

General Announcements

Thank you for your support in the long-distance relay race

On 2nd and 3rd of January, after 26 years University of Tsukuba participated in Hakone long-distance relay race. Commencing with sash filled with the hopes of city residents and along various cheering from Tsukuba, 217.1 kilometer long Hakone-route has been overcome.



47th Mt. Tsukuba Plum Festival

~Spring at the Mt. Tsukuba, covered with blossoms~

The Mt. Tsukuba Plum Grove is one of the main attractions at the Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark where around 1,000 plum trees bloom from February to March. From the "Azumaya (View Gazebo)", located at the highest point, visitors can have a panoramic view of Kanto Plain and on the days of fine weather one can even catch a glimpse of the Tokyo Sky Tree and Mt. Fuji. Also, Tsukuba granite megaliths laying at every turn contrastingly interweaves with the plum blossoms creating a refined scenery unique to Mt. Tsukuba Plum Grove.

!! For a stroll at the park, please come in comfortable clothing and footwear!

«During the period» Visitors can enjoy plum green tea service (every day), demonstration of Mt. Tsukuba specialty – common toad's oil peddler (every day), market of locally made products, Tsukuba outdoor experience – Forest Adventure, plum-blossom viewing from "Irori (sunken hearth)" (Sat., Sun.), open-air tea ceremony (on March 1st, 8th, and 15th), gourmet made from plums "Umehshoku", as well as "Fukure gourmet" made from fukure tangerines, Mt. Tsukuba specialty "Tsukuba Udon" (every store at the location), gourmet made with Mt. Tsukuba Plum Grove's plums available at

"Ume Café", greeting of Tsukuba sightseeing Ambassador (Sat., Sun.), tour guides provided by sightseeing guide volunteers 298 (Sat., Sun., HOL.) etc. !!Alterations/cancelations might occur due to the weather. For details please see the relevant webpage.



Olympic torch relay of Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games – Olympic flame comes to Tsukuba as well!

«Olympic torch relay in Tsukuba city»

The torchbearers will depart from Tsukuba Center square (in front of Nova Hall) and will arrive at the park in front of Kenkyū Gakuen station. The park will also become the "Celebration Venue" where diverse stage programs and torch relay parade booth take place. After the last Olympic torch runner reaches the Celebration Venue, the Olympic flame ignition ceremony will be performed.

«About Olympic torch relay route in Ibaraki prefecture»

«1st day: July 5th (Sun.)»

Departing from Kashima city, which is also the venue for upcoming soccer matches, the relay will continue through Rokkō, northern and central regions of the prefecture arriving to Mito city where the arrival ceremony will be held.

«2nd day: July 6th (Mon.)»

Departing from Koga city, the relay will continue through the western region of the prefecture reaching Tsukuba as its final destination where closing ceremony will be held.

!! Route outline, municipalities involved as well as their sequential order, venues for arrival ceremonies etc. (especially, the order of municipalities taking part in the relay) are subject to change.



Congestion forecast for counters at the City Hall





During a period from middle of March until beginning of April, as well as during the beginning of May, the counters for city residents at the City Hall become extremely congested due to various procedures including issuance of different certificates (e.g. certificate of residence) or change of address.

We shall make an effort to expedite the operations, however, it is anticipated for the procedures to take some time. Waiting time forecast has been made based on congestion situation on an average year. Please take it into consideration when coming to the office.

When completing aforementioned proceedings, please come having sufficient amount of time, because not only procedures involving insurance and pension will be done, but for those with families, processing family members' documents will also be completed.

Waiting time anticipated for the congested dates:

	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
March							1
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	30	31					
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
April			1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30			
	M	T	W	T	F	S	S
May					1	2	3
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

			
1-1.5 hrs.	1.5-2 hrs.	2-3 hrs.	Holiday

«Note»

- When moving to Tsukuba from other city complete "Moving in" procedure.
- When moving to other address inside Tsukuba complete "Change of address" procedure.
- When moving from Tsukuba to other city complete "Moving out" procedure.

Recruitment Information

International Exchange Fair 2020: invitation to apply for stage presenters and performers

International Exchange Fair 2020 (held at the same time as Tsukuba Festival 2020) is inviting to apply those who would like to perform on the "World Stage".

«Schedule for Sunday, May 10th»

«Stage presenters» 10:00–16:30 (including preparatory meeting)

«Performers» 11:00–16:30 (20 minutes during this time interval)

«Location» Specially installed stage at the Tsukuba Center square

«Intended for» Stage presenters: persons capable to present on stage in Japanese and English or Japanese and any foreign language.

«Performers» Persons or groups that can do traditional music performance or dance originating in various countries.

«Details»

«Stage presenters» 2 persons (one of them a foreign national) (interview)

«Performers» Persons or groups that can do traditional music performance or dance originating in various countries (around 10 groups) (document screening)

*At least one person in the company has to be of foreign nationality. Japanese-only groups will not be able to perform.

«Deadline» March 23rd (Mon.)

«Application» Application form (available at the webpage) to be submitted directly or via email attachment.

«Contacts» Tsukuba International Association ☎ 029-869-7675 **Website:** search for "Tsukuba International Association" **Email:** info@inter.or.jp

Preschool: about school life in Japan and Japanese language learning

We are providing guidance for children whose roots are abroad to help them to successfully lead life in elementary and middle school. You can also consult in regard to entering high school and university. Moreover, we also provide basic Japanese language lessons called "Survival Japanese" that might prove useful at school.

«Date and time» March 27th (Fri.), 30th (Mon.) and 31st (Tue.) 9:30-12:30

«Location» 1st floor of Community Building at the Tsukuba City Hall



«**Intended for**» Children of foreign origin and their guardians considering to enter elementary and middle school.

«**Fee**» Free

«**Application**» Apply by sending an email to the association indicating which language interpretation will be necessary.

«**Contact**» info@inter.or.jp

Japanese language courses for foreign residents

Course duration is from April until September.

«**Date and time**»

Day-time course (By level, 3 classes) – 10:00-12:00 (total of 16 meetings)

Evening course (By level, 6 classes) – 18:30-20:00 (total of 20 meetings)

«**Location**» 3rd floor meeting room at Tsukuba Innovation Plaza

«**Intended for**» foreign residents currently living or/and working in Tsukuba as well as their families.

«**Quota**» first 15 people to come (every class, every level)

«**Fee**» 6,000 JPY

«**Application**» Application form (available at the webpage) to be submitted directly or via email attachment. Application opens on March 2nd (Mon.).

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Invitation to become a “Foreign students’ representative of Tsukuba”

International Exchange Office is now accepting applications for foreign students’ representative position.

How about trying yourself in translating a newsletter read by city residents as well as introducing your own country to city’s elementary and middle school students?

Application qualifications for enlisted languages are as follows (the applicant has to fulfill all of the requirements):

- 1) A person registered as a resident in the City of Tsukuba with residential status being “Exchange student”.
- 2) A person who is currently enrolled in university, graduate school or junior college and will maintain this status until the end of appointment on March 31st, 2021. (Auditing students not allowed)
- 3) A person who has interest in international exchange and volunteering.

4) A person who has sufficient Japanese communication ability.

5) A person who has a computer suitable to complete required tasks.

6) A person who is great in translation and interpreting.

«**Recruited languages**» English (1 pers.), Chinese (1 pers.), Korean (1 pers.), Thai (2 pers.), Portuguese (1 pers.), Spanish (1 pers.), Indonesian (1 pers.), Vietnamese (1 pers.)

※ Subject to change

«**Application process**»

Fill in required items in the “Foreign students’ representative of Tsukuba application form” (available here: www.tsukubainfo.jp) and attach a picture. After compiling all necessary documents, please bring it directly to International Exchange Office on the 5th floor of the Tsukuba City Hall, mail it via post or send documents’ soft copy.

«**Deadline**» March 10th, 2020 (Wed.) 5PM (in the case of mailing, the documents must arrive no later than the deadline date)

We are waiting for your applications!

Useful information in regard to disaster prevention

Point 1. In order to be prepared in case disaster occurred, let’s arrange disaster prevention emergency supplies at the time of ordinary. If you equip yourself with the following items, they might come in handy in case of an emergency.

- Helmet • Flashlight • Portable radio • Emergency rations • Water • Health Insurance Certificate • Medicine • Drug record handbook • Portable battery charger • Portable toilet • Towels • Glasses • Mask • Wet tissues etc.

※ Households with infants as well as households where primary nursing care is necessary, please arrange preparations suitable for your family composition.

Point 2. What if due to a calamity power and water outage occurs and the toilet becomes unavailable for extended period of time?

Toilet problem in the times of a disaster also leads to the important matter of health risk. The risk of experiencing water outage is especially high for those living in apartment houses, therefore, we recommend to stockpile emergency toilets to be used in the case of disaster. Later they can be disposed of on “Burnable waste” collection day.

(An estimate for 4 people family)

Drawing upon an average 1 day usage: 5 times × 3 days × 4 people = 60 times (We recommend purchasing antibacterial and highly deodorizing items.)



Information

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opens on
March 2nd**

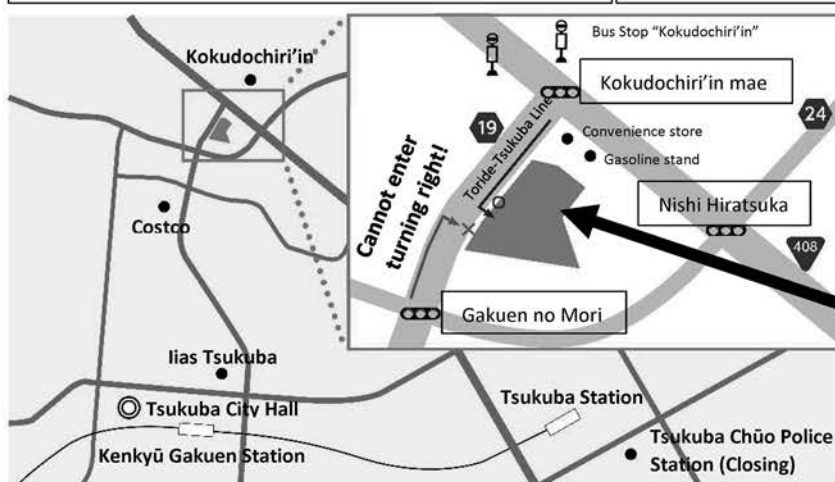
Tsukuba Chūō Police Station and Tsukuba North Police Station are merging
Establishment of Tsukuba Police Station
 ※Closure of Tsukuba Chūō Station

Characteristics of "Tsukuba Police Station"

- Adoption of quake-absorbing structure (first such police station in the prefecture)
- Every kind of reception counters put together on the 1st floor
- Parking space for around 180 vehicles
- Barrier-free establishment

Functions of "Tsukuba North Police Center"

- Tsukuba Police Station becomes "Tsukuba North Police Center" and conducts the following operations:
- Reception for driver's license renewal
 - Partial reception for road use permissions (in concern to festivals)
 - Damage report and all sorts of consultation



Tsukuba Police Station [Gakuen no Mori 3-50-1] ☎ 029(851)0110
 !! Please enter by taking the left turn at the "Kokudochiri'in mae" intersection.

Access:

From Kenkyū Gakuen Station:

~10 min. by taxi

~20 min. by "Tsuku-bus" Yoshinuma Shuttle Bus (bound for Toyosato Hospital), getting off at "Kokudochiri'in" bus stop.

From Tsukuba Station/Tsukuba Center:

~10 min. by taxi

~15 min. by Kantō Tetsudō Bus (bound for Kenchiku Kenkyūsho or Shimotsuma) and getting off at the "Kokudochiri'in" bus stop.

Garbage disposal calendar: partial changes in waste collection divisions and schedule for the West District

From April, the West District to be separated into waste collection divisions A and B, therefore, changes in garbage collection schedule will occur. (!!Only applies to Mondays)

Areas to become the new West District B:

- Inarimae, • Onozaki, • Gakuen no Mori, • Gakuen Minami, • Kasuga, • Kenkyū Gakuen, • Saigō, • Shimo Hiratsuka, • Nishi Hiratsuka, • Ninomiya, • Higashi, • Higashi Arai, • Higashi Hiratsuka, • Matsushiro.

!! Regions of former West District that are not mentioned above become West District A. There are no changes in the garbage collection schedule for this district.

Modifications in the schedule:

Glass bottles/Spray cans: 2nd and 4th Monday ➤ 1st and 3rd Monday of each month

Used paper/cloth for recycling: 1st and 3rd Monday ➤ 2nd and 4th Monday of each month

For details, please see "Tsukuba city garbage disposal calendar for 2020 F.Y." to be distributed from 27th February.

