

Gotemba Newsletter

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1. Gotemba Venue for Tax Returns will be by Reservation Only
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1. Gotemba Venue for Tax Returns will be by Reservation Only

Inquiry: Revenue department at (82)4129

Reservations are required to file tax returns at the Gotemba tax return filling center (city hall), which will be open on Monday, February 17th.

Starting this year, reservations made the same day of the event are no longer possible, unlike last year. If you plan to file at the Gotemba venue, please make sure to make reservation in advance.

(How to reserve)

- Book online

Period: Starting 9:00am from January 14 (Tue.) through 5:00pm on February 28 (Fri.)

- Reservation for February must made by 5:00pm on February 14 (Fri.)
- Reservation for March must made by 5:00pm on February 28 (Fri.)

*Available 24 hours a day during the period.

*Email address is required to make a reservation.

Please make a reservation using this application form.



- Book by phone at (70)7501

Consultations Period: Starting from January 14 (Tue.) through February 7 (Fri.) excepting weekends and holidays, between 9:00am and noon, 1:00pm and 4:00pm.

*Reservation completion sheet *Available 24 hours a day during the period. Please bring it with you when you come.

*Please note that any inquiries or consultations regarding tax returns are not accepted via the dedicated phone number.

❖**Limited to before the filing period:** Available to file your resident tax return at the taxation division counter.

Available by Friday, February 14.

Please come to the taxation division with your tax return documents, and we will answer your questions about your tax return.

After Monday, February 17, applications will be accepted by reservation at the city hall.



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

2. Join the National Pension When You Turn 20 years-old.

All residents (including internationals) in Japan who are between 20 years old to 59 years old must join a 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.

*Things people ask often:

Q: How can I enroll and pay the national pension?

A: Enrollment is required so you do not need to do anything.

After 2 weeks of your 20th birthday, the insurance premium payment slips and some guide books will be mailed from the Japan pension services.

You can pay at convenience stores, and you can also pay by bank transfer or credit card.

*Payment can't be made city hall.

It is 16,980 yen per month for 2024.

Q: Is there any system to help when you have a difficulty to pay for economic reasons?

A: If you are a student, you can apply for the Special Payment System for students.

Also, if you are not a student and your income is too low to pay contributions or you have other reasons, you can apply for an exemption from contribution payments or the contribution postponement system. Please contact us for more information on what you need for your application.

Q: Is there any way to make national pension payments easier or more economical?

A: If you pay by direct debit or credit card, you can save yourself the trouble of having to pay every month.

If you opt for advanced payments (*), you can pay them at a discount rate.

*This is the system you can pay in advance. You need to apply for this during certain months, so please be careful.

Please check the Japan pension service website (2D code) for details.

Inquiry: Kokuho Nenkin-ka at (82)4122 or Numazu Pension Office at 055(921)2201



3. Recruitment of Scholarship Students

Loan period: Regular period of study at school

Loan amount: 12,000 yen monthly for high school, technical school (1st to 3rd year), vocational school (advanced course)

30,000 yen monthly for university (includes college), technical school (4th to 5th year), vocational school (specialized courses)

Eligibility:

- ① Child of a person who is registered in the city's basic resident register.
- ② Those who have excellent qualifications but are having difficulty studying due to financial or other reasons.
- ③ Those who is recognized as having no overdue city taxes among family members in shared the same household.

Returning scholarships: Full refund within 10 years (no interest, repayment support system available)

*For more information on the return support system, please check the city homepage. (2D code)

Number of people: 10 people

Application and inquiries:

The scholarship application form is posted on the Gotemba city website from 9:00am to 5:00pm from January 14 (Tus.) to February 3 (Mon.), excluding weekends. Please fill out the necessary information on the scholarship application booklet and bring it directly to the Education general affairs division along with the attached documents. Phone: (82)4520



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