

## Public Relations Kyotango Magazine – May 2026



### **A New Playground Area Has Opened at Tango Kingdom “Shoku no Miyako”!**

At Roadside Station Tango Kingdom “Shoku no Miyako”, a new playground was revealed to the public at the opening ceremony on March 20<sup>th</sup>. The Kingdom Observation Deck that was damaged in a typhoon in 2004 was demolished, and in its place now stands play structures, such as a 70-meter-long and 20-meter-tall slide and a jumping dome, as well as a resting space with a lactation room and newly-renovated toilets. The renovation work took about a total of three years to complete. At the ceremony, children flew balloons into the sky as the ribbon was cut to celebrate the completion of the playground.



## We Asked the Kids! — Ultimate Fun for All!

Huge crowds came to Tango Kingdom, where over 5000 people came to visit the new area over the three-day weekend (double the visitors compared to last year). When we asked the kids about their thoughts about the new play structure, they said it was the best! Please come to the new play structure with your family too.

More details here (Japanese)



Jumping Dome (back: Play Complex)



Long Slide

### City Topics

## The International Association's Disaster Preparedness Training

### International Residents Learn About Preparing for Disasters in Japan

The Kyotango City International Association's Disaster Preparedness Training for Foreigners was held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the city's Fire and Emergency Department Headquarters. Around 20 people from the United States, Vietnam, Nepal, Italy, and China participated in training. Many of the



foreign participants had never experienced natural disasters like earthquakes or typhoons in their own countries. At the training, the participants experienced a *shindo* 7 quake on the earthquake simulator, learned how to use a fire extinguisher, evacuated through a smoke tunnel, and downloaded and learned about the new Kyotango City Comprehensive Disaster Preparedness app (available in four languages).

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

## Event Guide – May

### Library Events

*5/6 (Wed., Holiday) – Mineyama*

*10:30AM ~ 11:30AM*

#### **Children’s Reading Day – Storytime Read-aloud**

**Place:** Mineyama Community Center

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

*5/10 (Sun.) – Kumihama*

*10:30AM ~ 12:00PM*

#### **Fun with Science – Heart-Pounding Balloon Experiment**

**Place:** Kumihama Town Hall

For 5-year-olds to elementary school age children

**Capacity:** First 15 people

**Items to Bring:** 50g of wheat flour

**Registration:** Begins 4/26 at 10:00AM

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

*5/24 (Sun.) – Yasaka*

*10:30AM ~ 11:30AM*

#### **Springtime Fun**

**Place:** Yasaka Community Center

For kids ages 3 and up

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

*6/14 (Sun.) – Omiya*

**Drop-off:** June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM

**Pick-up:** June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM

#### **Stuffed Animal Sleepover Party**

**Place:** Omiya Library Room

For kids ages 3 and up

**Capacity:** Up to 5 groups

**Other:** If capacity is reached, participants will be selected by lottery. First-time participants will receive priority.

**Registration:** May 21<sup>st</sup> to Jun 4<sup>th</sup>



**Contact:** Omiya Library Room TEL 0772-69-0672

### Community Events

*5/24 (Sun.) – Mineyama*

*10:00AM ~ 2:00PM*

#### **54 Marche and City Hall Completion Ceremony**

Now that the ongoing construction and renovation projects since 2024 are complete, there will be a ceremony to celebrate the completion of the new City Hall together with the 54 Marche! We hope you can visit and enjoy the new facilities at City Hall at this event!

There will be food trucks, children's booths (shooting games, ring toss, etc.), ukulele and ocarina performances, kids dance performances, and more!

By the **Urban-Regional Hub Management and Promotion Office**  
TEL 0772-69-0530



*5/8 (Fri) – Mineyama & 5/22 (Fri.) – Kumihama*

*2:00PM ~ 5:00PM*

#### **First Aid Course I**

**Place:** 1) May 8<sup>th</sup> – Mineyama Community Center

2) May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kumihama Citizen's Bureau

**Registration:** 1) 5/8 – From April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup>

2) 5/22 – From May 7<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>

**Capacity:** First 30 signups

**Other:** A Certificate of Completion will be given at the end of the course.

**Contact:** Mineyama Fire and Emergency Department TEL 0772-62-0119



*5/26 (Tue.) – Amino*

*9:00AM ~ 11:30AM*

#### **Tree Pruning Class**

**Place:** Uekyu Zoen Co., Ltd.

**For Who?:** Kyotango City residents

**Capacity:** First 15 sign-ups

**Registration:** Begins May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM (Selected participants will receive a postcard confirming their participation)



Contact: Kyotango City Parks and Greenery Organization TEL 0772-62-7470

5/31 (Sun.) – Mineyama

From 9:30AM (Doors open from 9:10AM)

### 16<sup>th</sup> Kyotango City General Culture Festival – Performing Arts Festival

**Place:** Tango Performing Arts Hall

**Contact:** Kyotango City Cultural Association (within the Lifelong Learning Section) TEL 0772-69-0630

6/7 (Sun.) – Amino

9:00AM ~ 3:00PM

### Barefoot Concert 2026

With the trash you pick up at Kotobikihama Beach as your entry ticket, enjoy a concert, food trucks, and more!

Rain or shine. There will be a *zazen* meditation session from 7:00AM at Kaizoji Temple to pray for the protection of the singing sands.

**Place:** Kaizoji Temple (Kakezu, Amino-cho)

**Contact:** Barefoot Concert Executive Committee TEL 0772-72-5511



## *Let's Not Waste Anything* Tasty Tidbits of Knowledge

### Shrimp Dumplings

*Great as a party snack! Delicious even when served cold*



### ***Enjoy all sorts of combinations!***

Shrimps are delicious, but de-shelling and de-veining them can be such a chore... Many people are sure to think that way. In those situations, how about substituting it with imitation crab? If it's lacking in texture, try adding black wood ear

fungus or edamame to make it more filling!

### **Tasty Tidbits of Trivia**

What is “bubu-arare” anyway? They are small puffs made out of glutinous rice and their name comes from the Kyoto dialectal word for tea—“bubu”. They are a rice puff used in tea-over-rice or “bubu-zuke”, which is the dish their name originates from. Aside from tea-over-rice, you can use them in salads or bento lunches as a topping or use it to spruce up various dishes! It’s a small but mighty ingredient!

### **Ingredients (makes 8)**

- Shrimp..... 8 pieces (shell on)
- Hanpen fish cake paste..... 1 piece
- Onion..... 1/2 onion
- a. Potato starch..... 2 tsp
- a. Salt..... a pinch
- a. Cooking sake.....1/4 tsp
- Bubu-arare.....As needed

### **Instructions**

- 1) Deseal and devein the shrimp and chop the meat coarsely. Mince the onion finely and set aside.
  - 2) In a bowl, combine the shrimp and onion with the fish paste and seasonings (a). Mix while squashing the fish cake, and ball up the mixture into rounds the size of a ping-pong ball.
  - 3) Coat the ball in the bubu-arare and fry in oil heated to 160°C.
- ✂If you stick the shrimp tail into the ball before frying, you can make it into a cute fish! Make a face and it’ll look like a carp streamer. A perfect treat for Children’s Day!

## **City Information**

Bears will be more active from spring to autumn.

### **How to Prevent Bear Attacks**

In recent years, there have been multiple sightings of bears not only in the mountains, but also near human settlements. Even in Kyotango City, there have been reports of bear attacks to our residents. We advise everyone to beware.



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If you see a bear, damage done by a bear, or bear tracks, please contact the Agriculture and Forest Management Section as soon as possible.

View bear sighting information within the last week on the city website:



### **Be Careful!**

**※A bear may attack if startled by a sudden encounter with a human.**

**Countermeasure:** Avoid going outside alone in the evening or early morning hours when bears are most active. If going outdoors, carry or wear a sound-maker such as bell or radio.

**※Bears have a tendency to attack targets that run away from them.**

**Countermeasure:** Without making any loud noises or running away, back away from the bear while facing it slowly.

**※Bears will revisit areas with food.**

**Countermeasure:** Harvest fruit trees such as persimmons and chestnuts ahead of time. Take out your household garbage on the morning of collection day.

### **What the City is Doing**

In the event a bear appears nearby human settlements and poses a mortal threat, the City has instated an emergency culling system with the use of firearms. The City is also planning to cut down excess trees and underbrush in desolate areas between human settlements and the mountain forests to turn it into a buffer zone that makes it difficult for bears to lurk around.

As a community, let's make our city safe by cutting down dense bushes near residences and school commute routes, minimizing the areas where bears lurk.

By the **Agriculture and Forest Management Section** TEL 0772-69-0430

## *Cancer Treatment Program Begins April*

### **The City will Subsidize a Portion of the Costs**

The City will subsidize a portion of the following costs. *\*Up to a certain maximum.*

<b>Appearance Support for Cancer Patients</b>	Costs for purchasing cosmetic wigs or breast-replacement goods.
<b>At-Home Treatment Support for Young Cancer Patients</b>	Costs for nursing services and purchases for necessary items related to at-home treatments for late-stage cancer patients from the ages of 18 to 39.

For more information, please check the city website or contact the Health Promotion Section.



By the **Health Promotion Section** TEL 0772-69-0350

## **Assistance Grant for Sterilizing Cats Without an Owner**

**Assistance Amount:** Up to 5,000 yen per cat

※Expenses for medical procedures other than sterilization or ear-tipping do not apply.

The City will provide financial assistance for sterilization procedures for cats without owners. For more information, please check the city's website.



## **Renovations on City Hall will soon be complete!**

*The following offices will move from April to May.*

Renovations for Mineyama City Hall Building No. 1 and Omiya Town Hall have now been completed. The following offices will move according to the schedule below to their respective new locations.

Moving Date	Departments
4/13 (Mon.) ~	Board of Education Superintendent’s Office, General Education Affairs Section, Schools and Education Section, Lifelong Learning Section, Sports Promotion Section, Cultural Assets Preservation and Utilization Section
4/20 (Mon.)~	Agricultural Promotion Section, Agriculture and Forest Management Section, Fishery Section, Agricultural Committee Bureau
4/27 (Mon.)~	Mayor’s Office, Vice-Mayor’s Offices, Secretarial and Public Relations Section, Policy and Planning Section, Hometown Promotion Section, General Affairs and Disaster Prevention Section
5/7(Thu.)~	Community Development and Revitalization Section, Gastronomic City Development and Promotion Section, Human Resources Section, Finance Section, Property Management Section, Bid Contract Section, Medical Affairs Section, Welfare Section, Disability Welfare Section, Longevity Welfare Section, Health Promotion Section, Yorisoi Shien Comprehensive Support Center, Consumer Lifestyle Center
5/11 (Mon.)~	Commerce and Industry Promotion Section, Tourism Promotion Section
5/18 (Mon.)~	Management Section, National-Prefectural Project Development Office, Public Works Section, City Planning, Housing, and Construction Section, Urban-Regional Hub Management and Promotion Office
5/25 (Mon.)~	Sewerage Management and Affairs Section, Water and Sewerage Facilities Section

**New Locations:**

**Mineyama City Hall Building No. 1**

**3F** ...City Council Chair Office, City Council Vice-Chair Office, City Council General Affairs Section

**2F**...Mayor’s Office, Vice-Mayor’s Office, Secretarial and Public Relations Section,

Policy and Planning Section, Hometown Promotion Section, General Affairs and Disaster Prevention Section, Finance Section, Property Management Section, (Annex) Human Resources Section, Bid Contract Section

**1F**...Community Development and Revitalization Section, Gastronomic City Development and Promotion Section, Medical Affairs Section, Agricultural Promotion Section, Fishery Section, Agricultural Committee Bureau, Commerce and Industry Promotion Section, Tourism Promotion Section, (Annex)Yorisoi Shien Comprehensive Support Center, Consumer Lifestyle Center

### **Mineyama City Hall Building No. 2**

**3F**...Digital Strategy Section, Auditing Committee Office

**2F**...Welfare Section, Disability Welfare Section, Longevity Welfare Section, Health Promotion Section, Life Environment Section, Zero Carbon Promotion Office

**1F**...Mineyama Citizen's Bureau, Citizens' Affairs Section, Tax Affairs Section, Insurance Section, Accounting Section/Social Welfare Council, Kyoto Bank Mineyama Branch Dispatch Office

### **Omiya Town Hall**

**4F**...Board of Education Superintendent's Office, General Education Affairs, Schools and Education Section, Lifelong Learning Section, Sports Promotion Office, Cultural Asset Preservation and Utilization Section

**3F**...Management Section, National-Prefectural Project Promotion Office, Public Works Section, City Planning, Housing, and Construction Section, Urban-Regional Hub Management and Promotion Office/Kyoto Regional Tax Bureau Tango Regional Office, Kyoto-by-the-Sea DMO

**2F**...Omiya Citizen's Bureau, Sewerage Management and Affairs Section, Water and Sewerage Facilities Section/Social Welfare Council

**1F**...Meeting Rooms

By the **Urban-Regional Hub Management and Promotion Office** TEL 0772-69-0530

Watch out for these bright yellow blooms from May to July!

## Please Help Exterminate This Invasive Plant!

***They grow in clusters in yards, by roadways, in empty lots, by rivers, and more.***

The *ookinkeigiku*, or lanceleaf tickseed, is designated as an invasive species by Japanese law. Once settled, it has an adverse effect on the local environment and will change the surrounding landscape dramatically.



The City would like your cooperation to help exterminate this invasive species and conduct regular checks around your yard and property.

**Characteristics:** Flowers are around 5 cm in diameter. Stems can grow from 30 to 70 cm long. Petals are either single- or double-layered, and the edges are jagged. The leaves are long and spade-like.

**How to Remove:** Method 1) Pull out the plant from its roots and let it dry out in the sun for 2-3 days. Shake off as much dirt as you can and throw it away in the burnable garbage.

Method 2) Cut the plant at the base before it flowers. The stems will grow again, so make sure to cut it down in another two months.

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

## *A New System for Promoting Kyotango's Appeal and Community*

### Introducing the New Sections at Kyotango City

#### **Gastronomic City Development and Promotion Section (Mayor's Office)**

**TEL 0772-69-0099**

*Centralizes and promotes all programs and initiatives regarding city development around food.*

Selected as a Gastronomic City at the 1<sup>st</sup> Gastronomic Cities Japan Awards, Kyotango City will promote its excellent food culture in various areas of the city's development, such as tourism and



commerce, agriculture, forestry, and fisheries, health and longevity, and food education. In order for Kyotango City to grow to its full potential as a Gastronomic City, the City has combined relevant offices into one to effectively advance these policies. (\*The Gastronomic Cities Japan Award is an award program established by the gastronomy and food magazine *Cuisine Kingdom (Ryouri Oukoku)* in 2024. Five cities, including Kyotango City, were selected at the 1<sup>st</sup> Awards Ceremony. Currently there are 14 cities designated as Gastronomic Cities).

## **Community Development and Revitalization Section (Mayor’s Office)**

**TEL 0772-69-1050**

*Unifies and effectively promotes initiatives regarding community development, settlement, vacant houses, and dual living.*

Administrative affairs regarding issues surrounding community development, such as immigration and settlement and vacant house countermeasures, as well as dual living –which has garnered attention recently—have been consolidated into the jurisdiction of the Community Development and Revitalization Section (formerly the Regional Community Promotion Section). This new office unifies the service desk for citizens and other organizations who would like to inquire about vacant houses or immigrating to the countryside, while also advancing relevant policies in collaboration with the local community.



***The Water and Sewerage Department has been reorganized into the Sewerage Management and Affairs Section and the Water and Sewerage Facilities Section.***

**Sewerage Management and Affairs Section TEL 0772-69-0550**

**Water and Sewerage Facilities Section TEL 0772-69-0580**

To make it easier for visitors to know where to go while making it more efficient to advance water and sewerage projects, the Water and Sewerage Department has been reorganized into the **Sewerage Management and Affairs Section** (oversees water and sewerage projects and management) and the **Water and Sewerage Facilities Section** (oversees maintenance and management of the city’s water and sewerage facilities).

By the **Human Resources Section** TEL 0772-69-0150

## Bulletin Board

### Notices

- **Family registers will have official furigana readings on names.**

Due to a reform to the Family Register Act effective May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026, the names in the family register will now have official furigana readings. A notice from the municipality where your household is registered will be delivered to you. Please confirm the furigana and submit any corrections by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

**Who can submit a correction?:**

**For the Furigana Reading of the Family Name:** The Hittosha (main representative) on the family register may submit the correction.

**For the Furigana Reading of a Registered Name:** The registered individual may submit the correction.

*\*For individuals under the age of 15, a legal representative must submit a correction.*

**Other:** Furigana may only be changed once without approval from civil court at the service window.

By the **Citizen's Affairs Section** TEL 0772-69-0210

- **Business hours for Ashiginu Onsen**

Ashiginu Onsen has changed a portion of its operating hours starting April. Please check for more details on their website.

**Hours:** Weekdays from 1PM to 9PM, Weekends & Holidays from 11AM to 9PM

*\*Closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays*

**Fee:** Adult – 600 yen, Child (Elementary school and under) – 400 yen

Kids under the age of 3 enter free

**Other:** The restaurant and store will not be in operation.

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



- **Caution about using the sewer system**

The sewer system is for flushing away wastewater from your home such as your toilets, bathtub, and kitchen. If cloth or other such items get flushed down, the pipes will clog and may cause problems with the sewer system or even cause the pumps at the sewer facilities to break down. Please be careful when using the sewer system. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

By the **Water and Sewerage Facilities Section** TEL 0772-69-0580



- **Payment Notices for the Kei Car Tax and Property Tax will be sent through the mail.**

The FY2026 Kei Car Tax and Property Tax Payment Notice will be sent through the mail at the beginning of May. Please confirm the information and pay the listed amount by the deadline. For those paying their property taxes, you will find the payment slips (four installments) for the year enclosed in the envelope.

- **June 1<sup>st</sup> is the payment deadline for the Kei Car Tax and the first installment of the Property Tax.**

Please pay your taxes by the deadline. If the deadline passes while your tax is unpaid, a demand letter will be sent to your address. Aside from bank transfers, you can also pay your taxes via mobile apps (Please check the city's website for more details).

By the **Tax Section** TEL 0772-69-0180



- **Please pay your Automobile Tax by the deadline!**

The deadline is **Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**. The payment notice will be sent in the mail at the beginning of May, so please pay by the deadline written on the notice. For more, please check the website.

By the **Tango Wide Area Promotion Bureau Tax Section** TEL 0772-62-4303



## Health and Welfare

- **Kyotango City Full Health Screening**

**Duration:** June 8<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) ~ February 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri.)

**For Who?:** Individuals covered by National Health Insurance or by Advanced Seniors Medical Insurance on the day of the scheduled screening.

### **Full Body Health Screening (NHI, ASMI)**

- People ages 40 or older

### **Benchmark Health Screening (NHI only)**

- 40 year olds (Born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1986 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1987)
- 45 year olds (Born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1981 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1982)
- 50 year olds (Born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1976 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1977)

- 55 year olds (Born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1971 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1972)
- 60 year olds (Born April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1966 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 1967)

**Brain Health Screening (NHI only)**

- For 40 to 74 year olds (under 74 years on the day of the screening)

**Dental Health Screening (NHI only)**

- Same-day screening is available if you get your Full Body Health Screening, Benchmark Health Screening, or Brain Health Screening at Tango Furusato Hospital, Kumihama Hospital, or Oike Clinic (includes Ladies Plaza).

**Items to Bring:** Qualification Certification Card or Qualification Notice

**Registration:** Please visit the service window or the Citizen’s Bureaus (except for Mineyama) between May 11<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) to June 5<sup>th</sup> (Fri.).

**Other:** People turning 76 years old during FY2026 will receive a notice later about their dental health screening.



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

**Blood Donation Calendar for March**

Date	Reception Hours	Location
5/8 (Fri.)	9:30AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Omiya Town Hall
5/10 (Sun.)	9:30AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Shopping Center Mine
5/15 (Fri.)	9:45AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Kyotango City Hall
5/19 (Tue.)	10:00AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:00PM	Tango Town Hall

By the **Health Promotion Section** TEL 0772-69-0350

## Call #189 If You Suspect Child Abuse

When you call #189, you will be connected with a specialist at a nearby child services office. You may also use a nickname when making a call. All matters will be kept confidential.



By the **Child and Family Center (Childcare Support Section)** TEL 0772-69-0370



## Get Medical Attention on the Weekends Doctors Available for an Emergency Diagnosis

Hours: 9AM – 12PM / 2PM – 5PM

Specialty: Internal Medicine

4/26 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
4/29 (Wed)	Yasaka Hospital	TEL 0772-65-2003
5/3 (Sun)	Yasaka Hospital	TEL 0772-65-2003
5/4 (Mon)	Kumihama Hospital	TEL 0772-82-1500
5/5 (Tue)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
5/6 (Wed)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
5/10 (Sun)	Kumihama Hospital	TEL 0772-82-1500
5/17 (Sun)	Yasaka Hospital	TEL 0772-65-2003
5/24 (Sun)	Kumihama Hospital	TEL 0772-82-1500
5/31 (Sun)	Yasaka Hospital	TEL 0772-65-2003

*\*Please visit the physician on duty if you are experiencing fever or other symptoms, or need your child to be checked up.*

*\*Please call to confirm reception times, as each medical facility may differ.*

*\*City hospitals with emergency services are Tango Central Hospital, Yasaka Hospital, and Kumihama Hospital.*

By the **Medical Affairs Section** TEL 0772-69-0360

## May is Red Cross Month



*Please donate to support our activities!*

The Japan Red Cross Society not only delivers humanitarian relief in times of disaster, but also holds emergency first aid courses and other activities. In light of Red

Cross Month, we ask for your kind donation during the month of May to help support our activities. [Goal: 3,965,000 yen]

**For FY2025, we were able to surpass our fundraising goal.**

**Goal:** 4,030,000 yen

**Raised Amount:** 5,518,691 yen

By the **Japan Red Cross Society Kyotango City Area** TEL 0772-69-0310

## Consultation Services

※The following services are free in principle. All matters will be kept confidential.

Consultation Service	Dates	Place	Matters Addressed	Reservations	To Sign Up or Contact
Healing Café Tsusentei	6/3 (Wed.) 10AM~2PM	Machi Machi Information Center	Talk about your troubles in a relaxed space.	Not required	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350
	1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , and 4 <sup>th</sup> Mondays of the month 1:00PM~4:00PM *Closed on 5/14	Kissako Tsusentei Café			Tsusentei Management Committee TEL 0772-83-0139 Health Promotion Section TEL 0772- 69-0350
	Any other date aside from the ones shown above	Please let us know upon reservation			Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350
Mental Health Consultation Service	5/25 (Mon.) 9:00AM~5:00PM	Mineyama City Hall Building No. 2	A public health nurse and clinical psychologist will listen to your worries.	Prior reservation required	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350
Health & Nutrition Consultation Service	5/25 (Mon.) 9:00AM~11:30AM	Mineyama City Hall Building No. 2	A public health nurse and certified nutritionist will	Prior reservation required	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350

			provide tips and advice to improve your health and dietary habits.		
<b>Hikikomori Consultation Service</b>	Weekdays 9AM~6PM (excluding Wednesday afternoons)	Hitotowa	For people in reclusion, their families, and related persons (50 min slot per person) Prior reservation required	Prior reservation required	Enterprise Union Labor Cooperative Center Project “Hitotowa” TEL 080-2507-9010
<b>Individual Jobhunting Consultations</b>	5/7 (Thu) 10:00AM~4:00PM 5/21 (Thu) 10:00AM~4:00PM	Mineyama General Welfare Center (5/7) Mineyama Community Center (5/21)	Consult one-on-one about jobhunting activities (50 min per person)	Prior reservation required	Northern Kyoto Job Park TEL 0773-22-3815
<b>Nurse Employment Consultation Group (Includes Nursing Aides)</b>	6/5 (Thu.) 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 (50 min per person)	Prior reservation required	Northern Kyoto Young Person Support Station, Kyotango Satellite Office TEL 050-3559-2804

<b>Government Administration Consultation Service</b>	5/13 (Wed.) 1:30PM ~ 3:30PM	Tango Town Hall	Grievances, opinions, and hopes about any worries you have about the government	Not required	Kyoto Administrative Monitoring and Administration Consultation Center TEL 075-802-1100
<b>Legal Consultation Service</b>	5/7 (Thu.) 1:30PM~4:30PM	Mineyama Community Center	Issues regarding household registry, debts, and laws and regulations (30 min per person)	Prior reservations required	Kyoto Judicial Scrivener's Association Comprehensive Consultation Center TEL 075-255-2566
	5/13 (Wed.) 2PM~4PM	Kyoto Regional Legal Bureau Kyotango Branch Office	Issues regarding inheritance and wills (30 min per person)		Kyoto Judicial Scrivener's Association TEL 075-585-4113
<b>Administrative Legal Consultation</b>	5/13 (Wed.) 10AM~12PM	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 0772-68-0237
<b>Hearing Consultations</b>	5/14 (Thu.)	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Get your hearing checked by a speech and hearing specialist and consult about hearing difficulties and hearing aids.	Prior reservations required	Kyotango City Hearing and Speech Disability Center TEL 0772-62-5529
<b>Pension Consultations by</b>	5/28 (Thu.) 10:30AM~3:45PM	Mineyama General Welfare	Please bring your Pension Booklet or	Prior reservation	Maizuru Pension Office

<b>the Pension Office</b>	6/18 (Thu.) 10:30AM~3:45PM	Center	anything that shows your pension code	required	TEL 0773-76-5772
<b>Tax Consultations with the Kinki Region Tax Accountants’ Association Mineyama Chapter</b>	6/10 (Wed.) 1PM~4PM	Mineyama Community Center	Consult about your taxes (e.g. income taxes, etc.) (30 minutes per person)	Prior reservation required	Mineyama Tax Payment Association TEL 0772-62-5458
<b>Consumer Affairs Consultation Service</b>	Weekdays 9:00AM ~5:00PM *Closed on public holidays	Consumer Living Center (within the Yorisoi Shien General Support 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>Women’s Consultation/In- Person Consults</b>	5/20 (Wed.) 1:15PM ~ 4:05PM	Announced when appointment is made.	A counselor specializing in women’s issues will answer to your troubles.	Prior reservation required.	Citizens’ Affairs Section TEL 0772-69-0210
<b>Women’s Phone Consultation Service</b>	Mon. ~ Fri. 8:30AM-5:15PM (Closed on public holidays)	N/A	Call if you have problems in the home, interpersonal relationships, domestic violence, or others.	Not required	Women’s Telephone Consultation Hotline TEL 0772-69-0217
<b>Adult Conservatorship Support Center</b>	Mon.-Fri. 8:30AM~5:15PM (Closed on public holidays)	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Consultations and support regarding rights protection support for adult conservatorship	Not required	Yorisoi Shien Comprehensive Support Center TEL 0772-62-0032 Longevity Welfare Section TEL 0772-69-0330 Disability Welfare Section TEL 0772- 69-0320

<b>Human Rights Consultation Service with a Human Rights Protection Officer</b>	Every Thursday 9:00AM~4:00PM	Kyoto Local Legal Bureau, Kyotango Branch	Discrimination, harassment, and other infringements on human rights	Not required	Kyoto Local Legal Bureau, Kyotango Branch TEL 0772-62-0365
<b>Special Human Rights Consultation Service</b>	5/1 (Fri) 1:30PM~4:00PM	Yasaka Community Center			
<b>Consultation Service for Young Carers</b>	Mon.-Fri. 9:00AM~4:30PM (In-person) 8:30AM ~ 5:15PM (Phone)	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Accepts requests from both children who take on responsibilities caring for relatives or doing chores at home and their guardians	Not required	Child & Family Center (within the Childcare Support Section) TEL 0772-69-0370
<b>Child &amp; Family Center</b>	*Closed on public holidays		Pregnancy, birth, childcare, home matters. Accepts consultations by phone or in-person visits to the center or home.		

## National Health Insurance Tax Revision and the New Child and Childcare Support Fund

About the **National Health Insurance System**, contact the **Insurance Section** TEL 0772-69-0220

About the **National Health Insurance Tax**, contact the **Tax Section** TEL 0772-69-0180

Until now, the City has kept tax rates from increasing as little as possible while using tax contributions from all insured persons necessary for medical assistance and funds from

insurance programs. While on the one hand tax contributions to the prefecture are increasing, medical costs are increasing as the number of contributors is decreasing, leading to a decreased revenue pool. So, in FY2027, the capital funds have been deemed insufficient even if the accumulated funds are utilized. Thus, the tax rate will be changed and a revision will be implemented to the National Health Insurance Tax for FY2026 to avoid a sudden increase for every kind of contribution. Also, due to a revision to the national system, the Child and Childrearing Support Portion (*kodomo-kosodate shienkinbun*) will be incorporated into and covered by the National Health Insurance Tax. The National Health Insurance Tax payment slips for 2026 will be sent in the middle of June.

※Finances for the National Health Insurance program are managed singularly by the prefectural governments. All local municipalities including Kyotango City shoulder a portion of the contributions due to the prefecture and manage each procedure and insurance program.

		FY2025	FY2026	Change
<b>Medical</b> (applies to all insured under NHI)	Income Rate	6.56%	7.18%	+0.62%
	Asset Rate	9.55%	--	-9.55%
	Per-capita rate	19,000 yen	23,500 yen	+4,500 yen
	Household Rate	30,700 yen	32,500 yen	+1,800 yen

<b>Advanced Senior Medical Support</b> (applies to all insured under NHI)	Income Rate	2.22%	2.50%	+0.28%
	Asset Rate	3.20%	--	-3.20%
	Per-capita rate	6,200 yen	8,200 yen	+2,000 yen
	Household Rate	10,700 yen	12,000 yen	+1,300 yen

<b>Nursing</b> (40 to 64 year olds)	Income Rate	2.10%	2.31%	+0.21%
	Asset Rate	3.25%	--	-3.25%
	Per-capita rate	7,900 yen	9,600 yen	+1,700 yen
	Household	9,300 yen	9,500 yen	+200 yen

	Rate			
<b>Child/Childrearing Support</b> ※For insured individuals over 18 years old, 100 yen will be added to the per-capita rate	Income Rate	--	0.35%	+0.35%
	Asset Rate	--	--	0%
	Per-capita rate	--	1,300 yen	+1,300 yen
	Household Rate	--	800 yen	+800 yen

For more about the Child/Childrearing Support Fund, scan here (Japanese):



## Traffic Safety Information from the Kyotango City Police

### Department – May

The Public Relations Kyotango Magazine is working together with the Kyotango City Police Department to help our city become safer and provide traffic and accident information. Let's follow traffic safety rules and keep our city accident-free.



### A Tip on Preventing Traffic Accidents

May is Bicycle Safety Promotion Month. Around half of fatal bicycle incidents are from head injuries. When riding your bicycle, please wear a helmet to protect your head.



### ① Accident Information from February 2026

Mineyama Town along National Route 312  
 Around 9:46PM  
 Head injury from a car-on-car collision (minor injury)



Map from GSI Authority of Japan Website

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

## Demographic Changes in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Feb. 2026	End of Mar. 2026	Change
Total Population	48,977	48,743	-234
Male	23,579	23,483	-96
Female	25,398	25,260	-138
Households	22,823	22,860	+37
Changes by Main Criteria	Move-ins		192
	Move-outs		373
	Births		16
	Deaths		68
Other reasons			-1