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Happy New Year

Sunrise from Shin-hamazakibashi
Kaigan 1 chome

As the Mayor of Minato City, I would like to wish everyone a happy and prosperous New Year.

Now that the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has subsided, vitality has returned to the City, with many large-scale events being held again in various area. Our ways of working and living have also been transformed by the pandemic.

Looking towards a new post-COVID era, we are currently engaged in work to update the Minato City Basic Plan. The Basic Plan was formulated based on opinions we received from our residents and we continue to advance it, aiming to achieve the vision of "Minato City, a place where all are welcome and can take pride in their communities."

In terms of child-raising support measures, we are enhancing our services and programs, including young carer support measures, temporary childcare and in-home temporary childcare services that are accessible for whatever reason, babysitter usage support, and housework and child raising support during pregnancy and the postpartum. Through these measures we aim to realize a city full of smiling children.

Digital technologies continue to make remarkable advances, and by accelerating "Minato City Version DX" which will transform administrative services to respond to the needs of the new age, we will dramatically improve resident service by making online application procedures and cashless payments.

Given the major impact of commodity price increases, in order to provide a boost to both residents' daily lives and help businesses in the City, this fiscal year we are supporting the issuance of "Premium Minato City Gift Certificates" on two occasions, with a total value of 1 billion yen. Following on from the previous fiscal year, we are also implementing the second 1 billion yen "Mina-Profit Point Return Campaign," aiming to make the City even more lively than before the pandemic.

Last year marked the 100th anniversary of the Great Kanto Earthquake. Minato City is currently working to revise local disaster management plan. In order to protect the lives of residents from all kinds of danger, including infectious diseases, large-scale earthquakes, and flood damage, we will further strengthen measures from prevention to recovery, and steadily advance initiatives to realize a resilient city than ever before, including earthquake countermeasures for residential complexes, measures for people who have difficulty returning home, and sending information at the time of a disaster through the Minato City Disaster Prevention Portal Site.

The population of Minato City continues to grow, and is projected to reach 300,000 seven years from now, in 2031. The City will continue to do our utmost this year to respond accurately to demand for administrative services that is expanding along with population growth, welfare for the elderly and people with disabilities, city development and disaster prevention measures after COVID, measures for children, and to make the City a place where everyone can continue to live in safety and comfort.

We hope this year will be full of happiness and cheer for all of you.



Takei Masaaki
TAKEI Masaaki,
Mayor of Minato City

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CULTURE

Art Exhibition of People with Disabilities Children with Disabilities Living in the Society

Art created in the facilities for people with disabilities in Minato City, from the project for children with severe disabilities, and others.

Free admission

Date & time: 1/19-2/14, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Until 8 p.m. on Saturday

Place: Minato City Local History Museum 4F, 4-6-2 Shirokanedai

Inquiries: Disabled Persons' Welfare Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2670, Fax: 03-3578-2678



Step 1 "Step 1's 56 Chameleons"



Rainbow-colored Wind "R-c. No. 1"

NOTICE

Introducing Minato International Association

Minato International Association (MIA) is an organization dedicated to conduct international exchange events and providing support for everyday life for foreign residents in Minato City, based on our mission to "Create a society in which anyone from diverse cultural backgrounds can live in a way that is true to themselves." Living in Japan, there may be times when you will find yourself facing difficulties, either not fully understanding Japanese culture and customs, or being unable to communicate what you want to express effectively in Japanese. Consult to MIA about problems you may be having in your life in Japan, or communicate with other people in a similar situation to exchange ideas, and learn Japanese. People of all nationalities and ages are welcome.



Exchanges with people from around the world

We hold a variety of events throughout the year to facilitate exchanges among Japanese and foreign residents. To deepen the understanding of Japanese culture, we organize hands-on events with traditional musical instruments and visits to temples, allowing foreign residents to explore the history and origins of Japanese culture. With the theme of intercultural exchange, both instructors and participants are Japanese and foreign people.

Learn and communicate in Japanese

"Japanese Language Classroom" offers Japanese language courses for those studying Japanese for the first time, or for those who wish to learn Japanese from the basics. This is a commissioned project from Minato City.

"Let's Chat in Japanese" provides a place for foreign people to speak in Japanese who do not have enough opportunities to speak in Japanese, who want to improve Japanese, or who want to exchange information.

Assistance in daily life for foreign residents

Foreign resident who is experiencing difficulties in their daily life can seek advice from MIA free of charge. All consultations are kept confidential. Once a year we also hold "Free Professional Consultations for Foreign Residents." You can consult with professionals such as lawyers and legal specialists with an interpreter.

- Follow us on social media to receive the latest information. MIA updates event information in social media. Please follow us.

Facebook "Minato International Association"

@minato.international.association

Facebook in Easy Japanese

@mia.yasashiinihongo

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@mia_minato

CHILD SUPPORT

After-School Child Support

Minato City is seeking for new members to join our after-school Pupils' Clubs at Children's Hall and the "Hoka GO → Pupils' Club" from 4/1, 2024. Both clubs provide after-school care for children of working and busy parents. For more information, please visit Minato City web.

Supervising Subsection: Children and Youth Support Subsection, General Administration Section of Regional City Office

Population of Minato City

AS OF 12/1, 2023

Total: 266,529

Japanese Residents: 245,159

Male: 114,481 / **Female:** 130,678

Registered Foreign Residents: 21,370

Male: 10,946 / **Female:** 10,424

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