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Tsu City International Exchange Association

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Information about The Rising Cost of Living Special Relief Payment

- The rising cost of living special relief payment (70.000 yen per household) is offered for households which are exempt from the resident tax.
- There is a necessary procedure in order to receive the cash payment.

Eligible households

Households which are registered in Tsu City as of December 1st, 2023 and the entire household is exempt from the 2023 resident tax.

- No member of the household is listed as a dependent of another tax-paying individual.
- If the household received the same payment (70,000 yen) from another municipality, they can not receive it in Tsu City.

Tsu City Hall (Welfare Div.) sent a confirmation on January 19th to eligible households

* Criteria for the special payment:

Entire household is registered in Tsu City and exempt from the 2023 resident tax as of December 1st, 2023

Deadline for submission: March 21st, 2024 (Postmark valid)

 If you fail to send the confirmation form back, you will be considered as having waived this cash payment. Please send the form as soon as possible.

For those who are eligible but did not receive the confirmation:

Applications are needed

The application must be submitted between January 19th and Mach 21th in 2024

The application is available at the locations below

- A special desk at Tsu City Hall (8th floor)
- Welfare Div. at Tsu City Hall (1st Floor)
- Welfare Div. at all City Hall branches

2024 Noto Peninsula Earthquake Volunteers are needed now

If you want to volunteer to help in the affected area, you need to register in advance.

Once you register your email address, the administration center will send you the confirmation email.

Steps to register

- 1. Please register via the Ishikawa prefectural website. You will receive a confirmation email.
- 2. When you receive a volunteer request email, please make a reservation through your smart phone or PC. You can make mutiple reservations on the same reservation sheet.
- 3. You will receive a tentative reservation email.
- 4. You will receive a confirmation email, so please read it closely and select a volunteer activity of your choice.

Note: Please be reminded to buy volunteer activity insurance in advance.

Volunteer activity insurance is to cover your or a third person's medical expenses if you/they are injured or for accidental damage to property during your volunteer activity.

You can apply for the insurance at the social welfare council at your city. (Shakai Fukushi Kyoqi-kai)

Silver Emica Cards for Elderly

The cards need to be topped up to 2,000 pt by the end of March. Currently held points can still be used after April, but the maximum points even after the top up will be 2,000pt in total.



<Contact> Elderly Welfare Division at HQ (Korei Fukushi-Ka) ☎ 059-229-3156

METAL WELDING COURSE

Licence to Acquire

- JIS welding certification (SA-2F, SA-3F, A-2F)

- Certification of skill training course of gas welding.
- Certification of safety and health special education in Arc Welding.
- Certification of safety and health special education in grinding wheels.
 - (Optional) Slinging skill / Tamakake training course certification

Training period: From April 9, 2024 to September 4, 2024 (6 months) 8:30 to 15:40 **Tuition is free:** $\pm 20,000$ has to be paid for safety gears, uniform and accident insurance

Target participants: Those who are motivated to acquire skills and find employment in the metal forming department.

People who has no restriction on their VISA for work.

Interview and Selections: 6 (Wed) and 22 (Fri) March, 2024

For those who wish to participate in the entrance examination, please consult Hello Work office.

On the examination day, be sure to bring: Writing material (black ballpoint pen, pencil, eraser), Personal seal (A Japanese stamp with ink), Zairyu card (Resident card) and ID.

For those receiving the unemployment insurance: A document from Hello Work which describes the registration with photograph.

<For Inquiries Contact>

Tsu Kouto Gijutsu Gakkou (Tel. 059-234-3135) Kato and Kitamura **〒514-0817** 1176-2 Takachaya Komori-cho, Tsu City

DECLARATION FOR MUNICIPAL TAX

Those who earned any income in the preceding year (2023) must calculate the amount of tax. This is called "Kakutei Shinkoku".

<Who needs to file income tax returns>

- Independent business proprieties
- Employees whose companies have not filed for them
- People who need to report regarding deductions i.e. adding family members to support
- Cases where the person's salary was received from more than two places of business

< Places and Time >

Mie-ken kyoiku bunka kaikan 5F (2-142 Sakurabashi, Tsu City)

February 16 to March 15, 2024 9:00 to 17:00 (Closed on Saturday and Sunday)

<Things to bring>

- 1. Zairyu card
- 2. My number (card)
- 3. Seal (Inkan) if you have 4. Bank book
- 5. A withholding tax statement (Gensen Chosyu)
- 6. My Number for family member you support
- 7. Receipt of money transfer 8. Certification to show the relationship between you and people you support Note: Other documents may be required.

<For Inquiries Contact> Tsu Tax Office TEL 059-228-3131

Work place experience fair



For Junior/High school students

2024 3 / 30 Sat. 12:30>16:00

Vocational School Fair 2024

Venue: UST Plaza (UST Hall 4, 5F) (7514-0009 Tsu shi Hadokoro cho 700)

You can come without a reservation Non-Japanese students are welcome For Free

You can consult
about scholarships

	Cooking	Caregiving	Secretary	Patisserie	Nursing
,	Physical Therapy	Make up	Social Welfare	Dental F	lygiene
Bridal planner		Beauty salon business			



Mie-Ken Sensyu Gakkou Kyoukai (1-2934 Kamihama-cho, Tsu City) 2 090-1563-9743





FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN SPRING

March 1st - 7th

This is the time of the year when winter shifts to spring, the air is very dry and that makes it easy for fires to start. Once something catches fire, it can become huge quickly with strong winds. It is recommended to participate in a regional fire drill training in order to prevent fire.

Maintenance the fire alarm

You should pull the string or push the button to check if the alarm works. Many of the fire alarms' batteries and sensors will last only about 10 years. If you find any malfunctions, your fire alarm should be replaced.

When disaster strikes

When a black out happens after an earth quake or a typhoon, once the power is switched on again, fallen heaters can cause a fire. In order to prevent such kinds of fire, be advised to turn off fuses when any disaster occurs.

How to dispose of unused kerosene



If you dispose of kerosene improperly, it could cause a fire or be harmful to nature. When you dispose of kerosene

- If it is a very small amount, soak it into some paper or a cloth, and put it out as burnable garbage.
- If it is a lot of kerosene, please ask the shop or the gas station you bought it at to help dispose of it. **Please ask the store how much they can take and how much it costs.

MOTHER'S CHATTING

Parenting support gathering for non-Japanese mothers

- *Have you encountered any challenges related to child rearing in Japan?
- *Here is a chance to chat with other non-Japanese mothers
- *You can talk about your child, family or anything you want in a relaxed atmosphere
- Free No reservation is needed You can bring your child

Date: March 20th Wed, 2024 10:00-12:00 (Please come at your convenience) **Venue**: Region Plaza 2F, Room no.6 (adjacent to Tsu City Hall)

Note: Children can play and sing songs with hand motions

Japanese parents are welcomed, too

<Inquiry>

WELCOME **5** 050-6874-2643 welcome2020@outlook.jp

CANCELLATION OF LIGHT (KEI) CARS AND MOTOR BIKES

People who have light cars or a motor bike as of April 1st are taxed for the whole fiscal year.

If you don't cancel or change the name registration on the vehicle by the end of March, you will be required to pay the tax.

CHANGING OWNERS FOR LIGHT CARS AND MOTOR BIKES

Requirements

- Inkan (Seals) from both the new and previous owners Mandatory car insurance
- Car inspection certificate (Shaken-sho), New owner's Inkan (Seals) certification and resident certification

 ☆ Where to apply:

If the motorcycle has an engine under 125cc, please go to the Tax division on the second floor of City Hall. If it is over 125cc, you should visit the K-Car inspection association.

Inquiry for changing owners and cancellation

i	Vehicle type	Place of procedures	
	Scooter (under 125cc)	• Tax division on the second floor of City Hal 🕿 059-229-3129	
i	Small-sized special motor vehicle	Citizen division at each branch	
i	Light motor bike	• Mie transportation office ☎ 050-5540-2055	
	(over 126cc under 250cc)	(1190-9 Kumozu nagatsune-cho, Tsu City)	
I	 Light motor bike(over 250cc) 		
1	 Three-wheeled motor bike 	• K-Car inspection association 🕿 050-3816-1779	
i	Light(Kei) car	(1190-10 Kumozu nagatsune-cho, Tsu City)	

March is Suicide Prevention Enhancement Month

In Japan, every year, over 20,000 people lose their precious lives due to suicide. Various factors such as bullying, loneliness, financial struggles, illness, relationship issues, unemployment, and overwhelming debt can overlap, leading to a loss of hope and and increase the risk of suicide.

If you notice that those around you are unable to sleep, have lost their appetite, or have become less talkative, please try reaching out to them. Having someone to listen and think along with can prevent the loneliness of those who are troubled and provide a sense of security.

It is important not to struggle alone and to consult with proper institutions.

Talking about it, putting it into words, is the first step towards resolution.

POPULATION OF INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTS IN TSU (As of February 1st, 2024)

Country		Population	Monthly change
1	Brazil	2,241	-15
2	Philippines	1,796	12
3	Vietnam	1,698	1
4	China	1,257	-6
5	Indonesia	634	14
6	Nepal	519	-1
7	Bolivia	432	1
8	Korea	404	1
9	Myanmar	263	4
10	Thailand	248	-2
Others		871	15
Total		10,363	24
Gross Population		270,713	-287

GAMBARUKAI

- ★ Let's enjoy learning Japanese language!
- ★ Children can also ask homework questions.
- ★ This class is supported by volunteer staff.

Location: Takachaya Shimin Center (Address: Tsu-shi Takachaya 4-37-59) Date: Every Saturday 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Fee (per 1 time) : Adults ¥100, Children ¥0

CONSULTATION FOR INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTS

If you want to consult on your questions regarding public administration (i.e. health insurance, taxes, social assistance, education and other procedures), you can ask for assistance in Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog and English at Citizen Communication Division of Tsu City Office (3rd floor).

Contact: Shimin-koryu-ka

☎ 059-229-3102

JAPANESE LESSON ON SUNDAY

Venue: Tsu Center Palace 2F

Chuo Kominkan 2 059-229-3146

Time: 18:00~19:45

Date: 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 **Fee:** Free

Contact: Shimin-koryu-ka ☎ 059-229-3146

VOLUNTEER JAPANESE-LANGUAGE CLASSES IN MARCH

Geino	Hisai	Kawage
Sougo Bunka Center	Sogo Fukushi Kaikan	Kominkan
2 & 16 (Sat)	1,8, 15 & 22 (Fri)	3, 10, 17 & 24 (Sun)
6:00 p.m7:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m8:30 p.m.	1:00 p.m4:00 p.m.
Tsu-shi Geino-cho	Tsu-shi Hisai Higashi-	Tsu-shi Kawage-cho
Mukumoto 6824	takatomachi 20-2	Hamada 742
059-265-6000	059-255-8839	059-244-1701