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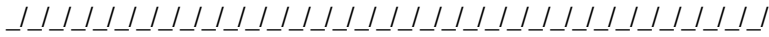
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Living Information

Application for Municipal Housing

There will be two types of municipal housing available for the application. One type of housing is for parents and children (adults) to live in separate households of the same ward. The other type of housing is for parents who have children of elementary school age or younger.

To respond to the needs of households who have children of elementary school age or younger, and for families who wish to move in the municipal housing by the new fiscal year (from April), the applications will also be accepted in November. Originally the housing application process was available twice a year on February and July. But now it will be available three times a year.

- Your application process will be based on annual income, residential address and the relationship between family members.

Municipal Housing applications will be available for distribution from November 5th (Thurs) to November 12th (Thurs) at the Housing Information Plaza, Housing Management Centers, Osaka City Service Counters (Umeda, Namba and Tennoji) and your local ward office.

Note: Applications may not be available during Saturday and Sunday of the week of November 5th in the places mentioned above. The Housing Information Plaza will be able to distribute the application forms on Saturday and Sunday but not on Tuesday (closure of building). The Osaka City Service Counters will distribute application forms on any day except for November 7th (Sat).

Application by mail: Thursday, November 5th – Thursday, November 12th (Must be postmarked within this period)

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

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Event Updates

i-house Culture Salon “Calligraphy Class”

The i-house will present a Japanese Calligraphy class for foreign residents which bring another exciting edition to the i-house culture salons. Have fun learning the basics of calligraphy. Join us in experiencing Japanese culture this winter!

*Dates & Time : Tuesday, December 1st, 8th, 15th 15:00 – 16:30 3 classes

*Venue : International House, Osaka

*Enrollment Limit : 10 (In order of application. Must attend 3 classes)

*Admission : ¥1,000 for 3 classes (Including materials)

*Applications : Call, send a fax or e-mail stating your name, telephone number and nationality.

※ Classes will be instructed in basic Japanese. Calligraphy materials will be prepared by i-house.

Applications & Inquiries:

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/010/09culturesalon-shodo.html>

Global Citizen’s “Talk Plaza” Vol.1 “Palestine 1948, NAKBA”

When Israel was founded 60 years ago, it led to more than 700,000 Palestinian refugees fleeing the border. Palestinians call this tragedy “NAKBA (a catastrophe)”. A photo

journalist, Mr. Ryuichi Hirokawa, who has been working on Palestinian issues for 40 years, will talk about Palestine after the screening of the documentary film, "Palestine 1948, NABKA". At the same time, special photographs will be exhibited for a week.

《Screening & Lecture》

*Date & Time: Saturday, December 12th 13:30 – 17:00 (Doors Open: 13:00)

*Venue: International House, Osaka Met Hall (2F)

*Lecturer: Mr. Ryuichi Hirokawa (a photo-journalist, Chief Editor of DAYS-JAPAN)

*Limit: 180 (Application will be closed when the capacity becomes full).

We will send an admission ticket to applicants.

*Admission: 500 yen

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

《Photo-Gallery》

*Date & Time: Saturday, December 12th to Sunday, December 20th 11:00 – 18:00

(Open at 13:00 on Saturday, December 12th)

*Venue: International House, Osaka Gallery

*Admission: Free

*Applications: Not required

Applications & Inquiries:

Planning and Communications Division

“Talk Plaza” Vol.1 “Palestine 1948, NAKBA”

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/i.house/>

The Kansai Foreign Students Music Festival

20 guests will be invited!

Kansai Foreign Students Music Festival is an event where foreign students from Osaka and the Kansai area get together to introduce and perform dance and music from their native countries. This is a great opportunity to enjoy various international performances. Come and join us!

*Date & Time: Sunday, Dec. 13th 2009 14:00 – 16:00

*Venue: Sakai Civic Hall, Main Hall (2-1-1 Okinabashi-cho, Sakai-ku, Sakai City)

*Closing Date: Monday, Nov 13th, 2009 (Must be postmarked by this date)

*Applications: Please send a postcard, fax or e-mail with your postal code, address, name, telephone number and number of applicants (Up to 2 people for one application) to the following address. In case of many applications, selection will be determined by lottery. Tickets will be sent after the due date to those who can participate.

*2000 yen is required if you wish to join a get together after the music festival.

Applications & Inquiries:

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/010/09music-festival.html>

Film Festival of Children in the World

“Buddha Collapsed out of Shame”

The film festival of children in the world is a good opportunity to learn the status quo in developing countries. “Buddha Collapsed out of Shame” it depicts how merciless the war was through the journey of an Afghan girl. The language is in Dari with Japanese subtitles. You will also have a chance to try out Afghan sweets and drinks. Please join us for this screening!

- *Date & Time: Sunday, December 13th 2009 15:30 – 17:30 (Doors Open: 15:00)
- *Venue: International House, Osaka
- *Limit: 80 (Application will be closed when the capacity becomes full.)
- *Admission: Free
- *Application: Reservation is required. Please let us know your name, telephone number and the number of people by phone.

Applications & Inquiries :

Planning and Communications Division

Osaka International House Foundation

Tel: 06-6773-8989

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/010/09hiroba-movie.html>

Kansai Culture Day

Kansai Culture Day is an event conducted at about 400 facilities such as Art Museums and Museums in Fukui, Mie, Kyoto, Osaka, Hyogo, Nara, Wakayama, Tokushima and Tottori. Admission will be free at certain days during November. Open days are different according to each facility. For more information, please refer to the link below.

<http://www.kansaibunka.com/>

< Osaka's Main Facilities >

*Osaka Castle: November 14th

*Nagai Botanical Garden, Sakuyakonohakan, Osaka Museum of History, Osaka Museum of Natural History, Osaka Science Museum, The Osaka Museum of Housing and Living, Osaka International Peace Center, The Museum of Oriental Ceramics, Osaka, Osaka City Sewage Museum, Eco Museum of Osaka: November 14th and 15th

*Osaka City Museum of Modern Art, Shinsaibashi: November 16th

*Osaka Maritime Museum: November 22nd and 23rd

Inquiries:

Organization of Kansai Unity, Kansai Vigorous Cultural Bloc Promotion Conference

Tel : 06-4803-5577 Fax : 06-4803-5574

International Picture Book Readings “AI-AI”

AI-AI International Picture Book Readings is an event 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 and Chinese speaking volunteers for picture book readings.

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

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Japanese Lessons

Tanoshii Nihongo Applications Open!

This Japanese course is based on textbooks to practice everyday Japanese conversation necessary for living in Japan. A placement interview is needed to enroll at the class. Join us to enjoy studying Japanese!

Classes offered:

<Elementary Class 3 & 4> (Tuesday)

<Elementary Class 1 & 2> (Wednesday)

12 classes in total, once a week

Date: [Tuesday Class]

From January 12th to March 30th 2010 (Every Tuesday)

[Wednesday Class]

From January 13th to March 31st 2010 (Every Wednesday)

Time: Each class runs from 19:00 to 20:30

Enrollment limit: Ten students for each class (in order of application)

Placement Interview: Tuesday, December 15th or Wednesday, December 16th
19:00 - 20:30 (10 minutes per person)

*Appointment necessary.

Tuition: 5,000 yen (includes 12 classes and textbook)

Venue: International House, Osaka

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

Inquiries: Planning and Communications Division

Osaka International House Foundation

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

TEL: 06-6773-8989 FAX: 06-6773-8421

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

For further information:

<http://www.ih-osaka.or.jp/i.house/031/post-7.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 before the class starts (14:00).

※ The Fureai Salon will be closed on November 14th and 21st.

【Class Style】 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 (Classes may be closed)

【Venue】 International House, Osaka

【Tuition】 ¥500 for registration , ¥1,500 for 12 lessons (valid for one year)

For further information:

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

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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 the 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 our website with useful living information for foreigners in Osaka? There is information about various topics including medical agencies with foreign language

services, living procedures (i.e. registration for foreign residents), housing, and much more. (Available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, and 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/english/900/post-15.html>

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i-koko (International Exchange Event, Information Station)

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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Available Languages: (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese)

Should you wish to change your registration details or stop receiving this E-zine, please enter the email address you used to register.

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

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