility fees are free for kindergartens the city specifies and certified children's facilities. Kindergartens that determine their own fees are free up to 25,700 yen per month. Fees over that amount are to be paid by the parents.

Q. Will handicapped children's facilities also become free of charge?

A. Yes. For detailed information on the facility conditions, etc., please contact the Kodomo Hattatsu Center at ☎028-647-4721.

Q. Will extended childcare at preschools and certified children's facilities be free of charge?

A. No. Extended childcare outside of the regular childcare hours will be at cost.

Q. Will kindergarten childcare also be free of charge?

A. This is applicable for using the facility due to work, pregnancy, birth, etc. circumstances. For detailed information, please contact the Hoiku-ka at ☎028-632-2393.





Lifelong Learning Center Autumn Cultural Festival



- ☺ Artwork displays and presentations, freshly picked vegetables, etc. for sale. These are local festivals. For detailed information, please inquire with the Shogaigakushu (Lifelong Learning) Centers.
- 🕒 Oct. 25 (Fri) – 27 (Sun): Chuo Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-632-6331)
Oct. 26 (Sat) – 27 (Sun): Higashi Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-638-5782)
Nov. 2 (Sat) – 3 (Sun): Hiraishi Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-660-1964)
Shiroyama Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-652-4794)
Kamikawachi Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-674-3131)
Sugatagawa Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-658-1594)
Shinoi Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-669-2515)
- Nov. 3 (Sun): Yokokawa Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-656-6452)
Tomiya Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-665-1663)
- Nov. 3 (Sun) – 5 (Tues) AM only: Minami Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-645-0
- Nov. 7 (Thurs) – 10 (Sun): Toyosato Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-660-2340)
- Nov. 9 (Sat) – 10 (Sun): Kiyohara Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-667-5696)
Kunimoto Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-665-2942)
- Nov. 10 (Sun): Kawachi Shogaigakushu Center (☎028-671-3201)



20th Festa in Oya 2019 🎵

- 🕒 Oct. 26 (Sat) 5:00PM - 9:00PM
- ☺
 - Projection mapping
 - Gifts (Oya rock lights) for sale
 - Oya Keikan Koen illumination (Oct. 12 (Sat) – 26 (Sat) 5:00PM – 10:00PM)
- ¥ Adults: 500 yen, Junior high school students and younger: Free
- @ Oya History Museum (909 Oya-machi)
Oya Keikan Koen (1224 Oya-machi)
- ☎ Oya Rock Material Cooperative
028-652-0924

Japanese Cuisine Workshop



- 🕒 Nov.10 (Sun) 10:00AM - 2:00PM
- ☺ Enjoy interacting with others while making Japanese home-style cuisine!
Sign up by Nov. 5 (Tues).
- Max 30 people (first to sign up)
- ¥ 700 yen (ingredients fee)
- @ Sougo Community Center Chorishitsu (7-1 Akebono-cho)
- ☎ Utsunomiya City International Association
028-616-1870

Japan Cup Cycle Road Race

- 🕒 Oct. 19 (Sat)
- ☺ 2019 Japan Cup Criterium
- @ Utsunomiya City Odori Lap Course
- 🕒 Oct. 20 (Sun)
- ☺ 2019 Japan Cup Cycle Road Race
- @ Utsunomiya City Shinrin Koen Lap Course



For details, please refer to the website.

<http://www.japancup.gr.jp/>

Utsunomiya Castle Festival



- 🕒 Oct. 20 (Sun) 10:00AM - 3:00PM
- ☺
 - “Shrine visit parade” of people wearing clothing of that era, including samurai
 - Food, etc. booths
 - Stage performances (traditional performance, etc.)
- ¥ Free
- @ Utsunomiya Joshi Koen (1-15 Honmaru-cho)
- ☎ “Yomigaere! Utsunomiya Castle” Citizen’s Group Secretariat 028-632-2989

Utsunomiya Fairy Museum



Art and pottery regarding fairies are on display. There are numerous mysterious devices, such as an electronic picture book you can touch with your hand to turn the pages, and fairy music boxes, etc. In the entryway there is beautiful fairy stained glass designed by Yoshitaka Amano, who designs computer game and cartoon characters, so please take a look at that as well.

【Address】 5F Utsunomiya Omotesando Square, 4-1-1 Baba-dori, Utsunomiya City

【Open】 9:00AM – 7:00PM

【Closed】 Every 1st Monday, year-end & start (Dec. 29 – Jan. 3)

【Admission】 Free

【Homepage】 <http://www2.ucatv.ne.jp/~ufairy-m/>

【Inquiries】 ☎028-616-1573

< Event information >

Picture book reading event

Day/time: Oct. 26 (Sat) 1:30PM – 2:00PM

Venue: Library corner of the Fairy Museum

Content: Reading of picture books by the “Oshaberi Yousei no Kai” (volunteer group)

For detailed information, please visit the website or inquire at the Utsunomiya Fairy Museum.

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP)



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 – Sunday 8:30AM – 7:00PM
- ▶ 1 time (2 hours) 2,000 yen
- ▶ Please fill our application form at UIP, pay the fee, and submit the application.

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