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Event

Beginners Japanese Course

Are you interested in learning Japanese?

This Japanese course is designed for beginners and those who are learning Japanese for the first time.

Students will learn to read and write hiragana and katakana, as well as basic vocabulary and conversational skills.

The course is open to people aged 16 or older who live, attend school, or work in Ota City.



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🕒 January 19, 22, 26, 29; February 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 24 (Tue)*, 26; March 2, 5, 9, 12, 2026

Lessons are held every Monday and Thursday.

* Please note that there will be no lesson on Monday, February 23, due to the public holiday. The lesson scheduled for this day will instead be held on Tuesday, February 24.

10:00 am to 12:00 pm (total 16 lessons)

📍 Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota")
(2nd floor, 4-16-8 Kamata, Ota-ku)

💰 2,000 yen (covers 16 lessons, textbook, and materials)

👤 About 15 people

📄 Apply on the website (first come, first served basis)

📞 Global City Ota Cooperation Association (GOCA)

☎ 03-6410-7981

Fax 03-6410-7982

Email: mail@ota-goca.or.jp



Notice

Accepting Applications for the FY2026 “Gathering of Twenty-Year-Olds*” Steering Committee

* An event organized by Ota City to celebrate residents’ twentieth birthdays and deepen their connections to the community. It is held every year on Coming-of-Age Day.

We are accepting applications for committee members who will plan and operate a ceremony to be held in January 2027 together with Ota City. Applicants must be Ota City residents born between April 2, 2006, and April 1, 2007. Planning meetings will be held about one to three times a month on weekday evenings from May 2026 until the end of January 2027. They will take place at Ota City facilities, including the Ota City Office and Consumer Center (5-13-26-101 Kamata, Ota-ku).



Application period From Monday, December 1, 2025, until Saturday, January 31, 2026

- Free
- 10 (Members will be chosen by lottery if many applications are received.)
- Apply on the website
- Youth Health and Development Section, Community Activities Promotion Division
- ☎ 03-5744-1223
- ☎ 03-5744-1518



Notice

Relocation of the Ota City My Number Card Center

The Ota City My Number Card Center has moved to a new location in front of JR Kamata Station.

There is no parking for cars and bicycles. Please use the nearby Ota City Office parking lot or bicycle parking lot, or take public transportation.

(Hours of operation)

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (reception closes at 6:30 pm)

Saturday to Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (reception closes at 4:30 pm)

(Closed on the third Saturday of the month and the following Sunday, national holidays, and year-end and New Year’s holidays)

(Services available)

You can perform the following procedures related to your Individual Number Card (My Number Card):

- Pick up your card (by prior appointment only)
- Extend your card’s validity period
- Reset your PIN
- Change your name or address, etc.

Please visit the website for more information.

8th floor, VORT Kamata, 5-15-1 Kamata, Ota-ku

Ota City My Number Call Center

☎ 0570-03-3370

Fax 03-5690-8760



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Notice Recyclables* and Waste Collection Days during the Year-End and New Year Holidays

* Recyclables: Newspapers and leaflets, magazines and paper packs, cardboards, bottles and cans, plastic bottles

All collection will be suspended between Wednesday, December 31, 2025, and Saturday, January 3, 2026.

Regular collection will resume on Monday, January 5. As a special exemption, combustible waste will be collected on Sunday, January 4, for districts with a Wednesday/Saturday collection schedule.

Collection times and routes may change greatly during the year-end and New Year's holidays, so be sure to place your recyclables and waste at the collection station by 8:00 am on the collection day.

Project Promotion Section,
Resource and Environment Department
☎ 03-5744-1628 Fax 03-5744-1550



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Notice Child Allowance Procedure during the Year-End and New Year Holidays

Child allowance applications will not be accepted at service counters between Saturday, December 27, 2025, and Sunday, January 4, 2026. If you have a new baby born in December or have recently moved into Ota City, please submit your application within 15 days from the day after your "date of change" (i.e., your baby's date of birth or your expected moving-out date from your previous place of residence).

Your application will be accepted even if you do not have the necessary attached documentation ready, so please submit your application by the deadline. Submit your application by one of the following means:

- Service counter for the Child Growth Support Section, Child Growth Support Division
- Apply on the website
- By post

* You may also submit your application at a branch office only when it is associated with your moving into Ota City or the birth of a baby (branch offices will not accept applications in other cases).

Please visit the website for more information.

- Child Growth Support Section (Medical Care for Children), Child Growth Support Division
(Counter No. 23, 3rd floor, 5-13-14 Kamata, Ota-ku, 144-8621)
☎ 03-5744-1275
Fax 03-5744-1525



Notice HIV Testing is Available

Ota City's Public Health Center offers free and anonymous HIV testing twice a month on Wednesdays. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government Shinjuku East Exit Testing and Consultation Office also offers testing every day except national holidays. Please visit the website for more information.



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- December 24, 2025; January 7 and 21, 2026 (all Wednesdays)
9:00 am to 10:00 am
- Kamata Area Office, 2nd floor medical examination room
(2-1-1 Kamata-Honcho, Ota-ku)
- Free
- 35 people per location (advance reservation is required)
- Make a reservation on the Ota City website
- Infectious Disease Countermeasures Section,
Infectious Disease Countermeasures Division
☎ 03-4446-2643 Fax 03-5744-1524
Tokyo Metropolitan Testing and Counseling Office
☎ 050-3801-5309



Event

Children's Study Support Class

Ota City offers study support classes for elementary and junior high school children who are learning Japanese. If your child struggles with schoolwork or homework because of problems understanding Japanese, attending this class can help. The adult volunteer staff will work with your child to help them improve.

● Classroom activities

- Help with homework
- Learning textbook contents and vocabulary
- Engaging in learning activities that use Japanese, etc.

● To be eligible, children must:

- Be between elementary school grade 1 and junior high school grade 3
- Attend school in Ota City
- Be those struggling with Japanese or are learning Japanese



January through March 2026 (every Wed *excluding national holidays)
3:45 pm to 5:15 pm

(total 9 classes: January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18)

Class 1 (children in elementary school grades 1 to 5): 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm

Class 2 (children in elementary school grade 6 up to junior high school grade 3): 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm

* You may decide which class your child will join after consulting with a staff member.



Within the Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota")
(2nd floor, Kamata 4-16-8)



Free



Class 1: About 10 children
Class 2: About 10 children



• Service counter: Global City Ota Cooperation Association (GOCA)
(Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota"),
2nd floor, 4-16-8 Kamata, Ota-ku)

- Apply on the website
- Email: mail@ota-goca.or.jp
- Fax 03-6410-7982

Students will be chosen by lottery if there are many applicants.



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Event

Special Exhibition: Following in Kaishu's* Footsteps - Japanese Students' Exploration of Other Countries

* KATSU Kaishu (1823-1899): A Japanese person who lived from the end of the Edo period to the Meiji era.

This exhibition focuses on letters written to Katsu Kaishu by Japanese students studying abroad. These letters shed light on the students' feelings toward Kaishu and his role in fostering international talent.



Friday, November 14, 2025, to Sunday, March 8, 2026
10:00 am to 6:00 pm

* Closed on Mondays (the following day if Monday is a national holiday)



Katsu Kaishu Memorial Museum
(2-3-1 Minami-Senzoku, Ota-ku)



General: 300 yen; Elementary and junior high school students:
100 yen (Various discounts are also available)



Katsu Kaishu Memorial Museum
☎ 03-6425-7608 Fax 03-6425-7610



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