

Gotemba Newsletter

Events:

1. New Traffic Network Opened
2. City Landslide Disaster Drill/ National Disaster Drill Implemented
3. Covid-19 Vaccination

- ★ The Gotemba Newsletter can be viewed on the GIA Internet site:
<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.



April 2nd photography at
Fujisan Jukuno mori

1. New Traffic Network Opened

...Shin Tomei Expressway
National route 138 Subashiri/ Gotemba bypass road (West section)

As of April 10th, the Shin Tomei expressway (Shin Gotemba IC - Gotemba JCT), National route 138 Subashiri/ Gotemba bypass road (West section) and others are open.

Traffic in the city has changed tremendously. Various effects of the openings are expected to relieve congestion, improve logistic stability and promote tourism in the future.

Please use it by all means.

Inquiry: Road construction and river division at (82)4221

2. City Landslide Disaster Drill/ National Disaster Drill Implemented

In Japan damage is occurring almost every year caused by typhoons and torrential rain.

This is especially true when a landslide disaster happens, taking away life and property instantly with tremendous destructive power. It is difficult to predict landslides, but please evacuate as soon as possible once you are warned about the precursors.

- Check the evacuation site in advance

When you are at risk for this disaster, the city will call for evacuation by issuing evacuation information orders. However, it is on each civilian to actually take action should they decide to evacuate. If you live in a dangerous area, please confirm the evacuation route and site in advance in order avoid panic when it comes to evacuation.

- * Disaster prevention maps can check it at Gotemba city home page.
(<https://www.city.gotemba.lg.jp/anzen/a-1/a-1-8/512.html>)

Inquiry: Crisis management division at (82)4370



3. Covid-19 Vaccination

Elderly over 75 years of age, are eligible for and will receive notification for vaccination (vaccination ticket etc.) after the end of April. Resident vaccinations are scheduled at citizen hall, starting Saturday, May 8th.

Reservations can be made by calling the city vaccination reservation center or using the internet reservation site. (Details are enclosed in the notification)

There are cases where it may be difficult to reach the call reservation center, but please don't worry, because anybody who wants to, can be vaccinated anyway.

Elderly over 65 and younger than 75 years of age, can be vaccinated as soon as the vaccine is available.

Notifications will be sent out, and then vaccinations will be scheduled in the middle of June.

As the schedule is being adjusted, other people will be informed on the city home page as soon as it is decided.

- * Depending on the situation of vaccine supply, the schedule may be changed.

Inquiry: Health promotion division at (82)1111

☆ **Translated by KH of GIA volunteers**

Free Zoom (Telephone) Legal Consultation for Foreigners **(Interpretation Service Available)**

We will offer a free legal consultation for about 45 minutes with confidentiality via Zoom. The consultation topic can be immigration (status of residence, etc.), family issues (divorce, child support, inheritance, etc.), labor issues (unpaid wages, dismissal, workers' compensation, etc.), and other issues (debt, traffic accidents, etc.). Telephone consultation is only available when the Zoom consultation reservation is not filled.

Event Organizer: Kanto Federation of Bar Associations (POC: Suzuki)

Consultation Time & Date: 13:00 - 16:30 on Saturday, May 15th, 2021

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Application Process:

- 1) Please send an email to "kanbenren-gaikokujin@kanto-ba.org" with your name and desired language by Friday, May 14, 2021. Please make a consultation reservation accordingly after getting information guidance from us.
- 2) You can reach us for the consultation by calling 03-3581-3838 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm on the day of consultation. Telephone consultation is only available when the Zoom reservation is not filled.

* Please call the number back when the line is busy.

* There will be no cost for the consultation, but the telephone call rates will be charged

Available Languages (scheduled): Japanese, English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Filipino (Tagalog)

*The counselors are attorneys with the experience of having foreign nationals as clients. Experienced consultation interpreters are also carefully selected by the Kanto Federation of Bar Associations.

* Please check the Kanto Federation of Bar Associations website and the Facebook page for checking the status of consultation reservations as needed.

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