

Kyotango Public Relations Magazine – August 2023



For those Settling or Employed in Kyotango,

Kyotango City Will Help You Pay Back your Student Loans!

Take advantage of Japan's best policy to support working young adults!

Maximum Subsidy: 3.6 million yen over the course of ten years

The City will provide a monthly maximum of ¥30,000 (yearly amount ¥360K) for student loans paid back within in the specified duration*.

**One year calculated from October of the year prior to the year when you submit the application for the subsidy.*

Criteria for Eligibility:

- Under 30 years old
- Successfully finished studies at a university, graduate school, two-year college, technical high school (limited to four- to five-year programs), or vocational schools (specialized course or general course)
- Settled in Kyotango and employed at a company within commutable distance of Kyotango

*Applicant must apply and receive approval beforehand

*Must live continuously in Kyotango for 10 years

*Excludes officials working in national or local government

Important Notice: Applicants currently using the program must re-apply every year to continue to receive subsidies

**Every year, a notice will be sent before the application period begins.*

Now, there are around 200 people currently taking advantage of this program. **As of July 11th*

For more information, please contact:

General Education Affairs Section TEL 0772-69-0610

Scan the QR Code below for more detailed information on the City's website (Japanese)



New City Programs to Help You Through the Rising Costs of Goods!



1) Temporary Special Financial Assistance for Low-Income Households

The City will provide financial assistance for low-income households (households earning below taxable income and do not pay resident tax, or households whose financial situation has suddenly changed).

Amount of Financial Assistance: ¥30,000 per household

Eligible Households:

① Households that are below the taxable household income bracket in

*① do not need to apply (subsidy should have been distributed in mid-July) *② will need to apply

2023 (Reiwa 5) fiscal year (Date of Reference: June 1st, 2023)

② Households whose financial situation suddenly changed after January 2023 and household income on a per capita basis fall below a taxable household income (does not fall under ①)

By the **Welfare Section** TEL 0772-69-0310

2) Out-of-Pocket Medical Expense Support for College Students

For guardians supporting dependent students through university or vocational schools, the City will provide financial support for out-of-pocket expenses when your student goes to a hospital or clinic.

The City will provide support for out-of-pocket medical expenses **over 200 yen**.
(Fees from medical facilities outside of Kyotango City are also covered)

What is covered?

Medical Fees for University and Vocational School Students up to 22 years old
(Insurance Reimbursement Amount)

Who can apply for support?

Guardians of students who are currently attending university or vocational school (and currently have a residence in Kyotango City)

How much support will I get?

Any out-of-pocket fee over 200 yen once a month from one medical facility (in-patient/out-patient care, insured pharmaceutical fees included)

How long will this program last?

Fee must be incurred from between July 2023 and March 2024.

By the **Insurance Section** TEL 0772-69-0220

U.S. Army Kyogamisaki Communications Site Safety Liaison

Meeting

The 35th Safety Liaison Meeting about the installment of the U.S. Army Kyogamisaki Communications Site was held on June 16th at Kyotango City Hall.



Commander James Weir making his report.

Site Commander MAJ. James Weir reported on the importance of traffic safety and the base's effort to abide by traffic laws, and would like to keep on encouraging the military personnel to proactively engage in community events and beach cleanups to deepen their relationship with the local people.

The Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau reported about the situation regarding the safety initiatives in the region, social exchange between Japanese and American people, and regional promotion policies.

About the Traffic Safety Course that has been held since previous years, Vice-Mayor Nakanishi commended on this year's course which was held on May 17th at the Former Ukawa Junior High School Grounds with the newly formed Traffic Safety Promotion Team. He also requested continued diligence on traffic safety measures, swift transmission of information related to the Act on the Review and Regulation of the Use of Real Estate Surrounding Important Facilities and on Remote Territorial Islands, the promotion of Japan-America exchange activities, and continued surveying of the marine water quality surrounding the base.

This year marks the 78th Anniversary of the End of WWII.

There will be a siren followed by a moment of silence honoring the lives lost during the war on the following dates:

- **August 6th (Sunday) at 8:15 AM** – Remembrance of the Hiroshima Bombing
- **August 9th (Wednesday) at 11:02AM** – Remembrance of the Nagasaki Bombing
- **August 15th (Tuesday) at noon** – Anniversary of the End of World War II

Summer is in Full Swing!

Information about Kyotango City's Open Beach Season & Swimming Hours

There are 14 Swimming Beaches Open in Kyotango!

Kyotango City has 15 total swimming beaches, the most in Kyoto Prefecture, and is one of the most major tourist attractions that supports Kyotango's summer tourism. This year, there are 14 beaches open for swimming. Make sure to watch out for your physical condition and warm up body before heading into the ocean.

**Please make your own judgement when protecting yourself from COVID-19 at the beach.*



Tateiwa/Nochigahama



Hatchohama



Sunagata



Shotenkyo/Kazurano

Open Beach Season (by town)		
Tango	Nakahama Swimming Beach	7/13 ~ 8/21
	Kyuso Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
	Takashima Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
	Takano Swimming Beach	7/8 ~ 8/16
	Tateiwa/Nochigahama Swimming Beach	7/8 ~ 8/20
	Sunagata Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
<i>*Hei Swimming Beach in Tango is not open for swimming.</i>		
Amino	Kotobikihama-Asobi Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
	Kotobikihama-Kakezu Swimming Beach	7/1 ~ 8/20
	Kobama Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
	Hatchohama Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
	Hamazume-Yuhigaura Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20
Hakoishihama Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20	
Shotenkyo/Kazurano Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20	
Kamaihama Swimming Beach	7/15 ~ 8/20	

Check for Beach and Parking Availabilities in Real-Time!

Now on the Kyotango Tourism Association Website (Japanese), you can now see crowd and swimming conditions at all the beaches in Kyotango.

➤ View Real-Time Conditions and Maximum Parking Space Information for Beach Parking

You can now see parking lot conditions (Full, Spaces Available, Crowded, Closed) at a glance!

For more information, scan here >



➤ See Swimming Conditions in Real-Time

You can now check whether not it is okay to swim at different beaches in Kyotango.



Swimming OK



Do Not Swim

By the **Kyotango Tourism Association** TEL 0772-72-6070

Kyotango City International Association News

Cleaning Up Along the Coast at Hakoishi Beach

On June 11th, the Kyotango City International Association hosted a beach cleanup with foreign residents around Hakoishi Beach. Around 60 foreign residents from America, China, Vietnam, Germany, Panama and other countries, members of the Kyotango City Junior Chamber, and local residents participated in the event. The participants worked together to clean up the beach such as pull heavy ropes out of the sand and compared the amount of trash they picked up. While everyone was working up a sweat, the participants were able to overcome linguistic and cultural barriers at this community event.



Japanese and foreign residents alike are cleaning up the ocean together (Kumihama)! The participants said they were happy to make their home a little cleaner.

Please Answer this Survey!



Let us hear what we can do to make our community better!

At the Kyotango City District Representatives Council, the members hope to create a way for everyone, no matter the age or gender, to get involved and enjoy local events. Please let us hear your voice so we can make it easier for everyone to contribute in their local community.

Survey Period: 7/25 ~ 8/31

Target: Anyone who is a resident of Kyotango

How to Answer: Scan the QR code below to fill out the survey form.



By the **Kyotango City District Representatives Council Office** (within the Community Promotion Section) TEL 0772-69-1050

Events Calendar – August

8/11

Tango Night Market

The Tango Night Market is back for the first time in four years! There will be live stage performances, BMX and mountain bike shows, and lots of food stalls with tasty eats and treats! There will also be fun spots for the kids to play. Come and check it out!

Time: 2PM ~ 9PM

Location: Sugiyama District in Mineyama

Contact: Tango Night Market Executive Committee (within the Mineyama Citizen's Bureau)

TEL 0772-69-0711



8/11

**Human Rights Education Promotion Project:
Kids' Summer Movie Night**

Come enjoy a family-friendly movie for you and your kids!

Featured Film: TANG

Time: 6:00PM~ (Doors Open @ 5:30PM)

Location: Amity Tango

Capacity: around 130 people

Target: Kyotango Residents



8/25

**Waffle Camp Hometown in Kyotango
Programming Lecture for Junior High and High School Girls**

This programming camp is for girls (those who identify as female or non-binary are also welcome!) in junior high or high school. Come and make your own personal website about the things you like!

Time: 10AM ~ 4PM

Location: Kyotango City Hall (Mineyama)

Capacity: Around 20 participants

Target: Junior High and High School girls who live in Kyotango or are a student in a school in Kyotango

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Section

TEL 0772-69-0210

View the website here:



8/4 (Friday)

Haha-Emi Project - Childcare Web Get-Together

An online gathering for parents to come together and talk about child-rearing. This event will be held on Zoom, so you can attend from home.

Please sign up on the website (QR Code below)

Main Theme:

A Town Where My Child and I Can Live Pleasantly

Time: 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM

Contact: Health Promotion Section

TEL 0772-69-0350

8/18 (Fri.)

Mineyama Library - Let's Make a Rubber Band Car

We will be hosting a crafting class where kids can try to make their own rubber band car!

Time: 10:30AM ~ 11:30AM

Location: Mineyama Regional Community Center

Capacity: First 15 people

This event is for elementary school kids.

Contact: Mineyama Library TEL 0772-62-5101

8/26 (Sat.)

Omiya Library Room - Let's Make a Light Kaleidoscope

Make a kaleidoscope using a paper cup!

Time: 2PM ~ 3PM

Location: Agri Center Omiya

Capacity: First 15 people

This event is for kids 5-12 years old.

Registration will begin from 8/3 at 10AM.

For kids under 6 years old, please have a guardian to accompany them at the event.

Contact: Omiya Library Room TEL 0772-69-0672

Every Saturday

Silver Morning Market

Fresh vegetables and flowers, handicrafts, and wooden goods will be on sale!

Market Schedule for August

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th

Time: 9AM ~ 11AM

Place: Mineyama General Welfare Center

Contact: Kyotango City Silver Human Resources Center
TEL 0772-65-0052

Now Recruiting Teams for the 36th Tango Peninsula Ekiden Marathon 2023

Run through an 18.5 km six-part course surrounded by the magnificent natural beauty of the San'in Kaigan Geopark. Form a team with friends, family, or co-workers and sign up for the marathon!

Event Date: 10/29 (Sun.)

Eligibility: Must be a resident or working in Kyoto Prefecture and over the age of 18

Teams: Max. 8 people per team (includes two back-up runners)

Entry Fee: ¥5,000 per team

How to Register: Submit the sign-up form via email, fax, or post (download the form from the website).

Registration Period: Until 9/6 (Wednesday)

Contact: Kyoto Prefecture Municipal Officials' Welfare Association



9/10 (Sunday)

Live Haiku Show with Itsuki Natsui

Time: 2PM (Doors open @ 1:30PM)

Place: Tango Cultural Center (Sugitani, Mineyama-cho)

Admission:

General – Presale ¥2500/At-the-door ¥3000

High School & below – Presale ¥1500/At-the-door ¥2000

Friendship Member - ¥300 off ticketed price

**Member presales limited to two tickets per person*

**No children under the age of five allowed at the event*

Contact: Tango Cultural Center TEL 0772-62-5200



Population and Number of Households in Kyotango City

The number in the parentheses marks the difference from the end of May to the end of June according to the Basic Resident Registry. Includes foreign residents.

Total Population: 51,352 (-51)

Male: 24,731 (-31)

Female: 26,621 (-21)

Number of Households: 22,939 (-1)

Population Change by Main Criteria

Move-in: 68

Move-out: 69

Births: 26

Deaths: 78

Other reasons: +1

Worried about Your Child’s Development?

Let’s Talk it Through Together

We take all sorts of consultations from parents or relatives of the worried parent about their child’s development when they face little bumps and obstacles in their life. To connect every person to the help they need, we work with professionals to come up with solutions and collaborate with various support systems. If something is bothering you or you are worried that you or your child are the only odd ones out, please come and talk with us!

Target

Families with children under the age of 20.

Place

Satsuki-En (12-1 Goka, Mineyama-cho)



Fee

Free (Reservation required)

Scan the QR code for more about consultation days, reservations, and location



Have an Eco-Friendly Family Outing with Public Transport this Summer!

Kyoto Eco Summer has now begun!

Kyoto Eco Summer is a collaborative effort between Kyoto Prefecture, businesses, regional municipalities, and schools to encourage families to use public transportation during the summer holiday.

For every adult fare, up to two elementary school age kids can ride for free on participating bus routes, Kyoto Tango Railway trains, and Mobi rideshares!

Duration: 7/22 (Sat.) ~ 8/31 (Thurs.)

How to Use:

Bus > When paying your bus fare, mention to the driver about Eco Summer to pay only the adult fare.

Train > 1) Download and print the special ticket from KTR's website [KTR Website](#)
2) Mention to the station staff at the ticket gate about Eco Summer and show the Eco Summer Ticket.



**If you are boarding at an unmanned station, please show the ticket to the train operator.*

Mobi > Mention over the phone (if reserving over the phone) or to the driver (if reserving through the app) about Eco Summer and only pay the adult fare.

Participating transportation services in Kyotango City

- Kyoto Tango Railway
- City Buses
- Tankai Bus
- Mobi

More details here:



By the **Policy and Planning Section** TEL 0772-69-0120

To Accommodate for the New Invoice System,

Tax will be Excluded from Water and Sewage Fees

From October 2023, a new invoice system will be put into place to address the multiple consumer tax rates included in your usage fees. In order to accurately reflect the taxes charged on your sewage bill accurately, the invoiced amount shown will exclude the taxes from your usage fees.

Consumption taxes for basic usage fees, over-use fees, and metered usage fees will be added to the invoiced total. There will be no increase to the current rates for your water and sewage fees.

If your monthly water usage is 25 m³ and the meter size is 20 mm:

	Until Now (tax included)		After Revision (tax included)	
Water Usage Fee	¥4,693	▶	¥4,678	(decrease of ¥15)
Sewage Fee	¥4,001		¥3,993	(decrease of ¥8)

If your monthly water usage is 5 m³, and your pipe meter is 13 mm:

	Current (tax included)		After Revision (tax included)	
Water Usage Fee	¥1,062	▶	¥1,061	(decrease of ¥1)
Sewage Fee	¥781		¥781	(no change)

Water Usage Fees (Monthly)

Category	Water Usage	Current (tax included)	After Revision (tax not included)
Basic Fee	Up to 5 m ³	¥1009	¥917
Overuse Fee (per 1 m ³)	6 m ³ ~ 30 m ³	¥180	¥163
	31 m ³ ~ 50 m ³	¥191	¥173
	51 m ³ ~ 100 m ³	¥203	¥184
	101 m ³ ~ 200 m ³	¥214	¥194

	Over 201 m ³	¥225	¥204
	If using for construction work (over 6 m ³)	¥538	¥489
	Temporary usage within a six-month period (over 6 m ³)	¥281	¥255

Sewage Fees (Monthly)

Category	Amount of Sewage Water	Current (tax included)	After Revision (tax not included)
Basic Fee	Up to 5 m ³	¥781	¥710
Overuse Fee (per 1 m ³)	6 m ³ ~ 50 m ³	¥161	¥146
	51 m ³ ~ 100 m ³	¥167	¥151
	Over 101 m ³	¥179	¥162
Hot Spring Waste Water for Business Usage		¥58	¥52
Temporary Flushable Toilet (per unit)		¥781	¥710

Connection Fees

Meter Size	Current (tax included)	After Revision (tax not included)
13 mm	¥46,200	¥42,000
20 mm	¥110,000	¥100,000
25 mm	¥171,600	¥156,000
30 mm	¥246,400	¥224,000
40 mm	¥437,800	¥398,000
50 mm	¥684,200	¥622,000
75 mm	¥1,537,800	¥1,398,000
100 mm	¥2,734,600	¥2,486,000
150 mm	¥6,151,200	¥5,592,000

Meter Usage Fees (Monthly)

Meter Size	Current (tax included)	After Revision (tax not included)
------------	------------------------	-----------------------------------

13 mm	¥53	¥48
20 mm	¥84	¥76
25 mm	¥95	¥86
30 mm	¥168	¥152
40 mm	¥283	¥257
50 mm	¥399	¥362
75 mm	¥1373	¥1248
100 mm	¥1624	¥1476
150 mm	¥3520	¥3200

Standard Adjustment Subtracted from Basic Septic Tank Usage Fee

Current (tax included)	After Revision (tax not included)
¥407	¥370

Connection/Disconnection Processing Fee (per request)

Current (tax included)	After Revision (tax not included)
¥1000	¥909

About Water and Sewage Invoice Delivery

Up until now, your water bill has shown two months' worth of water usage. Starting from September this year, the City will send you two invoices printed with each month's water usage fees.

Let's Protect Tango's Beautiful Ocean

The Problem with Ocean Trash and its Effects

Currently, studies show that approximately eight million tons of trash are being thrown into the oceans every year across the world. Last year, Kyotango City collected approximately 160 tons of trash that drifted onto our coast, which was then transported to a processing facility outside of Kyotango. Ocean trash affects our lives and the earth in so many different ways. It threatens the beautiful seascape of Tango, gets tangled and mistakenly eaten by



marine wildlife, and adversely influences the fishing industry.

To Protect Tango's Beautiful Ocean

Most of the ocean trash that washes up along our coastline is trash that drifted from rivers and waterways into the ocean. Plastic waste, such as PET bottles and straws, turn into small pieces due to exposure from the sun's rays and the motion of the waves, making it very difficult to collect. To make sure we can pass down the beauty of Tango's ocean to future generations, let's do what we can to not let trash drift from the city to the ocean and properly abide by the rules when taking out the trash.

For more on how to properly sort and dispose of trash, scan here:



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

Typhoons and Floods aren't the only Natural Disasters!

Make Sure You are Well Prepared for Other Disasters like

Earthquakes!!

1. Do you have enough back-up water and food supply?

In case electricity, gas, and water lines are shut off, it is important to prepare enough drinking water and pantry-stable foods during times of normalcy.

Food

- Drinking Water (2-3 liters of water, per person, per day)
- Emergency Food (canned food, hard tack, retort packaged food)
- Easy to carry food (chocolate bars, candy, etc.)
- Powdered milk and baby bottles (if you have small children)
- *Try to keep at least three days' worth (seven if possible) of food and water as emergency stock on the every day.

Emergency Kit

- Everyday Medicine (digestive medicine, cold medication, etc.)
- Drug History Booklet
- Bandages, gauze, and plasters

- Wound medication and disinfectant
- Medication for chronic illnesses
- Helmet or Emergency Hood
- Whistle

Valuables

- Cash (and change)
- Bankbook and stamp
- Credit cards, etc.
- Health Insurance Card
- Driver's License or other ID
- Residence Card
- Passport

Clothing, etc.

- Clothes (thick and thin clothing)
- Underwear
- Towels, cloths
- Gloves
- Sleeping bags
- Raingear

Everyday Items

- Plastic bags/Garbage bags
- Newspaper
- Lighter
- Knife, Can Opener
- Tissues
- Wet Wipes
- Handheld Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Portable Radio (with extra batteries)
- Mobile Phone (charger, battery pack)
- Writing Utensil (permanent marker)
- Toiletries
- Glasses
- Face Masks

- Disposable Hand Warmers
- Diapers
- Pads/Tampons
- Duct Tape
- Rope
- Map (Hazard Map)

2. Have you Prepared your Emergency Grab Bag?

When disaster strikes your home, you may have to end up living at an evacuation site or shelter. So, pack your necessities in a backpack in case an emergency happens.



3. Have you Safety-Proofed your Home?

In the event of a sudden earthquake, it is difficult to respond immediately. Prepare and set up your home so that you can evacuate safely when an earthquake strikes.

1

Make a safe space to evacuate to inside of your home.

If your home has multiple rooms, put your furniture together in a room where people do not enter as much. If that is not possible, then try to change the arrangement of the furniture to make the space as safe as possible.

2 **Do not leave large furniture in bedrooms or rooms that children and the elderly use.**
Earthquakes that hit when people are sleeping are dangerous. There is a chance that children, the elderly, and the ill may be late to evacuate out of the house.

3 **Position the furniture so it does not fall over easily.**
Furniture is more likely to fall if there are gaps between the furniture, wall, and any pillars your house may have. Place small boards underneath the furniture to secure it. Lay out a large board underneath if you have the furniture on a tatami surface.

4 **Do not leave items in front of doorways or walkways so that you can evacuate safely.**
Do not leave items that fall over easily near doorways like your front door and connecting walkways. If you leave various things in front, then they may block your way out when disaster strikes.

4. **What should you do if you hear an Earthquake Alert? What if you feel a quake?**

While being aware of your surroundings, stay calm and first secure your own safety.

If At Home...

- Protect your head, and shelter in a safe place such as under a sturdy table
- Don't rush outside of your home in a frenzy
- Don't try to extinguish fires that you cannot put out on your own

If Driving a Car...

- Do not brake the car suddenly. Bring your car to a halt, slowly and carefully.
- Turn on your hazard lights to alert the other cars around you.

These are when Earthquake Alerts will be announced!

Announcement Conditions	Expected to be over seismic intensity of 5 or long-period ground motion level of 3
Affected Area	Areas expected to experience a seismic intensity over 4 or long-period ground motion level of 3

What is Long-Period Ground Motion?

Long-period ground motion happens during large earthquakes, and are slow tremors with long cycles. They can even shake tall buildings hundreds of kilometers away from the epicenter of the earthquake well after the initial quake has passed.

**Get Disaster Information from Kyotango City's Social Media Pages!
Kyotango City International Association Facebook (Multilingual)**



Official LINE Account (Japanese)



Official Kyotango City Facebook (Japanese)



Survey about Current Earthquake Safety Measures for Residents

The Cabinet Office is now conducting a survey about disaster prevention awareness and safety measures to better future countermeasures. We ask for your cooperation.

More details here:



By the **General Affairs Section** 0772-69-0140

Get the Most Out of Kyotango with an E-Bike!

Kyotango’s ocean, forest, and countryside not only has rich, natural landscapes, wholesome and delicious foods, and restorative natural hot springs, but also a colorful variety of charming things to see, each painted with its own historical and cultural backstory.



To experience these sights to the fullest, why not try riding an e-bike and immerse yourself in the rich culture of Kyotango? Refresh yourself with the ocean breeze rushing past your face and go on an e-bike tour through Kyotango today!

**You do not need a license to ride an e-bike.*

Green Belt Tour Course

Experience the natural beauty of the Tango-Amanohashidate-Oeyama Quasi-National Park. Interact with its people and learn about life in Tango. Listen to melodious bird song as you rush downhill through a tunnel of green foliage.



More details here (Kyo-Bike):



Other Places to Rent E-bikes in Kyotango City!

There are other e-bike rental studios in Kyotango. You can tour around various tourist spots and stores, enjoy delicious food along the way, and wash your worries away at the many hot springs located around the city. Experience the best of Japan’s seasons while journeying around Kyotango.



More details here (Kyotango Navi):



By the **Tourism Promotion Section** TEL 0772-69-0450