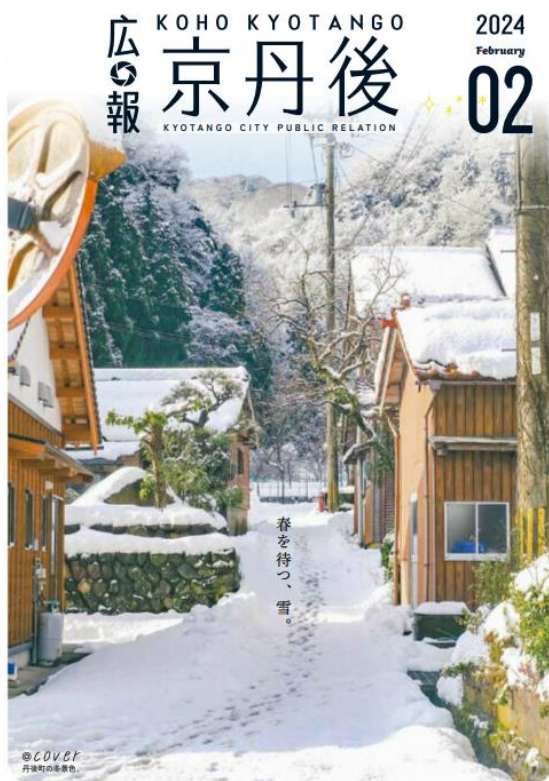


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### **Please Be Safe on the Roads During the Winter!**

**The Roads Are Slippery in Winter! Be Careful of Pedestrians and Cyclists.**

#### **For Drivers**

When it snows for longer periods of time, the snow plowed to the sides of the road will make the roadways narrower. Pedestrians and cyclists will also be closer to vehicles on the road. Please drive cautiously and carefully.



#### **For Pedestrians and Cyclists**

- It is extremely dangerous when a snowplow is active. Stay away from snowplows while they are doing work.
- Please wear your helmet if riding on a bicycle.

By the **Kyotango City Police Department** TEL 0772-62-0110

## Population and Number of Households in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Nov. 2023	End of Dec. 2023	Change
Total Population	51,095	51,031	-64
Male	24,580	24,541	-39
Female	26,515	26,490	-25
Number of Households	22,972	22,986	14
Changes by Main Criteria	Move-in	67	
	Move-out	62	
	Births	14	
	Deaths	83	
Other Reasons			0

*For everyone who is raising a child in Kyotango...*

### Please take a look at the Childcare Support Site.

There is helpful information waiting for you!

Scan the QR Code below to access the website:



## February Event Calendar

2/4 (Sun.) and others

### Zero Carbon-Friendly Environment Lecture

A lecture series about eco-friendly lifestyles and the possibility of thermal energy storage technologies. Includes visits to a Citizen Solar Power Plant and more.

More details here:



**Dates & Times:** February 4<sup>th</sup> (Sun.), 10<sup>th</sup> (Sat.), 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat.), 21<sup>st</sup> (Wed.)

All classes are from 1:30PM ~ 4:00PM

**Location:** City Hall in Mineyama

**Capacity:** 20 people per class, first come first serve basis

**Registration:** Email [kankyo@city.kyotango.lg.jp](mailto:kankyo@city.kyotango.lg.jp) or call the Life Environment Section to sign up.

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

**2/8 (Thurs.) and more**

### **Kids English Conversation Class**

Start your children early and let them have fun learning English with games and picture books!

**Dates & Times:** February 8<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.), 15<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.), 22<sup>nd</sup> (Thurs.)

All classes are from 5PM~6PM

**Location:** Mineyama Community Center

**Target:** Kids 3~7 years old (Guardians must accompany kids 5 years old and younger)

**Capacity:** 30 kids per class

**Registration:** Please contact the KIA via email at [kokusai\\_koryu@kyotango.net](mailto:kokusai_koryu@kyotango.net) or through their Official LINE account. Scan the QR Code to add the KIA Official LINE Account as your Friend.



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

**2/10 (Sat.)**

### **Disaster Preparedness Camp Tour: Have Fun Learning How to Be Prepared as a Family!**

A disaster preparedness event for parents and kids up to elementary school age. Learn about how to be prepared for emergencies and disasters in a camp environment!

**Time:** 11AM~4PM

**Location:** Tango Kingdom, "Syoku no Miyako"

**Target:** For kids ages 4 and above

**Capacity:** First 40 people

**Fee:** 3,000 yen per person (includes meals and insurance)

**Registration:** Sign up by 2/9 (Friday). Scan the QR Code to sign up.

**Contact:** Tango Kingdom "Syoku no Miyako" TEL 0772-66-3081



**2/11 (Sun.)**

### **String Ensemble Concert ~Music for String Sextet~**

“Ongaku no Machizukuri”, a local non-profit organization, will be holding their 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary concert. This six-person string ensemble will perform pieces by Brahms.

Scan the QR Code for more details.

**Time:** 1PM~

**Location:** Mineyama General Welfare Center

**Contact:** NPO Ongaku no Machizukuri (Rep: Tanaka TEL 0772-62-5994)



**2/18 (Sun.) and more**

### **Pottery Class for Beginners! Paint your Own Ceramics**

Try making your own *koi-nobori* creation from clay! This is a two-day pottery experience with sculpting and glazing.

Scan the QR Code for more details.

**Time:** 2/18 (Sun.) – Sculpting

Group A: From 9:30AM

Group B: From 1:30PM

3/17 (Sun.) – Glazing

Group A: From 9:30 AM

Group B: From 1:30 PM



**Location:** Isanago Workshop (Mineyama General Forestry Center)

**To Register:** Call the number below by 2/17 (Sat.) to sign up

**Contact:** Isanago Workshop (Closed Wed., Thurs., Fri.)

TEL 0772-62-7302

**2/25 (Sun.)**

### **Amino Library**

### **Fun Science Classroom – Egg Challenge**

Does it float? Does it spin around? Does it stand straight up?

Try some experiments using an egg!

There will also be some arts & crafts.

**Time:** 10:30AM~11:30AM

**Location:** Amino Library

**Target:** 5~12 years old (Children not in elementary school must be accompanied by a



guardian)

**Capacity:** First 20 people

**To Register:** Sign ups will begin 2/10 (Sat.)

**Contact:** Amino Library TEL 0772-72-4946

3/2 (Sat.)

### Osaka Symphonic Orchestra’s Spring Concert

**Location:** Kyoto Prefecture Tango Performing Arts Center

**Time:** 3:30PM (Doors Open 3:00PM)

**Admission:** General - ¥3000

Junior High and below - ¥1500

※Discount for Friends of the Symphony available

Reserved Seating

**Other Information:** General Presales begin January 15<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) at 9AM

Friends of the Symphony presales begin January

10<sup>th</sup> at 9AM

More details here:



**Contact:** Tango Performing Arts Center

TEL 0772-62-5200



## Mobi’s Period of Operation Has Been Extended

### Please Give Mobi’s All-You-Can-Ride Plan a Try!

Mobi, a community mobility service operating within Mineyama and Omiya, is currently conducting trial operations in Kyotango City. In December, the City decided that the trial shall be extended to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, Mobi will become any everyday way to get around Kyotango, on top of walking, cycling, and driving. There are over 300 stops where you can board and get off from in Mineyama and Omiya, and affordable monthly value packs to ride (otherwise, it is 400 yen per ride).

Please take advantage of this convenient way to get around.

**Mobi Hours of Operation:** 8AM ~ 9PM

For the most updated list of pick-up and drop-off points and other detailed information, scan the QR Code:



**Table 1: Fare Chart (After Revision)**

Type of Fare			Fare
Regular Fare	One-Way	Adult	<b>400 yen</b>
		Child	<b>Half</b> of Adult Fare
		Infant	For every adult, up to two can ride <b>for free</b> . From the third, each child is <b>half</b> the adult fare.
Discount Fare (Operational Discount)	All-You-Can-Ride Pass		Look at Table 2
	Limited Fare Pack		Look at Table 3

**Table 2: All-You-Can-Ride Pass**

Period	Adult/Child	Additional Family Member
One Month	<b>6,000 yen</b>	<b>1,000 yen</b>

Table 3: Limited Fare Packs

Number of Rides	Adult/Child
20 Rides	<b>6,000 yen</b>
10 Rides	<b>3,400 yen</b>
8 Rides	<b>2,800 yen</b>
5 Rides	<b>1,800 yen</b>

**Contact:** Mobi Customer Support TEL 050-2018-0107

## Presenting the Charm of Tango Through Video

### Tango Kataribe Short Video Screening

The Tango Kataribe Association was established in 2011 (Heisei 23) is a group centered on individuals who passed the Northern Kyoto Hometown Exam (*Kita Kyoto Furusato Kentei*) and its members are passionate in their desire to widely promote the charm of the Tango area and to develop the human resources to do so. They also receive counsel from the professor emeritus from Saga Art University, Dr. Hidehiko

Sakagami, for their activities. Presently, the Association has 22 active members who come from various fields.

Now, the Kataribe Association has posted videos about the tales that can only be found in the Tango region on their Youtube channel, such as “*Tango Shichi Hime Kazoe-uta*” (Counting Song for the Seven Princesses of Tango), “*Amino Monogatari*” (The Tale of Amino), “*Appare Meidaikan Shiotani Daishiro*” (The Brilliant Governor from the Edo Period, Daishiro Shiotani), and more. The Association will also be holding a public screening and presentation on **March 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:30PM at Agri Center Omiya**. There will be a lecture by Dr. Sakagami and a showing of nine of the Association’s videos. We hope to see you there.



View the Counting Song for the Seven Tango Princesses here



For more information and to sign up for the Video Screening event, scan here



By the **Tango Kataribe Association** TEL 0772-82-0346

## Collection Box for Paper Packaging with Aluminum Available

### Paper packaging with aluminum can be recycled.

Paper packaging with aluminum coating are often used as cartons for things like soymilk, fruit juice, alcoholic beverages, and seasonings. This carton packaging, when recycled, can be born again as paper products such as toilet paper. We ask for your cooperation to recycle. (As they are known to extend the shelf life of products, they are also known as Long Life Paper Packs in Japan.)

*※Please open up and rinse the inside of the carton, and recycle it once it is dry.*



## The collection box located on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby at Kyotango City Hall (Mineyama).

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

### A New Way to Use the City's Public Facility Reservation System!

Up until now, you could check availabilities and tentatively book city facilities such as meeting rooms in the local community centers and sports facilities like gymnasiums and sporting fields online. Now, with the new system, you can confirm your bookings and pay online too.

You can also submit your application forms and pay the usage fees easily from your smartphone instead of going to the service counter.

※*The City will still continue to accept paper applications at the service counters.*



New System (※1)	In effect: <b>January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b> Accepting reservations for dates <b>after May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024</b> You can begin reserving from <b>February 1<sup>st</sup></b>
	<b>Functions</b> Availability Search, Identity Verification using MyNumber Card (※2), Reservation, Fee Payment (Credit Card, PayPay), SmartLock Function (※3)
Current System	System will be available <b>until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b> Tentative reservations will be available <b>until April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>

※1: There are 35 facilities that can be used under the new system (Social Gymnasiums, City Community Centers, and Agri Center Omiya). School gymnasiums are not included.

※2: To conduct your identity verification online, you will need a MyNumber Card and a smartphone that can read the information on your card. You will also need your 6- to 16-digit passcode.

※3: The SmartLock Function is a system that allows you to open the keybox by receiving the lock code from an email message so you can use the facility without having to pick up the key from the

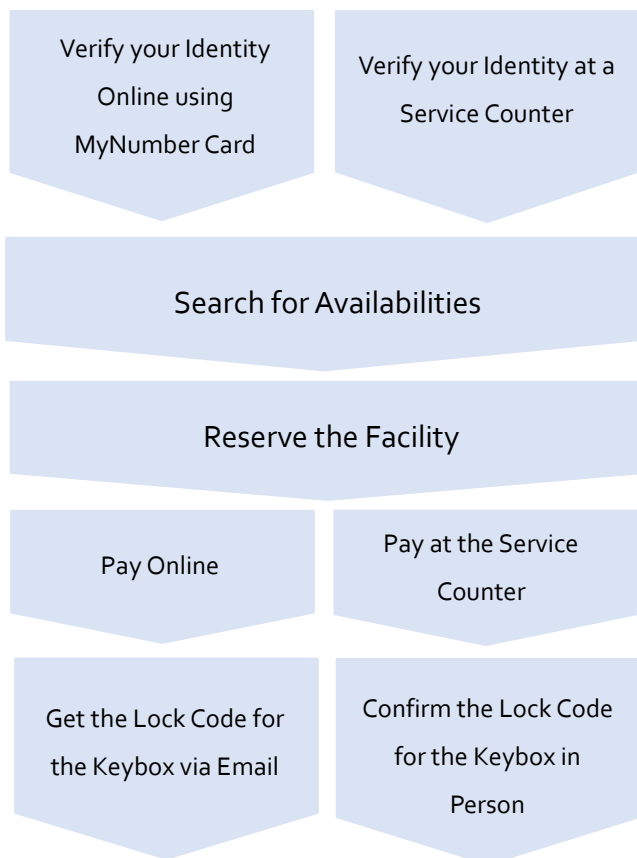


service counter. (Applicable facilities are the Omiya Social Gymnasium, Tango Social Gymnasium, Amino Gymnastics Center, and the Yasaka General Sports Park Gymnasium for a total of four locations.)

**How to Use** (if using a facility that can use SmartLock):



Register as a New User



Use the Facility

About the New Reservation System (beginning from January 29<sup>th</sup>):



About How to Use to the New Reservation System (City Website)



By the **Digital Strategy Section** TEL 0772-69-0130 and the **Lifelong Learning Section**  
TEL 0772-69-0630

## Know Your Etiquette as a Pet Owner!

*We've received quite a few complaints about pets!*

### **Please pick up after your pet's poop when you go on walks!**

Please develop the habit of letting your pet finish their business before going on walks. Just in case if your pet poops on a walk, be sure to carry pooper scoopers or bags and take it back home with you. **Please take responsibility as the owner of your pet.**



### **Please do not irresponsibly feed stray cats!**

When you carelessly feed stray cats, they will multiply and may bring harm to the surrounding environment because of their cries and droppings. **As the cats grow in number, they may be deemed as a nuisance in the local community and will be more likely to suffer from abuse or harassment, so feeding stray cats will not benefit them either.**



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