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Amishiro Park, 2-15-1 Azabu-juban

The Current Situation of Children in Need of Social Care and the Foster Parent System

There are about 4,000 children in Tokyo who are unable to live with their families due to various circumstances such as child abuse, disease, divorce, and financial reasons.

The foster parent system is a system for children in which they are welcomed into families and brought up with love and understanding.

If you are interested in the foster parent system, please feel free to contact the Foster Parent Consultation Dial.

There are various types of foster parents, including “adoptive foster parents” who aim to adopt children, and “foster families” who do not aim to adopt children, but welcome and

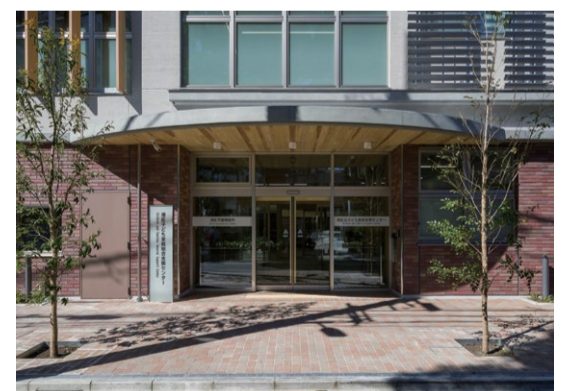


bring up children in their own homes for a certain period of time.

No special qualifications or experience are required to become a foster parent. Foster parents are paid the necessary fees to nurture the children.

Dual income working couples and people who are raising children can become foster parents.

There are various demands, such as short-term care or taking care of junior and high school students. Contact us if you think you might be able to become a foster parent for a short period of time.



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03-5472-3710

Foster Family Experience and Presentation

Every October and November is Foster Parents Month. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Minato City hold Foster Family Experience and Presentation.

It enables to hear the experiences of real foster parents, including joys, wonders, difficulties, and struggles of raising children as foster families.

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Date & time: November 27, 2 to 4 p.m.

Place: 2F meeting room, Child Consultation Center

Fee: Free

Capacity: First 30 people

Note: Sign language interpretation and childcare available for first 5 people with children from 4 months old to pre-school. Please notify when making a reservation.

Application: Call below dial, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. by November 19 for a reservation.



Panel Exhibition

A panel exhibition will be held to introduce the foster parent system and the lives of foster families. Everyone is welcome.

Please stop by.

- 1F Minato Park Shibaura, October 25 to November 5
- 1F Lobby of Minato City Hall, November 16 to 18

Information Session

Minato City holds monthly information sessions about foster parenting. For details, visit the Minato City Web or call the Foster Parent Consultation Dial.

Inquiries: Foster Parent Consultation Dial, Child Consultation Center, Tel: 03-5962-6505

RESIDENT SERVICE

Let's Make My Number Card

Part III My Number Card Offer Strong Security

My Number Card is a safe card that you can carry with you and use.

- 1 My Number Card includes an ID photo, making it difficult to misuse. For procedures using My Number, a photo ID is used to verify the identity of the person, so it is not possible for someone else to misuse. In addition, there are strict penalties for misuse of the My Number.
- 2 It is difficult to forge a My Number Card.

The letter on the My Number Card is engraved with a laser, and the front of the card is decorated with complex patterns to make it difficult to forge.
- 3 It is difficult to steal the information recorded in the IC chip.

The IC chip records only the minimum information written on the front of the card, such as the name, address, and date of birth. It does not record information on taxes, pensions, etc. A PIN is required to use the card. This PIN is set for each electronic certificate and application. If you enter the wrong PIN more than a certain number of times, it will be locked. If there is an unauthorized attempt to read the information, it is difficult to steal because of the function that automatically erases the recorded information.
- 4 The system is available 24 hours, 365 days, even in case of loss or theft.

Even if card is lost, you can temporarily suspend the use of My Number Card all the time.

To suspend the use of My Number Card due to loss or theft can be accepted at the My Number General Toll-Free Number, Tel: 0120-0178-27

Inquiries: Residents Support Section of Shiba Regional City Office, Tel: 03-3578-3139 English, Chinese only

THE 3RS

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

October is the 3R month. Let's try to reduce, reuse and recycle waste aiming for a recycling-based society

Reduce

- When shopping at the grocery store, please buy only the quantity you need.
- Avoid leftovers when cooking.
- Dry kitchen garbage before discarding.
- Carry your own shopping bags.

Refrigerator Clean Up Day

The 30th of every month is "Refrigerator Clean Up Day". Let's cook and use up perishable food, such as vegetables and meat promptly before they decay.

No More Food Loss, Waste-free Cooking Day

The 10th of every month is "No More Food Loss, Waste-free Cooking Day". Please reuse the leftover made from everyday meals, such as vegetable peels.

Reuse

- Purchase refill-type shampoo and kitchen detergents.
- Carry your own chopsticks and bottles.
- Give away used clothes to someone who needs them instead of discarding them.

Recycled Furniture Exhibition

To promote the practice of reuse, Minato City collects used wooden furniture that is still in good condition, exhibits and sells at the Recycled Furniture Exhibition.

Place: Minato Recycling Center 2nd floor, 5-7-1 Konan

There is no parking space available. Please use the public transportation.

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed: Sunday, every third Thursday, and December 28 to January 3

Recycle and reuse of clothing

Minato City collects used clothing at designated collecting points for recycling and reuse. Put used clothing in a transparent bag and bring them to the collecting boxes. Please wash all clothes before recycling them.

Collectable items: All reusable clothing, shoes, socks, towels, etc. Only good condition items will be accepted.

Note: Shoes and socks are only accepted in matching pairs. Tie them together. Place clothes and shoes in separate bags.

Collecting points: Regional City Offices, Eco Plaza, Minato Recycling and Waste Management Office Operations Contact Center, etc.

Recycle

- Purchase recycled goods.
- Follow waste sorting instructions below.

Collection of used small home appliances at collecting points

To collect valuable metal in small-sized home appliances, Minato City places collection box in some city-owned facilities.

Sorting recyclables and waste

We appreciate your cooperation for sorting waste.

Recyclables: Collected once a week

Food/beverage bottles or cans, plastic bottles, newspapers, milk cartons, cardboard, other recyclable papers

Recyclable plastics: Collected once a week

Films, plastic trays, bags, packs, cups, plastic hangers and toothbrushes.

- Rinse and remove dirt from items.
 - Dispose of dirty plastic items with combustible waste.
 - Do not repackage into small bags.
 - Do not mix with metal and other recyclables such as plastic bottles.
- For more information, please visit Minato City Web or the Guidebook for Sorting Recyclables and Waste. An English version is available.

Inquiries: Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710

To prevent the spread of COVID-19

- Put used masks and tissues in plastic bag, close it, and then put that bag in a waste bag.
 - Dispose plastic bottles and recyclable plastics used by infected person as combustible waste.
 - Close the garbage bags when discarding at the waste collection sites.
 - Prevent crows from scattering garbage at the waste collection sites.
- *Wash your hands with soap after discarding waste.

MINATO BULLETIN BOARD



All events listed on this page are conducted in Japanese. Programs may change without notice.

Library Events

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Please wear mask and take your temperature before coming.

Date	Time	Program	Place/Capacity
Library Movies			
23	1 p.m.	Beginners-2010, U.S., 105 min.	Minato/45
28	2 p.m.	Albilene Town	Azabu/15
Library Events			
8	2 p.m.	Origami class for adults Eligibility: Junior high school students and older	Takanawa/6
9	10:30 a.m.	Book Start	Takanawa
10	2:30 p.m.	Storytime in English	Azabu/10

CITY EVENT

Kissport Event

Japanese Speech Contest by Diplomats 2021

About 10 diplomats will give enthusiastic, fun speeches in fluent Japanese.

Date & time: November 3, 1 to 5 p.m.

Place: Civic Hall, Akasaka Civic Center or may change to online

Application: Apply from the website at <https://j-feffa.jp> by October 31.

Inquiries: Aoba Japan International School, Tel: 070-3529-4069

RECYCLE

Sale of Recycled Bikes

About 30 recycled bikes in good condition that are reclaimed and repaired are sold.

Date and time: October 10 and 31, 10 a.m.

The drawing starts a 10:30 a.m. Minato City residents have priority.

Place: Minato Recycling and Management Office

Working Contact, 3-9-6 Moto-azabu

Inquiries: Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710



CHANNEL 11

Minato Public TV Program Guide

J:COM MINATO-SHINJUKU

OCTOBER schedule

Program	Time	Program Summary
Minato-ku Koho Topics, Topics in Minato City 20 min. program	10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster parent system Shibaura-konan area's local learning project Subsidy for anti-toppling devices for furniture / Minato City disaster prevention radio / Regional Disaster Prevention Council

Note: Programs may change without notice. You can also watch the programs broadcasted by this channel on the Minato City Web or YouTube. Video/DVD lending is available at the Office of the Mayor, Regional City Offices, and public libraries. Videos/DVDs for the past year can be rented.

Inquiries: J:COM Minato-Shinjuku, Tel: 0120-999-000
<https://www.jcom.co.jp/english/>

HEALTH & SAFETY

Partial Subsidy for Flu Shot

Eligibility: Infants and children aged 6 months to 15 years old as of December 31, 2021.

Subsidy amount: ¥3,000 per one shot and available until January 31, 2022

For more details, scan the 2-dimensional code below by smartphone.



Flu Shot for Senior Citizens

Minato City residents who qualify under the following criteria can receive a free influenza shot. Minato City has sent the pre-vaccination check sheet to eligible residents in the end of September. If you moved to Minato City after August 31, 2021, please inquire.

Eligibility

Minato City residents who are:

- 1) 65 years or older as of December 31, 2021
- 2) 60 to 64 years old as of December 31, 2021 and those who have either heart, kidney, or respiratory failure, or whose immune system has been damaged by the human immunodeficiency virus and his/her disability is of adequate level to the certificate of the Physically Disabled, Level 1.

To receive the vaccination

Bring the pre-vaccination check sheet to the designated medical institution in Minato City between October 1 and January 31, 2022. One vaccination shot per person. If you want to receive the immunization outside Minato City, please inquire at the immunization section of each city office.

Inquiries: Public Health and Disease Prevention Subsection, Tel: 03-6400-0081

Minato Public Health Center

SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

Examinations, Tel: 03-6400-0084

	Eligibility	Date	Time	Place
Checkup and consultation for babies/infants	An eligible resident must receive the notification - 4-month-old: Born in July, 2021 - 18-month-old: Born in April, 2020 - 3 years old: Born in October, 2018		A notification will be sent to eligible.	(A)
Birthday dental checkup	Babies aged one, two, four, and five years old	11/17	Reservation required	

(A) Minato Public Health Center

Note: You need to apply and make an appointment in advance.

Inquiries and appointment: Minato Public Health Center, Tel: 03-6400-0084
For inquiries in English, contact Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710

Himawari Medical Facilities Consultation Service

If you are looking for a doctor or pharmacy, you can call the Himawari. Himawari informs medical institutions and Japanese healthcare system.
Tel: 03-5285-8181, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

LIBRARY SERVICES

Guide to Municipal Libraries

Reading Week is October 27 to November 9.

A two week Reading Week has been established on and around Culture Day to provide all people with an opportunity to get in the habit of reading. Autumn is the best time for reading, so why not open up a book? Please feel free to use the municipal libraries.

How to borrow books or CDs

First time you borrow them

You are free to read any books and check out any library material using your library card. Library cards are issued to anyone living, working, or attending school in the 23 cities of Tokyo. When applying for a library card, please provide an ID that shows your address or company/school address such as a driver's license, health insurance card, employee or student ID, etc. A library card may be applied for at the municipal libraries and cooperative facilities. Only an applicant, or a guardian of preschool children can apply for the card.

Lending limit

Two weeks, 10 books/ magazines, three CDs, two DVDs, three videotapes.

Returning library's materials

All materials borrowed can be returned to any libraries and cooperating facilities. During closing hours, return them to the book return box.

Locations

Lifelong Learning Center, Minato Park Shibaura, Shibaura-kanon Civic Center, Minato City Local History Museum

Note: CDs, videos, DVDs, and materials from other cities' libraries cannot be returned in the box. Please return them to the appropriate library counter.

Borrowing/returning at cooperative facilities

Items from Minato City libraries can be borrowed and returned to the library at Daiba Civic Center, Gender Equality Center "Libra," Aoyama Lifelong Learning Center, and Minato City Local History Museum

Reservation/request service

Minato City libraries accept reservations for books, CDs, and other materials in Minato City libraries. Also, books from other public libraries in Tokyo, Temple University Japan Campus Library, and Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology Library can be borrowed via any Minato City library.

Internet service

Visit the below mentioned sites for information on how to use libraries, see events schedule, announcements, and search, reserve, and renew library materials.

A password is required for reservations and borrowing extensions online. You may register a password on the Minato City Library website and at the search terminals located within the libraries.

[PC] <http://www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/>

[Mobile] <http://www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/m/>

Book-start

In this program, infants and the guardians are given books by the library to teach them the joy and value of reading picture books.

Also, libraries may close temporarily in addition to the above schedule.

For more information, visit the Minato City web.

EXHIBITION

Special Exhibition— Doll

Exhibition focuses on the role and characteristic of the Japanese doll.

Date & time: October 2 to December 5, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until 8 p.m. on Saturday

Place: Special Exhibition Room, Mianto City Local History Museum, 4-6-2 Shirokanedai

Closed: October 21 and November 18

Fee: ¥400 for adults, ¥200 for high school students and under

Free admission for residents aged over 65 and disabled residents, elementary to high school students residing and studying in Minato City.

November 3 is admission-free for Minato City residents.

*Please bring your ID to verify your address and status.

Inquiries: Minato City Local History Museum, Tel: 03-6450-2107

EDUCATION

Guide to Nursery School Enrollment

Application for 2022 Nursery School Enrollment

If you wish to enroll in a Nursery School for April 2022, apply within the application period, directly or by mail to the Health and Welfare Subsection of the Regional City Office.

*For details, refer to the "Guide to Nursery School Enrollment FY2022 Edition" that is distributed at Regional City Offices. It is scheduled to be distributed from the end of October.

Eligibility

Both guardian who fall under any of the following and have been certified for childcare necessity.

- 1 Works more than 48 hours per month
- 2 Is pregnant or given birth
- 3 Has a disease
- 4 Has a physical or mental disability
- 5 Is providing nursing care or caring for relatives living with them
- 6 Is looking for a job
- 7 Is enrolled in school
- 8 Is conducting reconstruction work for disaster
- 9 Has other circumstances that prevent domestic childcare

Application

First application by mail: Must arrive from November 1 to 26

First application to reception window: From November 1 to December 6

*Applications for children born from November 16 to January 1, 2022 will be accepted until January 14, 2022.

About the secondary application period, refer to the "Guide to Nursery School Enrollment FY2022 Edition" or the Minato City Web.

Documents

- 1 Application for Education/Childcare Benefit Certification for Children and Enrollment in Nursery School
- 2 Document certifying the reason why childcare is necessary, such as a work certificate
- 3 Confirmation regarding application to a licensed nursery school
- 4 Child's health status report

*Other documents may be required.

Inquiries: Child-care Facilities Support Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2445

Population of Minato City

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Total: 258,065

Japanese Residents: 240,467

Male: 112,283 / **Female:** 128,184

Registered Foreign Residents: 17,598

Male: 9,218 / **Female:** 8,380

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