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Experiencing Other Cultures through the World Café

Enjoying English, Chinese, and Thai!

The Kyotango City International Association held their World Café at the Machi Machi Information Center on February 27th, where participants were able to enjoy speaking English, Chinese, and Thai while learning about their respective cultures. In this time's World



Café, high school students from Thailand came to Kyotango on a program hosted by the Japan-Thailand Education Exchange Association. At the café, they shared their respective regional dances and presented signature dishes such as tom yum soup and pad thai noodles for the participants to try. After the presentation by the Thai students, the participants split off into their respective language groups and had fun conversations about high school life and more. Not only did Japanese people

participate in the World Café, but there were also Nepalese and Vietnamese participants who also shared their own country’s cultures. All of the participants had a harmonious time talking with each other.

By the **Kyotango City International Association** TEL 0772-69-0120

Blood Donation Calendar

Date	Hours	Place
4/13 (Sun.)	9:30~11:30AM 12:45~3:30PM	Shopping Center Mine
5/8 (Thurs.)	9:30~11:30AM 12:45~15:30PM	Omiya Town Hall

By the **Health Promotion Section** TEL 0772-69-0350

Demographic Changes in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Jan. 2025	End of Feb. 2025	Change
Total Population	49,956	49,904	-52
Male	24,030	23,993	-37
Female	25,926	25,911	-15
Households	22,903	22,908	+5
Changes by Main Criteria	Move-ins		65
	Move-outs		63
	Births		22
	Deaths		75
Other reasons			-1

The Talk of the Town

U.S.-Japan Exchange Through the Power of Music

Japan-U.S. Joint Concert Held as an Opportunity for Local Citizens to Deepen U.S.-Japan Friendship

On March 1st, the Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau held the Japan-U.S. Joint Concert at the Tango Performing Arts Center. This event is held annually with the aim to deepen friendly relations between Japan and the U.S. through music. This year's concert featured the U.S. III Marines Expeditionary Forces Band and the Tango Winds Ensemble. In the opening greetings, Mayor Nakayama thanked the III MEF Band for their first visit to Kyotango and the K.C.S. servicemembers' effort towards furthering their exchange with the local Japanese residents through volunteer activities and local events alongside their everyday duties since the base's establishment ten years ago. The concert featured a wide repertoire of pieces such as Japanese pop classics, march songs, jazz, and more. In the third part of the concert, the two ensembles came together for a joint performance and the crowd gave a huge round of applause after the encore.



Japan U.S. Marines – III Marines Expeditionary Forces Band

In addition to playing as a wind ensemble and ceremonial band, they also play jazz, rock, and a diverse range of pieces all across Japan and Southeast Asia, performing over 300 times throughout the year.

Events Calendar – April

3/1 (Sat.) ~ 4/20 (Sun.)

Tango Ancient Village Museum 2nd Special Exhibition Memories of the Tango Earthquake

Now almost approaching one hundred years since the Northern Tango Earthquake, artifacts from the time of the disaster will be on display.

Times: 9:30AM ~ 4:00PM

**Closed on Tuesdays*

Place: Tango Ancient Village Museum

Admission: Adults 290 yen, Child (Elementary – Junior High) 150 yen

**Group discount available*



Contact: Tango Ancient Village Museum TEL 0772-75-2431

4/6 (Sun.)

Tenno no Sato's Cherry Blossom Festival

In the picturesque mountain valley of Mineyama, enjoy the cherry blossoms at Tenno no Sato. There will be handmade soba noodles, konjac jelly, and sweetened red bean dessert service at the festival.

Time: 10AM ~ 2PM

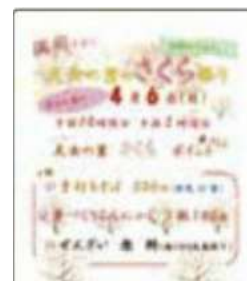
Place: Tenno no Sato Exchange Facility

Fee: Handmade soba noodles (Limit 50): 500 yen

Handmade konjac jelly: 100 yen/block

Sweet red bean soup: Free (supply limited)

Contact: Tenno no Sato TEL 0772-62-7720



4/12 (Sat.)

Easter Egg Hunt

Celebrate the coming of spring and have fun in English at the Easter Egg Hunt! There will be fun games and activities for kids of all ages to enjoy!

Time: 10:30AM~12:00PM

Place: Grass Lawn in front of the Tango Performing Arts Center

For Who?: Kids 0~12 years old

Capacity: First 100 people

Registration: Please contact the KIA via phone or LINE to sign up.

Contact: Kyotango City International Association TEL 0772-69-0120



4/13 (Sun.)

Barefoot Concert 2025

This year's Barefoot Concert will be held as a three-part series from April to June! April's event will include an ocean garbage survey of Kotohikihama Beach and a tour/experience inside the renovated Kotohikihama Singing Sands Museum.

Time: From 2:00PM

Place: Kotohikihama/Kotohikihama Singing Sands Museum

Contact: Kotohikihama Singing Sands Museum

TEL 0772-72-5511



4/24 (Thurs.) ~ 5/31 (Sat.)

Regional Archives Spring Special Exhibition

"Tango no Sekku" – Children's Day

Children's Day dolls and carp streamers will be on display. Visitors who come on May 3rd or May 5th will receive an original bookmark or button badge for free!

Time: Open on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays

9:30AM ~ 12:00PM, 1:00PM ~ 4:00PM

**AM Reception available until 11:30AM*

Admission: Adults 190 yen, Children (Elementary – Junior High) 90 yen

**Group discounts available*

Other: There will be a lecture about the exhibit on May 3rd (Sat.) from 10AM (Admission



will be free on this day)

Contact: Regional Archives TEL 0772-72-4600

4/26 (Sat.)

Amino Choshiyama Burial Mound - Commemorative Event for the Completed Development of the Historical Site

At the event, there will be burial mound-themed merchandise and local specialties on sale, a workshop held by local school children and students from Fukuchiyama University, and a dance performance inspired by the Choshiyama Burial Mound.

Date: 11:00AM ~ 4:00PM

Place: Amino Choshiyama Burial Mound

Contact: Cultural Asset Preservation and Utilization Section
TEL 0772-69-0640



4/27 (Sun.)

Mineyama Library

Children's Reading Day – Commemorative Storytime

There will be a picture book read-aloud, panel theater shows, and some simple crafts!

Time: 10:30 ~ 11:30AM

Place: Mineyama Community Center

Other: No need for prior registration.

Contact: Mineyama Library TEL 0772-62-5101



4/29 (Tues., Holiday)

Amino Library

Children's Reading Day – Commemorative Storytime

Enjoy story time with a large picture book read-aloud and an apron theater show! Afterwards, there will be simple crafts.

Time: 10:30 ~ 11:30AM

Place: Amino Library

Capacity: First 30 people

Sign-ups: Registration begins April 12th (Sat.) from 10AM

Contact: Amino Library TEL 0772-72-4946



Consultation Services

※The following services are, in principle, free. All matters will be kept confidential.

Consultation Service	Dates	Place	Matters Addressed	Reservations	To Sign Up or Contact
Healing Café Tsusentei	4/2 (Wed.) 10AM~2PM	Machi Machi Information Center	Talk about your troubles in a relaxed space.	Not required	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350
	4/10 (Thurs.) 10AM~4PM	Kissako Tsusentei Café			Tsusentei Management Committee TEL 0772-83-0139
Women's Consultation Service Window	4/23 (Wed.) 1:15PM ~ 4:05PM	Announced when you reserve an appointment	Find solutions to problems you face as a woman with a supportive counselor	Prior reservation required	Citizen's Affairs Section TEL 0772-69-0210
Hikikomori Consultation Service	Weekdays 9AM~6PM (excluding Wednesday afternoons)	Hitotowa	For people in reclusion, their families, and related persons (50 min slot per person) Prior reservation required	Enterprise Union Labor Cooperative Center Project "Hitotowa"	TEL 080-2507-9010
Yoriso Shien Comprehensive Support Center	Mon-Fri 9AM~5PM *Closed on public holidays	Mineyama General Welfare Center, West Annex	A one-stop place to discuss and get support for worries about everyday issues and employment.	Not required	Consultations: 0120-125-294 Yoriso Shien Comprehensive Support Center TEL 0772-62-0032
Nurse Employment Consultation	4/3 (Thurs.) 1:30~3PM	Hello Work Mineyama	Consult about restarting your career or changing	Not required	Northern Kyoto Prefecture Nurse Support Center

Group			jobs. Gather useful information and information on trainings for re-employment		TEL 0772-46-9002
Employment Consultation Service for Young People	Mon, Tues, Thurs. 11AM~4PM *Closed on public holidays	Yoriso Shien Comprehensive Support Center	Employment support for job hunting 15- to 49-year olds and family members	Prior reservation required	Northern Kyoto Young Person Support Station, Kyotango Satellite Office TEL 050-3559-2804
Government Administration Consultation Service	4/9 (Wed.) 1:30~3:30PM	Amino Town Hall	Grievances, opinions, and hopes about national policies	Not required	Kyoto Administrative Monitoring and Administration Consultation Center 075-802-1100
Legal Consultation Service	4/3 (Thurs.) 1:30~4:30PM	Mineyama Community Center	Issues regarding household registry, debts, and laws and regulations (30 minutes per person)	Prior reservations required	Kyoto Judicial Scrivener's Association Comprehensive Consultation Center TEL 075-255-2566
Administrative Legal Consultation	4/2 (Wed.) 10:00AM~12:00PM	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Construction permits, matters concerning the Agricultural Land Act, inheritances/wills, contract writing, etc.	Not required	Prefectural Administrative Lawyer's Association First Chapter Bureau TEL 0772-68-0237
Women's Phone	Mon. ~ Fri.	N/A	Call if you have	Not required	Women's

Consultation Service	8:30AM-5:15PM (Closed on public holidays)		problems in the home, interpersonal relationships, domestic violence, or more.		Telephone Consultation Hotline TEL 0772-69-0217
Consumer Affairs Consultation Service	Weekdays 9:00AM ~5:00PM *Closed on public holidays	Consumer Living Center	How to go about contracts, cooling off periods, and other consumer affairs	Not required	Kyotango City Consumer Living Center TEL 0772-62-6768 Consumer Support Hotline (TEL 188)
Human Rights Consultation Service	Every Thursday 9:00AM~4:00PM	Kyoto Local Legal Bureau, Kyotango Branch	Discrimination, harassment, and other infringements on human rights	Not required	Kyoto Regional Legal Bureau Kyotango Branch Office TEL 0772-62-0365
Consultation Service for Young Carers	Weekdays 8:30AM ~ 5:15PM *Closed on public holidays	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Accepts requests from both children who take on responsibilities caring for relatives or doing chores at home and their guardians	Not required	Child & Family Center (within the Childcare Support Section) TEL 0772-69-0370
Child & Family Center			Pregnancy, birth, childcare, home matters. Accepts consultations by phone or in-person visits to the center or home.		

Bullying Consultation Hotline	24/7, 365 days a year	N/A	An overseeing staff member and a clinical psychologist will lend an open ear.	Not required	City Bullying Hotline TEL 0120-889-061 Schools & Education Section TEL 0772-69-0620
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Information Guide

Supporting your child's future through childcare!

How to Receive Child Allowance

The Child Allowance is something that is provided (See ※3) to guardians (※2) who are caring for children (※1). Last year October, there was a reform to the program which clarified the provisions concerning fundamental economic support for all children for the sake of the next generation. This reform **eliminated income restrictions for those who can apply, extended the allowance period up to high school age for the child, increased the allowance amount by 30,000 yen for the third child and after, and increased the payment frequency to six times a year on the even-numbered months** (i.e. February, April, June, etc.). Eligible families must apply to receive the allowance.



※1. Children: Minors who are between the ages of 0 to 18 years old at the time of application by the end of the fiscal year are eligible.

※2. Qualified applicants: Guardians of children as specified in ※1 (i.e. birth parents who satisfy the requirements for custody and livelihood, legal guardians at or older than the age of majority or designated as parents, foster parents, guardians at child welfare facilities, etc.)

※3. Allowance amount: For the 1st & 2nd child, 15,000 yen per child will be provided for children under 3 years old, and 10,000 yen per child will be provided for children ages 3 to 18. After the third child, the allowance will increase to 30,000 yen per child.

※4. Counting your children: For children ages 0 to 22 by the end of the fiscal year that you care for, the oldest is counted as the first child, then the second oldest child is second, then third, and so forth.

****Note: To be eligible for welfare benefits, your address of residence must be registered with a local municipality.***

Receiving your Child Allowance

1. When to File a New Request of Recognition

- When your child is born
- When you move to Kyotango from another city or town
- When you are raising children after remarriage or divorce

2. When to Amend your Child Allowance Amount

- When you are already receiving the Child Allowance, but have a new child under your care
- When you have less children under your care

To begin the application process, please visit your local Citizen's Bureau, the Child and Family Section's service counter (within the Mineyama General Welfare Center), or apply online. If the applicant is a civil employee (i.e. public-school teacher or other government employee), then they must apply directly through their workplace.

You will need to complete paperwork if you are no longer eligible to receive the Child Allowance.

More details on the city's website



(machine translation available)

Apply online here



(Japanese only)

By the **Parenting and Child Support Section** TEL 0772-69-0340

Please Use the Collection Box for Small Electronic Household Appliances

Put your used household electronic appliances in the green collection box!



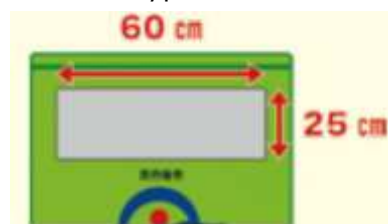
Small household appliances are a precious resource that can be recycled

Small household appliances contain precious materials such as metals and aluminum that can be recycled. In Kyotango City's Citizen Bureaus, community halls, and disposal centers, there is a green collection box where you can put your used household electronics in for free. Scan the QR Code below for a list of locations and more details (machine translation available):



Please follow the rules for collection and recycle the proper way!

If placing items in the collection box, please confirm the types of electronic appliances and dimensions that can be accepted. Small electronic appliances from the workplace may not be placed in the collection box. Please dispose of them appropriately as industrial waste.



※Please take items that do not fit in the collection box opening directly to the disposal center.

We can also collect via home pick-up!

The City is also conducting home pickup collection through third-party business recognized by the Small Household Appliance Recycling Act. For instructions on how to apply and other details, please visit the city website.



By the **Life Environment Section** TEL 0772-69-0240

Let's Not Waste Anything!

Tasty Tidbits of Knowledge

In this month's issue, we will share ways to enjoy spring-tender asparagus to the very end of the season!

You might be tempted to store this vegetable in the produce drawer, but the best temperature to store asparagus is at 2.5°C, so it's actually more suited to be stored in the refrigerator. But if you are storing it in the refrigerator, you need to be careful to not let it dry out. Dry conditions are the greatest nemesis to your tender asparagus. When storing asparagus, make sure to wrap the root ends of the asparagus lightly with a wet paper towel, before bundling the whole bunch with a dry paper towel. Then put the wrapped bundle in a plastic bag or cling wrap and place it in the refrigerator. Also, if you lay the asparagus flat in your refrigerator, the tips of the asparagus will try to grow upwards and consume its own energy, resulting in the asparagus losing freshness. We recommend storing it upright in a cup to keep it fresh!

Make this for your spring picnic or bento lunch!

Asparagus-Sausage Skewers

Ingredients (serves 2)

- Asparagus ... 3 stalks
- Small sausages ... 12 pieces
- Olive oil (or any vegetable oil) ... to taste



Instructions

1. Peel away the tough parts of the asparagus stalk and cut into four equal lengths.
2. Stick the asparagus and the sausages onto toothpicks in an alternating fashion.
3. Add a little bit of oil to a pan and pan-fry the skewers on medium heat, flipping to brown both sides.
4. Once both sides are browned slightly, cover the pan for about a minute to cook through.
5. Serve!

When you've prepped too much...

A Tip for Storing Asparagus in the Freezer

When freezing asparagus, peel away the outer skin near the root end of the stalk, blanch it lightly, and cool in an ice bath immediately. Then wrap the asparagus in plastic in a single layer, slide it inside a Ziploc bag being careful to remove as much air as possible, and then store it in the freezer. You don't have to defrost the asparagus before using it your dishes!