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Front entrance of Minato City Local History Museum in the Yukashi-no-mori compound facility

Using the Minato City Libraries and the Minato City Local History Museum

Minato City Libraries

Borrowing library materials

You are free to read any books and check out any library material using your library card. Those who live, work or study in Tokyo's 23 cities are eligible to check out materials from municipal libraries. When applying for a library card, please provide an ID that shows your address, company or school address.

Lending limit: 2 weeks

Ten books/magazines, three CDs, two DVDs, three videotapes
Please use the automated lending machine at each library.

Returning library materials

All materials borrowed can be returned to any libraries and cooperating facilities in the city. During closing hours, return them to the book return box. A book return box is located at all libraries, except for the Takanawa Library Annex. Also, there are book return boxes in the Minato City Local History Museum, Lifelong Learning Center, Minato Park Shibaura, and Shibaura-konan Civic center.

Note: CDs, videos, DVD, and materials from Tokyo Metropolitan Library and libraries in other cities cannot be returned in the box. Please return them to the appropriate library counter directly.

Borrowing/returning at cooperating facilities

Items from Minato City libraries can be borrowed and returned to the library at the Minato City Local History Museum, Daiba Civic Center, Gender Equality Center "Libra," and Aoyama Lifelong Learning Center. Please note that the operating hours of each facility will differ from the Minato City libraries.

Collaboration between university libraries in the city

Materials from Temple University Japan Campus library and Tokyo University of Marine Science and Technology library can be borrowed via any Minato City library.

Minato City residents aged over 18 who have library cards can browse materials in the Shibaura Institute of Technology Library.

Internet service

You can search or reserve library materials, cancel reservations, and extend the borrowing period via Minato City library website. To use the Internet service, a password is required. Please register from the Minato City library website before you use the Internet service.

Website: [PC] <http://www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/e/>
[Mobile] <http://www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/m/>

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Minato Call
CITY INFORMATION SERVICE
03-5472-3710

Book-start

Open to guardians of babies up to 12 months old. The city library will provide a picture book to them.

Movie events

Libraries hold monthly movie events. Minato City libraries will invite film critics and directors every month. The guests will explain about the movies prior to the film screening.

Database search

Please inquire at the library counter.

Other services

Book home-delivery service, oral reading service, internet connections, etc.

Library hours

Monday to Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday, holidays, and December 28: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Takanawa Library Annex: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Closed: Every third Thursday, inventory check days and December 29 to January 3.

The Takanawa Library Annex is closed on the days above and also holidays.

The above schedule may change. Please confirm the library website or call the library before you visit.

Note: If library materials have been lost or damaged by writing in or getting wet, you may be asked for financial reparation. Please handle them with care.

Minato City Local History Museum

The museum opened last November, as a place to learn nature, history, culture in Minato City and to nurture exchange. It conducts exhibitions, events, and operates a café and museum shop.

Website: <https://www.minato-rekishi.com>

Introduces exhibitions, events, and publications.

Operating hours: Sunday to Friday, national holidays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Closed: Third Thursday, December 29 to January 3, and special inventory dates

Exhibition

- **Heisei and Minato City**, materials and daily goods that symbolized the *Heisei* era, the period from 1989 to 2019 in Japan.
Date: February 16 to May 26
- **Display of excavations and research in Minato City**
Date: March 30 to May 26

Place: Special Exhibition Room, Minato City Local History Museum

Fee: ¥200 for adults, ¥100 for high school students and under
Free admission for preschool children, people aged over 65, disabled people, high school students and under residing and studying in Minato City.

May 5 is admission-free for Minato City residents. Please bring your ID to verify your address, age, etc.

Closed: February 21, March 20, April 18, May 16

Inquiries: Minato City Local History Museum, Tel: 03-6450-2107

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

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Termination of the Registration for Motorcycles

Owners of light motor vehicles, such as motorcycles, electric bicycles, scooters or mini cars, are subject to a light vehicles tax, which is imposed annually as of April 1. If for any reason you no longer own a tax-subjected light motor vehicle, please complete the registration termination procedures no later than March 31. If you fail to complete the procedures, you will be required to continue paying the tax in the fiscal year 2019 despite not owning a light motor vehicle.

Completing the procedures

For motorcycles up to 125cc, visit the Counter Services Subsection at each Regional City Office.

For two-wheeled vehicles over 125cc, visit the Tokyo Transport Branch Office, 1-12-17 Higashi-oi, Shinagawa City, Tel: 050-5540-2030

For light vehicles up to 660cc, visit the Light Motor Vehicle Inspection Organization, 3-3-7 Konan, Tel: 050-3816-3100

EVENT

Sport Event: 500 Days Before the Olympic and Paralympic Games Tokyo 2020

It is nearly 500 days before the Tokyo 2020 Games. In order to create momentum toward the Tokyo 2020 Games, Minato City is working together with ASICS Japan Corporation to conduct sports events. Please join us.

Date and time: March 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It has been stated as 1 to 4 p.m. on the Minato Monthly newsletter March edition. However, the correct time is 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sorry for the confusion.

Place: Fifth floor of Minato City Sports Center

Program

- Starting event with the mascots
- Experience wheelchair basketball, triathlon, disaster prevention soccer, and other sports
- Exhibition of official clothes and shoes for Olympic Games
- Kids sports challenge with a fun physical fitness assessment
- Talk show by athletes

Some of the programs have age limits or require applications. For more information, visit Minato City web.

Inquiries: Olympic and Paralympic Games Promotion Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2568

CITIZEN SERVICES

Resident Support Section Counter Service Hours

Due to the busy relocation season ahead of the new fiscal year, Minato City's Resident Support Section will offer extended service counter operating hours on the first floor of the Shiba Regional Office every Saturday between March 30 and April 6. The counter will be open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note that the extension is not applicable to other Regional City Offices.

All Regional City Offices operate until 7 p.m. every Wednesday, except for the period between December 29 and January 3 and national holidays.

Available services

- Acceptance of moving-in/out and change of address notifications
- Acceptance of personal seal registrations
- Issuance of My Number Cards
* Unavailable on Saturdays
* Pre-reservation required. Until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays
- Issuance of returned My Number notification cards
* Shiba Regional City Office only
- Issuance of certificates of residence, seal impressions and family registers
- Issuance of certificates of taxation and tax payments
- Consultation services regarding the payments of residence tax, national health insurance, medical care for senior citizens, and long-term care insurance premiums
- Acceptance of Family Registrations
- Acceptance of applications for *Jido-teate*, child allowance
- Acceptance of applications for the Children's Medical Subsidy

Services that are unavailable during all extended/irregular hours

- For the following moving-in notifications, please apply during regular operating hours: moving in from overseas, some My Number related services, domicile setup, and others.
- Family register notifications will be accepted but not processed. Please note that certificates of acceptance may not be issued.
- Services requiring confirmation from other municipalities or relevant institutions will not be available.
- Issuance of certificates of residence for people residing in other cities.

Inquiries: Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710



MINATO BULLETIN BOARD



Programs may change without notice. All events listed on this page are conducted in Japanese except MIA events. For more information, please see the Minato City Web.

Minato City Events

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

All events listed on this page are conducted in Japanese except MIA events. For more information, please see the Minato City Web. Programs may change without notice.

Date	Time	Program	Place/Capacity
16 & 17	1-4 p.m.	FY2018 Minato Cooperation Project for Cultural Project: Bon Dancing Festival Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Wear clothes suitable for dancing. Inquiries: Bon-Odori Executive Committee that Cheers Up the People and the Community E-mail: hitotochiikibonodori@gmail.com	Tokyo Metropolitan Shibakoen, next to Minato Library
16	3-4:30 p.m.	Shamisen and Nihon-Buyou: Shamisen performance & introducing <i>Nihon-Buyou</i> , Japanese dance Capacity: First 300 people Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Inquiries: Challenge Community Club, Tel: 080-3301-9287	Meiji Gakuin University, Shirokane Campus
20	12:10-12:50 p.m. Doors open at 11:50 a.m.	Women's Chorus Concert by Chor Minato Capacity: First 130 people Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Inquiries: Promotion of Art and Culture Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2343 (Japanese only)	City Assembly Hall, 5F of Minato City Assembly Bldg.

Library Movies *Doors open 30 min. before the starting time.

3	2 p.m.	The First Grader – 2010, England, 103 min.	Azabu/30
9	2 p.m.	Dogura Magura – 1988, Japan, 109 min.	Konan/45
22	1 p.m.	Le Salaire de la peur – 1953, France, 148 min.	Takanawa/50
24	2 p.m.	The Looking Glass War – 1969, U.S., 107 min.	Mita/60

Library Events

3	1:30 p.m.	Library Concert	Minato/90
13	2:30 pm	Storytelling, Daddy's Sandwich	Konan
23	2 p.m.	Seminar about daily life	Mita
24	12:30 p.m.	Play board games Eligibility: Children 10-year-olds and older	Akasaka/20

Sale of Recycled Bikes

Minato Recycling and Management Office Working Contact, 3-9-6 Moto-azabu		
10	10 a.m.	About 15 recycled bikes in good condition that are reclaimed and repaired are sold. The drawing starts at 10:30 a.m. Minato City residents have priority. Price: Ranges from ¥7,900 to ¥9,900 Inquiries: Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710

MIA Events

Minato International Association Toei Kita-aoyama 1-chome Apt. No. 3, 1-6-3-B1 Kita-aoyama 107-0061
Tel: 03-6440-0233 Fax: 03-6440-0234 E-mail: office@minato-intl-assn.gr.jp
Web: <http://www.minato-intl-assn.gr.jp>

9	1:30-3:30 p.m.	Japanese Festival ~Traditional play of Japan~ Fee: ¥300 for MIA members and ¥500 for non-members, free for 11 year old children and under Enjoy picture storytelling, <i>Bon</i> dancing, and <i>Wadaiko</i> performance.	Azabu Civic Hall/ Call or send an email to MIA
16	Noon to 1:30 p.m.	Let's Chat in Japanese Enjoy chatting in Japanese with other participants.	Space D of Mita NN Bldg, 4-1-23 Shiba
16	2 to 3:30 p.m.	Let's Rediscover Japan Topic: What is Freedom of Religion? Speaker: Fr. Paul Koroluk Fee: ¥500 or ¥200 with student ID	Space D of Mita NN Bldg, 4-1-23 Shiba
23	10 a.m. to noon	Welcome to Minato City ~ Coffee Morning ~ Having difficulty finding the information you need? We can help you. Coffee will be served.	MIA/ Call or send an email to MIA

Kissport Events and Announcement

Kissport, Minato Sports, Community, Culture, and Health Foundation Tel: 03-5770-6837 Fax: 03-5770-6884 Web: www.kissport.or.jp			
10	2 p.m.	Music Promenade - Songs and piano concert Performers: Students from Tokyo University of the Arts Eligibility: First 400 people Free admission. Come to the venue directly.	Akasaka Civic Center

INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

Minato City World Carnival

The Minato City World Carnival will be held as a grand finale of all the festivities held from January through March. More than 20 embassies and diplomatic missions will introduce their cultures and traditions and selling their local food and souvenirs at the booths. Also, dance and music of each country will be performed on the stage. Come and learn about various countries and cultures.

Date and time: March 24, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Place: Tokyo Tower, 4-2-8 Shibakoen

Minato City World Carnival Lottery

At the venue, visitors will be able to participate in a lottery depending on the number of stamps they have collected in the Minato City Stamp Rally of Embassies and Diplomatic Missions, or the number of cards collected in the Minato City Shopping Street World Card Rally. Both rallies will be conducted until Sunday, March 24.

Moreover, there will be an event in which visitors can receive stamps on-site.

Inquiries: Minato City World Festival Administration Office Call Center, Tel: 03-6737-9397, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Minato City World Festival website: <http://www.world-festival.jp>



CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Japanese Traditional Performing Art

Please experience Japanese traditional performing arts through workshops of *Mie* poses and performance of *Renjishi*, Two Lions.

Date and Time: March 24, 1:30 p.m. to 2:40 p.m.

Place: Promotion of Machine Industry Building B2F, 3-5-8 Shibakoen
English interpretation service and materials are available. Free admission.

Application: First 250 people; Call: 03-6914-6004 (10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.), Email: minatoku_jtpa@tsukurusu.com; Apply for temporary childcare by March 15.

Inquiries: Global Community Planning Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2308

Minato Public Health Center

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH

Eligibility: Registered residents or registered foreign residents of Minato City

Minato Public Health Center: 1-4-10 Mita, Tel: 03-6400-0083

	Eligibility	Date	Time	Place
Stomach, colon cancer	Residents aged 35 or older Capacity: 20 people	Weekdays in April	8:30 to 9:30 a.m.	(B)

Appointment for HIV test, Tel: 03-6400-0081

Eligibility	Examination date	Exam. results available	Place
HIV/STD test*	Open to all	4/4, 4/18	9:30 to 10:30 a.m. (A)

*The result is two weeks later from the check-up day at the Minato Public Health Center

Other examinations, Tel: 03-6400-0084

	Eligibility	Date	Time	Place
Checkup and consultation for babies/infants	An eligible resident must receive the notification - 4-month-old: Born in December, 2018 - 18-month-old: Born in September, 2017 - 3-year-old: Born in March, 2016		A notification will be sent to eligible.	(A)
Birthday dental checkup	Babies aged one and two-year-olds born in April	4/17	1:30 to 2:30 p.m.	(A)

(A) Minato Public Health Center

(B) Genki Plaza Medical Center For Health Care, 3-6-5 Iidabashi Chiyoda-ku

Note: You need to apply and make an appointment in advance.

Inquiries and appointment: Minato Public Health Center, Tel: 03-6400-0083
For inquires in English, contact Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710

Himawari Medical Facilities Consultation Service

If you are looking for a doctor or pharmacy, you can call or visit the Himawari English language website.
Himawari informs medical institutions and Japanese healthcare system.
Tel: 03-5285-8181, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
www.himawari.metro.tokyo.jp/qq/qq13enmnl.asp

ANNOUNCEMENT

2019 Minato City's Policy

At the first 2019 regular meeting of the Minato City Assembly that opened on February 13, Mayor Masaaki Takei delivered a policy speech regarding the city administration. For more details about the policies and fiscal 2019 budget, please see the Minato City Web.



Mayor of Minato City on the left and Chairperson of the Minato City Assembly on the right.

REDUCE WASTE

Recycled Furniture Exhibition

As a measure to reduce large-sized waste and promote effective use of resources through reusing the furniture, Minato City operates the Recycled Furniture Exhibition. Wooden furniture that is still in good condition is assessed by the quality of each piece, collected for free, exhibited and sold at the Recycled Furniture Exhibition. About 100 quality items collected from Minato City residents are sold at low prices in the exhibition area, which is approximately 125 square meters.

If you are looking for decent furniture with reasonable prices, or if you would like to dispose of furniture for free, please visit or apply to the Recycled Furniture Exhibition.

If you would like to purchase furniture

The price of each item is set according to its size and quality, typically between ¥1,000 and ¥10,000 per item irrespective of brand or manufacturer.

Perhaps you will discover a furniture brand you have always wanted to obtain, or an item that is just perfect for your room. Items are sold on a first come first served basis, so furniture that are still in good condition may become sold out quickly. Please come and see the store.

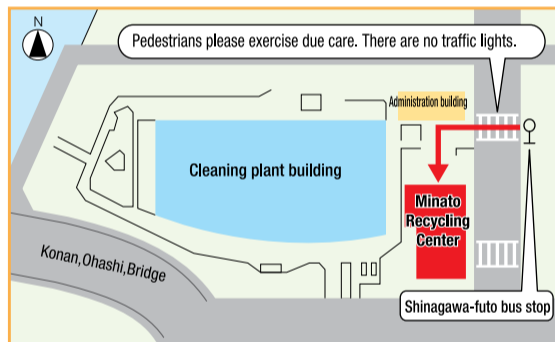
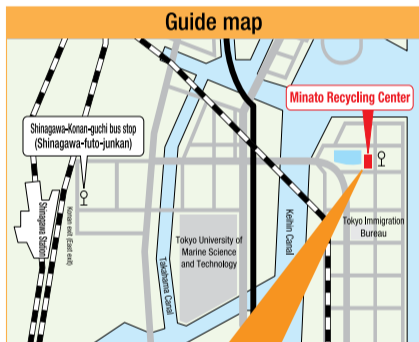
* Home delivery service fee for the furniture will be charged separately.

* Everyone can purchase furniture, but the home delivery service is limited to people residing in Minato City and nearby cities.

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed: Sundays, the 3rd Thursday of every month and December 28 to January 3

Place: Minato Resource Recycle Center 2nd floor, 5-7-1 Konan



Access: Take the Toei bus bound for Shinagawa-futo Junkan from the Shinagawa Station Konan Exit, and get off the bus at the Shinagawa-futo bus stop. It is a one minute walk from the Shinagawa-futo bus stop. For further details about the Recycled Furniture Exhibition, see the website at <http://www.city.minato.tokyo.jp/gomigenryou/kurashi/gomi/kate/3r/kagu.html> (Japanese)

If you would like to dispose of furniture

Usually disposing large-sized waste requires a pick-up fee. However, the Recycled Furniture Exhibition offers a service to collect unwanted wooden furniture in good condition from Minato City residents for free, after assessing the quality of each piece.

For further details about the free furniture collecting service, see the website at http://www.city.minato.tokyo.jp/gomigenryou/2012_03_20.html (Japanese)

* As a result of assessment, in some cases, furniture may not be collected depending on their conditions and quality.

Supervising Section: Minato Recycling and Waste Management Office

COLUMN

Four Seasons and the Japanese Food

Doll's Festival

March 3rd is *Hinamatsuri*, or Doll's Festival, when families pray for their daughters' growth and happiness. They place *Hina* dolls, or dolls wearing traditional Japanese costumes on a terraced platform covered with red cloth. This custom originated from *hina-nagashi*, or doll floating, in which ancient people released these dolls into rivers to stay away from sickness and bad fortune. Back then, dolls were used as effigies and people believed that children's illness and misfortune would be transferred to these dolls.

As a food, *chirashi sushi* is served. *Chirashi sushi* is a vinegared rice mixed with sliced shrimp, beans, eggs, and other ingredients. The ingredients have meaning. The shrimps symbolize longevity and the beans refer to work diligently or neatly. Please have some chirashi sushi while wishing for your continuing health and happiness.



Chirashi Sushi

GUIDED TOUR

Minato City Waterfront Walking & Cruising English Tour



Volunteer guides of Minato City are offering English guided tours introducing the beauty and culture of Japan. Join us and visit magnificent photo spots in Minato City.

Tour routes

Tour A (hereafter A): Meet at JR Shinagawa Station – 45 minute walk to Shinagawa Central Garden, and others – 1 hour cruise to Shibaura Canal, Rainbow Bridge, and others – Finish at Minato Park Shibaura

Tour B (hereafter B): Meet at Tamachi Station – 15 minute walk to Shibaura Island – 15 minute cruise to Odaiba Seaside Park – Statue of Liberty – Daiba Civic Center, experience calligraphy and folding Japanese *origami* paper – Finish at Odaiba-kaihinkoen Station on the Yurikamome Line

Date & time: A: March 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
B: April 20, 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Eligibility: Elementary school students and over who can understand English and can walk the whole route.

How to apply: Visit the MINATO Travel and Tourism Association, <https://www.minato-kanko.com> → Volunteer Guided Tour (English) → Fill in the entry form, write the name of your accompanying person

Capacity: 30 for A and 10 people for B, selected through a lottery

Fee: ¥600 for adults and ¥300 for children, expense for B
Free for A.

Note: For B, if the tour is cancelled due to rough weather, the organizer will contact participants by 9 p.m. on April 19.

Application deadline: March 7 for A and April 6 for B. Application results will be sent to all applicants by March 13 for A and April 12 for B.

Inquiries: Minato City Volunteer Tour Guide, MINATO Travel and Tourism association, MinatoCityVolunteerTourGuide@gmail.com

CHANNEL 11

Minato Public TV Program Guide

J:COM MINATO-SHINJUKU **MARCH schedule**

Program	Time	Program Summary
<i>Minato-ku Koho Topics, Minato City</i> 30 min. program	10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 9 p.m.	<Public Announcement> Delivers important announcements, new information, or events in Minato City. Introduction of 1-10: Graffiti erasing activity 11- 20: Junior high school students' Tokyo marathon relay 21-31: Odaiba Gakuen Koyo Elementary School

Note: Programs may change without notice. You can also see the programs broadcasted by this channel on the Minato City Web or Youtube. The Koho Topics are also broadcasted in the Chii-bus and the Odaiba Rainbow bus. Video/DVD lending is available at the Office of the Mayor, Regional City Offices, and each public library. Videos/DVDs of programs broadcasted from February 2018 to last month are available.

Inquiries: J:COM Minato-Shinjuku, Tel: 0120-914-000

Population of Minato City

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2019

Total: 257,868

Japanese Residents: 237,637

Male: 110,958 / **Female:** 126,679

Registered Foreign Residents: 20,231

Male: 10,643 / **Female:** 9,588

