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Living Information

Application for Municipal Housing and Tenants

Osaka City will start an application for public housing, tenants of “Minkan Smiling” for middle-income earning households, and vacant rooms affiliated to municipal housing facilities.

The application will cover several conditions such as your income, family members and residential area. In addition, these conditions depend on the following classification: for newlywed couples, families that have children of elementary school age, general households or single occupant households.

For further information, please make an inquiry to the following.

Applications by mail: Wednesday, February 4th – Wednesday, February 18th (Must be postmarked within this period)

Applications at counter: Monday, February 16th – Wednesday, February 18th

Housing Information Plaza (Closed on Tuesday, February 17th), Housing Management Centers (Umeda, Kyobashi, Bentencho, Abeno and Hirano), Osaka City Service Counters (Umeda, Namba and Tennoji)

※Applications will not be accepted at the ward offices.

For further information

<http://www.city.osaka.jp/jutaku/>

Inquiries: Applications Section, Administration Dept.,

Osaka Municipal Housing Corporation

Tel: 06-6882-7024 Fax: 06-6882-7021

Monitors for Municipal Government Required

Osaka City is looking for “Monitors for Municipal Government” to have suggestions and ideas from those who work or study in Osaka City.

Number of application: 350 (250 Japanese citizens, 20 Foreign citizens, 80 people who work or study in Osaka City)

Qualification Requirements: 20 or over (at the date of April 1st, 2009)
Citizens or those who work or study in Osaka City (except local officials)

Application Period: Feb.1st to 28th, 2009

Roles: 1. Answering questionnaire regarding municipal government. (Questions are in Japanese)
2. Submitting suggestions regarding municipal government.
3. Monitors may be required to cooperate on the issues accredited by Osaka City besides the above.

Term: From April 2009 to March 2010

* Gratuities will be given.

<http://www.city.osaka.jp/jyouhoukoukaishitsu/04/shisei.html>

Application: Please get an application form at the Residents Information Center in your local ward office, Information Corner of Osaka City Hall, Osaka City Service Counters, stationmaster's office in each subway and New Tram station, municipal libraries.

You can also download an application from the Office of Public Information and Compliance website:

<http://www.city.osaka.jp/jyouhoukoukaishitsu/04/shisei.html>

Results: Notification will be sent to chosen applicants on April.

Inquiries & Applications: Public Appeals and Consulting Dept.

Office of Public Information and Compliance

1-3-20 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka 583-8201

Tel : 06-6208-7331 Fax : 06-6202-7075

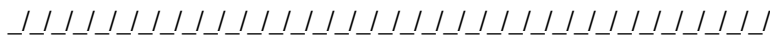
No Illegally Parked Bicycles!

There are a lot of bicycles illegally parked around stations in Osaka every day. Illegally parked bicycles will hinder safety for pedestrians and drivers, and can especially disrupt emergency services which could cause great danger to the citizens' every day lives.

Osaka City is supervising bicycle parking. Illegally parked bicycles will be immediately removed and be kept in 30 days for storage and return. To eliminate illegally parked bicycles for safer transportation, your cooperation will be highly appreciated.

<http://www.city.osaka.jp/kensetsu/annai/jitensya/index.html>

For more information: <http://www.city.osaka.jp/kensetsu/annai/jitensya/index.html>



Event Updates

Job Fair for Foreign Students

We will hold a job fair with the International Foreign Students Association to support foreign students looking for employment in Japan. At this job fair, a number of Japanese companies will hold information sessions. Please come and join us!

Date & Time: Monday, Feb 16th 13:00 – 18:00

Venue: International House, Osaka, 2F “Sakura”

Applicants: Foreign students who graduate from university in autumn 2009 to March 2010 or foreigners who are looking for employment.

Application: Please register in advance at the International Foreign Students Association's website, under the "Employment Support Information Service (shushoku shien joho service) section. No need to register if you registered before.

Link: <http://www.ifsa.jp>

Inquiries: Planning and Communications Division

Osaka International House Foundation

Tel: 06-6772-7327 Fax: 06-6773-8421

E-mail: johokikaku@ih-osaka.or.jp

For further information

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/010/08syu-syokuforum.html>

Japanese Movie Screening with Subtitles in Foreign Languages

i-house and The Japan Foundation Kyoto Office will present special screenings of famous Japanese movies with subtitles in English and Spanish. Please come and enjoy "i-house Movie Screening"!

Schedule:

【1st Screening】 finished.

【2nd Screening】

Friday, Feb.20th 18:30-20:39

"Memories of Matsuko" Subtitles in English

(Director: Tetsuya Nakashima/2006/129min.)

【3rd Screening】

Friday, Mar.20th 18:30-19:58

"Tora-san's Runaway" Subtitles in Spanish

(Director: Yoji Yamada/1970/88min.)

Venue: International House, Osaka (i-house) – MET Hall (2F)

Admission: 500 yen / 1 screening

Tickets: Tickets are available at the Information Center of i-house

*The visual quality of some these movies may be poor in certain scenes,
so please take this into consideration before attending.

Inquiries: Osaka International House Foundation
2-6 Uehommachi 8-chome, Tennoji-ku, Osaka
Tel: 06-6773-8182 Fax: 06-6773-8421
E-mail: johokikaku@ih-osaka.or.jp

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/010/h20japanese-movie.html>

Global Citizen's "Talk Plaza" Vol.4

We will invite Mr. Thomas Kantha, an English teacher who supports children in South Africa. He repairs broken wheelchairs and has been sending them to disabled children in South Africa. Mr. Kantha will talk about his experience growing up within the unjustified discrimination and violence in South Africa and will also explain his life in Japan. Please join us and learn about international affairs and what we can do for world peace.

* Lecture will be held in Japanese.

Date & Time: Sunday, March 1st 14:00 – 16:00 (Door opens 13:30)

Venue: International House, Osaka, Icho (3F)

Lecturer: Mr. Thomas Kantha, Chairperson of the NGO Hilangani Ngothando ("Hand in hand with love" in Zulu language)

Admission: Free

Spaces Available: 80 (In order of application)

Application: Please send a postcard, fax or e-mail with your postal code, address, name, telephone number and number of applicants.

Inquiries: Planning and Communications Division
Osaka International House Foundation
Tel: 06-6773-8182 Fax: 06-6773-8421
E-mail : talk@ih-osaka.or.jp

For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/>

International Picture Book Readings "AI-AI"

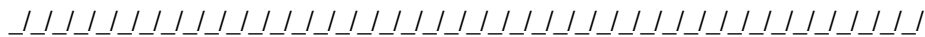
"AI-AI" International Picture Book Readings is for children and parents of all nationalities to enjoy. We provide an opportunity to make friends while experiencing different languages and cultures through picture books from all around the world. Not only can you enjoy book readings in various languages, but there are also sing-along and panel theaters.

No need to book, just turn up on the day! It's free, so please come and enjoy some fun reading!

★ We are looking for native English, Chinese and Korean speaking volunteers for picture book readings. For further information, please see contact details below.

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/010/aiaivolunteer.html>

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/032/post-9.html>



Japanese Lessons

Fureai Salon

Enjoy learning Japanese with experienced volunteer teachers!

The initial class is free.

No booking needed. Visit us on the class day!

※Fureai Salon will be closed on Feb 14th .

Classes: Classes are usually taught on a one-on-one basis.

(In some cases you may have a group lesson depending on the number of participants)

Date & Time: Every Saturday 14:00 - 15:30

Venue: International House, Osaka

(Map: <http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/map/map.html>)

Tuition: ¥500 for registration - ¥1,500 for 12 lessons (valid for one year)

Application: Visit us at the Information Center on the day of the class (Saturday).

* Free trial lessons are available.

* We accept participants of any level.

For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/031/post-6.html>

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>> Please Introduce Your Culture

i-house Culture Salon - Native Volunteers Required

We are looking for foreign residents who are able to introduce their culture to Japanese people at the next i-house culture salon. Please feel free to inquire.

Inquiries: Planning and Communications Division

Osaka International House Foundation

Tel: 06-6773-8989 Fax: 06-6773-8421

E-mail: johokikaku@ih-osaka.or.jp

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/032/post-10.html>

(Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)

Volunteer Indonesian Interpreters Required

We are looking for volunteer Indonesian interpreters who are able to interpret between our staff and people seeking advice.

Conditions for Volunteering:

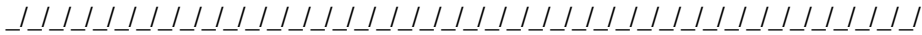
* You are able to work at home.

* Indonesian interpretation applicants must be able to work Wednesdays.

* Registration fee to volunteer is 300 yen per year.

Inquiries: Planning and Communications Division

Osaka International House Foundation
Tel: 06-6773-8989 Fax: 06-6773-8420
E-mail: info-staff@ih-osaka.or.jp
(Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)



Living Information Services Available in 7 Languages

Information Plaza Osaka

Information Plaza Osaka offers free consultation and counseling services by professionals over Telephone or in person, for issues relating to life in Osaka.

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/020/information-center.html#i-osaka>

Counseling for Foreign Residents

Counseling services for foreign residents including legal advice are available in 7 languages (English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Indonesian and Thai).

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/english/030/post-4.html>

Living Information

Have you seen the website with useful living information for foreigners in Osaka? There is information about various topics such as medical agencies with foreign language services, living procedures (i.e. registration for foreign residents), habitation, as well as others. (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)

Access at: <http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/enjoy/en/index.html>



Access to International House, Osaka

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/900/map.html>

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i-koko

This website is hosted by International House, Osaka, to provide information on international exchange events held by other organizations and volunteer activities.

(Japanese only)

<http://www.i-koko.com/>

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Should you wish to change your registration details or stop receiving this Ezine, please enter the email address you used to register in the Member Registration.

To update: http://www.ih-osaka.info/asp/user_mail_top.asp?Lang_flg=1

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