

## Public Relations Kyotango – June 2024



HITCH

### Two New Beautiful Murals in Kyotango

At the entrance of Kyotango, a large mural of a beautiful woman graces the south-facing wall of the Textile Hall in Omiya. The mural was painted by Hitch, an Osaka-based artist, and is an installment in his project “HAGOROMO MURALS”. The Hagoromo legend is an ancient tale that tells of a celestial maiden descending from the sky and exists not only in Japan, but also other regions in Asia and even Europe. In Kyotango, the Hagoromo legend has a special place in the local culture and is a popular motif to this day. To celebrate the legend’s long-standing presence in the community, Hitch portrays a modern interpretation of the Hagoromo maiden with other



motifs unique to Kyotango City.

Follow Hitch on Instagram (@hitch\_w9)



## 210 artworks

Across the wall of the Ryokufuu Tango High School Kumihama Campus' Gymnasium is a bright and colorful arrangement of flowers. The artist, Katsuya Oguni of 210 artworks, is an alumnus of Kumihama High School (now the Kumihama campus of Ryokufuu Tango HS). The mural's concept is



"the seed inside of you" and came from a song by The Blue Hearts called "The Roses of Passion" which he listened to in high school: "The answer is sure to be within, deep within your heart." From those lyrics, he felt inspired to paint blooming roses. "People's talent and strength lie deep within their hearts, and there might be something that they haven't realized yet. I'd like the students to find their talents and strengths together with their classmates and teachers," expressed Oguni.

Follow Oguni on Instagram: @oguni\_210



## Town Topics

### **Kyotango Mairingen Distillery: The First in Northern Kyoto Prefecture**

*A Gin Full of the Blessings of Kyotango's Forests*

More details here:



At the Kyotango Forest Park Swiss Village, the Mairingen Distillery opened its doors on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Here, visitors can enjoy craft gin made with aromas and flavors born from the forests of Kyotango. In the forests surrounding Kyotango, there are over 300 types of medicinal herbs and trees which provide the



myriad of botanicals used to create this truly unique and local gin. Enjoy the most of Tango's forests at Mairingen, Northern Kyoto's first gin distillery.

## International Exchange News

### Will You Join Us for International Exchange?



#### Taiko Performance by Kissouka

From the audience members: "The sound of the taiko was powerful and beautiful. I was drawn into this elegant performance."

"The appeal of a traditional art like taiko can cross borders."

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, the Kyotango City International Association held its 2024 General Meeting at the Mineyama General Welfare Center. Last year's activity report and this year's activity plan and budget were announced for approval by its members. Afterwards, there was an exciting performance given by the women's taiko group, Kissouka, titled "Drawn into the Beat of Taiko".

## Notice

### We are Recruiting Members!

The Kyotango City International Association works to advance a multicultural society through international exchange events. If you are interested, please join us as a member today!

\*Anyone regardless of nationality, age, or residence, can join the KIA.

#### Annual Membership Fees

Individual: 2,000 yen / Group (Organization): 5,000 yen (per organization)

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

## Demographic Changes in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Mar. 2024	End of Apr. 2024	Change
Total Population	50,569	50,548	-21
Male	24,318	24,315	-3
Female	26,251	26,233	-18
Households	22,952	22,999	47
Changes by Main Criteria	Move-ins		176
	Move-outs		148
	Births		17
	Deaths		70
Other reasons			+4

## Events Calendar – June

6/1 (Sat.)

### Candle Night in Yuhigaura 2024

Two-thousand candles will light up the beach in a mystical display. During the day, there will be beach clean-up activities, stage performances, and food trucks!

**Time:** 11AM ~ 8:30PM ※Illumination begins at 7:30PM

**Place:** Hamazume/Yuhigaura Beach

**Other:** Check the website for cancellations due to the weather.

**Contact:** Yuhigaura Tourism Association (yuukan.com)



6/8 (Sat.)~ 9 (Sun.)

### The 14<sup>th</sup> Kyotango City General Culture Festival Art Exhibition

Paintings, photographs, *tanka* poems, *ikebana* flower arrangements, calligraphy, kimono outfits, and more will be on display. There will also be exhibitions by local high school students and live performances by groups affiliated with the Cultural Association.

**Time:** 10AM ~ 5PM ※Closes at 4PM on the 9<sup>th</sup>

**Place:** Amino Gymnastics Center

**Contact:** Cultural Association Bureau TEL 0772-69-0630



6/23 (Sun.)

### **Amino Library – Summer Storytime**

Stories such as “O-Bake-chan” and “The Monkey and the Monk” will be read aloud.

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

**Place:** Amino Library

**For Who?:** Anyone can join!

**Other:** No prior registration needed.

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



6.23 (Sun.)

### **Yasaka Library Room - Crafting Club for Adults**

Make a paper bag out of newspaper!

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

**Place:** Yasaka Community Center

**For Who?:** Junior High School age and up

**Capacity:** First 12 people

**What to Bring:** One set of old newspaper, standard size (more than 15 cm)

**Sign-up:** Begins June 8<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Contact:** Yasaka Library Room TEL 0772-65-2101



6/30 (Sun.)

### **Kumihama Library Room – Summer Storytime**

Let's enjoy the summer season with a large picture book read-a-loud and easy crafts!

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

**Place:** Kumihama Town Hall

**For Who?:** Anyone can join!

**Other:** No prior registration needed.

**Contact:** Kumihama Library Room TEL 0772-69-0344



6/30 (Sun.)

### **Mineyama Library – Storytime Plaza Summertime Special**

Enjoy story time with large picture books and paper theaters! There will also be arts



& crafts!

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

**Place:** Mineyama Community Center

**For Who?:** Anyone can join!

**Capacity:** First 30 people

**Sign-Up:** Begins June 15<sup>th</sup> (Sat.)

**Contact:** Mineyama Library TEL 0772-62-5101



## Information

### Check Your Evacuation Shelters and Routes Once Again

*Protect Yourself from Typhoons and Floods by Evacuating Early On*

**Q: Who should evacuate?**

**A: Everyone who is in an area that is at risk during a natural disaster.**

#### Flood and Landslide Disaster Hazard Map

If you don't have a Disaster Hazard Map, please get a copy from the General Affairs Section at your nearest Town Hall. You can also access it on the City's website.

For more details, scan here>

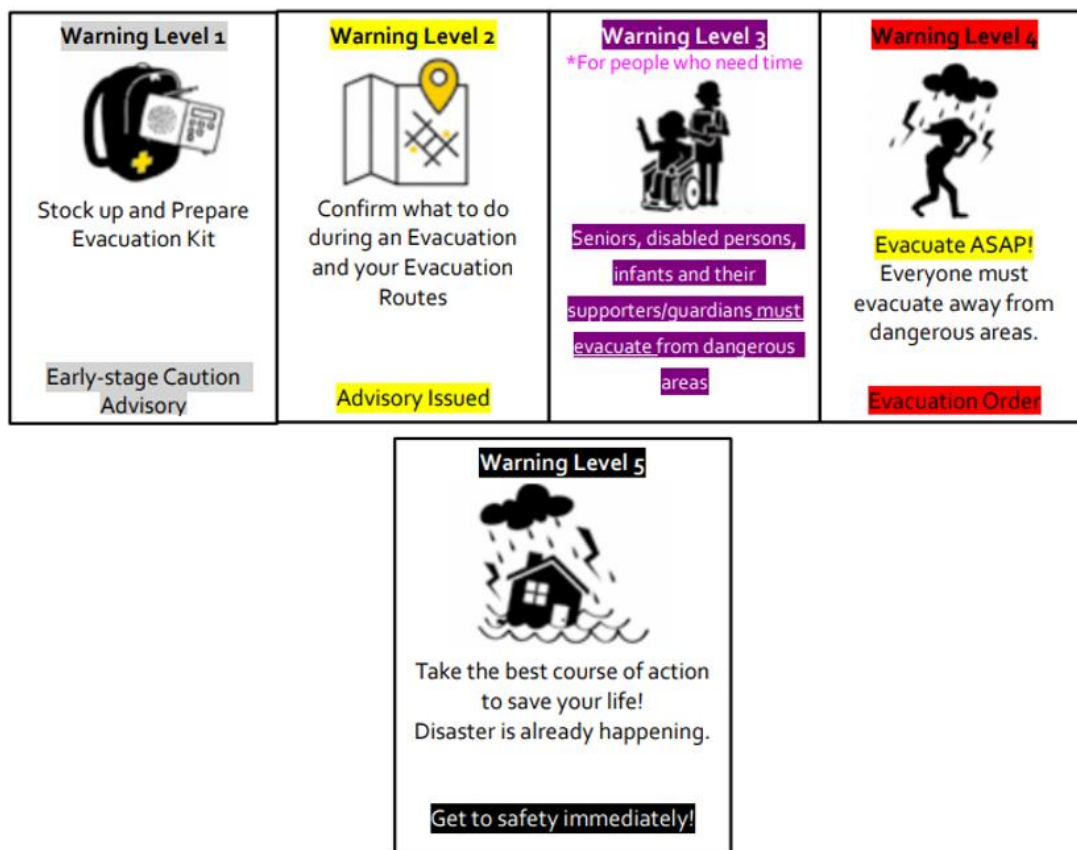


#### Check the Hazard Map to see if your location is at risk of disaster.

In times of flooding or rising water levels due to heavy rainfall, the areas expected to flood (Predicted Severe Flood Zones) and their respective flood depth are marked with different colors. Areas that pose significant risk of bodily harm or to human life due to landslide disasters (Yellow areas: Landslide Alert Zones) and areas that pose outstanding risk of infrastructural damage (Red areas: Landslide Special Alert Zones) are separated by their degree of danger. If you live in these areas, please evacuate ahead of time.

**Q: When should I evacuate?**

**A: The City will issue evacuation orders and information to everyone, so please take the appropriate action according to the table below.**



**The City will issue disaster-related information over the city-wide P.A. system.**

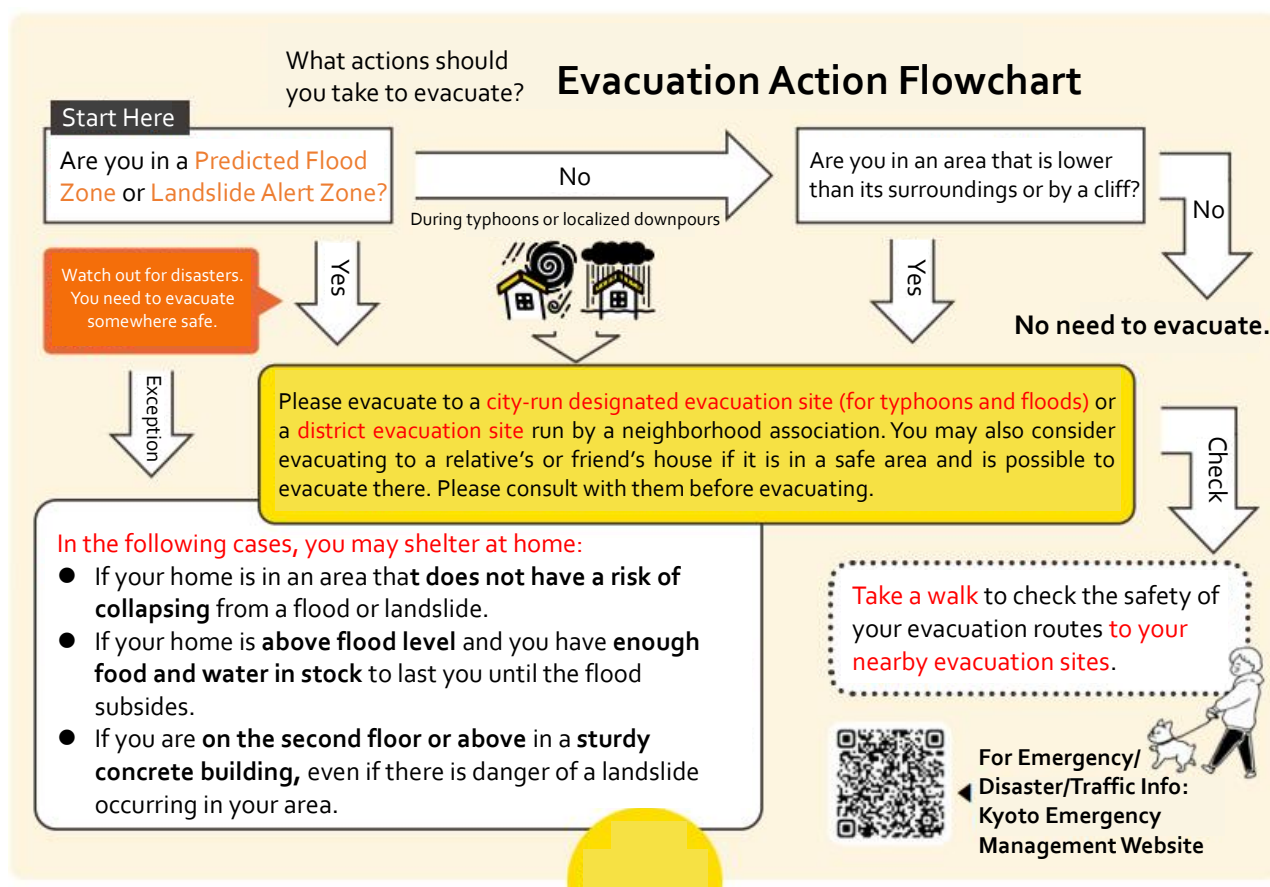
The City will determine areas that are at risk of floods or landslides based on meteorological data, water levels in the streams and rivers, water content in the soil, etc., and then will notify city residents via the P.A. system or an emergency email blast.

However, depending on the conditions around you, there may be a situation when you should not wait for orders from the City and evacuate to safety preemptively.

*\*For information on Warning Levels, please check the disaster information from the Japan Meteorological Agency (Warning Levels 1~2) and the City (Warning Levels 3~5) so that you can decide what actions you need to take for yourself and your loved ones. If you live in a high-risk area and a Level 3 or 4 Warning has been issued from the City, please evacuate to safety as quickly as possible.*

**Q: Where do I evacuate to?**

**A: Please evacuate to somewhere safe. In Japanese, evacuation is “hi-nan,” which means to avoid danger. It does not only mean to go to an evacuation shelter.**



### What if it's too late to evacuate?

If the roads have flooded into rivers during a heavy rainstorm and it is dangerous to head outside, please evacuate to a room above the second floor of your home or make a calm and rational decision for the best possible action to get yourself and your loved ones to safety.

### **But, before that happens...**

The stronger and longer rain falls, the more dangerous conditions will become. It is crucial to not hesitate and evacuate while conditions are still safe. Especially when rainfall is expected to reach its peak at nighttime, please evacuate before it gets dark outside.

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



## **Tango-Grown Koshihikari Rice Contest**

### **The 2023 Winners from Kyotango City**

The Tango-Grown Koshihikari Rice Contest is an inspection-based competition held by the Tango Rice Improvement Association that raises the standard of production and harvesting technologies for premium rice varieties like Koshihikari. The contest is held with the collaboration of Miyazu City, Yosano Town, Ine Town, Kyotango City, JA, and Kyoto Prefecture. This year, 46 producers sent in 76 submissions, and four of the winners were from Kyotango City. Try some of this award-winning rice if you have the chance, and support our local growers!

#### **Taste/Visual Appeal Division**

##### **Award of Excellence**

Tango Rice Improvement Association President & Kyotango City Mayor Award Winner

**Mr. Yasuyuki Hisae (Yasaka)**

##### **Honorable Mention**

Tango Rice Improvement Association President & JA Kyoto Prefectural Branch President Award

**Mr. Shiro Irie (Yasaka)**

#### **Cultivation Division**

##### **Award of Excellence**

Tango Rice Improvement Association President Award

**Mr. Kiyoshi Obata (Kumihama)**

##### **Award of Excellence**

Tango Rice Improvement Association President Award

**Mr. Hideyuki Wada (Tango)**

By the **Agriculture Promotion Section** TEL 0772-69-0410

## Please talk with us about your worries regarding disability.

*Consultations are free and confidential.*

To help people with disabilities and their family members, the City has appointed 15 counselors to provide consultation services about physical, intellectual, and mental disabilities. Our counselors not only provide individual sessions, but will also introduce you to assistive devices, welfare services, and connect you to public institutions for help. If you have any worries about disability, please don't hesitate to talk with us.

More details here:



By the **Disability Welfare Section** TEL 0772-69-0320

## Blood Donation Calendar – June

Date	Reception Hours	Location
6/9 (Sun.)	9:30AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Shopping Center Mine

## 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	6/5 (Wed.) 10AM~2PM	Machi Machi Information Center	Talk about what has been troubling you in a relaxed space.	Not required	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69- 0350
	6/13 (Thurs.) 10AM~4PM	Kissako Tsusentei Café			Tsusentei Management Committee TEL 0772-83-0139

<b>Women's Consultation Service Window</b>	6/19 (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
<b>Hikikomori Consultation Service</b>	Weekdays 9AM~6PM (excluding dispatch days and 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
<b>Yoriso Shien Comprehensive Support Center</b>	(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
<b>Nurse Employment Consultation Group</b>	6/6 (Thurs.) 1:30~3PM	Hello Work Mineyama	Consult about restarting your career or changing jobs. Gather useful information and information on trainings for re-employment	Not required	Northern Kyoto Prefecture Nurse Support Center TEL 0772-46-9002
<b>Employment Consultation Service for Young People</b>	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
<b>Government Administration</b>	6/12 (Wed.) 1:30~3:30PM	Yasaka Community	Grievances, opinions, and hopes	Not required	Kyoto Administrative

<b>Consultation Service</b>		Center	about national policies		Monitoring and Administration Consultation Center 075-802-1100
<b>Legal Consultation Service</b>	6/6 (Thurs.) 1:30~4:30PM 6/13 (Thurs.) 3:00 ~ 5:00PM 6/27 (Thurs.) 3:00 ~ 5:00PM	Mineyama Community Center	Issues regarding household registry, debts, and laws and regulations.	Prior reservations required	Kyoto Judicial Scrivener's Association Comprehensive Consultation Center TEL 075-255-2566
<b>Administrative Legal Consultation</b>	6/5 (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 0772-69-0237
<b>Tax Consultation Service</b>	6/12 (Wed.) 1:00~4:00PM	Mineyama Community Center	Consult about income taxes, etc. with a tax accountant	Prior reservations required	Mineyama Tax Association (Mon. ~ Fri.) 9:00AM – 5:00PM TEL 0772-62-5458
<b>Consumer Affairs Consultation Service</b>	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)

<b>Human Rights Consultation Service</b>	Every Thursday 9:00AM~5:00PM	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
<b>Consultation Service for Young Carers</b>	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	Prior reservation required	Child & Family Center (within the Childcare Support Section) TEL 0772-69-0370
<b>Child &amp; Family Center</b>	Weekdays 8:30AM ~ 5:15PM *Closed on public holidays	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Pregnancy, birth, childcare, home matters. Accepts consultations by phone or in-person visits to the center or home.	Not required	Child & Family Center (within the Childcare Support Section) TEL 0772-69-0370

**The First in Kyoto Prefecture ~Promoting our Water and Sewer Systems!~  
Mobile Suit Gundam**

## Gundam Manhole Covers

**On Display at Tango Kingdom Starting June!  
See it with your very own eyes!**

(Exhibition Period: June 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 30<sup>th</sup>)

More details here (Japanese):



By the **Management, Planning, and Maintenance Section** TEL 0772-69-0550



## Let's Keep our Community Safe Together

### The Central and Northern Kyoto Prefectural Emergency Dispatch Center is now in Operation!

#### Start by saying "Kyotango City" when you call 119.

The Emergency Dispatch Center, which centralizes emergency calls and dispatch commands from the seven cities and three towns in central and northern Kyoto Prefecture, officially began operating on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Everything is still the same when you call 119, but **remember to mention that you live in Kyotango City when providing your address.** Although the office receiving your call will be different, a firetruck or ambulance from the closest Emergency Department will be dispatched for your call.



By the **Emergency & Fire Department Headquarters** TEL 0772-62-8129

*These bright, colorful blooms from May to July are invasive!*

### Please Help Us Eliminate the Lanceleaf Tickseed (*Ookinkei-giku*)

The lanceleaf tickseed grows and reproduces very quickly. It grows in clusters along gardens, the sides of the road, in empty lots, along rivers, etc. Once it settles in the environment, it can affect the local flora and change the local landscape rapidly. It is designated as an invasive species according to law, so we are making a call to action to get rid of this plant. Please inspect around your property and yard for this plant.



◀ Flower



◀ Leaves

#### How to Eliminate:

1. Pull out the plant from the roots, and leave it out to dry for two to three days. Shake off any excess dirt and throw it away in a city-designated burnable trash bag.
2. Cut the plant at the base before any flowers bloom. The stem will grow back again,

so make sure to cut it again after two months.

**Special Features:**

- The flowers are 5 cm in diameter, and the stems can grow 30-70 cm in length.
- The flowers can be single- or multi-layered, and the edges of the petals are jagged.
- The leaves are long and narrow like a lance.

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