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Free Open Days for Furuhama's Beach Volleyball Court



Have you ever wanted to play beach sports on a court of soft, pure white sand? Here's your chance.

Equipment for beach volleyball, beach tennis, and other activities will be loaned out free of charge, allowing you to enjoy a variety of beach sports.

Brief instructions will also be provided those who request them.

The Free Days are for enjoyment by children and adults alike, so feel free to come with the whole family!



When

Tuesday, October 5 and Monday, October 25, 2021 Morning session: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm Afternoon session: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where

Main beach volleyball court, Omori-Higashi Waterside Sports Area 1-37-1 Omori-Higashi, Ota-ku

Cost

Free

Capacity

Up to 15 people per court. A rotation system will be used.

How to apply

Apply at the court on the day you wish to play.

Inquiries

Sports Promotion Division

1 03-5744-1441 FAX 03-5744-1539
E-mail sports@city.ota.tokyo.jp



Daycare Center Applications (for Use from April 2022) and Consultations with Childcare Service Advisors

Applications for authorized daycare centers

Eligibility

Children who are unable to receive childcare at home due to their parent's or guardian's employment (including job hunting), illness, childbirth, nursing care or caregiving duties, school attendance, or similar reason.

Obtaining the required documents

The 2022 "Daycare Center Application Guidebook" and forms necessary for application will be available at the places for application beginning on Monday, September 27. Please read them for information on applying for a daycare center. The guidebook and forms will also be available for download on the Ota City website. Confirmation of foreign nationals' status of residence will be required.

Important matters

November is always a very busy time of the year at city offices. Because of this, and to help prevent COVID-19 infections, we ask that you choose a time of the day that is relatively less crowded to apply. When visiting an application counter, please limit the number of people accompanying you to the minimum necessary. If your child cannot eat certain foods for religious reasons, please indicate this at the time of application.

Sunday reception

9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, November 7, 2021 Applications will be received at the Nursery Services Division on the Ota City

Office's 3rd floor. Consultations with childcare service advisors

When

From Friday, October 1, to Tuesday, November 30, 2021

How to apply

Bring the necessary documents to one of the locations provided.

Description

Childcare service advisors will provide information on childcare facilities and advice on child-rearing matters.

An appointment is required. Please make your appointment by telephone. Changes in the COVID-19 situation may force the cancellation of some appointments, so please check the Ota City website before coming in for your appointment. No appointment is necessary for telephone consultation.

Where to apply

Applications for authorized daycare centers

We recommend inquiring with the Nursery Services Division if there are any items on the application form you do not understand or if you wish to receive advice.

Making an appointment for in-person consultation with a childcare service advisor

Childcare Service Advisor, Nursery Usage Support Section, Nursery Services Division Requests for appointments are accepted between

Inquiries

Nursery Usage Support Section, Nursery Services Division
☐ 03-5744-1280 FAX 03-5744-1715

If you wish to send an inquiry by e-mail, please use the link to the dedicated e-mail form at the bottom of the web page.



Bicycle Safety Rules and Manners

Although the number of traffic accidents in Ota City has been falling in recent years, the percentage of those involving bicycles is going up year by year. Your bicycle is a vehicle. Please keep that in mind and observe the following "five rules for safe bicycle riding."

The five rules for safe bicycle riding

- 1 As a general rule, ride on the road. Riding on a sidewalk is for exceptional cases only.*
- 2 Keep to the left side of the road.
- 3 Remember that pedestrians have priority on sidewalks. When riding on a sidewalk, proceed slowly and keep to the sidewalk's road side.
- 4 Observe safety rules.
 - Do not ride when intoxicated, and do not ride double or abreast.
 - · Use lights at night.
 - At intersections, observe traffic signals.
 Stop and make sure the way is safe before proceeding.
- 5 Children should always wear a helmet.

- * Riding a bicycle on a sidewalk is permitted in the following cases:
 - · When specified by traffic signs
- When the rider is a child under the age of 13, a senior citizen aged 70 or older, or a person with a physical disability
- When riding on the road is hazardous due to road construction or traffic congestion

Inquiries

Urban Infrastructure Development Management Division つ 03-5744-1315 FAX 03-5744-1527



The "Disaster Prevention Check Guide for Families" is now Available in Foreign Languages (English and Chinese)

1 Basic description

Ota City has prepared and begun distributing English and Chinese versions of "Disaster Prevention Check Guide for Families," a pamphlet for disaster preparedness that was originally issued in Japanese in 2019. With easy-to-understand explanations, it describes steps that should be taken in the home to prepare for disasters. Use it to check your family's disaster readiness and to make disaster preparedness part of your daily life.

2 Contents

- (1) Quake-proofing
 - a) Measures to prevent furniture from tipping
 - b) Household emergency stocks
 - c) Actions to take in an earthquake
- (2) Wind and flood preparedness
 - a) Familiarizing yourself with the weather (e.g., torrential rain, typhoons, etc.)
 - b) Protecting your home from floods and strong wind
 - c) Key points of evacuating from floods and storms
 - d) Creating a "My Timeline"
- * A "My Timeline" is a self-tailored action plan for evacuation that organizes advance preparations and actions directed at wind and flood disaster resulting from the likes of typhoons and heavy rain in chronological order.

3 Where to get it

The pamphlet is available at the Disaster Preparation and Crisis Management Division, Branch Offices, the Household Residents Registry Division, the Internationalization & Multiculturalism Promotion Division, the Policy Information Center, and mics Ota.



The pamphlet can be downloaded from the GOCA website.

Inquiries

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Special Exhibit Commemorating the Katsu Kaishu Memorial Museum's Second Anniversary: "Yoshinobu and Kaishu: The Intersecting Paths of a Lord and a Retainer"



Katsu Kaishu joined with Tokugawa Yoshinobu to bring about Edo Castle's bloodless surrender in the closing days of the turbulent Tokugawa Shogunate.

Yoshinobu later went on to live a long life in seclusion in Shizuoka, while Kaishu became a member of Japan's peerage class under the Meiji government. What feelings were exchanged between these two men-one a lord and the other a retainer-behind the scenes as these events played out? This exhibition explores Yoshinobu and Kaishu's 30-year relationship through materials in the museum's collection.

In addition, a letter written to Kaishu by Shibusawa Seiichiro immediately after Edo Castle's bloodless surrender will be exhibited in the research corner. Seiichiro was portrayed as a key character in NHK's historical drama *Reach Beyond the Blue Sky*.

When

Friday, September 17, to Sunday, December 12, 2021 Museum hours: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

- * Closed Mondays (the following day if Monday is a national holiday)
- * The museum will be closed between Monday, September 13, and Thursday, September 16, for exhibit changeover.
- * Visit Ota City's website for the latest information.

Cost

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





Where (Inquiries)

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



Japanese Language Course "Reading School Handouts" for Foreign Parents and Guardians



Do you struggle to read the handouts your child brings home from school? This course will help you learn how to read handouts, find important information on them, and learn the meanings of words that often appear in them. Visit the Ota City website for details.

Eligibility

* Childcare is available (a reservation is required). The first three children (at least one year old but not yet elementary school age) will be accepted.

October 25 to November 22, 2021

(each Monday; total of five classes)
Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Capacity

First 15 applicants

Global City Ota Cooperation Association

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Foreign parents and guardians with elementary and junior high school-age children

GOCA website

Global City Ota Cooperation Association meeting room (2-3-7 Sanno, Ota-ku, 5th floor)

junior high school-age children People with the ability to read hiragana and katakana.

Elementary Japanese Class

This class is for people who are studying Japanese for the first time. Participants can attend in the classroom or online.

Description

- Japanese for daily life (Japanese used in restaurants, hospitals, post offices, and shops as well as during disasters and emergencies)
- · Hiragana and katakana

Eligibility

People living, working, or attending school in Ota City Visit the Ota City website for details.

GOCA website



When

Where

October 3 to November 21, 2021 (each Sunday; total of eight classes)

Hours: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Where

Consumer Center (1st floor) mics Ota classroom (5-13-26 Kamata, Ota-ku)

Cost

1,500 yen (for textbook and materials)

Capacity

15 participants

"Japanese Used in Nursing Care" Course

People interested in working in the nursing care field as well as those just starting out in this field will learn "Japanese used in nursing care" and "communication with Japanese people in the workplace" to make their work easier.

Visit the Ota City website for details.

GOCA website



October 21 to December 9, 2021 (each Thursday; total of eight classes) Hours: 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Room No. 4 (5-13-26 Kamata, Ota-ku)

Consumer Center (2nd floor) Meeting

Free

Cost

Capacity

15 participants

Where

When

Global City Ota Cooperation Association (GOCA)

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