

Chuo Ward News

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Main Topic

What kind of community or town is “A Community Easy it Live in”

Chuo Ward, where the population has increased in recent years, is experiencing changes unseen in other districts. In the midst of these changes, there are issues which have to be solved in order to create a community easy to live in for everyone. Chuo Ward is taking various measures to solve these issues. Here is a brief introduction some of the measures to be taken in the 2019 FY.,

Creating a community where both foreign people and Japanese can live safely and securely

About 10% of the population of Chuo Ward is composed of foreign residents. Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese and people of other nationalities have moved into the Ward. If their nationalities are different, their cultures will be different. Foreign people who begin living in Japan do not have information related to everyday living here and feel insecure. Also, foreign residents do not know the rules for putting out garbage for collection and as a result, garbage is sometimes scattered around at garbage collection station which often causes trouble with local residents.

To cope with this and for foreign residents to obtain correct information, Chuo Ward is taking the following measures:

Consultation office opened

A consultation counter for foreign residents who move into the Ward has been opened in the Ward Office to provide information on everyday living and consultation related to problems in everyday living.

Better provision of information

To provide information related to everyday living (National Health Insurance, rules for putting out garbage for collection, basic information related to disaster management, etc.) as well as support systems (services), study sessions are being held with cooperation of Japanese language schools in Chuo Ward.

Posting staff with foreign language skills

Staff have been posted in the Ward Office who can use English and other languages. These staff members will provide assistance with procedures at counters if interpretation is required.

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Kosodate Navi (Child-rearing Information)

Activities from April 1 to May 31

For	Event	Date		Time
		April	May	
Infants	<i>Sukusuku Akachan</i> (healthy child-care) Seminar (Child-rearing, nutrition, dental care for 6 months old infants) (Make a reservation at the 4-month check-up)	16 (Tues)	21 (Tues)	13:15-

Health check-ups for infants are held at certain points of the infant's development as follows: 4 months old infants (BCG given same day), 9 months old infants (check-up at medical facility (clinic, etc.)), 1 year and 6 months old infants (notice sent when baby is about 1 year and 7 months), 3 years old infants (notice sent when baby is 3 years 3-4 months old). A notice will be sent to each person to whom the check-up applies.

Check-ups in April: 4 months old infants: April 5 & 19 (Fri), 1 year and 6 months old infants: April 10 & 24 (Wed), 3 years old infants: April 3 & 17 (Wed)

* When the following weather alerts (heavy rain, flood, strong wind, heavy snow, and blizzard) are announced as of 10:00am for Kobe City, all health check-ups, vaccinations and classes for infants are cancelled.

* Please have your child begin to receive vaccinations from 2 months old.

Enquiries: Chuo Ward Child & Family Support Division Tel: 078-232-4411 (Main number)

Public Library Information

●Chuo Library (Kusunoki-cho, Chuo-ku Tel: 078-371-3351)

Tampopo Storytelling Time Date & Time: April 13 (Sat) 15:00~15:30

Picture Storybook Time (for children 0~3 years old and their guardians)

Date & Time: April 26 (Fri) 11:00~11:30

Kamishibai (traditional Japanese picture storytelling) Time

Date & Time: May 4 (Sat) 15:00~15:30

●Sannomiya Library (Kumoi-dori, Chuo-ku Tel: 078-251-5015)

Storytelling Time (for small children ~ elementary school age children)

Date & Time: Every Saturday in April (4 times) 15:00~15:30

Ward Office Consultation Services Tel: 078-232-4411

●Consultation on Legal Matters (first 7 applicants)

Date & Time: Every Wednesday (except national holidays) 13:00~

Applications: Telephone Kobe City General Call Center (Tel: 078-333-3330)

(9:00~21:00, the Thursday of the week before ~ 14:00 on the

day) Consultation place: Chuo Ward Office 4th Fl, Community Planning Division

●Consultation on Child-rearing

(Chuo Ward Office 5th Fl, Child & Family Support Division, Ext. 376 / 377)

Monday ~ Friday (except national holidays) 8:45~17:30