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EVENT

## **Eco Life Fair MINATO 2024**



The Eco Life Fair will be held to spread messages regarding the environment. Date & time: 5/18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., light rain or shine Place: Arisugawanomiya Memorial Park, 5-7-29 Minami-azabu **Program:** A stage show about environment, introduction of activities of participating organizations, free bitter gourd seedling distribution,



sale of recycled bikes, free bike check-ups, quizzes providing gifts for the participants, recycle bazaar, and more.

**Supervising Subsection:** Global Environment Subsection

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

LEARNING JAPANESE

## Join the Nihongo Salon



Why not participate in the Nihongo Salon, a project to support Japanese language learning in the community? You can learn Japanese through conversations with local residents.

Talk about Japanese culture and living in Japan in small groups. Participation is open to those who can speak a little Japanese and who live in Japan.

The Salon is held at the Shibakoen Residents' Collaboration Space on Thursdays and at Roppongi Junior High School on

Access the website using the 2 dimensional code for further details, such as time and date. You can also apply via the website.

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

#### MULTI-LINGUAL SUPPORT

## We are Expanding our Multi-lingual **Interpretation Telephone Service**

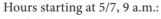


Foreign residents can phone the City Hall without facing language barriers.

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. Please feel free to use it.

#### **Multi-lingual Interpretation Telephone Service**

Who can use this service: Those who need to communicate in languages other than Japanese.



Weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (may vary depending on the open hours of City Hall)

#### How the Multi-lingual Interpretation Telephone Service works



Choose the preferred language from the top of the screen, and call the multi-lingual interpretation call center.



The call center connects the call to Minato City,





Inquires: Global Community Planning Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2308/2046

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Minato Call CITY INFORMATION SERVICE

## Childbirth Expense Subsidies

#### Eligibility

All of the following must apply.

- 1. The child's mother/father must have an address and have resided in Minato City for one or more years before the date of filing a subsidy application.
- 2. The child has lived in Minato City with the mother/father from the date of birth.
  - \* However, there is an exception when both parents are foreign nationals and given birth outside Japan.
- 3. The mother of the child must be enrolled in a Japanese public health insurance.
- 4. The application must be submitted within one year from the date of birth.

#### Summary of the subsidy

Minato City provides a subsidy to the balance of expenses for the child's delivery expense and for the childbirth hospitalization up to ¥810,000, after deducting the childbirth allowance received. The additional amount for mothers giving birth to more than one child is up to ¥480,000.

#### Required documents

- Copies of receipts and of a detailed statement of childbirth costs issued by the hospital
   If childbirth takes place overseas, a translated document is
- 2. A copy of the mother's health insurance card
- 3. A copy of the document of consent for the direct childbirth lump-sum allowance payment system or a copy of the notice of the childbirth lump-sum allowance determination notice issued by the enrolled health insurance union

#### Other required documents

If an additional payment to the childbirth lump-sum allowance is/has been provided, a copy of the determination notice for the additional payment must be submitted.

If childbirth is performed by caesarean section, etc., and the applicant is eligible for high-cost medical care benefits, a copy of the benefit determination notice must be submitted.

For more information on other required documents, please confirm with the health insurance that you are enrolled.

#### **Application**

Fill in a childbirth expenses subsidy application form and submit the required documents either at the Health and Welfare Subsection of Regional City Offices, or via postal mail to the Child Benefits Subsection, Minato City Hall, 105-8511.

\*The childbirth expenses subsidy application form is available at the Child Benefits Subsection on the seventh floor of Minato City Hall and at the Health and Welfare Subsection of Regional City Offices. It can also be downloaded from the Minato City Web.

**Inquiries:** Child Benefits Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2433 Health and Welfare Subsection of Regional City Office

## Population of Minato City

AS OF 4/1, 2024

Total: 267,250

Japanese Residents: 245,387

**Male:** 114,691 / **Female:** 130,696

**Registered Foreign Residents:** 

21,863 Male: 11,182 / Female: 10,681



#### PARENTAL BENEFITS

# **Support Allowance for Single Parents**

The following information is about Support Allowance for single parents, requirements needed to receive them.

#### Support Allowance for single parents

**Eligibility:** Allowance is provided for people who are nurturing a child until the first 3/31 after the child's 18th birthday who meet any of the following conditions.

- Parents/guardians are officially divorced
- A child's mother or father is deceased
- A child's mother or father is severely disabled
- A child's mother or father's life or death is unknown
- A child who has been abandoned by his/her mother or father for one or more years
- A child's mother or father was issued a protective order from a court
- A child's mother or father is detained for one or more years
- The mother conceived the child out of wedlock, including common law and de facto marriages

**Note:** Not eligible if the child is living in a facility, including an infant home.

If you are eligible, please consult at the Health and Welfare Subsection of Regional City Office.

**Inquiries:** Child Benefits Subsection, Tel: 03-3578-2432 Health and Welfare Subsection of Regional City Offices

#### RULES & MANNERS

### **Minato City Smoking Rules**

People who live, work, and visit Minato City need to follow the Minato City Smoking Rules. Please follow the smoking rules. We appreciate your cooperation.

#### **Smoking Rules**

At all open public places in Minato City including streets, parks, children's playgrounds, and public open spaces:

- 1. Do not drop cigarette butts on the ground.
- 2. Do not smoke in places other than the designated smoking spaces.
- 3. Even when smoking on private property, do not involve other people to second-hand smoking.

#### **Smoking Space Map**

The city distributes Minato City Smoking Space Maps in English, Chinese, and Korean at the City Hall, Regional City Offices, etc. It can be also viewed from the Minato City web.



Minato City logo for smoking space







Minato City Smoking Rules Poster



Staff are patrolling for smokers who are disobeying Minato City Smoking Rules.

**Supervising Subsection:** Environmental Policy Subsection

#### WELFARE

### Minato City Barrier-free Map

An online barrier-free map designated for senior citizens, disabled people, and people accompanied with an infant is available. This map contains details of barrier-free facilities such as parks, stations, toilets, and other public places in Minato City. You can see the map from PC, smartphone, or mobile phone in English and Japanese. Please take a look.

**URL:** https://www.city.minato.tokyo.jp/hofukukanri/kenko/fukushi/shogaisha/hibakusha/bf-townmap.html

**Supervising Section:** Health and Welfare Section

