

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. Expiration of Free Coupons for Rubella Countermeasures

Targeting men who tend to have a lower antibody retention rate compared to other generations, the rubella countermeasures project was implemented starting from 2019.

Free vouchers expire March 31st, 2022. If you have taken advantage of this coupon for an antibody test or vaccination, you don't need to be tested or vaccinated again. If you haven't taken an antibody test yet, please get one as soon as possible.

*There are some cases you might need a coupon reissued, please check your expiration date on the free coupon.

- Subjects (Men)
 - Who was born from April 2nd in 1962 to April 1st in 1972
 - Who was born from April 2nd in 1972 to April 1st in 1979
(Expiration is described as 3/31/2020 on the coupon but it's actually available till 3/31/2021. Therefore, a new coupon will be sent you after 4/1.)
- Procedure of antibody test and vaccination

You receive a coupon.

*In the case of lost voucher before your test or vaccination it'll be reissued.

Antibody test:

*You can take the antibody test at any participated medical examination office in Japan for free. (specific medical examination or medical institution can be checked up in some cases.)

Things to bring: Coupon and ID

Without antibodies

With antibodies

*You will not be qualified subject.

Grant approved for vaccination, so let's get vaccinated.

*You can receive the vaccination at medical institutions in Japan which are participating in this promotion for free.

Inquiry: For more details please call Kenko Suishin-ka at (82)1111.

2. Information for Light Motor Vehicle Tax (depends on type)

Light vehicle tax (depends on type) is charged to owners as of every April 1st. If you haven't file as a junk for your motor cycle or light motor vehicle, please file the paper by the end of March at the counter.

*Please contact the office for required document before you process.

Inquiry: Tax division at (82)4128



For more informations please check city home page at <https://www.city.gotemba.lg.jp/kurashi/b-2/b2-5/11349.html>

3. Updated Disaster Prevention Map

For 3 years, starting from 2019, Gotemba city, will be updating its disaster prevention map. The current updated disaster map is scheduled to be distributed during the middle of March.

- Updated target wards (16 wards)
Fukasawa, Hagiwara, Nimaibashi, Gotemba, Kayanoki, Nishi-tanaka, Hokkubara, Hitosugi, Yuzawa, Komakado, Zimba, Itazuma, Hotozawa, Nagatsuka, Kitabata, Ohsawa
- The main changes are additional content being added and modified are
 - Assumed flooded Kisegawa river area
 - Operation of heavy rain warning level
 - Temporary Information of Nankai Trough Earthquake

* The disaster prevention map can be checked on the city homepage.
City homepage: <https://www.city.gotemba.lg.jp/sangyou/f-2/f-2-2/7.html>
Inquiry: Crisis Management Division at (82)4370



4. Jyuku-no Mori Spring Event

- Mt. Fuji photo exhibition "Colors of four seasons and Mt. Fuji star-scape."

These photos are exhibited from Mr. Ryuji Iida, a Mt. Fuji local photographer. On display are his seasonal Mt. Fuji, photos and star-scape photos. Other photos include pictures selected by the Gotemba star group, and photos of flowers growing around Mt. Fuji.

Period: Until May 5th (Wed. holiday)

Time: From 9:00am to 5:00pm

Admission fee: Free of charge

Inquiries: Tourism exchange division at (82)4622 or Fuji-san Jyuku-no Mori at (80)3776.

5. Citizen's Section Services on Weekends for the End of Fiscal Year

Due to the general personnel transfer-season, citizen's section will offer services on the weekend. The business hours are also extended 2nd and 4th Tuesday until 6:45 pm.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 27th and Sunday, 28th from 8:30 am to 5 pm

Place: City Hall, front desk at citizen's section on the 1st floor, Main building

Services available:

Contents: Registration of Resident move notification, family register proof and Inkan (Personal Seal) registration, acceptance and issuance of those related proof for residence certificate, official family registry and Inkan registration, issuance of grant of the "The social security and tax number system", MY NUMBER. (Need appointment in advance)

- * Changing school procedure due to the address change will not be available.
- * Wide-area services for residence certificate, Inkan registration and family register/ duplicate copy, some of issuance will not be available.
- * Also some services may take more than a day to complete the process.

Inquiry: Citizen's section at (82)4120.

6. Be Cautious of Fraudulent Businesses Jumping on Corona's Maelstrom!

(Case study)

A seafood distributor called you, and claimed to be providing information to customers who purchased items from them when they went to travel before. Begging for some help due to the decreasing number of tourists caused by the Corona maelstrom, you end up buying an assorted seafood set for 20,000yen out of sympathy. After the phone call you find out this was a totally different distributor from where you purchased before. You want to cancel the order.

(Explanation)

This is an example of a fraudulent business jumping onto the Corona maelstrom. Saying there is a shortage of tourists buying seafood, like crabs, at tourist locations, trying to take advantage of consumer sympathy.

(To avoid this kind trouble)

- Even if someone says they are struggling with their business or begging you for help, don't trust them.
- Give yourself time to process the call by cooling-off, if solicited by telephone.
- If in spite of refusing their solicitation they send you a seafood set, note the sender's contact info. and refuse to receive the package.

If you have any concerns or problems, please get advice at the city consumer affairs center.

Inquiry: Consumer affair center at (83)1629 or Fax (82)4333.

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