

Public Relations Kyotango Magazine – March 2024



Kyotango City Children's Club

We'll do our best to help support you to raise your kids!

Starting in April this year, you can find the Children's Club on the 1st Floor of the Eastern Wing at the Mineyama General Welfare Center!

For a town where happy kids thrive.

The Child and Parenting Section and the Health Promotion Section's Prevention Team (also in charge of Maternity Insurance) are banding together to give parents and their children comprehensive and unified support. Now, there is a one-stop shop for all important information regarding your kids and childcare.

Kyotango City Children's Club

Place: Mineyama General Welfare Center Eastern Wing 1F (691 Sugitani, Mineyama-cho, Kyotango-shi)

Scan here for the location of the Children's Club:



Main Affairs Addressed at the Children’s Club

Child and Parenting Section

TEL 0772-69-0340

Child Policy Team

- Comprehensive Planning and Adjustments Regarding Children and Childcare
- Child Allowance
- Child Dependent Allowance (for single-parent households with dependents under 18 years of age)
- Single Parent Support
- After School Children’s Club Program
- After School Children’s Class

Nursery/Kindergarten Team

- Nursery/Kindergartens
- Licensed/Non-licensed Daycare Centers
- Out-of-Area Daycare Enrollment



Childcare Support Section (Child and Family Center)

TEL 0772-69-0370

Family Support Team

- Child Abuse Prevention
- Consultation Support about Raising Children from 0-18 years old
- Young Carer Support
- Regional Childcare Support Center
- Family Support Center Initiative
- Temporary Care Programs
- Short-term Stay Programs

Maternity Insurance Team

- Distribution of the Maternity Health Handbook
- Maternity Health Checks/Maternity Dental Health Checks
- Postpartum Care Programs
- Newborns/Infant Visitations
- Infant Health Checks
- Child Immunization

At the Child and Family Center run by the Child Support Section...

The staff will take consultations about anything related to your child or childcare from your pregnancy to when your child turns 18 years old.

While cooperating with nurses, midwives, nutritionists, psychologists, and social welfare specialists, we plan to fortify our consultation services and support systems. Please come by to talk with us today.

For more information about the Child and Family Support Center, scan the QR Code.



Support Recovery Efforts for the Victims of the Noto Peninsula Earthquake

What Kyotango City is Providing to Support the Victims

Free Public Housing for Disaster Victims

The city is offering five spots in public housing apartments, and four spots in city-run lodging facilities for agricultural, forestry, and fishery development. *As of February, one person has moved into a city-run lodging facility for agricultural, forestry, and fishery development.

Financial Support for Hotel/Inn Lodging

Collaborating with the Kyotango Tourism Association, participating hotels and inns will offer their rooms as temporary lodging for evacuees. Participating locations include Hotel Tango Kingdom and Yasaka Yama no Ie at Swiss Village.

If you want support the affected...

● **Support through Donations**

The City has set up donation boxes to support the victims and recovery efforts. Your donations will go through the Japan Red Cross Society and the Red Feather Cooperative Fund to the disaster victims.

● **Support as a Volunteer**

Please check the Kyotango City Social Welfare Council's website for the most up-to-date information about onsite volunteer opportunities.

For more information, scan here to view the city's website:



Prepare for Earthquakes and Tsunamis Beforehand!

When the Noto Peninsula Earthquake happened, a Tsunami Advisory was also issued for our city. By taking the right steps to prepare in case disaster strikes, you can minimize the damages from the disaster. Please check the Kyotango City Earthquake and Tsunami Hazard Map (Japanese only) for evacuation sites, dangerous areas on your evacuation route, emergency supply checklists, and more life-saving information.



Furthermore, information on Kyotango City’s Evacuation Sites is planned to be distributed to every household, so please check it when it comes in the mail.

Scan here for the Tsunami Hazard Map:



City Budget Adjustments for FY2023

The City has apportioned 203.73M JPY (National Program) for additional financial support for households paying the per capita portion of municipal residence taxes and low-income households with child dependents.

Who is Eligible to Receive Aid?

- 1) Households that are only paying the per capita portion of their 2023 municipal residence taxes will receive 100K JPY in financial assistance.
- 2) Households that are exempt from paying their 2023 municipal residence taxes (includes households whose financial situations have worsened dramatically) and households that are only paying the per capita portion of their 2023 municipal residence taxes will receive an additional 50K JPY for every child dependent under 18 years of age.

Demographic Changes in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Dec. 2023	End of Jan. 2024	Change
Total Population	51,031	50,955	-76
Male	24,541	24,498	-43
Female	26,490	26,457	-33
Households	22,986	22,992	6
Change by Main Criteria in Jan. 2024	Move In		61
	Move Out		67
	Births		24
	Deaths		98
Changes due to Other Reasons			+4

Events Calendar – March

3/2 (Sat.)

Lecture on Kyotango's History- The Front Lines of Kyotango City's Cultural Assets

The lecture will be held in a seminar format about the cultural assets and history of Kyotango in recent years. A certificate will be conferred based on number of attendances.

Time: 1PM ~ 5:40PM (4 blocks, 60 min each)

Location: Agri Center Omiya

Capacity: First 40 people

RSVP: No signups need. Attending only one block is also permitted.

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



3/3 (Sun.)

Kumihama Library Room Haru no Ohanashi Kai (Springtime Storytime)

Let's have some springtime fun reading picture books, playing with storybook aprons, and easy crafts!

Time: 10:30AM~11:30AM

Place: Kumihama Town Hall

Capacity: First 20 people (excludes parents/guardians)

For children elementary school age and under

RSVP: Contact the number below to sign up before the event.

Contact: Kumihama Library Room TEL 0772-69-0344



3/6 (Wed.)

Tango Kataribe Storytelling Association - Video Production Screening

The Tango Kataribe Storytelling Association will hold a screening to showcase videos about the charm of Tango. Please come and enjoy their productions.

Time: 1:30PM ~ 4:30PM

Location: Agri Center Omiya

Capacity: First 200 people

RSVP: Please sign up by 2/29 (Thurs) via phone, fax, or email

Contact: Tango Kataribe Storytelling Association Office

TEL/FAX 0772-82-0346

Email sh.kyotangokumihama-0346@h8.dion.ne.jp



3/9 (Sat) and others

Tango Ancient History Museum Exhibition 3 ~Stories of the Tango Earthquake~

An exhibition looking back on the Tango Earthquake. There will be a presentation about the exhibition on March 9th from 10AM.

Time: Feb. 10th (Sat.) ~ Apr. 14th (Sun.), 9:30AM ~ 4PM

Presentation: Mar. 9th (Sat.) 10AM~

Location: Tango Ancient History Museum

Admission: Adult 290 yen, Child (6-15 years old) 150 yen

(Groups over 15: Adult 190 yen, Child 90 yen)

Other Information: Admission to the museum is free on March 9th only.

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



3/10 (Sun.)

Mineyama Library - Storytime Plaza Spring Special

From picturebooks to flipbooks, sketchbook storybooks and crafts, there are lots of fun things for you and your kids!

Time: 10:30AM ~ 11:30AM

Place: Mineyama Community Center

RSVP: Contact the number below to sign up by the day of the event.

Contact: Mineyama Library TEL 0772-62-5101



3/10 (Sun.)

Movie at the Tango Performing Arts Center

Mom, Is That You?! (Konnichiwa, Okaa-san) - Directed by Yoji Yamada

Time: 1st Screening 10AM~

2nd Screening 2PM~

(Total Runtime: 110 min)

Admission: General 1200 yen

(At the Door 1,500 yen)

Senior 1000 yen

(At the Door 1100 yen)

Students (High School and under) 800 yen

(Children under 2 years old Free)

Friend's Club (Tomo no Kai members) 1000 yen

*Up to two tickets per person during presale

By the Tango Performing Arts Center TEL 0772-62-5200



Kyotango City's 20th Anniversary Project

Kyotango City will be featured on NHK's *Nodo Jiman*!

Date: June 9th, 2024

**Preliminary selections will be held on Saturday, June 8th.*

Venue: Tango Performing Arts Center

For more information on how to watch, sign up as a participant, and featured guests, please check the NHK website, the city's website, or the Center's website in the middle of March. The information will also be published in the April issue of the Public Relations Kyotango Magazine.



A Letter of Proxy will be Required to Apply for your Family's Tax Certificate

Starting April 1st, 2024, a letter of proxy will be required even if a family member from the same household applies for a tax certificate at the Tax Section or at the service counter in the Citizen's Bureau in order to protect your personal information. For more information about how to apply for your tax certificate and the letter of proxy, please visit the city's website.

Scan here>



By the Tax Section TEL 0772-69-0180

Field Fires are Prohibited by Law! Deal with your Garbage Appropriately

Aside from the special exceptions listed below, field fires are, in principle, prohibited. Burning fires in equipment that do not meet the standards defined by law (i.e. dirt pits, oil drums, cinderblock pits, etc.) is also prohibited. Garbage should not be burned at home or in the fields. Instead, please put them in city-designated garbage bags and bring them to the garbage stations or directly to a disposal center so they can be properly disposed.

The following actions are special exceptions for burning field fires:

- 1) Burning firewood or other insignificant daily tasks (i.e. fallen leaves, etc.)
- 2) Fires necessary for agriculture or forestry (rice straw, burning grasses along the banks of rice paddies, etc.)
- 3) Traditional customs and other fires necessary to carry religious events (i.e. Dondoyaki, etc.)

You will be fined!

If you burn a field fire or outdoor fire illegally, you may be subject to punishment up to either **five years in prison** or a **fine of 10 million yen** (for businesses/organizations, up to **300 million yen**), or **both**.

Notice

Even if you burn a fire that is a special exception as listed above, please be wary to not disturb others. You will receive a strict warning if there are complaints from neighbors or if your actions worsen the local living conditions.

The 2024 Edition of the Kyotango City Company Guidebook is now available!

Includes information on 61 local companies!

The Kyotango City Regional Employment Promotion Council has published the Kyotango City Company Guidebook 2024, which provides overviews and hiring information about companies in Kyotango and testimonials from current employees. On top of having information from 61 different companies, the guidebook also



contains information on Tango’s attractions and support programs. You can find the Guidebook at Hello Work, the Citizen’s Bureaus at each Town Hall, high schools in Kyotango City, and colleges and vocational schools in Kyoto, Osaka, and Hyogo prefectures.

Scan here for the online version of the Company Guidebook



Scan here for more information about Kyotango’s companies (JobNavi)



By the Commerce and Industry Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0440

New Changes to Coronavirus Vaccine Administration

Free Vaccinations will end on March 31st, 2023.

Until now, the COVID-19 vaccine has been offered for free as a “special emergency vaccination”. Starting in April, it will be categorized as a regular vaccination, like the influenza vaccine. Those who wish to receive the vaccine will have to pay out-of-pocket for a portion of the cost. For those who are taking the vaccine as an optional vaccination, then you must pay out-of-pocket for the vaccine, no matter the season.



Comparison between Fall 2023 Vaccinations and FY2024 Vaccinations

	Fall 2023 Vaccination (special emergency vaccination)	Vaccinations from April 2024 (Regular vaccination)
Target	Everyone over six months old	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Over 65 years old ● 60-64 year olds with chronic and/or advanced heart, kidney, or respiratory conditions
Period	Sept. 20 th , 2023 – Mar. 31 st , 2024 *Until 3/30 for medical facilities in Kyotango City	Fall/Winter (planned)
Number of Vaccines/Cost	1 time/Free	Once per year/Out-of-Pocket (cost is to be determined)
Vaccine Brand	Pfizer, Moderna, Daiichi Sankyo	TBD
How to make Reservations	Novel Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center	Directly to the medical facility
Point of Contact	Novel Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center TEL 0772-66-3226	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350

Prevent Traffic Accidents by Using your Headlights from 4PM

- 1) Drivers should turn on their headlights as early as possible.
- 2) Turning on your headlights starting in the early evening not only prevents traffic incidents, but can also prevent crime.
- 3) Pedestrians and cyclists should wear reflective material and a bicycle helmet.

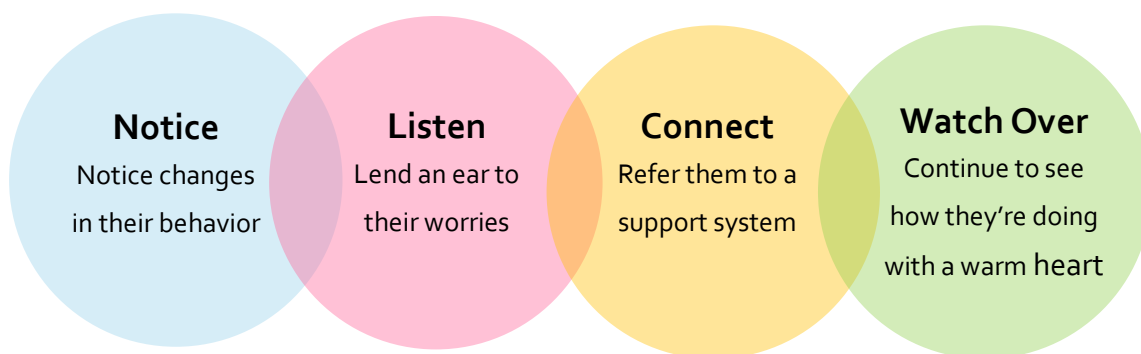


Protect A Heart, Protect A Life
Let's Aim to Build a Community where Everyone Can Be At Ease

March is Increased Awareness for Suicide Prevention Month

Suicide is not a sign of one's mental weakness, but rather the result of feeling cornered by a complicated confluence of pressures arising from one's health, economic situation, everyday life, work, and more. Let's think about what we can do as a community so people don't have to feel like there is no way to live when burdened by pressures emerging from various social issues.

Become a Gatekeeper! – Heart, Life, Connection



These actions are the first step to becoming a Gatekeeper

You don't need a special license to be a Gatekeeper. Even in your everyday life, take notice of people's worries, reach out and listen, connect them to proper support, and watch over them. A person who connects someone's heart and life is called a Gatekeeper.

Don't keep your worries to yourself. If you are a foreign resident in Japan and need help, please talk with us first:

Kyotango City International Association

Email: kokusai_koryu@kyotango.net

TEL 0772-69-0120 (Weekdays 8:30AM ~ 5:15PM)

Other Mental Health Support Services for Foreign Residents (English):

Kyoto City International Foundation (Kokoka)

TEL 075-752-3511

<https://www.kcif.or.jp/en/support/counselling/>



*Please contact them for their Counselling Day schedules.

Japan Help Line (24 hours/day)

TEL 0570-000-911

Tokyo English Life Line (TELL, 9AM-11PM)

TEL 03-5574-0992