

## Public Relations Kyotango Magazine – November 2024



### *CityTopics*

## **The Man Who Saved Many Lives in Africa Celebrating the Life of Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki as an Honorary Citizen of Kyotango City**

### **Abbreviated Accomplishments of Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki**

**1967** – Graduates from the Faculty of Medicine at Shinshu University

**1979** – Travels the Republic of Niger as a dispatch physician for IRSA (Uranium Mining Prospect Assessment)

**1982** – Appointed as a Medical Expert by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) to the National Hospital Surgery Department in Niger.

**1992** – Establishes a surgical clinic pilot center in Tessaoua, Niger with his own funds

**2001** – Term as a JICA dispatch officer comes to an end and continues his activities in West Africa



with his own funds.

**2002** – Closes the former pilot center. Opens a new pilot center in Tessaoua with his own funds

**2007** – Compiles the results of his efforts thus far in a proposal written in French

**2017** – Laid to rest in Tessaoua (aged 75)

Niger: a desert country located in West Africa. In a foreign land far from Japan, the former Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki, originally from Kyotango, endeavored to establish a proper medical system there. Born and raised in Mineyama, Dr. Tanigaki spent thirty-some years of his career as a doctor in the Niger despite the difficult situation of healthcare in the country. He administered over 12,000 surgeries and dedicated his life making medical contributions and worked to establish self-sustaining, independent medical systems in country's poorest regions.

After reflecting on his life's contributions, Kyotango City will present Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki with the posthumous title of Honorary Citizen. The recommendation was received by the Honorary Citizen Selection Committee on September 24<sup>th</sup> and then later approved by City Council at an extraordinary council session on October 17<sup>th</sup>. The honor will be presented at Kyotango City's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremony on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*\*Dr. Tanigaki's life contributions and the award ceremony will be featured in next month's issue of the Public Relations Kyotango Magazine.*

### **Monthly Book Recommendation from Kyotango City's Libraries**

#### ***Dr. Tani – Hitotsubu no Mugi ("A Grain of Wheat")***

Written and illustrated by Shinsaku Ogino

Published by the Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki Support Group

In the African country of Niger, Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki, born and raised in Mineyama, devoted many years providing medical care. To achieve his aspirations of providing viable medical care to the local people, he established a hospital with his own funds, and fought for his whole life to create a self-sustaining, independent medical care system in the country's poorest regions.

This picture book illustrates his life's work.

*"I believe my life is not to be lived for my own sake. I want to offer it for the sake of others."*



[Cover] *Like a grain of wheat that falls to the earth to bear plentiful fruit, I want to offer my life to the poor people of Niger.*

*Dr. Yuzo Tanigaki*

## Kyotango City International Association

### Rediscovering the Good in Japanese Traditional Homes!

An American residing in Japan for around forty years, Mr. Austin Moore (center) presented a lecture titled “The Japanese Heart in Another Country: My Tale with Japanese Culture through Japanese Traditional Houses” on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at Kyotango City Hall in Mineyama.



Moore’s residence in Shiga Prefecture is a former estate of an Omi merchant family built in 1868. Living in a historic residence, Moore values Japanese traditional culture, format, and way of life. In his lecture, he detailed his daily life in his traditional Japanese home and his involvement with Japanese culture. The participants re-realized one of Japan’s good qualities once again.

By the **Policy and Planning Section** TEL 0772-69-0120

## The Citizen’s Bureau Service Windows in Omiya Town Hall

### will be Temporarily Moving Up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

Due to renovation work in Omiya Town Hall, the Citizen’s Bureau’s service windows will be moving from the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor beginning December 2<sup>nd</sup> until next May (planned).

※The service window’s phone number (TEL 0772-69-0712) will remain the same.

Office furniture such as desks and chairs that will not be used after the renovation will be given out for free to City residents, business, and other organizations on the following date.

**Date:** December 14<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) & 15<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)

**Time:** 10AM ~ 3PM ※Reservations not required

**Place:** Omiya Town Hall 2F

Scan here for more details (Japanese):



## Demographic Changes in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Aug. 2024	End of Sep. 2024	Change
Total Population	50,330	50,269	-61
Male	24,214	24,185	-29
Female	26,116	26,084	-32
Households	22,966	22,954	-12
Changes by Main Criteria	Move-ins		67
	Move-outs		75
	Births		19
	Deaths		73
Other reasons			+1

By the **Citizens’ Affairs Section** TEL 0772-69-0210

## Elimination of Violence Against Women Awareness Week

**Period: November 12<sup>th</sup> (Tues.) ~ 25<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)**

Every year, there are nationwide education programs to raise awareness about eliminating violence against women.



**One-Stop Support Center for Victims of Sexual Crime or Sexual Violence**

TEL # 8891

**Consultation Service for Victims of Sexual Assault (Police Station)**

TEL L # 8103

**Domestic Violence Consultation Navigator**

TEL L # 8008

**Women's Rights Hotline Fortification Week**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 19<sup>th</sup>**

Hotline – TEL 0570-070-810

**November is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Abuse against children is a problem that can only be solved by society as a whole.

If you have even the slightest suspicion that a child is being abused, please call immediately.

A single phone call could save a child's life!

**Child Consultation Office - Abuse Hotline**

TEL 189 (24/7, 365 days a year)

**Child Consultation Office – Consultation Hotline**

TEL 0120-189-783

**Kyotango City Child & Family Center**

TEL 0772-69-0370

Open Weekdays (excluding Holidays) 8:15AM ~ 5:15PM

**Children and Families Agency's**

**Consultation LINE Service for Children and Parents >**



## Stop!! That Might Be a Scam! Don't Fall for It!

*There have been multiple reports of people in Kyotango falling for scams.*

To protect yourself and your loved ones from falling prey to scammers, it is important to know the methods that scammers will use to deceive you. The Kyotango Police Department has made a video that introduces the classic examples of scams and is issuing a warning to all citizens. Watch out for scams!



Scan here for the video →



### Common Kinds of Scams

- Tax Return Scams
- Lottery Scams
- Social Media-based Investment Scams/Dating Scams
- Family/Relative “Ore-Ore” Phone Scams
- Cyberware Customer Support Scams

## Blood Donation Calendar

Date	Reception Hours	Location
11/10 (Sun.)	9:30AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Shopping Center Mine
11/25 (Mon.)	9:30AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Kyotango City Hall (Mineyama)
11/27 (Wed.)	10:00AM ~ 11:30AM	Kyotango City Hall Kumihama Branch

By the Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350

*The Talk of the Town*  
Amino  
**Lighting Up the Town:  
Tourist Train “Hana-Akari” Begins Operation**

JR Odekake Net

Dedicated “Hana-Akari” Website



Hana-Akari is the new tourist train operated by JR West and operates based on the concept of tying together passengers and local service areas as if gathering flowers. The train will run throughout different areas of western Japan for limited periods of time. For the first three-month period from October 5<sup>th</sup> to December 12<sup>th</sup>, the Hana-Akari train will make round trips from

Tsuruga Station in Fukui Prefecture through Kyotango on the Kyoto Tango Railway, to Kinokasa Onsen Station in Hyogo Prefecture every Saturday and Sunday. A one-way ride on the train takes about five hours.

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, the first day of its operation, the children from Koryu Rainbow Kindergarten welcomed the train with flags and cheers as it pulled up to its only stop in Kyotango City at Kitsuonsen-Yuhigaura Station.

**Let's Root for Kyoto Sanga F.C. Together!**  
**November 9<sup>th</sup> is Kyotango Hometown Day**

**Kyoto Sanga F.C. vs. Kawasaki Frontale**

*Elementary students enter for free, junior high school students and above will receive special treatment.*

**Kick-Off at 2:00PM**  
**In Sanga Stadium by KYOCERA**



The Kyoto Sanga F.C. Team invites kids to come watch the game on Hometown Day so that they can see and experience the dream and passion around soccer. On Hometown Day, elementary school students from Kyotango can watch the game for free!



More details here →



**By Kyoto Sanga F.C. Hometown Promotion Section** TEL 0774-55-7603

## Let's Do Nordic Walking!

**November 10<sup>th</sup> (Sun.)**

**9AM ~ 10:30AM**

**Reception:** From 8:45AM

**Meeting Place:** Hatchohama Seaside Park Central Plaza

The walking course will begin at Hatchohama Seaside Park's central plaza and head towards Lake Hanare and Nagisa Bridge before heading back to the start point. Beginners are welcome! This event is for anyone elementary school age and up. However, elementary and junior high school students should be accompanied by an adult guardian.

Please come with comfortable athletic clothing, a face towel, and hydration! We will lend out walking poles upon request!



**By the Kyotango City Sports Promotion Association**

**Association Office** (within the Lifelong Learning Section) TEL 0772-69-0630



## Useful Information for Parents!

### We can temporarily look after your recuperating child!

*(Out-of-pocket expense, Requires prior reservation)*

If there is an emergency, we can also accept same-day requests in the morning!  
If your child is recovering from a serious illness or injury and you cannot look after them at home due to work or other priorities, a full-time nurse or childcare worker from Yukari Kodomo-en Daycare can provide temporary care.

**Target Age:** 6 months ~ Elementary School Grade 6

**Daycare:** Yukari Kodomo-en Daycare

*(Designated space for recovering children available)*

**Hours of Operation:** 8:00AM ~ 6:00PM (closed on weekends and holidays, including New Year's holiday)

**Usage Fee:** From ¥2000 per day

Less than 4hrs – from ¥1000

*\*Reduced or waived fees may be available for low-income, welfare-protected, or single-parent households*

Scan here for more information about the registration process:



A full-time nurse or certified childcare worker will look after your child. Don't hesitate to use this program.

By the **Yukari Kodomo-en Daycare** TEL 0772-62-0343

**Childcare Support Section** TEL 0772-69-0370

## Little Bits of Kyotango Knowledge

### Savor the *Satsuma-imo*, the Classic Fall Ingredient

*Satsuma-imo*, or Japanese sweet potatoes, are high in soluble fibers and contain jalapin, which is effective in promoting digestion and relieving constipation. Plus, sweet potatoes contain as much vitamin C as tangerines which doesn't break down as easily when heated, making it a great food for promoting gut health and beautiful skin. Try out this simple and delicious recipe to make the most out this superb autumn ingredient!

### **Sweet Potato Yogurt Salad**

#### **Ingredients:**

Japanese sweet potato ... 100g  
Mixed nuts ... 20g  
Plain yogurt ... 60g  
Mayonnaise ... 1 tsp  
Salt and pepper ... to taste  
Sugar ... to taste



#### **Instructions:**

1. Wash the sweet potatoes until they are free of dirt. Keeping the skin on, cut into 2cm cubes and soak in clear water.
2. Microwave until tender and cooked through and let cool. (Boiling is also OK)
3. Roughly crush the mixed nuts.
4. Mix the yogurt and mayonnaise together.
5. Combine the cooled sweet potato and nuts with the yogurt mixture and add salt, pepper, and sugar to taste. Serve.



### **Get Medical Attention on the Weekends**

### **Doctors Available for an Emergency Diagnosis**

**Hours:** 9AM – 12PM / 2PM – 5PM

**Specialty:** Internal Medicine

11/3 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
11/4 (Mon)	Kumihama Hospital	TEL 0772-82-1500
11/10 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
11/17 (Sun)	Nakae Clinic	TEL 0772-62-0266
11/23 (Sat, Holiday)	Yasaka Hospital	TEL 0772-65-2003
11/24 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
12/1 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055

*\*Please visit the doctor if you have symptoms of heatstroke or if your child needs a diagnosis.*

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

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

## Events Calendar - November

11/1 (Fri.) ~ 12/3 (Tues.)

### Pasha Pasha Tango – Viewing Life Alongside the Weaver’s Loom

Photographs of Amino’s weaving factories and the local townscape will be on display at various locations within the city. The photos on display are taken by professional and amateur photographers who participated in a prior workshop. Photos will also be on display inside Tankai Bus lines running throughout the city area.

**Places:** Within Tankai Buses, La Port, Asamogawa Kumin Hall, and others

**Contact:** Planning/Collaboration Promotion Section, Tango Wide-Area Promotional Bureau TEL 0772-62-4300



11/1 (Fri.) ~ 12/22 (Sun.)

### Kyotango History & Culture Stamp Rally

A stamp collection rally featuring five cultural assets in Kyotango City. Once you access the Stamp Rally from the Kyotango History and Culture Meguri Map app on your smartphone, collect the digital stamps! For participants who collect all of the stamps, you can get an original burial mound stamp as a prize!

**Other:** Collect your participation prize and stamp rally prize from the Tango Ancient Village Museum (closed on Tuesdays).

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



11/2 (Sat.) ~ 11/3 (Sun.)

### Kimono Flea Market

Around 3,500 collected items will be on sale at the biggest secondhand kimono market in Tango!

**Time:** 10:00AM ~ 5:00PM

(Until 4:00PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Place:** Mineyama General Welfare Center

**Contact:** Hagoromo Station Office TEL 0772-62-8560



11/3 (Sun.)

### Kyotango City 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Commemorative Ceremony

Celebrating 20 years since the establishment of Kyotango City, there will be a conferment ceremony for Honorary Citizens and Citizens with Notable Achievements, amongst other commemorative events.

**Time:** 1:30PM ~ 3:30PM

**Place:** Tango Performing Arts Hall

**Other:** In the case that event seating is fully occupied, there will be standing space to view the event.

**Contact:** Secretariat's Office TEL 0772-69-0110



11/8 (Fri.)

### Kyotango Rakugo Show

The disciples of famous *rakugo* storyteller Katsura Beicho will be coming to Tango!

Performing will be Katsura Shiodai, Katsura Yonedanji, and Katsura Beishi. Tickets can be purchased from Tango Performing Arts Hall or other vendors listed in the playguide!

**Time:** From 6:30PM (Doors open at 6:00PM)

**Place:** Agri Center Omiya

**Admission:** General – 3000 yen

Students (High School and under) – 1500 yen

**Other:** Children 5 and under may not enter the event.

**Contact:** Lifelong Learning Section TEL 0772-69-0630



11/10 (Sun.)

### Tenno no Sato Autumn Leaves Festival

Make handmade soba and konjac jelly at Tenno no Sato's annual fall festival! There will be a performance by the Blue Angels cheer dance group (around 1PM) and food trucks to enjoy!

**Time:** 10:00AM – 3:00PM

**Place:** Tenno no Sato Exchange Building

**Contact:** Tenno no Sato TEL 0772-62-7720



11/15 (Fri.) ~ 11/16 (Sat.)

### Kyotango City Cultural Association - Open Practice/Trial Class

There will be an open day to try out the different club activities affiliated with the Cultural Association such as ballroom dancing, senchado tea ceremony, ocarina, and more.

Scan to see the flyer →

**Times:** 15<sup>th</sup> (Fri) – 9:00AM ~ 12:00PM

16<sup>th</sup> (Sat) – 1PM ~ 10:00PM

**Place:** Agri Center Omiya and others

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



11/23 (Sat.)

### Heartful Festa – Minna no Tsudoi “A Gathering for Everyone”

There will be an essay reading about human rights written by local junior high school students, performances from a children's choir and the Omiya Junior High School Brass Band Club, workshops on disaster prevention, and more!

**Time:** 11:00AM ~ 4:00PM

*\*Stage performances begin at 12PM*

**Place:** Agri Center Omiya

**Contact:** Citizens' Affairs Section TEL 0772-69-0210



12/8 (Sun.)

**Information from Tango Performing Arts Hall**

**Kyotango City 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Production**

**Ayako Tanaka's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Recital**

**Time:** 2:00PM (Doors open 1:30PM)

**Fee:** General – 4000 yen

Student (High School & under) – 2000 yen

*\*Tickets will be an additional 500 yen if purchased at the door*

*\*Members have a 500 yen discount. Limit two presale tickets per person.*

*\*Please refrain from attending with young children at the event.*

**Contact:** Tango Performing Arts Hall TEL 0772-62-5200



## 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	11/6 (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
	11/14 (Thurs.) 10AM~4PM	Kissako Tsusentei Café			Tsusentei Management Committee TEL 0772-83-0139
Women's Consultation Service Window	11/20 (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
Hikikomori Consultation Service	Weekdays 9AM~6PM (excluding	Hitotowa	For people in reclusion, their families, and related	Enterprise Union Labor Cooperative	TEL 080-2507- 9010



	Wednesday afternoons)		persons (50 min slot per person) Prior reservation required	Center Project “Hitotowa”	
<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>	11/7 (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 Consultation Service</b>	11/13 (Wed.) 1:30~3:30PM 11/27 (Wed.) 9:30~11:30AM	Omiya Town Hall	Grievances, opinions, and hopes about national policies	Not required	Kyoto Administrative Monitoring and Administration Consultation Center 075-802-1100
<b>Legal Consultation Service</b>	11/7 (Thurs.) 1:30~4:30PM 11/14 (Thurs.) 3:00	Mineyama Community Center	Issues regarding household registry, debts, and laws and	Prior reservations required	Kyoto Judicial Scrivener’s Association



	~ 5:00PM 11/28 (Thurs.) 3:00 ~ 5:00PM		regulations (30 minutes per person)		Comprehensive Consultation Center TEL 075-255-2566
<b>Administrative Legal Consultation</b>	11/6 (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 0772-68-0237
<b>Tax Consultation Service</b>	11/13 (Wed.) 1:00~4:00PM	Mineyama Community Center	Consult about income taxes, etc. with a tax accountant (30 minutes per person)	Prior reservations required	Mineyama Tax Association 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~4:00PM	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	Not required	Child & Family Center (within the Childcare Support Section) TEL 0772-69-0370

			or doing chores at home and their guardians		
Child & Family Center			Pregnancy, birth, childcare, home matters. Accepts consultations by phone or in-person visits to the center or home.		
Mental Health Consultations	10/28 (Mon.) 9:00AM~5:00PM	Mineyama General Welfare Center	A public health nurse and a clinical psychologist will listen to your worries.	Prior registration needed	Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350
Bullying Consultation Hotline	24/7, 365 days a year	N/A	An overseeing staff member and a clinical psychologist will lend an open ear.	Not required	City Bullying Hotline TEL 0120-889-061 Schools & Education Section TEL 0772-69-0620

## Kyotango Digital Points

### Super Thursday

**Get 2x points on the 4th Thursday of every month!!**

Super Thursday will be on the **28th of November**, and the **26th of December**! Shop at your favorite local stores and collect points for great savings!

More details about Kyotango Digital Points here



By the **Kyotango Digital Point Management Council** TEL 0772-69-0440

### **New Participating Location**

#### SoeruGarden

Gardening store located in the O-Tabi Shopping Arcade in Mineyama. Welcome a new plant to spruce up your home.

TEL 080-3820-1830