



### **City Topics**

# <u>U.S.-Japan Exchange Concert</u> Performance by the U.S. Army Japan Band and the Tango Winds Ensemble

Back again for the first time in four years, the 4th U.S.-Japan Exchange Concert (hosted by the Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau) was held at the Tango Cultural Center on February 19<sup>th</sup>. In the first half of the concert, the local Tango Winds Ensemble performed a set of seven pieces, including "Disney March". In the second half, the U.S. Japan Army

Band from Camp Zama performed a set of eight songs, including "In the Mood". Over 300 audience members from the local community were serenaded by the beautiful music, and feelings of comradery deepened between Japan and the U.S.



# <u>Kids Learn English the Fun Way with Native English-speaking</u> <u>Kyotango Residents!</u>

In February, the KIA put on a series of three English classes for young kids where they could play while interacting with English. Around 20 kids participated in the English classes, and they learned about animals and parts of the body with volunteer



teachers from the USA and South Africa. "The teachers had everyone move their bodies, so the kids were able learn quickly and have fun while doing it. I had lots of fun as well," said a parent who participated in the classes.

# We're Looking for Potential Buyers!

# ~Purchase a Japanese Home that No Longer has an Owner~

In our City, there are properties that do not have an owner anymore. We are looking for new people to own these homes and hope to return these properties to the market.

#### We are Looking for New Owner for this Home!

Location: Suge, Mineyama-cho

Build: Wooden structure, tile-roofed single-floor

residence

Floor size: 47.43 m<sup>2</sup>

#### **About the Land Plot**

Total area: 165.28 m<sup>2</sup>

Purpose of land plot: Residential

**Lowest offering price:** 1.5 million yen **Accepting offers until:** Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>

Attach the required documents with the application (can be found on the City's website)

before submission.

For more details, scan here>



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# Population and Number of Households in Kyotango City

The number in the parentheses reflects the change from the end of January to the end of February. Includes foreign residents.

**Total Population:** 51,841 (-60)

Male: 24,974 (-21) Female: 26,867 (-39)

Number of Households: 22,924 (-4)



Move-In: 63 Move-Out: 66

Births: 15 Deaths: 73

Other reasons: +1



#### Pick-Up

# Visiting the Little-Known Spots in Kyotango

As the weather warms up and the breeze picks up a little bit more, spring announces its arrival. Perhaps, more and more people will head outside for little excursions. Every year, Kyotango has more things to do with new experiences and sightseeing spots that even the locals have not heard of or been to yet. Why not visit and discover a new side of Kyotango?

#### Amino

# A Spot to Embrace Nature with all Five Senses



Go on an e-bike tour to visit must-see spots guided by Local Community Developer Kouji Yasumi.

If you care about the environment, there is also an option to go beach cleaning to protect the ocean. On the day of the photoshoot, our team went along with the

participants in the tour went to Suishouhama Beach to clean up the shore. After the

cleanup, the sand sparkled like crystals and our photographer could not help but snap a picture (click! ). While on the e-bikes, there were also so many different kinds of plants along the roadside we had never noticed and the fresh air was absolutely delicious. It

was truly an experience you can only get on an e-bike tour.

Learn more about TANGO EXPERIENCE >



#### Mineyama

#### A Spot to Unwind and Refresh

Relax at a sauna built out of a renovated folk house by Local Community Developer Kiri Adachi. You can reset and realign your body and soul with the power of nature once you sweat out with the Northern European-style sauna wood



stove, and then chill in the nearby stream flowing from a cool mountain spring. In the house, you can spot local chefs conversing and exchanging information.

Afterwards, why not take a moment to focus in on your breathing and feel the blood circulating through your body in the open-air lounge area?









Kumihama

# A Spot Full of Surprises

In Hotaino, nestled in the mountains of Kumihama, there is a glamping site. But as you tread deeper into the forest, your ears pick up eerie screeches and roars, when suddenly... a life-size dinosaur appears right before your eyes!

The resort also has electric ATVs, a sauna, a jacuzzi,

and firepits, so you can enjoy a family-friendly vacation any time of the year.

Learn more about Deluxs Outdoor Resort

Kyotango Kumihama Labo >



We'd love to hear about other spots in Kyotango you would recommend!



# <u>Kyotango Challenge Day 2023 Will Commence on</u> <u>Wednesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>!</u>

Let's Aim for a Participation Rate of **70%!!**This time, we're up against **Naruto City** (Tokushima Prefecture)!

# Move 15 minutes a day for a healthier you!

The City will release more details about the event via the City's website or through flyers accordingly.

#### What is Challenge Day?

Challenge Day is a competition between municipalities of a similar population size where residents will play sports or move for at least fifteen minutes from 12AM to 9PM that day. The City with the higher participation rate wins.



# <u>Let's Learn Something New this Spring!</u>

Introducing the Tango Regional Professional Training Center & Kyoto Prefectural Tango Workers Welfare Center

Now that people are starting to gather and society is coming back to life once again, we have a system in place to help you challenge something new!

# **Professional Skills Courses (Evening Classes)**

Creating Documents with Microsoft Word/Tables and Calculations in Microsoft Excel/Introduction to Teleworking/Website Creation & Social Media Skills/Powerpoint

Basics/Introduction to Excel VBA/Video Editing/Photo & Image Editing/Introduction to Drafting Software/2<sup>nd</sup> Class Electrician Exam Prep/Bookkeeping/1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Construction Technician Certification Prep, etc.







#### Class Guide

Introduction to *Go*/Ocarina/Hula Dance/Collage Art/Stained Glass Art/Introduction to Noh Masks/ Eco-Crafts/Glass Bead Making/Yoga/Yoga Tone & Sculpt/Kimono Wearing/Baking/Brush Calligraphy/ Flower Arrangement/Introduction to Smartphones/Art & Handicrafts

#### To sign up for classes or to inquire, contact:

#### Tango Regional Professional Training Association

TEL 0772-68-0365 3355 Kobe, Omiya-cho Scan the QR Code (right) to view the website:



#### Financial Aid is also available!

<For Students>

#### Kyotango City Professional Skill Improvement Support Subsidy

The City will subsidize your course fees to help you build professional skills.

For more information here, scan here>



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### Disaster Prevention Plaza Vol.92

### <u>Get Your Smoke Detector Checked!</u>

The Kyotango City Fire & Emergency Department Headquarters is undergoing a five-year project to check and install smoke detectors in all residences from April 2021 to March 2026. As of March 2023, the Fire Department have visited approximately 10,000 households out of 22,000 total households. We are urging everyone to get smoke detectors installed in their homes.

#### 1) Installation

 According to the Fire Prevention Ordinance, each home is required to install smoke detectors in the kitchen, bedrooms, and stairs (if there are bedrooms on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor).

#### 2) Routine Checks

- Check if the smoke detector works by pressing the button, or by pulling down on the cord to activate the device.
- Please check regularly (about once every six months).

#### 3) Swap Out

- The device may be unable to detect fires due to deterioration in its electrical parts or empty batteries.
- Please swap out your devices once every ten years.
   (If you do not know when your device was installed, check the date of manufacture printed on the device!)





To purchase smoke detectors for your home, please visit your nearest electrical appliance store or home center.

Up until now, you needed to mask indoors but were not required to mask outdoors...

# Beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>, whether to mask or not to mask is now your own decision.

However, please be cautious in the following situations:





Please be respectful and accommodating of others' individual opinions. Do not force someone to put on or take off their mask against their will.

There will be cases when a business requires you to wear a mask and cases when an establishment's employees will not wear masks.

The information above is based off of the statement released by the MHLW on February 10<sup>th</sup>

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