

MINATO MONTHLY

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topic Information

A Special Time with Books Discover Your Local Library

A quiet, peaceful space filled with books. You can do research, browse magazines that catch your eye, or simply take a short break. Once you try it, you'll find it surprisingly convenient, fun, and comfortable. Step inside and uncover the wonders of your local library.

Library Information

Opening Hours

Monday to Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sunday, public holidays, and 12/28: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
<Takanawa Library Annex> Monday to Sunday: 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
<Daiba Library> Monday to Sunday

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Closed

Every third Thursday of the month (for library maintenance; except Daiba Library)
Year-end and New Year holidays (12/29 to 1/3)
Special maintenance periods (up to 10 days per year)

Minato City Digital Library

For those who find it difficult to visit a library in person, the Digital Library is highly recommended. Through the internet, you can borrow e-books and access other digital materials directly on your devices. The Minato City Digital Library currently offers 8,752 e-books and magazines.

*Number of e-book licenses counted as of August 1, 2025.

Eligibility

Residents, workers, and students in the city who are registered users of the city libraries.

How to Use

Search for your desired e-books on the Minato City Digital Library website and complete the borrowing process. (Up to 5 items at a time, reservations available.)

Loan Period: 2 weeks

Items are automatically returned when the loan period expires.



Minato City
Digital Library
website

Inquiries

Library and Cultural Assets
Section, Library Subsection
TEL 03-6435-3011

Akasaka Library
Aoyama-itchome Tower 3F,
1-3-3 Minami-aoyama
TEL 03-3408-5090

The library curates materials that reflect the local business environment and features special collections created in collaboration with nearby embassies, showcasing resources that bring out the unique appeal of the community.



Minato Library
3-2-25 Shiba-koen
TEL 03-3437-6621

Established in 1979 to commemorate the 30th anniversary of Minato City, this library features a wide range of audiovisual services, including film screenings with expert commentary.



Mita Library
Fujinotsuji Square 4F to 6F,
5-36-4 Shiba
TEL 03-3452-4951

As the city library with the largest floor space and the most extensive collection, it also works in partnership with the adjacent Industry Promotion Center and other facilities to provide comprehensive business support.



Azabu Library
5-12-24 Roppongi
TEL 03-3585-9225

With its distinctive exterior that immediately draws attention, the library provides a wide range of materials in various foreign languages—including children's books—catering to the needs of the area's many international residents.



Takanawa Library
Takanawa Community Plaza
3F, 1-16-25 Takanawa
TEL 03-5421-7617

Working together with the Minato Public Health Center, the library actively shares health information. It also organizes a variety of exhibitions and events in collaboration with local educational institutions and community centers.



Takanawa Library Annex
Takanawa Kids-to-Teens Hall
(TAP) 3F, 1-4-35 Takanawa
TEL 03-3443-1666

A library mainly for children aged 0 to 18. It offers study seats for self-study and features a rich collection of children's books that small kids can enjoy.



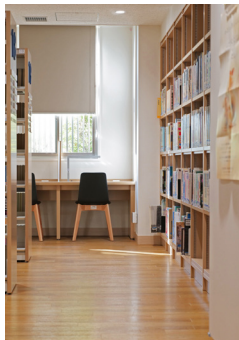
Konan Library
City Heights Konan 1F to 3F,
3-3-17 Konan
TEL 03-3458-1085

Opened in 1996 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Minato City, this facility offers a wide range of events for children and families, such as storytelling sessions and puppet shows, creating a fun and engaging environment for young visitors.



Daiba Library
Daiba Community Plaza 3F,
1-5-1 Daiba
TEL 03-5500-2356

Established in 2024 after transitioning from the Daiba Community Center Library, Daiba Library gathers materials related to the local area and works to showcase the distinctive charm of the Daiba community.



topic Information

Minato Blossom Festa -Minato: Where the World Connects-



We are hosting a festival where you can experience cultures from around the world! Enjoy traditional folk dances and live music performances on the special stage and explore a variety of foods and handicrafts from different countries. For details, including the participating embassies, please visit the Minato City website.

Date & Time

11/1 (Sat.) and 11/2 (Sun.)
11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Venue

TBS Akasaka Sacas Plaza
and the surrounding area

Inquiries

Community Promotion
Section, Global
Community Planning
Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2308



Minato
Blossom
Festa website

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Minato Call

CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
03-5472-3710

topic Information

Night View Tour from the Bridge and the Beach

Eligibility

Elementary school students and above

Date & Time

10/25(Sat.) 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tour Course

Meet at Yurikamome Shibaura-futo Station ticket gate → Rainbow Bridge North Route → Odaiba Kaihin Park → End at Yurikamome Odaiba-kaihinkoen Station

Capacity

15 (Drawing by lot)

*Please enter the names of your companions in the Remarks column.

Fees

Free of charge

Application

Please apply via the Minato City Travel & Tourism Association website by Tuesday, October 14. Notification of acceptance or non-selection will be sent to all applicants by Tuesday, October 21.

Inquiries

Minato City Travel & Tourism Association Volunteer Guide Section
E-mail: minatocityvolunteertourguide@gmail.com



Minato City Travel & Tourism Association website

topic Information

Join our Community Japanese Learning Support Project, Japanese Class!

Learn Japanese by talking and interacting with classmates!
<Three-Month Course>

Eligibility

City residents, workers, or students in Minato City who are studying Japanese for the first time or who have studied for a short time.

Course Period

Every Wednesday and Saturday
from 12/13/2025(Sat.) to 3/21/2026(Sat.)

Venue

Wed. class: Online
Sat. class: Shiba Park Residents' Collaboration Space

Fees

¥1,000

Application

Please apply via the application form between 10/28(Tue.) and 11/7(Fri.).

Inquiries

Community Promotion Section, Global Community Planning Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2565



Japanese Class

topic Information

Announcement of Nursery School Applications for April 2026



Residents wishing to enroll children in a nursery school in April 2026 should apply within the application period at the Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection of each Regional City Office.

Application period

First Round

By mail/online: 10/30(Thu.) to 11/21(Fri) (must arrive by Friday)
In person: 10/30(Thu.) to 12/2(Tue.) until 5:00 p.m.

Second Round

By mail/online: 1/16/2026(Fri) to 2/9/2026(Mon.) (must arrive by Monday)
In person: 1/29/2026(Thu.) to 2/9/2026(Mon.) until 5:00 p.m.

Required documents

For information on the required documents, please refer to the Minato City website or the *Nursery School Enrollment Guide for 2026* to be distributed in late November.

Guide to Nursery School Admission

This booklet contains details about the application period, eligibility requirements, and required documents, as well as information on nursery fees and other childcare services. The 2026 edition will be available on the Minato City website and distributed at public nursery schools and other locations from late November.

Inquiries

Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection of each Regional City Office
See in the margin for the phone number
Nursery School Section, Child-care Facilities Support Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2445



Minato City Website

topic Subsidy

Child Medical Expense Subsidy Program



New Child Medical Certificates have been sent

New Child Medical Certificates, which will be used starting in October, were sent in a blue envelope in mid-September to the homes of children currently receiving benefits under the Child Medical Expense Subsidy Program. If you have not received the new certificate by October, please contact us. The new Child Medical Certificate is light orange in color.

Child Medical Expense Subsidy Program

This program provides financial assistance for medical expenses incurred by children up to the end of the school year when the children turn 18 (i.e., until March 31 following the 18th birthday). When an eligible child receives medical treatment or prescriptions covered by health insurance, the out-of-pocket copayment cost is subsidized. Eligible children can receive treatment and prescriptions without paying the out-of-pocket share by presenting both proof of health insurance coverage and the Child Medical Certificate at the reception desk of the medical facility.

How to Obtain a Child Medical Certificate

To apply for the Child Medical Expense Subsidy Program, please bring documentation that verifies the child's health insurance coverage to the Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection, of each Regional City Office. Applications can be submitted by residents who meet the following requirements:

1. Both the parent/guardian and the child are registered residents and live within the city. (For high school students and the equivalent, it is sufficient if only the child resides in the city.)
2. The child is enrolled in a Japanese health insurance program.

If You Visit a Medical Institution Without Using the Child Medical Certificate

If you forget to bring the Child Medical Certificate when visiting a medical facility or if you receive treatment outside Tokyo, you will need to pay the out-of-pocket copayment portion at the medical facility. Within approximately six months, please submit an Application for Child Medical Expense

Reimbursement together with the original receipts. The reimbursement will later be deposited into the bank account of the child's parent/guardian registered for the Child Medical Certificate.

When Reporting Changes

Please go to the Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection of each Regional City Office if any of the following applies:

1. Your address, name, or health insurance has changed.
2. The parent/guardian has changed.
3. If you move out of the city, or begin receiving public assistance, and need to return the Child Medical Certificate.
4. In the event that the Child Medical Certificate is misplaced or lost.

Inquiries

Children and Youth Support Section, Child Benefits Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2430

topic Information

-October and November Are Foster Family Months- Presentation on Foster Family Experience

Foster parents, who open their homes to children who cannot live with their own families for different reasons, will discuss their daily life and experiences with the children.

Eligibility

Anyone



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Date & Time

11/22(Sat.) 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (The venue opens at 1:00 p.m.)

Venue

Libra Hall (Minato Park Shibaura 1F)

Event Contents

- Introduction to the Foster Parent System
- Experiences from Foster Families
- Q&A session and more

Fees

Free of charge

Capacity

70 (applications accepted in order of arrival)

Application

Please apply by Thursday, November 6 using one of the following methods:

1. Phone

Call the Foster Parent Consultation Line (Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)
TEL 03-5962-6505

2. Fax

Send a fax with the full name and pronunciation of all applicants, fax number, and the city or town you live in.
FAX 03-5962-6509

3. Online

Apply using the application form on our website.

*Sign language translation available

*Childcare available

(for children aged 4 months to preschool, up to five children. Please apply by phone)

Please visit the Minato City Website for more information.

Inquiries

Child Consultation Section, Child Welfare Subsection

TEL 03-5962-6500



Application form



Minato City Website

topic Information

Local History Museum Special Exhibition: Sweets in Everyday Life

Today's sweets dazzle with a variety of shapes and flavors to delight both the eyes and the taste buds. This special exhibition takes you on a journey through daily life with sweets, featuring historical documents, tools, advertisements, and packaging that tell the story.

Exhibition Period

10/18(Sat.) to 12/14(Sun.)

Venue

Minato City Local History Museum

Hours

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Open until 8:00 p.m. on Saturdays only)

*Admission closes 30 minutes before closing.

Closed on 11/20(Thu.)

Admission Fee

Adults: ¥400

High school students and younger: ¥200

Combined Ticket with Permanent Exhibition

Adults: ¥600

High school students and younger: ¥200

<Free admission>

●Elementary, junior high, and high school students who live or study in Minato City

●Residents of Minato City aged 65 and older

●Residents of Minato City with disabilities and one accompanying caregiver

(Please bring proof of eligibility.)

<11/3(Mon.)>

Free Admission for Minato City Residents

(Please bring proof of residency in Minato City.)

Inquiries

Minato City Local History Museum

TEL 03-6450-2107

topic Information

The 28th Japanese Speech Contest 2025 for Foreign Diplomats

Eligibility

Anyone

Date & Time

11/15(Sat.) 1:00 p.m. start

(door opens at 12:30 p.m.)

Venue

Akasaka Civic Center, Civic Hall

Program

Japanese Speech Contest featuring embassy staff from around the world speaking on a variety of themes.

Capacity

400

Fees

Free

Registration

Please register in advance using the QR code on the right

Inquiries

Organizing Committee of the Japanese Speech

Contest for Foreign Diplomats

TEL 070-3529-4069 E-mail: speechcontest@j-fefa.jp



Registration Form

topic Information

Connecting Together The 41st Healthy Sports Festival

We are hosting a grand sports day where participants from all districts come together and interact. Unite as a team from your district and enjoy the fun together!

Eligibility

City residents approximately 60 years old and older

Date & Time

11/14(Fri.) 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Venue

Minato City Sports Center

Application

Apply directly to your district's Iki-iki Plaza, Shibaura Island Exchange Plaza, or Daiba Senior Service Center by Monday, Oct 20.

*Mita Iki-iki Plaza is closed for renovations and cannot accept applications.

Items to Bring

Please bring indoor shoes (slippers not allowed) and wear comfortable clothing suitable for movement.

Inquiries

Each district's Iki-iki Plaza, Shibaura Island Exchange Plaza, or Daiba Senior Service Center

*See in the margin for the phone number



topic Information

Let's Embark on a Journey Around the World

Photos related to travel from seven countries around the world will be exhibited.

Eligibility

Anyone

Date & Time

10/17(Fri.) to 11/19(Wed.) 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

(Sundays and public holidays: open until 5:00 p.m.)

Venue

Fifth floor of the Mita City Library

Inquiries

Community Promotion Section, Global Community Planning Subsection

TEL 03-3578-2046



A spectacular view of the Danube River upstream in Budapest, the capital of Hungary

topic Information

Advance Registration for English Interpretation Minato City Comprehensive Disaster Drill 2025 (Azabu Venue)

For residents who register in advance, an English interpreter will accompany you and guide you around the venue. There will also be disaster drill activities that children can enjoy.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about disaster preparedness and to ask questions or clarify any concerns you may have.

We hope you will join us!

Date & Time

10/19(Sun.) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Please arrive at reception by 10:00 a.m. at the latest.

Venue

Roppongi Junior High School

Fees

Free of charge

Application

Please send your application by phone or fax by Friday, October 10, 5:00 p.m. There is no specific format required when submitting by fax.

Include the following information in your application:

Full name/Address/Phone number/Whether you need Japanese language support/Any other important notes

TEL 03-5472-3710

(Minato Call)

(Japanese/English support available, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

FAX 03-3583-3782

(Collaboration Project Section, Collaboration Project Subsection, of the Azabu Regional City Office)

(Japanese/English available)



topic Recruit

Please Cooperate with the Survey on Human Rights and Gender Equality Awareness

We are sending a short survey to learn about people's thoughts and experiences on human rights and gender equality. Please complete the survey if you receive one.

*Your answers will remain anonymous.

We will not collect any personal information that can identify you.

Eligibility

City Residents and workers aged 18 and older

Survey Period

Mid-October to late October

Number of Target Participants

Human Rights: 2,000 residents

Gender Equality: 1,500 residents and 1,500

people who work in the city

How to Respond

The survey questionnaire will be mailed to randomly selected participants. You can respond either by returning it in the enclosed return envelope or online via the internet.

Inquiries

General Affairs Section, Human Rights and Gender Equality Subsection

TEL 03-5472-3710



topic Information

The Application Deadline for the Minato City Supplementary Benefit for Fixed Amount Tax Reduction (Deficiency Payment) for Fiscal Year 2025 is Approaching

The supplementary benefit for the fixed amount tax reduction will be provided to residents whose payment for fiscal year 2024 is insufficient because of changes in income or other circumstances.

Notification of Encouragement Sent

We have sent encouragement notices by mail to residents who have not yet submitted applications. The deadline for applications is Friday, October 31 (postmarked by this date).

If you wish to receive benefits, please ensure that your application is submitted by the deadline.

Inquiries

Call Center: Minato City Supplementary Benefit for the Fixed Amount Tax Reduction Call Center

TEL 0120-577-200

Counter: Minato City Office eleventh floor (Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., except holidays)

Iki-iki Plaza

Shinmei 03-3436-2500
Toranomom 03-3539-2941
Minami-azabu 03-5232-9671

Arisu 03-3444-3656
Azabu 03-3408-7888
Nishi-azabu 03-3486-9166

Ikura 03-3441-3656
Akasaka 03-3403-1207
Aoyama 03-3403-2011

Seinan 03-3423-4920
Toyooka 03-3453-1591
Takanawa 03-3449-1643

Shirokane 03-3441-3680
Shinnou 03-5422-8848
Shirokanedai 03-3440-4627

Konan 03-3450-9915
Shibaura Island Exchange Plaza 03-5443-7338

Daiba Senior Service Center 03-5531-0520

Minato Citizens' Festival 2025

10/11 : 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10/12 : 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 10/13 : Minato Sports Festival 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Around Shiba Park Inquiries: Kissport, Tel: 03-5770-6837

Information corner

2 Zojo-ji site

- Free consultation service held by companies, the government and municipality
- Stage performances by various artists
- Exhibits of citizens' art works



HQ Festival headquarters

i Information booths

+ First aid station • AED

♂ ♀ Restrooms

♿ Accessible toilet

👶 Nursing/diaper changing room

🚬 Smoking area

1 Municipal Shiba Park site

Enjoy fun games and kids' stage performances.



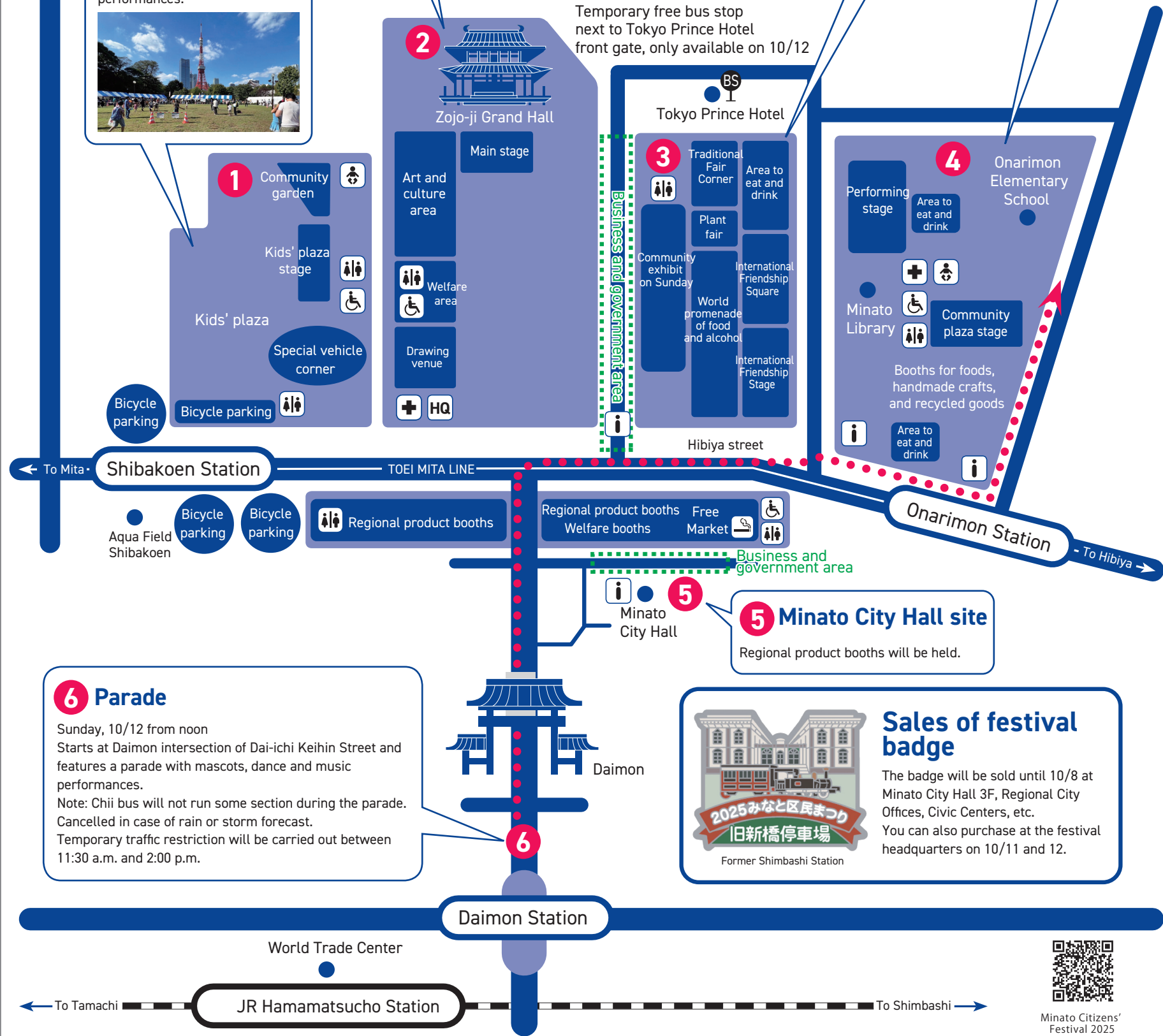
3 Tokyo Prince Hotel site

- World Promenade: International Friendship Stage, foods and alcoholic beverages

Temporary free bus stop next to Tokyo Prince Hotel front gate, only available on 10/12

4 Shiba Park site

Food booths and stage performances, dancing.



Sports Festival 2025 for Minato Citizens

Enjoy sports with your friends or family. Please come to Minato Sports Center and participate in various events.

Date & time: 10/13, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Minato Sports Center and Minato Park Shibaura area

Inquiries: Minato Sports Center, TEL 03-3452-4151
Kissport Sports Division, TEL 03-5439-6201

Multilingual Interpreter Call Service

A person who needs translating service, the operator who will interpret and Minato city staff can talk in group of three. Our system allows people to choose their preferred language in advance on their smartphone, and have an entire conversation on the phone with the staff in the various departments of City Hall, through an interpreter. This service is available in 13 languages.



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Minato Citizens'
Festival 2025
website