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topic Information



Opening on Monday, April 13 Minato City My Number Card Center

Location

VORT Hamamatsucho IV 4F, 1-27-13 Hamamatsucho, Minato City

Access

Directly in front of Toei Bus "Daimon-ekimae" Bus Stop No. 2
 1-minute walk from Exit A2 of Daimon Station (Toei Subway)
 4-minute walk from the North Exit of Hamamatsucho Station (JR East)
 6-minute walk from Minato City Hall Main Building

*No parking or bicycle parking is available. Please use public transportation.

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (Last reception 6:45 p.m.)
 Saturday 1st, 2nd, 4th Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Last reception 4:45 p.m.)

Closed

Closed on 3rd & 5th Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and year-end/New Year holidays

Main Services

- Issuance of My Number Cards
- Application assistance for My Number Cards
- Reissuance of My Number Cards
- Issuance and renewal electronic certificates for My Number Cards
- Setting (including unlocking) and changing PIN codes for My Number Cards and digital certificates
- Support for procedures related to the My Number Health Insurance Card, etc.

*Moving in or change of address notifications cannot be processed at the Minato City My Number Card Center.
 Please submit such notifications to the Residents Support Section, Counter Services Subsection of your Regional City Office.

Inquiries

Minato City My Number Card Call Center TEL 03-4241-4932
 Advance reservations are required for all procedures related to the My Number Card.



Advance reservations



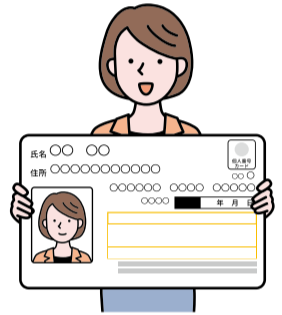
Pre-opening: Monday, April 6 to Friday, April 10 Some Services Will Begin in Advance

Services

- Issuance of My Number Cards
- Issuance and renewal of digital certificates for My Number Cards

Opening Hours

9:20 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Last reception 5:45 p.m.)



Procedures Related to My Number Cards at the Residents Support Section of each Regional City Office

With the opening of the Minato City My Number Card Center, the number of reservation slots for My Number Card-related procedures at the Residents Support Sections of each Regional City Office will be reduced. Please make use of the Minato City My Number Card Center. If you want to complete procedures other than receiving My Number Card, at the Resident Support Section of the Regional City office, please make a reservation in advance through the Minato City website.

If you would like to receive your My Number Card at the Residents Support Sections of the Regional City Office, please contact the Minato City My Number Card Call Center at least five business days before your desired date.

topic Information

Overview of the FY2026 Budget

-Sustaining Minato City's Pride. A Budget that Strongly Supports Tomorrow and Moves Confidently into the Future-

Budget Overview

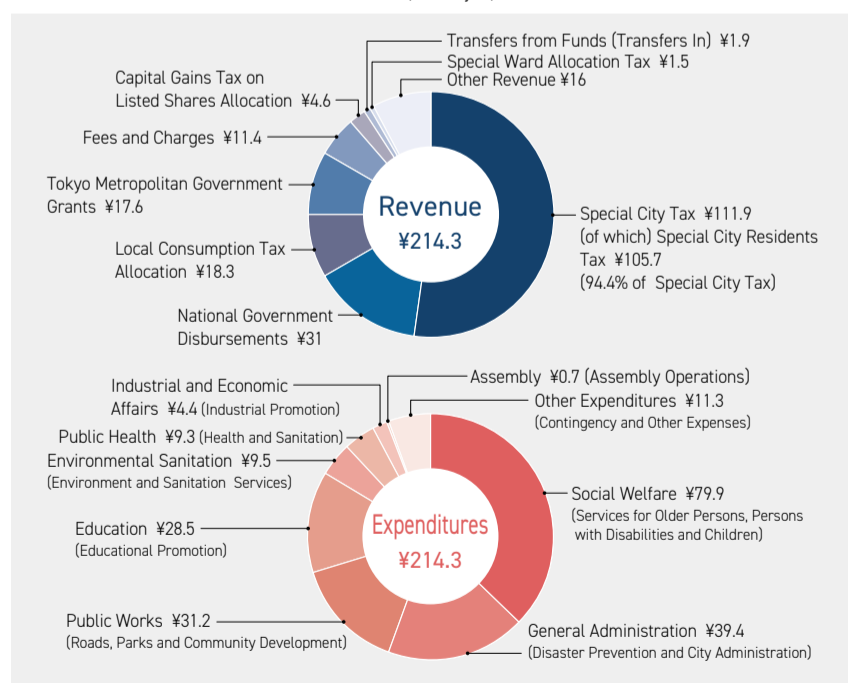
The total General Account budget for FY2026 is ¥214.3 billion.

The City has allocated an initial General Account budget of ¥214.3 billion—the largest in its history. Alongside launching initiatives that lay the foundation for a future in which children's potential can flourish, the budget proactively advances four priority policy areas and other key measures.

Overall Structure of the FY2026 Budget Scale of Initial Budgets by Account

Category	FY2026 Budget	FY2025 Budget	Increase Rate
General Account	¥214,300,000,000	¥204,320,000,000	4.9%
Special Accounts	¥53,783,929,000	¥51,709,800,000	4.0%
National Health Insurance Program Account	¥25,504,463,000	¥25,232,342,000	1.1%
Medical Care System for the Elderly Aged 75 and Over	¥8,272,085,000	¥7,222,754,000	14.5%
Long-Term Care Insurance Account	¥20,007,381,000	¥19,254,704,000	3.9%
Total	¥268,083,929,000	¥256,029,800,000	4.7%

Breakdown of the General Account (billion yen)



For details on new projects and expanded initiatives in FY2026, please refer to the FY2026 Budget Overview, available on the Minato City website.

Inquiries

Financial Affairs Section, Financial Affairs Subsection
 TEL 03-3578-2096



Minato City website

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Minato Call
 CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
 03-5472-3710

topic Subsidy

Strengthening Support from Pregnancy Through Early Childhood Introduction of Postpartum, One-Month, and Five-Year-Old Health Checkups

Until now, Minato City has provided prenatal checkups and infant health checkups. In addition to these existing services, the City is now introducing new programs: postpartum health checkups to support mothers in the early stage after childbirth, one-month infant health checkups aimed at the early detection of congenital conditions, and five-year-old health checkups designed to assess children's developmental characteristics prior to entering elementary school and connect them with appropriate support services.

Postpartum Health Checkups

Eligibility

Mothers in the early period after childbirth

Subsidy

¥5,000 per visit (up to two visits)

One-Month Infant Health Checkups

Eligibility

Infants at one month of age

Subsidy

Up to ¥6,000 per visit (one visit)



For mothers who give birth between April and September 2026, subsidies for the postpartum and one-month checkups will be provided

by reimbursement after payment.

Starting in October 2026, subsidies will be provided through checkup vouchers.

Vouchers will be distributed to eligible individuals when the Maternal and Child Health Handbook is issued upon submission of a pregnancy notification on or after April 2026.

Five-Year-Old Health Checkups

Eligibility

Children turning five during the fiscal year

(Generally children in the second year of kindergarten, approximately 4 years 6 months to 5 years 6 months old)

Fee

Free of charge

The initial checkup will be conducted at designated medical institutions within Minato City, and secondary examinations will be conducted at the Minato Public Health Center.

Eligible families will receive individual notifications.

Inquiries

Health Promotion Section, Public Healthcare Subsection
TEL 03-6400-0084

topic Subsidy

Childbirth Expense Subsidy Program

Eligibility

The applicant must be the father or mother of the child and meet all of the following requirements:

1. The applicant must have been registered as a resident of Minato City before the child's birth and must have continuously resided 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 applicant's address from the date of birth and must be living with the applicant as of the application date.
*However, if both parents are foreign nationals and the child was born overseas, the child must have been registered as a resident at the applicant's address in Japan from the date of the first resident registration after birth and must be living with the applicant as of the application date.
3. The mother must be enrolled in Japan's public health insurance system (either as an insured person or as a dependent of the father, etc.).
4. The application must be submitted within one year of the child's date of birth.

Subsidy Amount

For delivery and hospitalization expenses related to childbirth, the subsidy will cover the full amount remaining after subtracting the Childbirth and Childcare Lump-Sum Grant (including any additional benefits) from the lower of the actual childbirth expenses paid or the maximum subsidy calculation limit of ¥810,000 (with an additional ¥480,000 in the case of twins).

Required Documents

Copies of documents such as the official receipt for childbirth expenses issued by the hospital are required.

For details, please visit the Minato City website or contact us.

Application

Submit the application within one year of the child's birth by completing the Childbirth Expense Subsidy Application Form and attaching the required documents.

Online:

Apply via Mynaportal.

By mail:

Child Benefits Subsection, Children and Youth Support Section
Child and Family Support Department
Minato City Office
(Postal Code 105-8511)

In person:

Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection at your nearest Regional City Office



Inquiries

Children and Youth Support Section, Child Benefits Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2433

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

TEL See the number in margin

topic Information

Partial Reorganization of Minato City Government Effective April 1

Shiba Regional City Office

The organizational structure was revised to promote the advancement of digital transformation (DX) at service counters.

Industry and Community Promotion Support Department

The department was reorganized to support the hosting of the Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival and to further promote the hometown tax donation program (furusato nozei).

Public Health and Welfare Support Department

The department was reorganized to further strengthen policies and services for senior citizens.

Minato Public Health Center

The organization was restructured to consolidate consultation services related to lodging facilities for businesses and residents into a single, more accessible point of contact.

City Development Support Department

The department was reorganized to ensure the efficient administration of condominium policies, the reconstruction of municipal housing, and guidance on road occupancy and excavation permits, as well as to promote waterfront-oriented community development.

Planning and Management Department

The department was reorganized to further advance measures addressing the declining birthrate, digital transformation (DX), and more effective public communications.

Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Department

The organization was restructured to further enhance disaster prevention and crime prevention measures.

General Affairs Department

The department was reorganized to strengthen measures against harassment.

*For details regarding each section's organizational structure and primary responsibilities, please visit the Minato City website.

Inquiries

Planning Section, Planning Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2086



topic Information

Join the Community Japanese Language Support Project: Japanese Language Classes for Children



We are offering a place to exchange in Japanese for children whose native language is not Japanese. We will study basic Japanese and do activities in Japanese.

Eligibility

Children (ages 6 to 15) who live or attend school in Minato City

Dates & Time

Saturdays, 10:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
May 23, May 30, June 6, June 13,
June 27, July 4, July 11, July 18,
July 25, August 1

Venue

Minato City Hall, 9th Floor Meeting Room

Class participant capacity

25 people

*We will accept up to 45 applicants and decide the participants with a lottery system.



Application

Please apply via the online application form between April 27 (Mon) and May 11 (Mon).

Applications should be submitted to the Community Promotion Section, Global Community Planning Subsection.

*After applying, we will conduct a small online interview with the child and guardian.



Application form

Inquiries

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

topic Information

National Pension Insurance Premium Amount Revised

The monthly National Pension insurance premium for Fiscal Year 2026 (April 2026 – March 2027) is ¥17,920. Payment slips will be mailed by the Japan Pension Service in early April. Please make your payment by the due date at a financial institution, post office, convenience store, or via a smartphone payment app.

You may receive a discount by paying your premiums in advance as a lump sum for 6 months, 1 year, or 2 years, rather than paying monthly. If you wish to make an advance payment using a payment slip, the payment deadline is Thursday, April 30. To obtain a payment slip for a two-year advance, you must contact the Minato Pension Office in advance. Please visit the Japan Pension Service website for more details.



Inquiries

Minato Pension Office TEL 03-5401-3211

Section in Charge

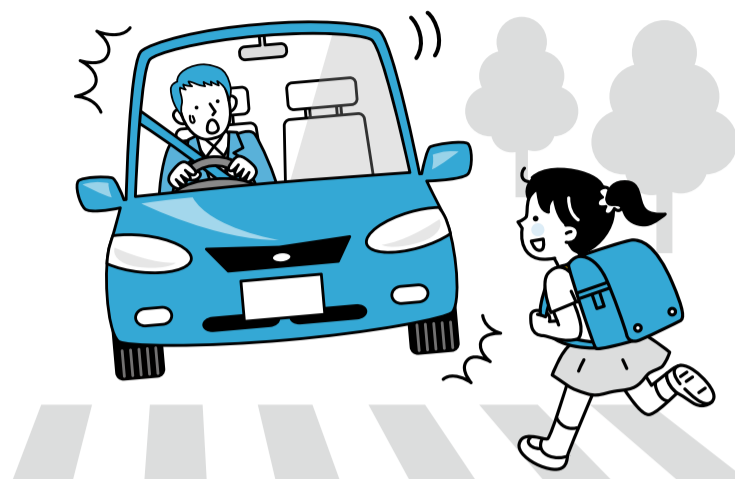
National Health Insurance and Pension Section, National Pension Subsection



Japan Pension Service website

topic Information

The National Spring Traffic Safety Campaign in 2026



To encourage residents to comply with traffic rules and practice proper traffic manners, Minato City is working in partnership with local police stations, traffic safety associations, and other related organizations to implement a range of traffic accident prevention initiatives. In 2025, there were 1,004 traffic accidents in Minato City (111 fewer than the previous year), with 1,123 people injured or killed (110 fewer than the previous year).

Period

April 6 (Mon) – April 15 (Wed)

April 10 (Fri) is designated as *Zero Traffic Fatalities Day*.

Let us strictly observe traffic rules and practice proper manners to eliminate tragic traffic accidents.

Campaign Priorities

1. Ensuring the safety of pedestrians, especially children, on school routes and residential streets
2. Eliminating distracted smartphone use while walking and promoting safe driving practices, including prioritizing pedestrians
3. Strengthening understanding and compliance with traffic rules for bicycles and specified small motorized bicycles
4. Preventing traffic accidents involving motorcycles

Inquiries

Local Police Stations in Minato City
TEL See the number in the margin

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

topic Recruit

Minato Eco Challenge 2026: Now Recruiting Participants!

The Minato Eco Challenge encourages households to adopt environmentally friendly practices, such as recording energy use and participating in environmental events. By taking these actions at home, participants can earn points that can be exchanged for goods made from thinned wood or shopping vouchers valid within the city. Join the Minato Eco Challenge and make environmentally friendly habits a part of your daily life.



Eligibility

Residents of the city (household participation)

Date & Time

Until 12/31(Thu.)

Application

Please register through the Minato Eco Challenge website.

*Participants who took part in "Eco Challenge 2025" or earlier will be automatically registered and do not need to apply again.

*For more information, please see the Minato Eco Challenge website or the leaflet available at the Environmental Section (8th Floor of the City Office) and the General Administration Section of each Regional City Office.



Minato Eco Challenge website

Inquiries

Environmental Section, Global Environment Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2497

topic Information

May 1 to 7 Is Constitution Week

The Constitution of Japan came into effect on May 3, 1947. To commemorate this, May 3 is observed as Constitution Memorial Day, and the period from May 1 to 7 is designated as Constitution Week. Why not take this opportunity during Constitution Week to reflect once again on the significance of the Constitution?

Constitution Week Commemorative Lecture and Film Screening

●Film

HAFU (87 minutes, with Japanese subtitles)

About the Film

In today's world, where people increasingly move across borders, many individuals in Japan have one non-Japanese parent. Some are visibly distinct, while others are not.

The documentary film HAFU follows the lives of five people born to one Japanese parent and one non-Japanese parent, capturing their complex feelings and everyday experiences in a society that has long perceived itself as ethnically homogeneous.



●Lecture

Speaker

Mr. David Yano

Theme

"Between Cultures: Choosing the Path of Human Connection"

Lecture Overview

Since appearing in the documentary film HAFU, Mr. Yano has reflected deeply on the relationship between "raising one's voice" and human rights. Drawing on his experiences, he will discuss the struggles and silences faced not only by people of mixed heritage, but by all minorities, as well as the courage it takes to speak out and the impact of doing so. In an era marked by growing division and exclusion, this lecture invites us to reconsider what it truly means to live together beyond our differences.

Speaker Profile

Musician / Representative Director, Enije (General Incorporated Association) / Visiting Professor, Meisei University
Born in Ghana to a Japanese father and a Ghanaian mother, he moved to Japan at the age of six and grew up in a children's welfare facility. He has appeared in the media as a model, actor, and musician. Determined to "protect children who have no one to protect them," he established Enije, an organization supporting youth independence. He has delivered numerous lectures on human rights.



Date & Time

Tuesday, May 12, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

Venue

Takanawa Community Center, Community Hall

Capacity

200 people (first-come, first-served)

*Sign language interpretation and childcare services are available.
(Childcare for children aged 4 months to preschool age, limited to approximately 5 children. Please request at the time of application.)

Admission Fee

Free of charge

Application

Wednesday, April 1 to Thursday, April 30

By Phone:

Minato Call

Reception hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(On April 1, reception begins at 3:00 p.m.)

TEL 03-5472-3710

By Fax:

Please include your name, telephone number, and whether you require childcare and/or sign language interpretation, and send to General Affairs Section, Human Rights and Gender Equality Subsection
FAX 03-3578-2976



You may also apply through the online application form.



Application form



Minato City website

Inquiries

General Affairs Section, Human Rights and Gender Equality Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2027

topic Information

Winners Announced for the 9th Minato City Scenic Selection

For the 9th Scenic Selection (FY2025), entries were invited under the main theme *Heartwarming Scenery*. After careful review, the winning landscapes have been selected.

What Is the Minato City Scenic Selection?

The Minato City Scenic Selection invites residents to submit landscapes and townscapes in Minato City that they feel proud of or personally attached to.

Entries that showcase strong local character, have broad appeal, and convey a sense of discovery will be selected and recognized as the *Scenic Selection*.



Award-Winning Landscapes

Grand Prize

Green Walk with Views of Trains and the Monorail
(Shibaura 1-chome)



Other Selected Landscapes

- *Guardians of Tokyo Tower* (Shibakoen 4-chome)
- *With a Wish in Our Hearts* (Atago 1-chome)
- *There Was a Waterfall in Minato City!* (Shibakoen 4-chome)
- *Where the Gentle Breeze Blows* (Akasaka 7-chome)
- *Flame of Peace* (Shibakoen 4-chome)
- *Green Street on Hibiya-dori Avenue* (Shibakoen 2-chome)
- *Hydrangea Road* (Takanawa 1-chome)
- *A Forest Where Kingfishers and Northern Goshawks Raise Their Young* (Shirokanedai 5-chome)

For more details, please visit the Minato City website.



Minato City website

Inquiries

Urban Planning Section, City Development Planning Subsection
TEL 03-3578-2210

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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