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Living Information

Fire Prevention!

Osaka Fire Department will hold the “Fire Prevention Campaign in Spring” from March 1st to March 7th to raise awareness of fire prevention. During the campaign, each fire department in Osaka will conduct disaster preparation lectures and lessons.

<Fire Prevention Check Points>

In a house,

- 1 Protect the environment from fire hazards. For example, do not leave flammable materials around the house.
- 2 Do not smoke in bed.
- 3 Do not leave the kitchen while cooking tempura.

In a company,

- 1 Inspect an evacuation facility and fire prevention equipment. Maintenance should be carried out on a regular basis.
- 2 Conduct a fire drill with all employees.
- 3 Carry out fire protection control during evenings and holidays.

On a train,

- 1 Do not carry hazardous materials on a train.
- 2 Check the maintenance of your car or motorcycle on a regular basis.
- 3 Use flameproof covers for your car or motorcycle to avoid catching fire.

Inquiries: Fire Prevention Division, Osaka Fire Department

Tel: 06-4393-6360 Fax: 06-4393-4580

※Inquiries: 9:00 – 17:30 (Monday – Friday except for National Holidays)

Did you receive a School Attendance Notice? - For 1st year students

Parents or guardians who have a 1st year student in elementary school or junior high school will receive a School Attendance Notice from April 1st 2009.

Applies to 1st year students in:

- 1 Elementary school - Children born between April 2nd 2002 and April 1st 2003
- 2 Junior High school - Students who graduate from elementary school in March 2009

If you haven't received a School Attendance Notice yet, please contact the Resident Registration section (Jumin Toroku) of your local ward office.

If parents or guardians wish to enroll your child in national/private elementary school, junior high school or Osaka Municipal Sakuya Konohana Junior High School, please submit the acceptance form issued by the school at the Resident Registration section (Jumin Toroku) with your personal seal at earliest possible.

Inquiries: Osaka City Board of Education

Curriculum Department

Tel: 06-6208-9115 Fax: 06-6202-7052

Resident Registration section (Jumin Toroku) of your local ward office or branch office

※Inquiries: 9:00 – 17:30 (Monday – Friday, except for National Holidays)

Application for Municipal Housing

Osaka City has been offering for vacant rooms of municipal housing for low-income earning households who urgently need to move in. Since openings are still available Osaka City will be accepting additional applications.

Date & Time: Thursday, March 19th, 9:00 – 10:00

(Number order will be decided by lottery. You can choose housing based on your number order. For housing which nobody chose, the Osaka Municipal Housing Corporation will open an application on a first-come-first-served basis from Friday, April 3rd at 9:00.)

*You can get an application form at the Housing Information Plaza and Osaka City Service Counter. A housing list will be provided at the places mentioned above from Thursday, March 12th.

Application Venue:

Osaka Municipal Housing Information Center, 3rd floor Hall on March 19th.
Applications Section, Administration Dept., Osaka Municipal Housing Corporation
from April 3rd.

Inquiries: Applications Section, Administration Dept.,
Osaka Municipal Housing Corporation
Tel: 06-6882-7024 Fax: 06-6882-7021

For further information
<http://www.city.osaka.jp/jutaku/>

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Event Updates

Takeshi Kaiko Memorial Asian Writers Lecture Series No.18.

Ms. Do Hoang Dieu, a promising young Vietnamese writer, will talk about her books and its background. This will be a good opportunity to learn about Vietnamese history from post-Vietnam war to “bao cap (all-embracing policy) era”, until Doi Moi became successful. You will have more exposure to modern Vietnamese culture, society and literature. We are looking forward to your participation!

- * Date & Time: Friday (Holiday), March 20th 14:00 – 16:00
- * Venue: International House, Osaka, Icho (3F)
- * Theme: Between the Vietnam War and Doi Moi –Dredging up the Buried Past
- * Lecturer: Ms. Do Hoang Dieu
- * Coordinator: Ms.Sakae Kato, Associate professor at Daito Bunka University, Faculty of International Relations. (Specialized in Modern Vietnamese Literature)
- * Language: Lecture will be held in Vietnamese with Japanese interpretation.
- * Admission: Free
- * Spaces Available: 100 (Applicants will be chosen by lottery.)
- * How to Apply: Please send a postcard, fax or e-mail with your postal code, address, name, telephone number and number of applicants. After application is closed, we will send an admission ticket to applicants.
- * Application Deadline: Monday, March 9th.

Applications & Inquiries:
Planning and Communications Division, “Asian Writers Lecture”
Osaka International House Foundation
Tel: 06-6773-8182 Fax: 06-6773-8421
E-mail: johokikaku@ih-osaka.or.jp

For further information
<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/010/08kaikou.html>

Osaka Asian Film Festival 2009

Under the theme of "From Osaka to the Asian Countries!", Osaka Asian Film Festival will present Asian films including the first screening in Japan. They will also organize "Asia Meeting Osaka", a cultural exchange event for young Asian film makers including special lectures. You can discover a great possibility and bright future in Asian and Japanese films!

* Date: Friday, March 13th to Sunday, March 22nd
* Venue: ABC Hall, Osaka Museum of History.
* Inquiries: Osaka Asian Film Festival Executive Committee
Tel: 06-6373-1211

For further information
<http://www.oaff.jp/>

Japan and Russia – Joint Jazz Concert

We will hold a joint jazz concert in celebration of the Osaka-St.Petersburg Sister City Affiliation 30th Anniversary. Mr. David Goloschekin, a top Russian jazz musician, will perform with Ms. Mari Nakamoto.

* Date & Time: Friday, April 3rd (Doors open at 18:30, Start at 19:00)
* Venue: Sunset Hall, ATC Nanko
* Admission: Free
* Spaces available: 200 (If there are too many applications, applicants will be chosen by lottery.)
* How to Apply: Please send a reply postcard with your postal code, address, name, your age, telephone number and number of applicants. Up to 2 people can apply with one postcard.
* Application Deadline: Monday, March 16th (Must be postmarked by the 16th)
* Applications: Osaka Sister City Association "Japan and Russia – Joint Jazz Concert"
Osaka International House Foundation
2-6 Uehommachi 8-chome, Tennoji-ku, Osaka
* Inquiries: International Relations Department, Secretariat Division,
Osaka City Government Tel: 06-6208-7249 Fax: 06-6227-9871

For further information
<http://www.city.osaka.jp/keieikikakushitsu/index.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 on the 3rd Friday of January, February and March 2009.

Schedule;
【1st Screening】 finished
【2nd Screening】 finished
【3rd Screening】2009/3/20/ Fri 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>

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 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>

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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!

1 We are sorry to inform you that there are no more spaces available for the free initial lesson. Please come to the next class on Saturday, March 14th by 2pm.

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)

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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>

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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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