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Central hall of Minato City Local History Museum

## 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 18 and over 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] [www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/e/](http://www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/e/)  
[Mobile] [www.lib.city.minato.tokyo.jp/m/](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.

**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:** 3rd 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 in November 2018, 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:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., until 8 p.m. on Saturday

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

**Fee:** ¥300 for adults, ¥100 for high school students and under  
Free admission for people aged over 65 and disabled people residing in Minato City, high school students and under residing and studying in Minato City.

Please bring your ID to verify your address, age, etc.

For more information, please visit the Minato City Library or the Minato City Local History Museum 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 vehicle tax (category base), which is imposed 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 taxes in 2020 despite not owning a light motor vehicle.

**Completing the procedures**

For motorcycles up to 125cc, visit the Counter Services Subsections of Regional City Offices.

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

**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 29, 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 in the Minato City Shopping Street World Stamp Rally.

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: [www.world-festival.jp](http://www.world-festival.jp)



**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 28 and April 4. The counter will be open 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 Daiba annex and 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
- 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.

**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
18-30	10 a.m.-6 p.m., until 8 p.m. on Fri & Sat	<b>Art Exhibition of People with Disabilities Children with Disabilities Living in the Society</b> Art created in the facilities for people with disabilities in Minato City, from the project for children with severe disabilities. Admission free. Closed on Tue <b>Inquiries:</b> Disabled Persons' Welfare Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2458	1F lobby of Special Exhibition Gallery, The National Art Center, Tokyo
<b>Library Movies</b> *Doors open 30 min. before the starting time.			
1	2 p.m.	<b>With Byrd at the South Pole</b> – 1930, U.S., 83 min.	Azabu/30
7	2 p.m.	<b>Alone in Fukushima</b> – 2014, Japan, 98 min.	Takanawa/40
14	2 p.m.	<b>The Little Princess</b> – 1939, U.S., 93 min.	Konan/45
<b>Library Events</b>			
8	10:30 a.m.	<b>Bookstart</b>	Minato
11	2:30 p.m.	<b>Storytelling</b>	Konan
13	2 p.m.	<b>Origami class for adults</b> <b>Eligibility:</b> Junior high school students and older	Takanawa/10
14	12:30 p.m.	<b>Let's play board games</b> <b>Eligibility:</b> 10 years old and older	Akasaka/20
<b>Sale of Recycled Bikes</b>			
<b>Minato Recycling and Management Office Working Contact</b> , 3-9-6 Moto-azabu			
8	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. <b>Inquiries:</b> Minato Call, Tel: 03-5472-3710	
<b>MIA Events</b>			
<b>Minato International Association</b> Toei Kita-aoyama 1-chome Apt. No. 3, 1-6-3-B1 Kita-aoyama, 107-0061 <b>Tel:</b> 03-6440-0233 <b>Fax:</b> 03-6440-0234 <b>E-mail:</b> office@minato-intl-assn.gr.jp <b>Web:</b> http://www.minato-intl-assn.gr.jp			
7	Noon - 3 p.m.	<b>Japanese Cooking Class</b> Make and enjoy Japanese cuisine. <b>Capacity:</b> First 20 foreign people <b>Fee:</b> ¥1,500 for MIA members, ¥2,500 for non-members Reservations required.	Minato Park Shibaura 2F, 1-16-1 Shibaura/ Call or send an email to MIA
14	Noon - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Let's Chat in Japanese</b> Enjoy chatting in Japanese with other participants.	
14	2 - 3:30 p.m.	<b>Let's Rediscover Japan</b> <b>Topic:</b> Qatar and my life in Japan <b>Speaker:</b> Mr. Abdulla Jassim Al-Zeyara <b>Fee:</b> ¥500 or ¥200 with student ID <b>Capacity:</b> 40 people	Space D of Mita NN Bldg, 4-1-23 Shiba
28	10 a.m. - noon	<b>Welcome to Minato City ~Coffee Morning ~</b> Having difficulty finding the information you need? We can help you. Coffee will be served.	MIA/ Call or send an email to MIA
4/4	2 - 4 p.m.	<b>Ohanami, Cherry blossom viewing picnic</b> Planned by the MIA Youth Team <b>Capacity:</b> 20 people <b>Fee:</b> ¥500	Around Kita-aoyama/ Call or send an email to MIA
<b>Kissport Events and Announcement</b>			
<b>Minato Sports, Community, Culture, and Health Foundation</b> <b>Tel:</b> 03-5770-6837 <b>Fax:</b> 03-5770-6884 <b>Web:</b> www.kissport.or.jp *Programs may change without notice.			
30	11:15 a.m.	<b>Romanian International Music Competition for Youth</b> Children aged 5 to 14 years old playing piano, string and wind instruments <b>Capacity:</b> 400 people Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Free admission	Civic Center, Akasaka Civic Hall
31	10 a.m.	<b>Inquiries:</b> Romanian Music Society in Japan, Tel: 03-6869-9621	
4/25	1:00 p.m.	<b>23rd Japanese Speech Contest by Diplomats</b> About 20 diplomats will speak in Japanese comparing Japanese culture and that of their own countries. Everyone is welcome. Come to the venue directly. Free admission <b>Inquiries:</b> Japanese Speech Contest Executive Committee for the Embassy Staff, Tel: 03-6904-3102	

### EXHIBITION

## France eMotion - The Animated Journey

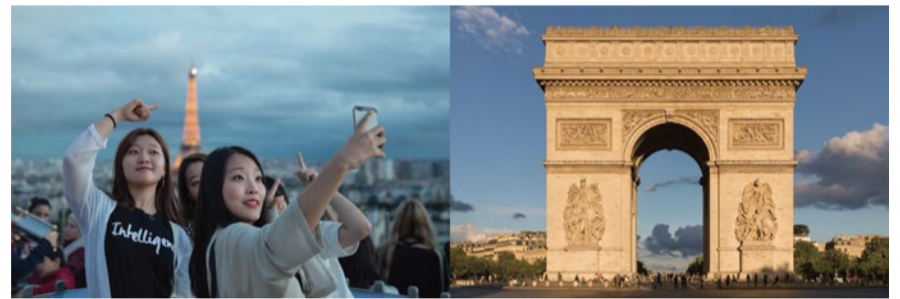
Presenting photos from different regions of France with the cooperation of Atout France, the France Tourism Development Agency.

If you download the App and point your phone lens at the exhibited photos, you will see them along with animation.

**Date and time:** March 2 to 17, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Place:** 2F & 3F Tokyo Midtown Galleria, 9-7-1 Akasaka

**Inquiries:** Global Community Planning Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2046



Experience an animated journey to France

### ANNOUNCEMENT

## 2020 Financial Budget

The FY2020 budget will be announced in the Minato Monthly April edition.

**Supervising Section:** Financial Affairs Section

## 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	Time	Place
HIV/STD test*	Open to all	4/2, 4/16	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 2019 - 18-month-old: Born in September 2018 - 3 years old: Born in March, 2017		A notification will be sent to eligible.	(A)
Birthday dental checkup	Babies aged one and two years old born in April	4/15	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

\*Genki Plaza will be relocated to Jimbocho from April.

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

**Inquiries and appointment:** Minato Public Health Center, Tel: 03-6400-0084

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

# 2020 Mayor's City Policy

At the first 2020 regular meeting of the Minato City Assembly that opened on February 19, Mayor TAKEI Masaaki delivered a policy speech regarding the city administration.

For more details about the policies and fiscal 2020 budget, please see the Minato City Web.



CHANNEL 11

## Minato Public TV Program Guide

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

Program	Time	Program
<b>Hi from the Mayor of Minato City</b> 20 min. bilingual program	10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.	Introducing Minato Science Museum, which is a facility where everyone from children to adults can enjoy learning about science. It will be opening on April 1.
<b>Minato-ku Koho Topics, Topics in Minato City</b> 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. <b>1-10:</b> Tokyo marathon relay <b>11-20:</b> Art and Culture Festival <b>21-31:</b> Spring National Traffic Safety Campaign

**Note:** Programs may change without notice. You can also see the programs broadcasted by this channel on the Minato City Web or Youtube. 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 2019 to last month are available.

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

COLUMN

# Introducing Traditional Arts and Crafts

## Kanazawa Gold Leaf

*Kanazawa Haku* is the gold leaf produced in Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture. This lustrous gold leaf is used in famous Japanese temples such as *Kinkaku-ji*, lacquerware, modern crafts, clothes, cosmetics, food, and other numerous products.

In its long history, for some periods, gold leaf production was prohibited by the Japanese government. To overcome this hardship, gold leaf manufacturing was conducted secretly by saying it is to manufacture copper or brass foil.

This history shows the passion of the craftsmen in passing down the art of gold leaf to the future generations. When you encounter hardships, you may be encouraged by craftsmen's strong will to maintain and pass down traditional art. Because the art of gold leaf crafting has been continued until today by overcoming many difficult times.



REDUCE WASTE

# Recycled Furniture Exhibition

March is a busy season with people moving in and out. When leaving Japan, you may want to dispose of furniture that is no longer necessary. You may want to purchase furniture at an affordable price when starting a new life in Japan.

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

Quality furniture collected from Minato City residents are collected, simply cleaned, repaired, and sold at the Recycled Furniture Exhibition. 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 be sold out quickly. Please come and see the store.

Moreover, part of the furniture displayed at the store can be seen at the Minato City website. Please take a look.

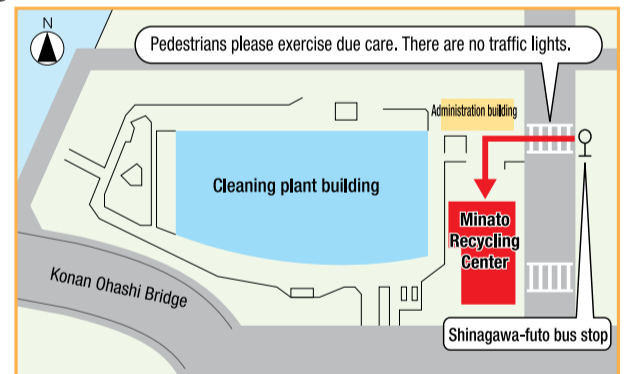
\* Home delivery service fee for the furniture will be charged separately.  
\* Everyone is eligible for purchase but home delivery service is limited to people residing in Minato City and nearby cities.

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

**Closed:** Sundays, 3rd Thursday of every month and December 28 to January 3  
The exhibition will be closed at 4:30 p.m., so please spare enough time.

**Place:** Minato Resource Recycle Center 2F, 5-7-1 Konan

**Access:** Take the Toei bus bound for Shinagawa-futo junkan from Shinagawa Station Konan exit, and get off the bus at Shinagawa-futo bus stop. It is a one minute walk from the Shinagawa-futo bus stop.



### 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 [www.city.minato.tokyo.jp/gomigenryou/2012\\_03\\_20.html](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

# Population of Minato City

AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 2020

**Total: 261,015**

**Japanese Residents:** 240,414

**Male:** 112,428 / **Female:** 127,986

**Registered Foreign Residents:** 20,601

**Male:** 10,806 / **Female:** 9,795

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