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topic Information



Eligible to All Residents JPY 10,000 Worth of MINATOKU PAY Points Will Be Granted

To support the livelihoods of residents amidst rising prices and to stimulate the local economy, JPY 10,000 worth of MINATOKU PAY points will be granted to each eligible resident. For individuals who have difficulty using the MINATOKU PAY app, JPY 10,000 worth of MINATOKU PAY paper vouchers will be distributed instead.

Eligibility

Residents registered as living in Minato City as of January 1, 2026. Eligible residents will receive a notification explaining the method of point allocation and asking whether they wish to receive paper vouchers.

Mailing Schedule Early March (TBC)

Amount Granted JPY 10,000 per person

*For those who have difficulty using the app, paper vouchers of the same value will be provided.

Point use period

Until 8/31(Mon.)

Paper voucher use period

Mid-May to October 31 (Sat.)

*This period differs from the validity period for the MINATOKU PAY Premium Gift Vouchers.

Inquiries

MINATOKU PAY Point Allocation and Voucher Distribution

Project Call Center

TEL 0120-09-3710

Section in charge

Industry Promotion Section



Special website

topic Information

From March to May, Service Counters Are Busy. Please Use The Online Applications.



Completing on the My Number Portal:

Notification of Moving Out

If you have a My Number Card (Individual Number Card), you can submit your notification of moving out via the My Number Portal (Myna Portal).



Notification of moving out

Merits of Submitting Notifications via the My Number Portal

1.No need to visit the City Office



The Notification of Moving Out can be completed through an online application.

2.Available at any time



Procedures can be completed 24 hours a day.

3.Smooth procedures when moving in



Check in advance the procedures required at the municipality of your new address.

Convenience Store Certificate Issuance Service (10 yen)

Individuals who have a My Number Card can obtain Minato City resident certificates, family register certificates, seal registration certificates, and tax certificates at convenience stores nationwide.

Certificates that normally cost several hundred yen at the service counter are available for 10 yen at convenience stores, which makes this option cost-effective.

*The 10-yen fee for convenience store certificate issuance will remain in effect until the end of March 2027.

The number of people waiting at the Residents Support Section counter of each Regional City Office can be checked in real time.



Minato City website



Service Counter Congestion

Notice of Temporary Counter Services at the End and Beginning of the Fiscal Year

To accommodate the increased number of residents moving in and out because of job transfers, school enrollment, and employment changes, the Shiba Area Regional City Office, Residents Support Section, will open its service counters temporarily on the last Saturday of March and the first Saturday of April.

Date & Time 3/28(Sat.) and 4/4(Sat.) 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Opening Counters

Shiba Area Regional City Office, Residents Support Section
 (Counter Services Subsection, Certificate Issuance Subsection, Consultation Subsection, Family Registry Subsection, and Health and Welfare Subsection)

*Please note that other regional city offices will not be open.

Main Services Available

- Acceptance of notifications for moving in, moving out, and change of address
- Acceptance of applications for personal seal (Inkan) registration
- Renewal of electronic certificates installed on My Number Cards
- Certificate of Residence, seal registration certificates, and family registry certificates

(Excluding wide-area issuance of resident records and family registry certificates)

- Issuance of tax payment and taxation certificates
 - Collection of resident tax
 - Collection of National Health Insurance premiums, Long-Term Care Insurance premiums, and Late-Stage Elderly Medical Care Insurance premiums
 - Acceptance of family registry notifications
 - Acceptance of applications for Child Allowance
 - Acceptance of applications for Child Medical Expense Subsidy
 - Acceptance of applications for High School Student Medical Expense Subsidy
- ### Services Not Available
- Certain procedures related to moving in, such as moves from overseas, some procedures using the My Number Card, and address setting, cannot be accepted.
 - Family registry notifications will be accepted for acceptance only; issuance of acceptance certificates will not be available on the same day.
 - In addition, services that require confirmation with other municipalities or related organizations cannot be handled.



Temporary counter service



Inquiries Minato Call TEL 03-5472-3710

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Minato Call
 CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
 03-5472-3710

topic Information

Let's Prepare for a Major Earthquake

In 2026, 15 years will have passed since the Great East Japan Earthquake, which caused extensive damage. More recently, the Noto Peninsula Earthquake occurred on January 1, 2024.

These disasters have once again reminded us of how suddenly natural disasters can disrupt our daily lives and how important it is to be prepared at all times.

In Minato City, the basic policy in the event of a major earthquake is *stay-at-home evacuation* (or shelter in place). If your home is not damaged, you are encouraged to remain at home rather than evacuating to a shelter.

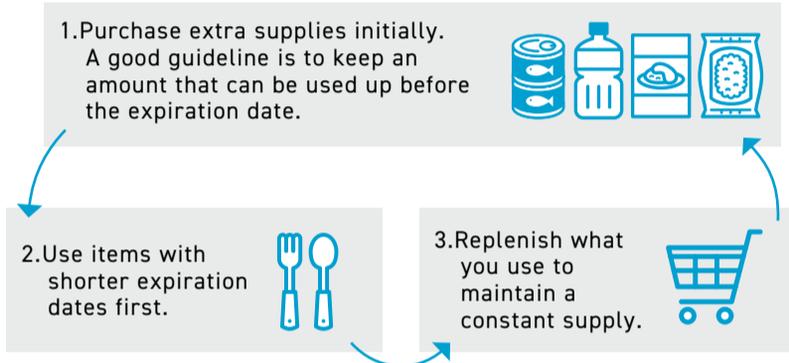
Please take this opportunity to review your household disaster preparedness and be ready for disasters that may occur at any time.

Start Preparing for Disasters

Household Emergency Stockpiles

This method of stocking while using supplies is known as the rolling stock method.

It is effective not only for food but also for daily necessities.



Make Your Home Safer

- 1. Create Safe Rooms**
Avoid placing furniture in bedrooms and children's rooms as much as possible. If furniture must be placed there, make sure it is properly secured.
- 2. Secure Evacuation Routes**
Do not place unstable furniture or items that may fall along pathways leading to exits such as entrances.
- 3. Organize Storage Carefully**
Avoid storing items in high places. Placing lighter items on top and heavier items on the bottom lowers the center of gravity and improves safety.

Inquiries

Disaster Prevention Section, Disaster Prevention Community Support Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2516

topic Information

Deadline for FY2025 Bicycle Helmet Purchase Subsidy Is Tuesday, March 31



Minato City will provide JPY 2,000 worth of MINATOKU PAY paper vouchers to residents who have purchased a bicycle helmet and have obtained bicycle liability insurance or similar coverage.

Eligibility

Residents who have purchased a bicycle helmet by Tuesday, March 31.

Application

Please submit the required documents by mail or in person to the address below by Tuesday, March 31 (postmark accepted):
105-8511

Community Transportation Section, Traffic Affairs Subsection, Minato City



FY2025 Bicycle Helmet Purchase Subsidy - Online Application (LoGo Form)

Applications can also be submitted via the online application form.

Please visit the Minato City website for more information.

*Applications for helmets purchased by March 31 cannot be submitted on or after April 1, 2026.

Inquiries

Community Transportation Section, Traffic Affairs Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2262

topic Information

If You No Longer Own a Motorcycle Or Other Vehicle, Please Make Sure to Complete the Deregistration Procedures

The light vehicle tax is levied on owners as of April 1 of each year. If you no longer own a moped, light motorcycle, small motorcycle, or light motor vehicle, you must complete the deregistration (scrapping) procedures by the end of March, 2026.

Please note that if the procedures are not completed by the deadline, the vehicle will still be subject to taxation for FY2026.



Where to Complete the Procedures

●Mopeds and Similar Vehicles (Engine displacement of 125cc or less)

Residents Support Section, Consultation Subsection at Shiba Area Regional City Office

1-5-25 Shiba-koen, Minato-ku TEL 03-3578-3111

Residents Support Section, Counter Service Subsection at Azabu Area Regional City Office

5-16-45 Roppongi, Minato-ku TEL 03-5114-8821

Residents Support Section, Counter Service Subsection at Akasaka Area Regional City Office

4-18-13 Akasaka, Minato-ku TEL 03-5413-7012

Residents Support Section, Counter Service Subsection at Takanawa Area Regional City Office

1-16-25 Takanawa, Minato-ku TEL 03-5421-7612

Residents Support Section, Counter Service Subsection at Shibaura-konan Area Regional City Office

1-16-1 Shibaura, Minato-ku TEL 03-6400-0021

Residents Support Section, Counter Services Subsection at Shibaura-konan Area Regional City Office Daiba Annex

1-5-1 Daiba, Minato-ku TEL 03-5500-2351

●Motorcycles (Engine displacement over 125cc)

Tokyo District Transport Bureau

1-12-17 Higashi-Oi, Shinagawa-ku TEL 050-5540-2030

●Light Motor Vehicles (Four-wheeled vehicles up to 660cc)

Light Motor Vehicle Inspection Organization

3-3-7 Konan, Minato-ku TEL 050-3816-3100

topic Information

Notice of Childcare Fee Subsidy (Certified Nursery Facilities and Unlicensed Childcare Facilities)

To reduce the financial burden of childcare, Minato City provides childcare fee subsidies to parents or guardians of children enrolled in certified childcare centers or unlicensed childcare facilities.

Eligibility

Parents or guardians with a child who meets all of the following requirements:

- 1.The child is registered as a resident of Minato City and resides in the city.
- 2.The child has received Category 2 or Category 3 certification for either -Educational and Childcare Benefits, or -Facility Use Benefits.
- 3.The child must be enrolled in the same childcare facility for the entire month (from the first day to the last day of the eligible month) and have a monthly contract.



Subsidy Period

- The period during which the Educational and Childcare Benefit Certification or Facility Use Benefit Certification is valid.
- When the reason for requiring childcare is *job seeking*: up to three months from the start month of the subsidy.

*The subsidy does not apply during periods of parental leave for childcare for the eligible child.

Overview of the Subsidy

	Certified Nursery Facilities	Unlicensed Childcare Facilities (with Certificate of Compliance)
Eligible Facilities	Certified Nursery Facilities certified under standards independently established by Tokyo Metropolitan Government	Facilities that have received a Certificate of Compliance confirming that they meet the standards under the <i>Guidelines for Unlicensed Childcare Facilities</i> set by the national government, prefectures, or municipalities and have been confirmed by Minato City
Subsidy Amount	The difference in childcare fees between Certified Nursery Facilities and Licensed Nursery Schools is subsidized.	The subsidy is provided for the difference between the childcare fee at an authorized childcare center and the lower of either the childcare fee at an unlicensed childcare facility or the subsidy standard amount (JPY 97,000 for children aged 3-5 and JPY 100,000 for children aged 0-2).
Method of Subsidy	The subsidy is provided to guardians through the Certified Nursery Facilities the child attends. *Methods may vary by facility.	The subsidy is provided by bank transfer to the guardian's designated account, four times a year.
Application Method	Please submit the subsidy application documents to the certified Nursery facilities each fiscal year.	Please submit the subsidy application documents every three months to the location listed below. In person: Nursery School Section, Child-care Facilities Support Subsection (7th floor, Minato City Office) or the Health and Welfare Section of each Regional City Office By mail: 105-8511 Nursery School Section, Child-care Facilities Support Subsection, Minato City Office

*Application forms are available at Certified Nursery Facilities within Minato City, the Health and Welfare Subsection, or Nursery School Section of each Regional City Office (7th floor, Minato City Office).

*Please visit the Minato City website for more details.

Inquiries

Nursery School Section, Child-care Facilities Support Subsection
 TEL 03-3578-2428(Unlicensed childcare facilities)
 TEL 03-3578-2429(Certified childcare centers)

topic Information

Group Rabies Vaccination for Dogs

All dogs must receive a rabies vaccination once a year. Minato City will conduct FY2026 group rabies vaccination sessions as shown in the schedule. Please be sure to complete the new registration or change-of-address registration in advance before attending.

Date	Time	Venue	Address	In Case of Rain
Mon, April 6	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Takanawa Park	3-18-18 Takanawa	Canceled
	2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Shiba Park	4-8-4 Shibakoen	
Tue, April 7	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Roppongi Nishi Park	7-17-8 Roppongi	
Wed, April 8	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Sanko Children's Playground *This is different from Oku-Sanko Children's Playground at Shirokane 6-chome.	5-12-5 Shirokane	Held
Thu, April 9	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Seinan Elementary School, Second Outdoor Playground	4-19-18 Minami-Aoyama	Canceled
Fri, April 10	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Shibaura Chuo Park, Area B (Dog Run)	1-2-28 Konan	
Sat, April 11	10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.	Minato Public Health Center *Heavy congestion is expected.	1-4-10 Mita	Held

*No parking is available at any of the venues.

Fees (Cash Only)

- Rabies vaccination fee: **JPY 3,200**
- Issuance fee for rabies vaccination certificate tag: **JPY 550**
- *Paper rabies vaccination certificates will not be issued. If you require a certificate, please have your dog vaccinated at a veterinary clinic.

Items to Bring

- Rabies vaccination certificate issued by a veterinarian
- Issuance fee for rabies vaccination certificate tag: JPY 550

To All Dog Owners

Your Manners Matter

- Please train your dog to relieve itself at home whenever possible. If your dog defecates outdoors, pick it up and take it home. If your dog urinates outdoors, clean it up as follows:
 1. Absorb with a pet sheet.
 2. Pour water to reduce odor.
 3. Absorb the water with a pet sheet.
- When walking your dog, keep the leash short. Retractable leashes should be locked in the short position.

Section in charge

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



topic Information

Please Use the Furniture Recycling Fair

Wooden furniture and similar items that are no longer needed by households in Minato City are appraised, and items in good condition are collected free of charge and sold.

If You Wish to Dispose of Wooden Furniture Free of Charge

Please measure the width, depth, and height of the furniture and then apply for an in-home appraisal by phone.

*Items may not be accepted if they do not meet removal requirements or depending on the appraisal results.

If You Wish to Purchase Wooden Furniture

Wooden furniture collected from households in Minato City is displayed and sold at the venue. Up to two items per household per day may be purchased.

*Transportation costs are borne by the purchaser.

*Purchases for resale or other commercial purposes are not permitted.



Eligibility

Anyone

*Delivery by the operator managing the Furniture Recycling Fair is limited to locations within Minato City.

Date & Time

Monday to Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 (Closed on the third Thursday of each month and during the year-end and New Year holidays)

Special Sunday Opening

3/15(Sun.) 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Venue

Second Floor, Minato Resource Recovery Center
 (5-7-1 Konan, Minato-ku, within the Minato Cleaning Plant premises)

*No parking is available. Please use public transportation.

Inquiries

For applications for appraisal of wooden furniture and access information:

Furniture Recycling Fair Office
 TEL 03-3472-8186

About the program:

Minato Recycling and Waste Management Office
 Waste Reduction and Recycling Promotion Subsection
 TEL 03-3450-8025

topic Announcement

2026 Mayor's City Policy Speech Toward a Minato City Where Kindness Resonates and Connects with the World

On 2/18, Mayor Seike delivered a policy speech on the city administration at the first regular session of the Minato City Assembly for 2026. The policy speech can be viewed on the Minato City website.



Minato City website

topic Information

Please Visit the Community Café Takanawa



The Community Café Takanawa is operated mainly by members of the Takanawa District CC Club (Challenge Community Club) together with local residents.

The café was established with the aim of providing a welcoming place where people in the community can casually gather, interact, and strengthen local ties, thereby promoting community revitalization.

The café will open at three locations within the Takanawa area (as shown in the table below). Please feel free to stop by. Please note that some programs at HUG Takanawa may require advance reservations or may be held at different locations.



Eligibility

Anyone

Date & Time

Name of the Cafe	Date & Time	Venue
Community Café Takanawa	Second and fourth Fridays of the month. The café will be open only on the second Friday of August and December. (The café will not open if it is on a holiday.) 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Takanawa Community Plaza 2F In front of Exhibition
Community Café Takanawa in HUG (Mini lectures)	Third Tuesday of the month. (Except for August) 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Takanawa Residents' Collaboration Space (HUG Takanawa 2F)
Community Café Takanawa in Yukashi-no-Mori	Third Friday of the month. (Except for August) 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.	Shirokanedai Residents' Collaboration Space (Yukashi-no-Mori 6F)

Application

Please come directly to the venue on the day. (Some mini lecture programs at HUG Takanawa may require advance reservations, depending on the program.)



Challenge Community Club

Inquiries

Collaboration Project Section, Community Policy Subsection of Takanawa Area Regional City Office
TEL 03-5421-7123

topic Information

Community-Based Japanese Language Learning Support Program Results Presentation

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Through videos and exhibitions, this event will introduce the activities of people who participated in Japanese language classes, Japanese language salons, and partner activities during fiscal year 2025. Anyone who is interested in studying Japanese, communicating in Japanese, or learning more about Japanese language learning is welcome to attend. Please feel free to stop by.

Date & Time

3/28(Sat.) 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Venue

Libra Hall (Minato Park Shibaura 1F)

Inquiries

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

topic Information

International Cultural Exhibition - 15th District, Paris Photo Exhibition



Paris 15th District City Hall

This exhibition introduces the culture, traditions, and other attractions of the 15th District of Paris, which has a friendship-city partnership with the Minato City, through a collection of photographs.

Date & Time

3/13(Fri.) to 3/27(Fri.) 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

*Open until 7:00 p.m. on 3/18 (Wed.) and 3/25 (Wed.).

Venue

Lobby at the Minato City Office



Inquiries

Community Promotion Section, Global Community Planning Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2046

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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