

Gotemba Newsletter

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1. National spring traffic safety exercises will start from April 6th to 15th

Elementary and Jr. high schools in Gotemba have their entrance ceremonies on Friday, April 8th. Each freshman starts commuting to school with high hopes and a little bit of tension.

Let's be considerate when driving, and pay special attention to children.

Important point of the exercise

1. Ensuring a road traffic environment where children can pass safely and practicing safe crosswalks
2. Awareness of giving priority to pedestrians, being considerate, eliminating distracted driving, and promoting the proper use of seat belts and child seats
3. Wear a helmet and follow traffic rules when riding bicycles or specific small motorized bicycles
4. Ensuring traffic safety around crosswalks. (City's focus point)

Inquiry: Kurashi-no-Anzenka at (82)4123

2. You can submit student national pension insurance premiums if you are student over 20 years-old

I pension division at (82)4122 mazu Pension Office at 055(921)2201

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 earning family member.

Students can receive a deferment of payment of national pension insurance premiums by applying for special payment for students.

An application can be submitted once you turn 20 years-old, students need to apply every year.

In addition, the period during which the student national pension insurance premiums are approved will be added to the eligibility period for receiving the old age basic pension in the future, but it will not be added to the amount of the received. In order to receive a full old age basic pension in the future, you can pay an additional national pension insurance premium within 10 years after applying for a special student payment.

- **Objects:**

Registered students (at university, 2 years college or special school etc.) older than 20 years-old. Also, that person's income from the previous year is less than 1,280,000 yen.

- **Approval period:** The relevant fiscal year, from April to March of the following year.

- **How to apply:**

- ① **New applicant**

Apply at city hall or the nearest pension office after April 1st with the following.

(Things you need)

- A copy of your student identification card (Front and back) or student registration certificate (Original)
- “My number” or “Things including basic pension number”.

- ② **For renewal applicants**

* For students whose payment exemption is approved in 2024, an application postcard will be sent by the beginning of April. You will need to fill in the necessary information, and please send it back. If you have not received a postcard, please apply with a normal application after April 1st.

*Those who have extended their school period to pursue a higher education or etc. will need to apply again.



▲Mynapotal



▲Japan pension service homepage

3. Do you know about the subsidy for purchasing bicycle helmets?

Our city is subsidizing the cost of bicycle helmets up to 2,000 yen for those who purchase them within the city.

Wearing a helmet while riding reduces the risk of death in traffic accidents by half. To reduce even a single tragic traffic accident, please purchase a helmet and make use of the subsidy.

- **Eligible person:** Resident citizen
- **How to apply/ inquiry:** For detailed application procedures, please refer to the code provided.

Kurashi-no Anzenka at (82)4123

Applications are available from a smartphone or computer.



4. Subsidy for taxi vouchers for individuals with severe disabilities

There is a subsidy system for taxi vouchers for individuals with severe disabilities living in the city. One voucher can be used per ride, and it provides a subsidy equivalent to the base fare for a regular or small taxi.

Subject: Residents of the city who hold a disability certificate from categories 1 to 3.

- ① People with a physical disability certificate, Grade 1 or 2
- ② Individuals with a welfare certificate for persons with A rating
- ③ Individuals with a Mental Disability Health and Welfare Handbook, Grade 1 or 2

* Individuals residing in facilities for people with disabilities (children), elderly care facilities, or those who are exempt from automobile tax classification or the special exemption for light vehicle tax are not eligible.

Things to bring: Disability Certificate

How to apply/ inquiry:

Please come to the counter or contact or send a fax after Friday, March 21st to Social Welfare Division.

Contact number: Phone (82)4238 or Fax (84)1046

5. School attendance assistance system

This support is provided to parents or guardians of children having a difficult time attending school due to financial reasons so that all children attending elementary school or Jr. high schools can study equally. To receive certification, there are certain requirements such as the situation of household income, and an application is required.

Object: Parents or guardians of children and students attending municipal elementary and junior high schools

How to apply: Please contact each school directly.

Inquiry: Education general affairs division at (82)4520

6. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

※Fax and Telephone answering machine services are not available.

* FREE ITEMS: High chair for children, Baby chair with table, Baby bath, Study desk, Long dresser with drawers, Drawers, Single bed, Flowerpot

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): Fish tank

* DONATIONS NEEDED: PC

(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): Bicycle for boy

(Last updated on 2/12nd, 2025)

We only accept re-useable items. No items are stored in the office.

7. April's calendar of events

DATE	EVENTS/ TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/ TIME	LOCATION
1 (TUE)	Legal Counseling (1:00 pm)	City Hall	17 (THU)		
2 (WED)			18 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (1:10pm)	Health Care Center
3 (THU)	Mother Support Consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	19 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30 pm)	Library
	Mother Support Consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	20 (SUN)		
4 (FRI)			21 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:20 am)	Health Care Center
5 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30 pm)	Library	22 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
6 (SUN)			23 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Health Care Center
7 (MON)				Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	
8 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	24 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall
9 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library		Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center
	Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center	25 (FRI)	Health Consultation and Fluoride application for 2 and half years old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
10 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall	26 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30 pm)	Library
11 (FRI)	Adult Health Consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	27 (SUN)		
	Hello Baby Gathering (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center	28 (MON)		
12 (SAT)	OHANASHI HIROBA (2:30pm)	Library	29 (TUE)		
			30 (WED)		
13 (SUN)			(Tax payment) Payment due date: April 30 th (Wed) ● For the property tax and urban planning tax 1 st		
14 (MON)					
15 (TUE)	Seminar for 4 months Babies (9:30 am)	Health Care Center			
	Legal Counseling (10:00 am)	City Hall			
16 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center			
	Book Starts				

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