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The U.S. Army Kyogamisaki Communications Site Holds their 29th Safety Measure Communications Meeting

Reports about the Circumstance concerning the Electrical Generator’s Continuous Operation and the Results of the Water Quality Inspection

The Safety Communications Meeting related to the Kyogamisaki Communications Site was held on December 2nd at the City Hall in Mineyama. Representatives from the local residents, the Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau, Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto Prefectural Police, and the Kyogamisaki Communications Site were present.

Reports about the Kyogamisaki Communications Site

K.C.S. Commander Major Elliot reported that mostly everyone associated with the Site have received two doses of the vaccine. Secondly, preparations for the move into on-site housing are in the process of beginning. Thirdly, regarding the generator’s operation, the Site did not intend for its unnecessary operation and only let it remain in operation when absolutely necessary.



Commander Elliot at the meeting

Along with expressing his appreciation for the driving course, the Commander also said he looks forward to engaging with the local community through various events such as beach cleanups and English conversation classes.

Minimizing the Operation of the Generator

Regarding the generator’s continuous operation from November 5th to November 17th, the Kinki-Chubu Defense Bureau explained that while the Site was carrying out emergency maintenance, they found that the parts for machinery related to the commercial electric supply needed to be replaced. The Site let the generator run for the least amount of time they could until they received the replacement parts from America.

The City requested that the Site should have spare parts ready beforehand and

establish a system where they can replace the parts as quickly as possible to not let the generator run continuously.

Results from the Water Treatment Tank Wastewater Quality Inspection and the Algal Distribution Survey

The Defense Bureau shared that the Americans have found no abnormalities from their water quality inspection since March 2021 when the Site first began using water treatment tanks. In addition, the Defense Bureau reported no outstanding issues when compared to environmental standards, and no exceptional changes to the algae in their survey conducted on the surrounding seawater and algal distribution.

The City requested continuous inspections and surveys and the public release of their results.

Addressing the Novel Coronavirus

The Defense Bureau explained that they have alleviated restrictions as Site personnel have completed two doses of the vaccine, but they plan to thoroughly enforce preventative measures against the coronavirus and have stipulated that all personnel wear their mask outside of the base and that each individual strictly observe the rules. As the Omicron variant has been spreading within Japan, the City requested that the base should begin administering the third vaccine as soon as possible.

Traffic Safety Measures

The KCS reported that they had a driving safety course to prepare for the snow in collaboration with the Kyotango Police Department and Amino Driving School. The City requested that the base should work on preventing any more traffic accidents by preparing for the winter season.

Roads

Outfitting Tango Biking Lanes

In 2019 (Reiwa 1), Kyoto Prefecture drafted the "Kyoto Prefecture Bicycle Usage Promotion Plan" which promotes the establishment of routes and bike lanes for bicycle safety and cycling tourism.

We will accelerate regional promotion and tourism with bicycles from here on out by setting up bike lanes and making the best out of our local resources.



Bike lanes on National Road 178

Civil Rights

Minister of Justice Appoints Six New Civil Rights Commissioners

As the period of service for the previous Civil Rights Commissioners has concluded, the Minister of Justice appointed Iwao Arata (Mineyama), Yumiko Imada (Omiya), Masao Matsuda (Amino), Yuri Hirai (Tango), and Ikuyo Yukimachi (Yasaka), and Toyokazu Nishigaki (Kumihama) as the new commissioners. Their period of service will continue until December 31st, 2024 for a total of three years.

Based on the Civil Rights Commissioner Law, the commissioners will address any consultations about civil rights from the local people and hold educational events for others to learn about and gain interest in civil rights. Currently, there are 24 commissioners operating in Kyotango City. Permanent consultation services are available the Kyotango Branch Legal Affairs Bureau.

※Consultations are free and sensitive information will be kept absolutely confidential.

By the Kyoto Regional Legal Affairs Bureau, Kyotango Branch TEL 0772-62-0365
(Open Thursdays 9AM ~ 4PM, closed on holidays)

Crossing Borders with Music

An International Exchange Musical Concert!

On December 13th, the United States Army Band played songs associated with the Christmas holiday at the Christmas Pops Concert held in Amity Tango.

This event was created with the aim for people to know cultures from other countries through music. About 130 people attended the concert and made it a great success!

During the encore, the band played “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” and everyone was filled with the spirit of the season!

After the concert, the children lined up with excitement for a chance to take photos with Santa Claus.



The musicians at the concert



Santa and his helpers arriving on the scene

View the full concert on YouTube:




Accelerated Vaccination Schedule for the Booster Vaccine

Timeline to Receive your Booster Vaccine (3rd Vaccination)

*To receive your vaccine, you must have your Vaccination Ticket

Timeline



Seniors 65 years old & over

Vaccination plans from March 2022 are **moved forward**


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Indiv. vaccinations begin Feb. 1st
 Group vaccinations begin Feb. 5th

18~64 years old

Vaccinations begin April 2022 (planned)
 *For those with underlying conditions, you may be able to schedule your vaccination sometime between the middle to the end of March.

Vaccine











In addition to the Pfizer vaccine, there are plans to administer the Moderna vaccine as well. Currently, it is unclear when and how much of the Moderna vaccine will be distributed, and where and when it will be administered.

FAQ about Switching Vaccines (from the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare's website)

Q: What type of vaccine will be administered for the booster shot (3rd vaccination)? Is it alright to receive a different vaccine brand from the first two vaccines I received?

A: The type of vaccine used in the booster shot uses mRNA and is considered appropriate, regardless of the vaccine you received initially. As is with every other vaccine, the vaccine has been reported to be the most effective twenty-eight days after receiving the vaccination, and is safe to get with any combination of the vaccine that you may have received.

Vaccine Combinations	Antibody Value
 ➔  ➔  Pfizer Pfizer Moderna	 Antibody Value Increases
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Source: Munro APS, et al. The Lancet. December 2021

We are still taking reservations for the initial vaccine (1st/2nd vaccinations)!

Novel Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center
 (Receiving Hours - Weekdays 9:00AM~5:00PM)

TEL 0772-66-3226

Getting your Vaccine Passport has just gotten easier!

iPhone version →
Novel Coronavirus
Vaccine Certificate



Android version →
Novel Coronavirus
Vaccine Certificate



You can get your passport on the same day as you apply from the mobile app.

※An Individual Number/My Number Card and a smartphone that can read your card is required.

Free Novel Coronavirus Testing Available through [January 31st](#)

If you live in Kyoto Prefecture and are worried you contracted the coronavirus, please contact us.

Kyoto Prefectural Novel Coronavirus Testing and Environmental Improvement Call Center

TEL 075-254-8133

More details here:



In case you develop symptoms like a fever:

- 1) First, call your primary medical facility to make a consultation
- 2) If you do not have a primary care physician or if your medical facility is closed, contact the Kyoto Novel Coronavirus Medical Consultation Center
TEL 075-414-5487 (Open 24/7, 365 days a year)

Criteria to make a Consultation:

- 1) If you are experiencing severe symptoms like breathing difficulties, extreme fatigue, or high fever
- 2) If you are immunocompromised (*) and have persisting flu-like symptoms such as fever or cough

*Seniors, pregnant women, patients with underlying conditions (diabetes, at risk of heart failure, respiratory illness, etc.), dialysis patients, or patients currently taking

- immunosuppressants or anti-cancer drugs
- 3) Not mentioned above, but have persisting flu-like symptoms like fever or cough

Kyotango City International Association News Overcoming Language Barriers Together through Sports

On December 11th, local residents played a game of beachball volleyball at the old Kurobe Elementary School.



Participants enjoying beachball volleyball

This event was hosted by the Kyotango City International Association (KIA) with the aim of deepening communication between foreign and Japanese residents. Around 20 people, from high school age to seventy years old, and from countries like the U.S. and the Philippines, participated in the event. With the collaboration from the City's Sports Promotion officials, five teams went head to head in friendly competition. Even if all the players didn't understand English or Japanese, the players tried their best to communicate by calling out to each other during the game.

Below are some of the comments from the participants:

"It's so rare to find an opportunity to converse with people from a wide range of ages, so it was very enjoyable."

"This is the first time I've ever played a sport like this, but I think I played well."

Population and Households in Kyotango (Tenative Numbers)

From the end of November until the end of December, the difference as written in the Residence Register is shown within the parentheses.

*Includes Foreign Residents

Population: 52,845 (-82) [Male: 25,472 (-34), Female: 27,373 (-48)]

Households: 22,920 (-19)

Change in People by Main Categories (December)

Move In: 68

Births: 22

Move Out: 71

Deaths: 101

Other reasons: 0

Personnel Transfers in Kyotango City

12/31

Hideto Ogata - Retired

Yasaka Hospital, Medical Care Dept., Chief of Pediatrics

Retired

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Masahiko Isa - Hired

Yasaka Hospital, Medical Care Dept., Chief of Pediatrics

Naoki Ikuta - Transferred (Formerly Yasaka Hospital Technical Department Senior Clinical Engineer)

Yasaka Hospital, Medical Information Office and Technical Department Medical Information Office, Head Officer

Shigeo Tanaka - Transferred (Formerly Yasaka Hospital, Operations Department, Management Section Senior Staff)

Yasaka Hospital Operations Department Management Section and Medical Information Office, Senior Officer