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Utsunomiya, a town where it is easy to raise children

Information on a system used by children and guardians of children

■ Holiday childcare

On holidays (Sunday, national holidays, and year-end, New Year's holidays), if parents cannot take care of their children at home due to work or illness, they can take them to a childcare center.

Childcare Planning Group
(Hoiku-ka Kikaku Group)
☎ 028-632-2384

■ Children's medical expense subsidies

Until a child is in their third year of high school, health insurance is applied free of charge when they become sick or injured.

Child Policy Division
(Kodomo Seisaku-ka)
☎ 028-632-2387

■ General consultation about children

Various consultations can be made on topics including the health of pregnant women, mothers, and children, and procedures related to child-rearing concerns and child-rearing itself.

Child Support Division
(Kodomo Shien-ka)
☎ 028-632-2525

■ A place to play together with children

There are many places to have fun, such as Yuai Hiroba (Utsunomiya Omotesando Square Building on the 6th floor at 4-chome Baba-dori), and child-rearing salons and parks. There are also many events.

■ Children's House (After-school Children's Club)

Elementary school students whose parents are working can use the after-school children's club after school. Adult staff watches the children so they can play and rest safely.

Lifelong Learning Division
(Shogai Gakushu-ka)
☎ 028-632-2651

■ Baby Station

There are more than 200 locations in Utsunomiya, providing a space where you can breastfeed and change diapers.

Child Policy Division
(Kodomo Seisaku-ka)
☎ 028-632-2342

Light Vehicle Tax Information

People with light vehicles or motorcycles must make a declaration when ① to ⑤ below apply.

① When moving out of the city or abroad

② When disposing (throwing away) of your light vehicle or motorcycle

③ When giving your light vehicle or motorcycle to another person

④ When selling your light vehicle or motorcycle

⑤ When your light vehicle or motorcycle is stolen

Until you do the procedures, you will need to continue paying the light vehicle tax.

Failure to pay taxes may cause trouble when you try to apply for status for residence.

For information on the procedures for the light vehicle tax, please visit the Utsunomiya City website.

Light vehicle tax info.

Foreign language city tax info.

【Inquiries】 Taxation Division *(Zeisei-ka)* ☎ 028-632-2205

City hall service counters are crowded from March - April

■From March to April each year, there are many people whose addresses change due to employment, job transfers, and new school enrollment, so please be aware that the various service counters at the city hall, community centers, and branch offices are usually very crowded at that time every year.

↑ My Number portal

■People whose addresses are changing must complete address change procedures for their My Number card.

When a person with a My Number card moves to another city, town, or village, it is also possible for him/her to not go to a service counter, but rather submit an address change notification online from the My Number Portal. For more information, please look at the Utsunomiya City website or contact the Citizens' Division *(Shimin-ka)* at ☎ 028-632-2271.

↑ Utsunomiya City website for "Procedures for My Number Card for Change of Address"

■You can check how crowded the service counters are on the Utsunomiya City "Service Counter Waiting Status Confirmation Website."

You can also check on the Utsunomiya City official LINE, "Tell Me Miyary" *(Oshiete Miyary)*.

Utsunomiya City "Service Counter Waiting Status Confirmation Website" →

Utsunomiya City website for "Tell Me Miyary" *(Oshiete Miyary)* registration and how to check the crowding status the service counters →

【Inquiries】 Citizens' Division *(Shimin-ka)* ☎ 028-632-2263
Community Development Division *(Minna de Machizukuri-ka)* ☎ 028-632-2276

◆Daily Life Orientation Video Information◆

The "Daily Life Orientation Videos," created by the Immigration Services Agency of Japan show important information, such as basic information and rules for living and working in Japan.
Click on your language of choice to view videos in any of 17 languages for free.
Be sure to take a look!

Videos are here →

Fun events ♫♪

International Exchange Salon ♪

🕒 March 28 (Sat) 4:00PM - 6:00PM

Every 4th Saturday

☺ An opportunity to enjoy interacting with people from various countries.

Cost Free

@ Utsunomiya International Plaza

(4-1-1 Baba-dori)

☎ 028-616-1563

Eco Festival 2026

Get started! Eco for the future

🕒 March 14 (Sat) 9:00AM - 3:00PM

☺
- Free workshops area
- Reused products display & sign ups
- Art work display
- Homemade bread for sale, etc.

Cost Free

@ Utsunomiya City Environmental Learning Center
(Utsunomiya-shi Kankyo Gakushu Center)
(777-1 Mobara-cho)

☎ 028-655-6030

Recommended Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots

The followings are famous cherry blossom spots in Utsunomiya City. Enjoy the cherry blossoms in full bloom♪

	Hachiman-yama park	Cherry blossoms along the Tagawa river	Syo-un-ji Temple	Kosi Sakura in Shiroyama Nishi Elementary School
Highlight	About 830 cherry trees are planted in a park in the center of the city.	Weeping cherry trees lined up along the Tagawa River from the Miya-no-hashi Bridge in front of JR Utsunomiya Station	A 300-year-old weeping cherry tree that is a natural monument of the prefecture.	A 400-year-old weeping cherry tree that is a natural monument of the city. It will also be lit up at night.
Best time to see	Late March - Early April			Early April - Mid April
Address	Hanawada 5 Chome	Imaizumi 2 chome to Ekimaedori 2 chome	Higashi Tomatsuri 1 chome	583 Kogashi-machi

Otonomiya Marche ♪

🕒 March 29 (Sat) 12:00PM - 7:00PM

☺ The “Otonomiya Marche,” which will provide a “community space where you can enjoy with five senses,” with music, delicious food, and handmade goods, etc., will be held for the first time ♪

@ Miyamirai Light Cube 1st Floor Exchange Square *(Koryu Hiroba)*
(1-20 Miyamirai)

Details here→

City Hall Community Concert ♪

🕒 March 19 (Thurs) 12:15PM - 12:50PM

☺ Flute ensemble and piano accompaniment Miharu Ugajin, Misato Wakui, and Tetsu Mashiko ♪

@ 1F Citizen’s Hall, City Hall
(Shiyakusho 1F Shimin Hall)
(1-1-5 Asahi)

☎ Culture & Urban Promotion Division
(Bunka Toshi Suishin-ka)
028-632-2763

Interview

Robin of the Philippines

We asked Robin of the Philippines about events in his hometown, the English ability of Filipinos, the reason for coming to Japan, his job, volunteer activities, and what he hopes to do in the future.

Magandang araw! ("Hello" in Tagalog)
Robin came to Japan 8 years ago.

UCIA: What kinds of events take place in your hometown of San Rafael?

Robin: An angel festival is be held in September to celebrate Saint Raphael, one of the seven great angels. School children participate in this festival wearing angelic clothes. A dance contest for all school students is also held. It brings about great excitement in the community and schools.

UCIA: Why do Filipinos have a high English ability?

Robin: It depends on the region, but Filipinos learn math and science in English from elementary school and study language arts and history in Tagalog. I speak Tagalog with my family and English for business.

UCIA: What was the reason you came to Japan?

Robin: When I was working at a Japanese company in the Philippines, I became familiar with Japanese because I was learned it, but when I came to Japan on a trip, I thought I would like to try living in Japan because of the kindness of Japanese people and the beauty of the cityscape.

UCIA: Has anything changed due to differences in your living environment?

Robin: In my second year in Japan, I came down with a cedar pollen allergy and I'm having a hard time. There are no cedar trees in the Philippines, so I was surprised by my runny nose and itchy eyes.

UCIA: What kind of work are you doing?

Robin: I work in designing automobile parts.

UCIA: Are you doing any activities outside of work?

Robin: From 6 years ago, I have been doing activities such as cleanup, publicity, fundraising, and security activities on the day of the fireworks festival. I am also helping at UCIA by reading aloud picture books at an event using picture books from around the world. I make friends by volunteering, so it's fun.

UCIA: Is there something you want to do in the future?

Robin: I like traveling, so I would like to go to Kamikochi and various places in Japan. I'd like to invite my Filipino family to see Japan.

UCIA: Robin, Maraming Salamat! (Thank you!)

Utsunomiya International Plaza (UIP) Services

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 ☎028-616-1564	3:00PM – 6:00PM	Mon	1st & 3rd Mon		Tues	Wed	Fri
		4th Sun (by appointment only)					
City Hall ☎028-632-2834 (Business hours only)	9:00AM - 12:00PM	Thurs		—	—	—	Thurs
	2:00PM - 5:00PM	Thurs		2nd Thurs	3rd Thurs	1st Thurs	—

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UCIA's official LINE account

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 International Exchange Association's (UCIA's) website at https://www.ucia.or.jp