

## *Gotemba Newsletter*

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<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

★Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

## 1. National Traffic Safety Exercises Start This Fall

National traffic safety exercises start from September 21<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>.

Last day is "No fatal accident" day.

The four key points are:

- Prevent senior driver accidents
- Prevent accidents in the evening and at night involving bicycles and pedestrians
- Make sure all passengers are wearing their seat belts, and children are securely fastened in child seats
- End drunk driving
- Ensure children / senior pedestrian safety (Main point)

For more information please contact Kurashino Anzen-ka (Public Safety Department) at (82)4123

## 2. Gotemba Citizen's Art Festival / Inquiry: Shakai Kyoiku-ka at (82)4319

On Stage

\*Place: Main hall at Citizen's hall

\*Admission free

Event Type	Date and Time	Content
Opening ceremony	September 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun.) 13:00-	-
Western Dance Festival	September 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun.) after opening ceremony	Hula dance, Ballet dance etc.
Heartwarming concert	October 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.) 13:00-	Light music, Taisho Koto etc.
Japanese music	October 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.) 13:30-	Sankyoku (ensemble of the instruments), Japanese dance
Wind Orchestra	October 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.) 13:30-	Brass band concert
Chorus Festival	October 27 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.) 13:00-	Chorus

On display

\*Last day for flower arrangement, art exhibition and calligraphy are held until on 16:00. \*Admission free

Event Type	Date and Time	Place	Display content
Flower arrangement exhibition	September 21 <sup>st</sup> (Sat.) – 22 <sup>nd</sup> (Sun.) 9:30 – 17:00	Small hall in Citizen's Hall	Work display by local group and High school club. Flower arrangement experience (with charge)
Art exhibition	October 3 <sup>rd</sup> (Thu.) – 6 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.) 10:00-17:00		Painting, 3D works display etc.
Original Poster display	October 5 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – 13 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.) 9:00 - 21:00	Display hall at Citizen's hall	Display citizen's art festival poster for next year and original program picture of cover page
Calligraphy exhibition	October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – 14 <sup>th</sup> (Mon.) 10:00 – 17:00	Small hall in Citizen's Hall	Creative work and Rinsho display
Swords exhibition	October 12 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – 14 <sup>th</sup> (Mon.) 9:00 – 16:30	Chichibunomiya Memorial Park	Historical value of swords display
Japanese cultural art display	October 26 <sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – 27 <sup>th</sup> (Sun.) 26 <sup>th</sup> : 10:00 – 17:00 27 <sup>th</sup> : 9:00 – 16:00	Small hall in Citizen's Hall	Hand made craft, gardening and Haiku display

## 3. Do You Have Bicycle Insurance?

Shizuoka prefecture is obligated to have bicycle insurance and promote bicycle use in Shizuoka.

There are many kinds of insurance for bicycles. Some of the car and fire insurance coverage policies come with bicycle accident insurance. So please check the details on the Shizuoka prefecture home page.

Effective date: October 1st (Tue.)

Content: Obligation of bicycle insurance, obligation of wearing bicycle helmets (for any commute including elementary students, Jr. High school students and or any children riding on the bicycle etc.)

Inquiry: Ken Kurashi Kotsu-ka (Shizuoka prefecture life traffic safety division) at 054(2213)2549

#### 4. Changing Expiration date of Health Insurance Card for Senior Citizens

Due to the combining of National health insurance recipient cards for seniors (person age from 70 to 75) and health insurance cards as of August, 2020. You will receive a new health insurance card (which is colored olive-green) by the middle of September in the mail, which expires on July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Due to this change, the new health insurance card will be sent to you by the middle of July next year. (If your age is over 70 and younger than 75, you just need to show your health insurance card after next August)

Health insurance expiration dates:

Now: October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> in 2020

After change: August 1<sup>st</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup> in 2020

Attention: There are some different cases for people who have elderly healthcare insurance or short term health insurance.

Inquiry: Kokuho Nenkin-ka (National health insurance and national pension section) at (82)4121



\*A new health insurance card is olive-green color

#### 5. Municipal Housing for Rent

Eligible applicants are those who:

- 1) Are having difficulty finding affordable housing
- 2) Applicant and a total family income are less amount than specified by the public housing law last year.
- 3) Have a cosigner who is qualified by Shizuoka prefecture.
  - \* People who already own their housing or are a resident of municipal housing now can't apply for this.
  - \* Single applicant who applies for single housing need to meet other conditions.

Details of housing: Prefectural housing

- Higashiyama Danchi A type: 11 housing (3DK)
- B type: 1 housing (3DK)
  - \* First-come, first served basis
  - \* After an application is turned in, we conduct document screening.

Inquiry: Please contact at the Ken Jyutaku Kyokyu Kosya Tobu-shisho (Housing supply Corp. east branch) 055(920)2271

#### 6. GIA International Cooking Class from Italy – Making fresh pasta. Bon appetite!

Date & Time: October 19th (Sat.) from 14:00 to 16:00

Place: Kitchen at Civic center

Subjects: Learn to make fresh Italian pasta and mushroom cream source

Capacity: 20 people (First-come-first-served basis)

Fee: There is a participation fee

How to apply: Apply to the GIA office by Wednesday, September 25th by call at (82)4426

## 7. Free Advice for Foreign Residents

Date: October 20, 2019 (Sun.) 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Reception 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.)

Place: Sun-Wel Numazu (2F) [Hinode-cho 1-15] Meeting rooms (*Daikaigi shitsu* and *Shokaigishitsu*)

\* It's 15 minute-walk from North Exit of Numazu sta.

Contents: Lawyer, administrative scrivener and the certified social insurance labor consultant are available for consultation on the status of residence, international marriage/divorce, labor's issue, social insurance, the procedure of immigration and administrative information etc.

◆Anybody including foreign residents, their families and employers can consult, and can make an appointment in advance.

◆Interpreters of English, Portuguese, Spanish and Chinese are available.

◆No charge and all your information will be classified.

Information and Reservation: Numazu City Hall at 055- 934-4717 (Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.- 5:15p.m. Mon. - Fri.)



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