

MINATO MONTHLY

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topic Feature

What Are You in the Mood for Today?

6 Minato City Parks for Every Mood

As the weather gradually becomes more comfortable, it's the perfect time to head to a park. Minato City has 51 city parks, each with its own unique charm. Enjoy the autumn leaves, get active on the playground equipment, or simply relax on a bench. Here are six recommended parks where you can spend your time however suits your mood and interests.



Minato City website
List of Parks
in Minato City

Type 1 Enjoy the Scenery

Minato City Shiba Park



A Spectacular View
Unique to Minato City

Inquiries : Shiba Regional City Office, Community Development Section, Public Works Subsection Tel: 03-3578-2032

4-8-4 Shibakoen
3-minute walk from Exit
A4 of Shiba Koen Station
on the Toei Mita Line/
10-minute walk from Exit
A6, A3 of Daimon Station
on the Toei Oedo and
Asakusa Lines

Shiba Park offers an up-close view of Tokyo Tower. As you stroll through the spacious park, you can enjoy trees and flowers that change with the seasons. In autumn, you can enjoy a uniquely Minato City view created by the colorful autumn leaves and Tokyo Tower.

Arisugawa-no-miya Memorial Park



An Urban Oasis
for Autumn Colors



5-7-29 Minami-azabu
3-minute walk from Exit 1
of Hiro-o Station on the
Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line

With its ponds, streams, and gently rolling landscape, the park feels a world away from the heart of the city. Take a leisurely stroll and enjoy the beauty of nature throughout the seasons. It is the perfect place for anyone looking to escape the hustle and bustle of the city and enjoy nature.

Inquiries : Azabu Regional City Office, Community Development Section, Public Works Subsection Tel: 03-5114-8803

Type 2 Run Around and Play!

Shibaura Chuo Park



An Exciting Playground
for Little Adventurers

1-2-28 Konan
10-minute walk from the
Konan Exit of Shinagawa
Station on the JR and Keikyu
Lines



There's plenty of fun playground equipment, including an adventure playground, a zip line, and climbing nets. There's also an area for younger children, so kids of all ages can have fun. Run, climb, and try something new!

Inquiries : Shibaura-konan Regional City Office, Community Development Section, Public Works Subsection Tel: 03-6400-0032

Takamatsu Kusunoki Park



Run, Laugh, and Play at Your
Neighborhood Playground



1-5-44 Takanawa
6-minute walk from Exit 1
of Shirokane-takanawa
Station on the Tokyo Metro
Namboku Line and Toei
Mita Line

With its combination playground equipment, this park offers plenty of space for kids to get active and play. Tall camphor trees provide welcome shade, making it a comfortable place for parents to watch over their children. From playground fun to a game of tag, kids can enjoy outdoor play in their own way.

Inquiries : Takanawa Regional City Office, Community Development Section, Public Works Subsection Tel: 03-5421-7615

Type 3 Experience the Comfort of the Waterfront

Konan Ryokusui Park



Enjoy More Quality
Time with Your Dog

4-7-47 Konan
15-minute walk from the
Konan Exit of Shinagawa
Station on the JR and
Keikyu Lines



The park offers unique canal-side views. A central fountain adds a refreshing touch, while the sparkling water and passing boats create a pleasant scene. Enjoy a stroll and the open atmosphere of the waterfront.

Inquiries : Shibaura-konan Regional City Office, Community Development Section, Public Works Subsection Tel: 03-6400-0032

Type 4 Sit Back and Relax

Hinokicho Park



9-7-9 Akasaka
4-minute walk from Exit 7 of Roppongi Station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line and Toei Oedo Line/7-minute walk from Exit 1 of Nogizaka Station on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line/8-minute walk from Exit 7 of Akasaka Station on the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line/10-minute walk from Exit 1 of Roppongi-itchome Station on the Tokyo Metro Namboku Line



Enjoy the Luxury
of Doing Nothing

Sit in the shade and enjoy a good book, or take a break while looking out over the pond. Surrounded by greenery and an urban landscape, it's a great place to relax and recharge. It's also perfect for a lunchtime break.

Inquiries : Akasaka Regional City Office, Community Development Section, Public Works Subsection Tel: 03-5413-7015

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Minato Call
CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
03-5472-3710

topic Information

Community-Based Japanese Language Learning Support Project



1. Join the Japanese Language Classes

Learn Japanese while enjoying conversations with classmates in a friendly, supportive environment.

Three-Month Course

Course Period

Every Wednesday and Saturday from December 12 to March 20

Venue Wednesday: Online

Saturday: Shiba Park Residents' Collaboration Space

Fee JPY 1,000

Application

Please apply through the website from October 27 (Tue)



Official website

2. Join Our Japanese Language Salon

Dates

Every Thursday from October 8 to November 5

Details

Talk in small groups about life and culture in Japan.

Venue

Shiba Park Residents' Collaboration Space

Eligibility

Anyone living in Japan who can speak a little Japanese

Application

Please apply through the website.

*The Japanese Language Salon is also held in other months. Please visit the website for more details.



Official website

3. Join Our Japanese Language Class for Children

This class is for children who want to learn Japanese. In addition to learning Japanese, there will be time to play and interact with other participants.

Eligibility

Children aged 6 to 15 who live in or attend school in Minato City

Capacity 25 participants (selected by lottery)

Venue

9th Floor Meeting Room, Minato City Hall (1-5-25 Shibakoen)

Time 10:00 to 11:30

Dates

November 21 (Sat), November 28 (Sat), December 5 (Sat), December 19 (Sat), January 9 (Sat), January 16 (Sat), February 6 (Sat), February 20 (Sat), March 6 (Sat), March 13 (Sat)

Application Period

October 7 (Wed) to October 22 (Thu)

Please apply through the website

*The application period will close once the maximum capacity (45 participants) has been reached.



Application form

Inquiries (for all three programs)

Community Promotion Section, Global Community Planning Subsection
Tel: 03-3578-2565

topic Event

42nd Sawayaka Sports Festival: Bringing Everyone Together with Smiles



Join us for a fun-filled sports festival where people from different areas of Minato City come together and get to know one another. Team up with people from your area and enjoy the day together!

Eligibility

Minato City residents around age 60 and older

Date & Time November 13 (Fri), 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Venue Minato City Sports Center

Application

Apply in person by Tuesday, October 20, at any Iki-iki Plaza, Shibaura Island Children and Senior Citizens Plaza, or Daiba Senior Citizens' Home Care Services Center.

Japanese and English available

What to Bring

Indoor athletic shoes (no slippers)

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes suitable for movement.

Inquiries

Any Iki-iki Plaza/Shibaura Island Children and Senior Citizens Plaza/Daiba Senior Citizens' Home Care Services Center
See the margin for the phone number.

topic Event

Advance Registration for English Interpretation at the FY 2026 Minato City Comprehensive Disaster Drill (Azabu Venue)

The Minato City Comprehensive Disaster Drill (Azabu Venue) will have an English interpreter available to accompany and guide participants who register in advance around the venue. There will also be disaster preparedness activities for children to enjoy. This is a great opportunity to learn more about disaster preparedness, ask questions, and address any concerns you may have. We hope you will join us!

Date & Time

October 25 (Sun) 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

*Please arrive at the reception desk no later than 10:00 a.m.

Venue

Roppongi Junior High School

Fee

Free of charge

Application

Please submit your application request by phone or fax by Tuesday, October 20, 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 relevant information

Tel: 03-5472-3710 (Minato Call)

Japanese and English available (Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

Fax: 03-3583-3782 (Azabu Regional City Office, Collaboration Project Section, Collaboration Project Subsection)

Japanese and English available



Each Iki-iki Plaza

Mita Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3452-9421, Shimmei Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3436-2500, Toranomon Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3539-2941, Minami-azabu Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-5232-9671, Arisu Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3444-3656, Azabu Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3408-7888, Nishi-azabu Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3486-9166, Iigura Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3583-6366, Akasaka Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3583-1207, Aoyama Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3403-2011, Seinan Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3423-4920, Toyooka Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3453-1591, Takanawa Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3449-1643, Shirokane Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3441-3680, Shinno Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-5422-8848, Shirokanedai Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3440-4627, Konan Iki-iki Plaza Tel: 03-3450-9915, Shibaura Island Children and Senior Citizens Plaza Tel: 03-5443-7338, Daiba Senior Citizens' Home Care Services Center Tel: 03-5531-0520

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.



Multilingual Interpreter Call Service

topic Information

Enrollment in Nursery Schools for April 2027



Minato City website

The FY 2027 Guide to Nursery School Enrollment Will Be Available

This guide provides detailed information on the application periods, eligibility requirements, required documents, nursery school fees, and other childcare services. The first edition of the FY2027 guide, covering admissions for April and May, is available on the Minato City website and will also be distributed at municipal nursery schools and other locations from late October.

Nursery School Enrollment

If you wish to enroll your child in a nursery school in April 2027, please apply during the application period online, by mail, or in person at the Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection of the Regional City Office for the area where you live.

Application Period

First-Round Applications

Online or by mail: October 30 (Fri) to November 24 (Tue) (must arrive by November 24)

In person: October 30 (Fri) to November 24 (Tue), by 5:00 p.m.

*Applications for children born between November 11, 2026, and January 1, 2027, will be accepted until January 14, 2027 (Thu).

Second-Round Applications

Online or by mail: January 18 (Mon) to February 5, 2027 (Fri) (must arrive by February 5)

In person: January 26 (Tue) to February 5, 2027 (Fri), by 5:00 p.m.

*Different application deadlines apply to children born between January 23 and February 17, 2027.

Enrollment in Classes for Children Requiring Medical Care or Children with Disabilities

Moto-azabu Nursery School offers a dedicated class providing group childcare for children who require medical care or have disabilities, while Treasure Kids Shibaura Nursery School offers a dedicated class for children who require medical care. A dedicated nurse is always present in each class. For Moto-azabu Nursery School, transportation by welfare vehicle is also available for children who have difficulty traveling to and from the nursery school. If you wish to enroll your child in one of these classes, please apply in person during the application period to the Residents Support Section, Health and Welfare Subsection of the Regional City office for the area where you live. Applications by mail are also accepted, but applying in person will make the process smoother, as staff will ask about your child and how they are doing and arrange a date for an interview.

Application Period

October 30 (Fri) to November 13 (Fri)

*Applications for children born between October 30 and December 1, 2026, will be accepted until December 2 (Wed).

Inquiries

About nursery school enrollment:

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

Shiba Area (Tel) 03-3578-3161 / Azabu Area (Tel) 03-5114-8822 /

Akasaka Area (Tel) 03-5413-7276 / Takanawa Area (Tel) 03-5421-7085 /

Shibaura-konan Area (Tel) 03-6400-0022

The needs of children enrolled in classes for children requiring medical care or children with disabilities:

Child Policy Section, Support for Children with Disabilities Subsection

Tel: 03-3578-2444 / Nursery School Section, Child-care Facilities

Support Subsection Tel: 03-3578-2445

topic Event

Enjoy the Night View from the Bridge and a Night Walk on the Beach

Eligibility Elementary school students and older

Date & Time October 25 (Sun), 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Route Meet at the ticket gates of Shibaura-futo Station on the Yurikamome Line → Rainbow Bridge North Route → Odaiba Kaihin Park → Finish at Odaiba-kaihinkoen Station on the Yurikamome Line

Capacity 15 people (selected by lottery)

Fee Free of charge

Application

Apply through the Tokyo Minato City Travel & Tourism Association website by Wednesday, October 14.

All applicants will be notified of the lottery results by Wednesday, October 21.

*Please enter the names of accompanying participants in the remarks section.

Inquiries

Tokyo Minato City Travel & Tourism Association, Volunteer Guide Section
Email: minatocityvolunteertourguide@gmail.com

Section in charge Industry Promotion Section, Tourism Policy Subsection

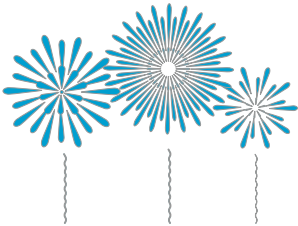


Official website for Tokyo Minato City Travel & Tourism Association

topic Information

Commemorating the 80th Anniversaries of Chuo City and Minato City TOKYO HANABI FESTIVAL (Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival)

-Please Cooperate with Traffic Restrictions-



Vehicle and pedestrian traffic restrictions will be in place around the Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival venue and surrounding waterfront areas. Traffic congestion is expected in and around the restricted areas on the day of the event.

Please refrain from coming by car.

For the safe operation of the event, we ask for your understanding and cooperation. Please visit the official Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival website for more details.



Official Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival website

Event overview

The Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival is a ticket-only event.

Please do not stop to watch the fireworks from sidewalks or other public areas.

Date & Time

October 24 (Sat), 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (Gates open at 3:30 p.m.)

*Canceled in case of severe weather. The event will not be postponed.

Fireworks Launch Site

Offshore waters near Harumi Pier, Tokyo Port

Viewing Venue

Please visit the official Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival website for more details.

Organizers

Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival Executive Committee, Chuo City, and Minato City

Odaiba Rainbow Bus

Service at the Daiba 1-chome and Odaiba Gakuen-mae bus stops will be suspended from 1:00 p.m. However, the direct buses from the Shinagawa Station Konan Exit to Daiba 1-chome, departing at 9:45 p.m. and 10:10 p.m., will operate as usual. Please visit the km Mobility Service website for more details.



km Mobility Service website

Inquiries

Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival Executive Committee Secretariat
Tel: 0570-01-5372

Section in charge Community Promotion Section, Tokyo Bay Grand Fireworks Festival Subsection

topic Information

Station-Area Abandoned Bicycle Cleanup Campaign

Campaign Period

October 22 (Thu) to 31 (Sat)

Removal of Abandoned Bicycles

Bicycles and other similar vehicles left unattended around stations will be removed after a warning and a certain period of time. Removed bicycles are kept at temporary storage facilities for 30 days from the day after the public notice date. A removal fee is required to retrieve a removed bicycle. You will need proof of identity and the bicycle key when retrieving your bicycle.

No-Parking Zones for Bicycles

Please visit the Minato City website for more details. Bicycles and other similar vehicles left in designated no-parking zones will be removed immediately.



Minato City Website

Temporary Storage Locations for Removed Bicycles

The temporary storage location varies depending on where the bicycle was removed. Please visit the Minato City website for more details.



Minato City Website

Inquiries

Bicycle Measures Call Center:

Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. (excluding national holidays and the year-end and New Year holidays) Tel: 050-2018-6352

Community Development Section, Community Development Subsection of each Regional City Office

Shiba Area (Tel) 03-3578-3104 / Azabu Area (Tel) 03-5114-8815 /

Akasaka Area (Tel) 03-5413-7038 / Takanawa Area (Tel) 03-5421-7664 /

Shibaura-konan Area (Tel) 03-6400-0017

Minato City 80th Anniversary

Minato Citizens' Festival 2026

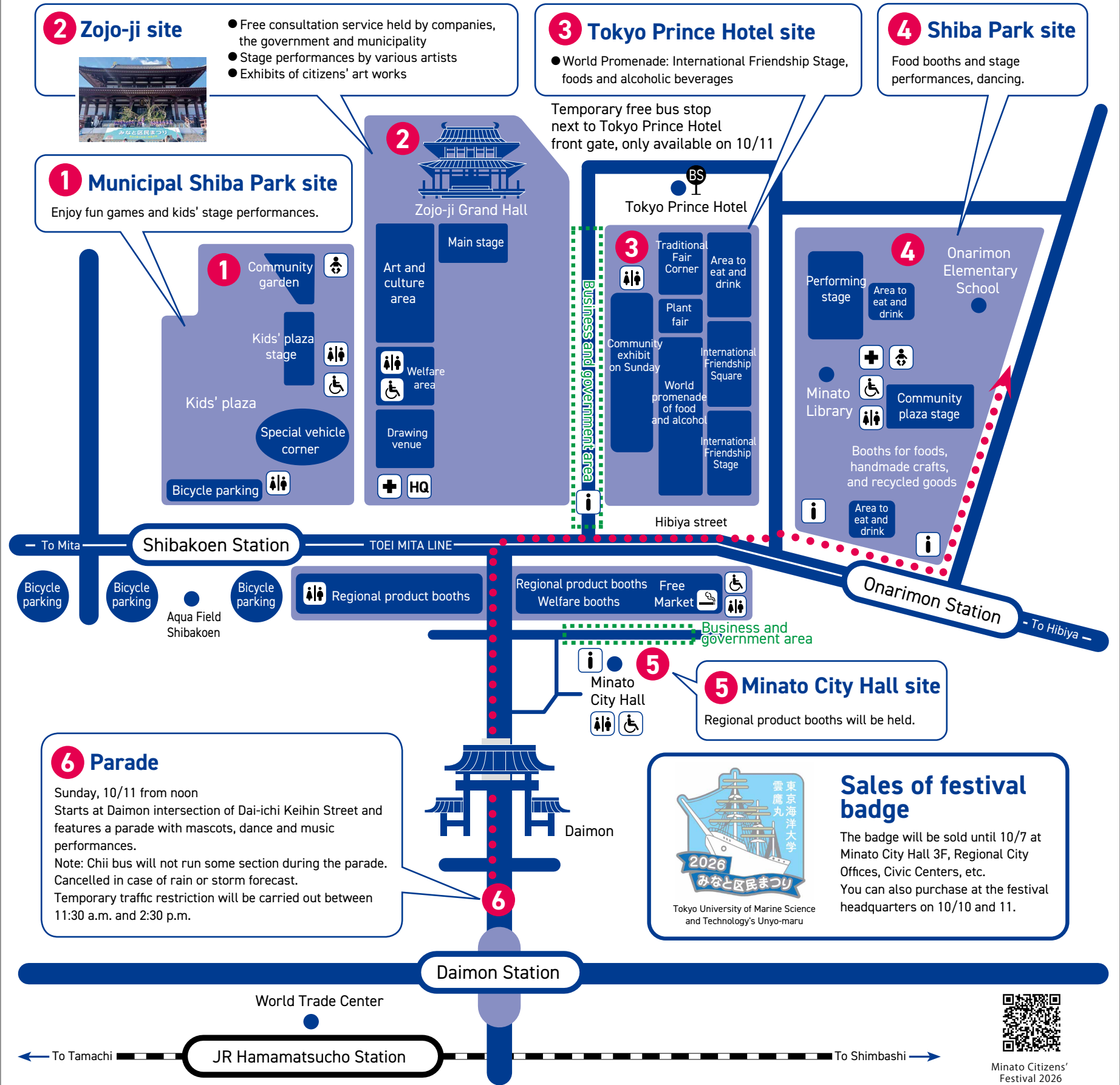
10/10 : 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. 10/11 : 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 10/12 : Minato Sports Festival 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Minato City 80th Anniversary Commemorative Project

- Minato City History Quiz Rally**
Collect digital stamps at all five locations and enter a prize drawing for a chance to win MINATOKU PAY points. A total of 300 winners will be selected!
Participation in the Quiz Rally requires downloading the MINATOKU PAY app.
 - Minato City 80th Anniversary Photo Exhibition: Past and Present**
Enjoy a photo exhibition showcasing historical photographs taken during the Showa era alongside present-day images of the same locations.
Venue: 1st Floor, Minato City Hall
- Participating Municipalities from Across Japan**
To further promote collaboration between Minato City and regions throughout Japan, this year's Local Specialty Products Fair will feature an expanded program with exhibits from 24 municipalities and organizations.
 - Photo Spots**
A special photo spot will be available for commemorative pictures. Be sure to stop by and capture a memorable moment of your visit.

- HQ** Festival headquarters
- i** Information booths
- +** First aid station • AED
- ♂ ♀** Restrooms
- ♿** Accessible toilet
- 👶** Nursing/diaper changing room
- 🚬** Smoking area



Minato City 80th Anniversary
2026 Minato Citizens' Sports Festival
-Connecting Minato, Opening the Future-

Enjoy a wide variety of sports events open to everyone!
Come and try different sports with your family and friends!

2026 Minato Citizens' Sports Festival
Date & time: 10/12, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Venue: Minato Sports Center and Minato Park Shibaura area
Inquiries: Minato Sports Center Tel: 03-3452-4151
Kissport Sports Division Tel: 03-5439-6201