

Gotemba Newsletter

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Happy New Year

(Photo on December 8th at Itazuma)

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

1. National Pension Starts From 20 Years Old

All residents (including internationals) in Japan who are between 20 years old to 59 years old must join the national pension and are responsible for paying it. The national pension not only ensures your retirement life, but it also supports you or your family if you become physically disabled by disease or injury or if you lose your main income source family member. This coverage needs to be completed and paid for during your enrollment. Please make sure you check your status. Using the future payment contribution system, a discount is applied.

Inquiries: National health insurance pension division at (82)4122 or Japan pension service,

Numazu pension office at 055(921)2201.

<https://www.nenkin.go.jp/service/scenebetsu/hatachi.html>



2. Municipal Housing for Rent

Every month we are looking for municipal housing residents.

Announcement date: 10th of every month

Application period: 10th to 18th of every month

Inquiry: Please contact Housing supply Corp. east branch) at 055(920)2271, <http://www.sjkk.or.jp/>

2. Extension Period for Injury and Illness Allowance Caused by Covid-19

Insured people with national health insurance or in the medical insurance system for the elderly aged 75 or over that are infected or suspect infection with a fever or other symptoms, that have to be from absent work or are getting paid less salary from their work. If this applies to you, you are eligible for a government allowance.

For Covid-19 infection, or suspected Covid-19 infection, national health insurance holders or holders of medical system for the elderly, will be provided an injury and sickness allowance when they haven't received full salary due to suspicion of infection because of fever or other symptoms resulting in forced absence.

- Subject (Must meet these 4 conditions)
 - Must be a national health insurance holder or in the medical system for elderly system and receiving salary.
 - Have taken time-off for recovery due to Covid-19 or suspicious symptoms.
 - Have taken 3 days straight off from work and were absent for a 4th day between the dates of January 1st in 2020 to March 31st in 2021.
 - Didn't receive pay or were docked pay.
- Applicable days:

You will be compensated for the number of scheduled work days missed after the initial 3 days of absence.
(if you are hospitalized, the maximum applicable days will be 1 year and 6 months)

• Payment amount:

$\frac{\text{Total amount of 3 months continual salary}}{\text{Working days}} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \text{Applicable days}$

※This payment amount might change depending on conditions. If receiving benefit pay or receiving allowance from other medical insurances, the amount will be less or none. This payment amount has an upper limit.

Inquiries: National pension, benefit staff at (82)4121, Elderly medical staff at (82)4188

2. It's Not Cheap! Trial Mail Order Subscription from online shopping

(Case study)

A woman purchased some make-up sample products for 500 yen online. A week later she receives 2 packages from the online company. She learns that she would be charged for 30,000 yen once she received her 4th package. She wants to cancel immediately after the 2nd package.

(Explanation)

Mail order subscriptions may look like a great deal when shopping online, so you apply. Then you learn how expensive the product will actually be. Mostly you see a great deal of advertisement, and the actual mail order subscription isn't described very well.

There are many cases like these. People of all ages from teenager to elders, both men and women have sought consultation for similar reasons recently.

- ① Contract period was several months, not just one month.
- ② Purchased item wasn't your size but you can't cancel your contract.
- ③ Unable to contact the sales company.

(How to approach)

If you ignore the situation, your contract continues and you keep receiving products or bills. In the case you can't confirm the terms of service, please get consultation from the city consumer affairs center as soon as possible.

Inquiries: City consumer affairs center at (83)1629, Fax (82)4333

5. GIA Starts Using LINE!

Now GIA has an official Line account. Not only announcing GIA activities or events, but you can also get information for international residents.

How to use:

- ① Open Home screen of LINE application and tap Add-friend button on the right top of the screen.
- ② Tap QR code
- ③ Scan the QR code with code reader.

Please register GIA Line account!



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