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topic Minato City Children's Month

Stamp rally will be held during "Minato City children's month"

"Minato City children's month" is a time to be more receptive to the viewpoints of children.

Prizes will be awarded to those who collect at least three stamps from among the five districts (Shiba, Azabu, Akasaka, Takanawa, Shibaura-konan) and complete a survey.

Please share your thoughts with us through the survey.

Eligibility

Children aged 0 to high school students and their parents or guardians, etc.

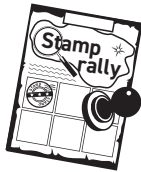
Date

5/1(Thu.) to 5/31(Sat.)

For more information, please visit the Minato City website.

Section in Charge

Child Policy Section, Child Policy Promotion Subsection



Stamp rally



The 13th Minato Children's Reading Festival

During the Minato City Children's Month, a variety of events will be held at eight Minato City libraries to encourage children to engage with and enjoy books.

All events are free of charge, so please join us!

For more information, please visit the Minato City Library website.

Section in Charge

Library and Cultural Assets Section,
Library Subsection



Minato City
Library website

topic Subsidy

Subsidizes Childbirth expenses

Eligibility

Father or mother of a newborn child who meets all of the following requirements

- (1) The applicant must have lived in Minato City since before the birth of the child, and must have lived in Minato City for at least one year as of the date of application.
- (2) The child must be registered as a resident at the address of the eligible person from the date of birth and must be living with the eligible person on the date of application.

*If both parents are foreign nationals and the child was born abroad, the child must be registered at the applicant's address from the date of the child's first resident registration after birth in Japan, and must be living with the applicant on the date of application.

- (3) Mother must be covered by Japanese public health insurance. (Mother is insured or dependent of father, etc.)

- (4) The date of application must be within one year from the date of birth.

Subsidy Details

For childbirth-related expenses, including delivery and hospitalization costs, financial assistance will be provided for the full amount up to the maximum subsidy limit of 810,000 yen (plus 480,000 yen for twins) after deducting the lump-sum allowance for childbirth and childcare (including any additional benefits), whichever is lower between the actual childbirth expenses and the subsidy limit.

Required Documents

A copy of the receipt issued by the hospital for childbirth expenses or other relevant documentation will be required.

Please visit the Minato City website for more information or contact us.

Application

Please submit Application Form for Subsidy of Childbirth Expenses to which the required documents are attached within one year from the date of delivery.

Direct : Submit directly to Health and Welfare Subsection of the closest Regional City Office

Via mail : Send to 〒105-8511 Child and Family Support Department, Children and Youth Support Section, Child Benefits Subsection

Online : Apply via Myna portal

Inquiries

Children and Youth Support Section, Child Benefits Subsection

TEL 3578-2433

Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection of each Regional City Office

TEL See the number in the margin

topic Support Program

We support single- parent families

The city has allowances and medical expense subsidy system for single-parent families, etc. living in the city. If you fall under any of the following categories, please consult with the Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection at the Regional City Office in your area to confirm whether or not you are eligible to apply.

Eligibility

Families that raise a child up until the first March 31st following the child's 18th birthday and meet the criteria for being a single-parent family, etc., or equivalent circumstance as follows:

Reason for becoming a single-parent family, etc.

- Parents are divorced.
- Father or mother is deceased.
- Father or mother has a severe disability.
- Father or mother is missing or dead.
- Father or mother has abandoned the child for more than one year.
- Father or mother has a domestic violence protection order.
- Father or mother is detained by law for more than 1 year.
- Supporting a child born out of wedlock. (Except in cases where the relationship is similar to a de facto marriage.)

*Except when the child is enrolled in an institution (excluding daycare centers and other day-care facilities).

*Income restrictions apply. Please contact us for details on application procedures and documents.

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Minato Call

CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
03-5472-3710

topic Subsidy

We provide a ¥2,000 Minato City common merchandise voucher to purchasers of bicycle helmets



Eligibility

Residents of the district who have purchased a safety-approved helmet and have bicycle liability insurance, etc.

*Bicycle liability insurance is insurance or mutual aid that covers you in the event of an accident involving a bicycle.

Application Deadline

Until March 31, 2026(Tue.)

- Application form(Download from Minato City website)
- Copies of receipts for the purchase of bicycle helmets (purchased on or after April 1, 2025)
- A copy of a document that confirms the applicant is covered by bicycle liability insurance, etc.
- Documentation showing that the bicycle helmet meets safety certification standards (e.g., a photograph of the helmet with the SG mark or equivalent standard sticker, or a brochure on the product purchased).

Application

Please apply online, send via mail, or bring the required documents in person to the Traffic Affairs Subsection of the Community Transportation Section.

Section in charge

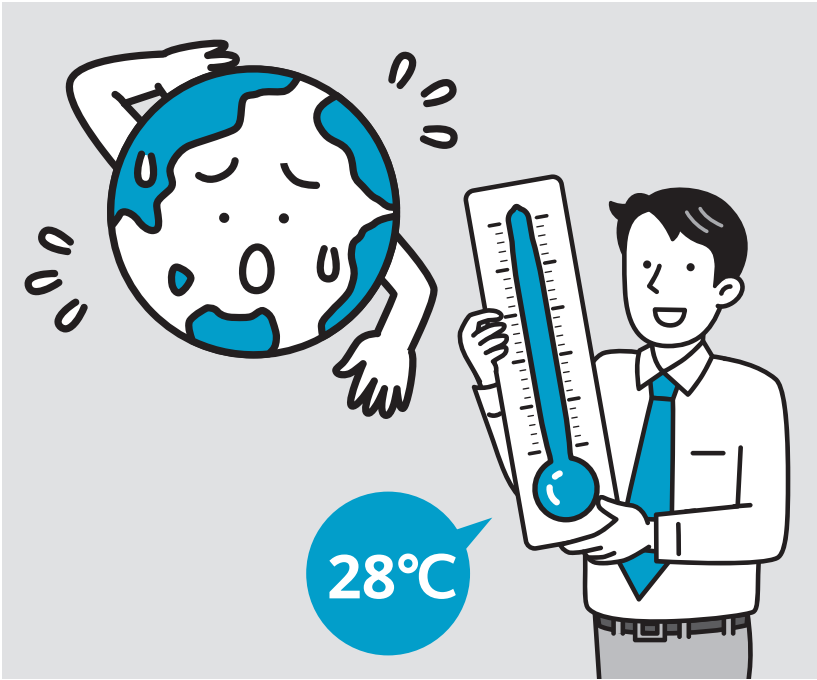
Community Transportation Section, Traffic Affairs Subsection



Online application form

topic Subsidy

Please utilize the Global Warming Prevention Subsidy Program!



This program subsidizes a portion of the cost of the installation of energy-saving equipment.

Examples of subsidy items and maximum amounts

- Solar power generation system ¥400,000
- Energy storage system ¥200,000
- High-insulation sash ¥100,000
- High reflectivity paint ¥300,000
- High-insulation window frames ¥100,000

Application Deadline : Until January 30, 2026

*Application is required prior to installation.

Section in charge

Environmental Section, Global Environment Subsection



Global Warming Prevention Subsidy Program

topic Support Program

Support Project for Introduction of Renewable Electrical Energy; Please utilize "MINATO Renewable Energy 100".



The city has launched the "MINATO Renewable Energy 100" project to promote the use of renewable energy with the aim of achieving 100% renewable energy for all electricity used in the city, and is implementing initiatives to support city residents in switching to renewable electrical energy.

Delivery of Merchandise Voucher

City residents and businesses that have switched their electricity contracts to 100% renewable electricity and have been using it for at least three months will receive a Minato city common merchandise voucher.

Allowance : Flat ¥20,000

Application Deadline

Within 6 months from the month electricity plans were switched

Subsidized interest payments

Subsidies will be provided to businesses that have received "start-up support loans" or "loans for environmental measures" and meet other requirements such as switching to 100% renewable electricity, effectively reducing their interest rate burden to 0%.

Section in charge

Environmental Section, Global Environment Subsection



MINATO Renewable Energy 100



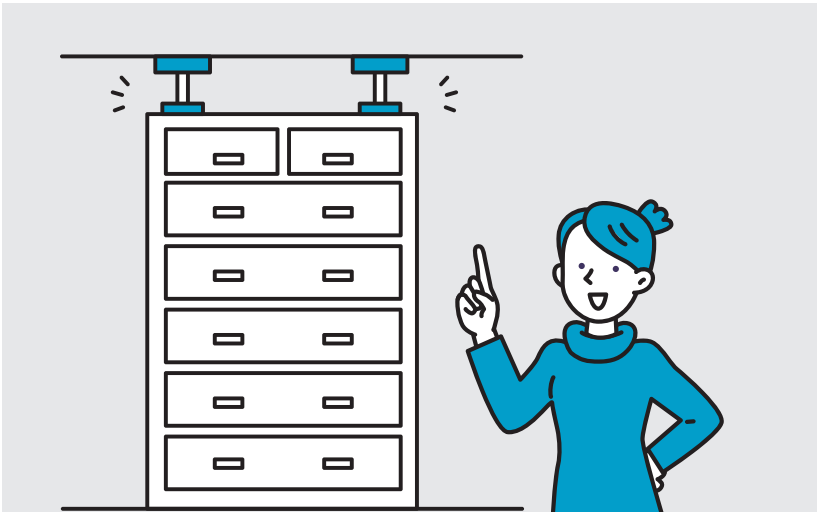
Delivery of Merchandise Voucher



Subsidized interest payments

topic Subsidy

Subsidy for furniture anti-tip devices, etc.



Eligibility : City residents

Subsidy details

We provide in-kind support within a designated point range for items such as tension rods and films to prevent glass from shattering. We also provide installation assistance for subsidized items to some households.

Application

Please fill out the application form and send it by mail to the Disaster Prevention Community Support Subsection of the Minato City Office, 105-8511. Or bring the form in person to the Collaboration Project Section of each Regional City Office. For more information, please visit the Minato City website.

In addition to this, the city also offers special discounted prices on some emergency supplies to those who have difficulty obtaining them on their own. For more information on the discounted prices and items, please visit the Minato City website.

Section in charge

Disaster Prevention Section, Disaster Prevention Community Support Subsection



Subsidy for furniture anti-tip devices, etc

topic Support Program

Security cameras are available for rent free of charge.

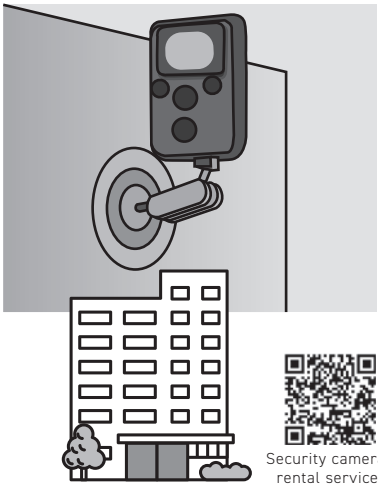
Eligibility : City residents, small and medium-sized businesses, condominium management associations, community groups such as neighborhood associations

Loan Period

Three months as a general rule. Can be extended by up to an additional three months, if necessary. For more information, please visit the Minato City website.

Section in charge

Disaster Prevention Section, Living Safety Promotion Subsection



topic Subsidy

Subsidy for a part of the cost of home security measures



Eligibility : City residents

Security measures covered by the subsidy

Replace the front door lock, install auxiliary locks, apply security film to windows, install security cameras, etc. to the house applicants currently reside in.

Subsidy Amount

For details on subsidized expenses, application procedures, etc., please visit the Minato City website.

Section in charge

Collaboration Project Section of each Regional City Office



Subsidy for home security measures

topic Subsidy

Use the multilingual interpreter call service

The city has a multilingual three-way call service for foreign users who have difficulty speaking Japanese. By opening the Minato City website on your smartphone and selecting your preferred language, you can talk to a city representative via an interpreter. Even if you are not fluent in Japanese, you can communicate in your native language. The service is available in 13 languages. Please use it.

Eligibility : Anyone in need of foreign language support

Time

Weekdays 8:30AM to 5:15PM (According to city office hours)

Available languages

English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai, Vietnamese, Tagalog, French, Russian, Nepali, Indonesian, and Hindi

Flow of multilingual three-way call service

1. Access the Minato City website on smartphones and other devices.
2. Select the desired language on the screen and call the Multilingual Interpretation Call Center
3. The call is connected from the multilingual interpretation call center to the city. The conversation will start among the caller, interpreter, and city staff member.

Inquiries

Community Promotion Section, Global Community Planning Subsection TEL 3578-2565



Multilingual interpreter call service

topic Subsidy

Subsidy for household food waste disposal machine, etc.



Eligibility : Households that meet all of the following requirements

- City residents
- Household food waste disposal machine, etc. must be purchased and used continuously within the city for at least 6 months from the date of purchase.
- Have not received this grant within the past three years
- At the time of application, three months have not passed since the date of purchase of the household food waste disposal machine, etc.

Loan Period

Household food waste disposal machine (excluding disposer-type machines), compost containers

Subsidy Amount

One half of the purchase cost (including tax) of one food waste disposal unit per household (rounded down to the nearest 100 yen, with a maximum subsidy limit of 20,000 yen)

*If there is a discount offered by the store where the purchase is made, such as the use of points, the cost after the discount will be the amount eligible for the subsidy.

*If the cumulative total of applications for a given year exceeds the budgeted amount, the grant will not be awarded.

Application

Please send the completed application form, along with the original receipt (paper roll receipt is not acceptable), by mail or bring in person to the following address: Minato Recycling and Waste Management Office Waste Reduction and Recycling Promotion Subsection (〒108-0075 Konan 3-9-59)

*The application form can also be downloaded from the Minato City website.

Section in charge

Minato Recycling and Waste Management Office, Waste Reduction and Recycling Promotion Subsection



Subsidy for household food waste disposal machine, etc

topic Support Program

“There are children whose tomorrows will be changed by the steps you take now.” Please get to know the foster parent system.

Family structures are becoming more diverse. One of these is the foster family. Foster care provides a home within the community for children who, for various reasons, are living apart from their families. We hold information meetings twice a month for those interested in becoming foster parents or wanting to know more. Please feel free to apply. For more information about the foster parent system, please visit the Minato City website.



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Foster parent system

<May>Foster Parent Information Meeting

Date	Venue
5/17(Sat.) 10:00AM to Noon	Azabu Civic Center
5/26(Mon.) 2:00PM to 4:00PM	Minato City Child Consultation Center

Inquiries/Application

Minato City Child Consultation Center, Foster Parent Consultation Dial TEL 5962-6505

topic Event

The 44th Eco-Life Fair MINATO 2025 will be held!

- Come, see, and learn! Let's Think About Everyday Eco-Friendly Actions!-



The Eco-Life Fair MINATO is an event where children and adults alike can enjoy learning about environmental issues through workshops, panel displays, and stage events. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Date

5/17(Sat.) 10:00AM to 3:00PM *The event will proceed in the event of light rain

Venue

Arisugawa-no-miya Memorial Park

Free distribution of seedlings for green curtains

Numbered ticket will be distributed from 10:10AM

*Ends when seedlings run out. Bitter melon, Japanese morning glory, and loofah will be distributed.

Eco Quiz Rally

Let's go around the booths and take on the quiz challenge. Participants will receive giveaways.

Stage Events on the Environment

Eco-related shows, etc.

Other Events

- Resource collection of bedding, waste cooking oil, and unused garden soil.
- Food drive (collection of unused food)
- Recycling market, etc.

Section in charge

Environmental Section, Global Environment Subsection

topic Minato Eco Challenge

Join the Minato Eco Challenge 2025!

- Come, see, and learn! Let's Think About Everyday Eco-Friendly Actions! -



The "Minato Eco Challenge" is a program in which participants can accumulate points by recording their energy consumption, participating in environmental events, and practicing other forms of environmentally friendly behavior at home. These points can be exchanged for products made from thinned wood or a Minato City common merchandise voucher. Let's participate in the "Minato Eco Challenge" and make environmentally friendly behavior a part of our daily lives.

Eligibility

City residents (Participate by household)

Date

Until December 31(Wed.)

Application

Please visit Minato Eco Challenge 2025 website to apply.

*If you were a participant in the 2024 or earlier programs, your membership will be continued automatically.

*For more information, please visit the Minato Eco Challenge website or refer to the leaflets available from the Environmental Section (8th floor of the City Office) and the General Administration Section of each Regional City Office.

Section in charge

Environmental Section, Global Environment Subsection



Minato Eco Challenge Website

topic Event

"Nationwide Collaboration Marche in Shibaura" is coming.

As part of the city's nationwide collaboration efforts, we are hosting a marche (sales of fresh vegetables and local specialties from various regions of Japan) to improve convenience for city residents, create a lively atmosphere in the neighborhood, and to deepen exchanges between city residents and regional communities across Japan.

Eligibility : Anyone

Venue : Platanus-park

Date :

Number of the Event	Date(TBC)
The 1st	5/10(Sat.)
The 2nd	5/11(Sun.)
The 3rd	7/12(Sat.) Night Marche
The 4th	7/13(Sun.) Night Marche
The 5th	10/18(Sat.)
The 6th	10/19(Sun.)
The 7th	11/29(Sat.)
The 8th	11/30(Sun.)
The 9th	3/21/2026 (Sat.)
The 10th	3/22/2026 (Sun.)

Time : 11:00AM to 4:00PM, For the 3rd and the 4th 3:00PM to 8:00PM
In the case of severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances, the event may be postponed or cancelled.
For the latest information on the event, including exhibiting municipalities, please visit the Minato City website.



Event Details

Selling fresh vegetables and specialty products from various regions across Japan

Application

N/A Please come to the venue on the event day

Section in charge

Planning Section, Nationwide Collaboration Promotion Subsection

topic Event

List of Shopping Street Events <May>

Event(Name of Shopping Area, etc)	Event Details	Date	Venue
"Shop Curtain Market (Merry Road Takanawa)"	A variety of food stands will be set up.	5/4(Sun.) 5/5(Mon.)	Around Tokai University Takanawa Campus
"Jubako-bori Waterfront Concert (Shibaura 1 Shopping Store Association)"	Let's get on the Odaiba-cruise. Also Jazz,String Quartet, and other live concert will be held at Jubako-bori waterfront	5/18(Sun.)	Nagisa-bashi pier, Jubako-bori waterfront

*The content and timing of events may be changed or cancelled without prior notice.

Section in charge

Industry Promotion Section, Industry Promotion Subsection