

Public Relations Kyotango Magazine – October 2024

City Topics San'in-Kinki Expressway

City Approves Accelerated Development of the Expressway

The Tango/Regional High-Standard Highway Promotion Council held its regular general meeting on August 29th at the Mineyama Community Center, and was attended by around fifty people involved in the Council. At the meeting, the Council adopted



resolutions such as connecting the expressway from Omiya Interchange to the borders of the prefecture within the decade following 2028, finalizing plans on implementing the toll fare from the Omiya-Mineyama Interchange to Amino Interchange by the middle of next year (Reiwa 7), and completing the construction of the Omiya-Mineyama expressway and its access roads by Reiwa 8 (2026). The Council approved of these strong requests with defined timeframes for the completion of the project.

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By the Management Section TEL 0772-69-0510

Information Guide Providing Complete and Seamless Childcare and Support as Early as Pre-Pregnancy

By the Children's Department/Parent and Child Section TEL 0772-69-0340 Childcare Support Section TEL 0772-69-0370

Kyotango's Childcare Support Policies and Programs Rooting for Parents with Everything We've Got!



Kyotango City is working to provide seamless childcare and support starting from pre-pregnancy by supporting the diversifying needs of childcare, building environments for our children's healthy growth and education, and providing city-exclusive support programs.

Take Advantage of the Childcare Environment Support Project Grant!

Childcare Activity Support Project (Grant for events that are related to childcare support) Maximum 100,000 yen

Childcare-Friendly Environment Installation Project

(Grant for installing breastfeeding rooms, diaper-changing stations, and kids' play spaces in commercial spaces)

Maximum 200,000 yen

More details here:





Example) Provide a baby-friendly space with a baby bed, cushion, mat, table, and other items.

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Drop in at a Childcare Support Center!

Before your child goes to nursery school or kindergarten, please visit one of the eight Childcare Support Centers in Kyotango City where you and your baby can socialize with other families. To reflect the needs of young parents, the Amino Regional Childcare Support Center is now open on Saturdays since September this year.



Refer to the chart below whenever you'd like to use the City's public programs!

※ The <mark>yellow highlight</mark> shows programs unique to Kyotango City	From Pregnancy to Birth	Before Daycare	From Daycare to Kindergarten	From Elementary to Junior High School	From High School to University
Comprehensive	-		Department, Childcare Suppo ling everything from pregnanc		
Support	J ,.		sultation Service "Hagu-hagu' en "Child and Family Consultat		
Maternal Health	 Maternity and Baby Health Book Pregnancy Health Checks Pregnancy Dental Health Checks (Free) Newborn Infant Hearing Screening Test 	 Newborn Visits (A Checks/ Vaccinati 	All visits)/ Infant Health ions/ Weaning Classes Support for Four-Year Old		

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	 Maternity Classes, Parenting Classes Post- Partum Care Programs (Free) 		
Child Welfare	 Child Abuse Prevention Program Young Carer Support 	ns	
Developmental Support	 Developmen Support Roc Support for Children who require Medical Care 	om Child Developmental Support (visits to a support and rehabilitation facility)	Temporary Daycare After-School Daycare Services
Medical Fees	 Assistance for Infertility Care Premature Infant Care Medical Fee Assistance for Single Paren Households (Now extended) to university students) 	 Medical Fee Assistance for C (Only pay up to 200 yen a monostical Expanded to include university-and income households)	ge dependents (for low- ity students from non-low-
Childcare Support	 Baby Salons (for infants t months and older) Daddy & Bal Salons Nakayoshi Plaza Childcare Support Cen (Amino Support Cen now open or 	wo by Iter	

Daycare/Kindergarten Programs for the

		Supervision System during Naptime
Allowances/Other	 Birthing and Childcare Support Allowance 	 Child Allowance Child Dependent Allowance Multi-Child & Multi-Generational Household Cohabitation Assistance Childcare-Friendly Environment Support Project Grant Childcare Support Assistance (30,000 yen per child dependent under 18 years old for low-income families)

Red Feather Cooperative Fundraiser

Please help us reach the goal by donating to our fundraising campaign. The Red Feather Cooperative Fundraiser supports welfare facilities and programs for children, the elderly, and people with disabilities, while promoting the growth and development of healthy youths. (Fundraising Goal: 8,414,000 yen)

Campaign Duration:

October 1st, 2024 ~ March 31st, 2025



By the **Kyotango City Cooperative Fundraiser Executive Committee of the Kyoto Prefecture Cooperative Fundraising Association (Within the Welfare Section)** TEL 0772-69-0310

The Forest Environment Tax and the Forest Environment Transfer Tax

A Tax Program to Manage our Often-Neglected Forests

The forests provide us with blessings that affect many facets of our everyday lives. However, as people forget who maintains what part of the forest or forget the boundaries of their private properties, and with fewer people going into forestry, the issues around forest management only grow more serious.

In order to manage neglected forests, there is a new tax category called the **Forest Environment Tax** that has begun in the 2024 fiscal year. From this fiscal year, as a national tax, an annual amount of 1000 yen will be collected from each individual in conjunction with the residence tax. It will be collected as the **Forest Environment** **Transfer Tax** (the Forest Environment Tax was initiated first and has been allocated since Reiwa 1), and will be distributed to all prefectural and local governments in Japan. Kyotango City will also use the revenue from the Forest Environment Transfer Tax to finance various initiatives.

Forest Environment Transfer Tax – Initiative 1

Forest Maintenance

Using the Forest Management and Control System*, the City manages planted forests that were not been properly maintained before. The City also conducts questionnaires about forest operations, on-site surveys, forest thinning from owners of forested land plots if so requested, as well as other activities.



Moving lumber using a grapple.

Forest Environment Transfer Tax – Initiative 2

Woodworking Classrooms

To promote the utilization of lumber, Kyotango City will host events where people

can experience woodworking with Kyotango-grown lumber. While working with wood, participants learned about the workings of the forest and about the unique characteristics of wood. With the guidance of local craftsmen, children can make wooden crafts using wood and tools.



Learning how to use a wood plane in a crafting activity.

Forest Management and Control System

In this system, local governments accept requests from owners of forested plots of land and acquires management rights. The government then requests forestry management companies to then manage viable forests for forestry, and unviable forests become publicly managed by the local government.

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



Be Careful If You Come Across a Bear!

This year, the number of bear sightings have doubled compared to last year. Not only have bears been spotted in the mountains, but there is also the possibility you may see them near the villages, so you must be careful!

To report damages caused by bears or bear sightings... Call your nearest Town Hall or the Agriculture and Forest Management Section IMMEDIATELY! → TEL 0772-69-0430



Asian black bear or tsukinowa-guma



More details here



Kyoto Prefecture Bear Sighting Information Map



To Prevent a Bear Encounter

- 1) Avoid going out in the early hours of the morning or at dusk when bears are the most active.
- 2) Keep a bear bell, radio, or a device that makes artificial noises on your person.

lf You Do Encounter a Bear

Bears have the behavior to chase after their targets.

- 1) To get away from the bear, back away slowly and do not face your back towards the bear.
- 2) Do not make loud noises as to not startle the bear, and do not run.

To Prevent Bears Getting Close

1) Do not leave raw garbage to sit in your yard or throw leftover food into the fields.

2) Harvest your persimmons or chestnuts early on and protect the trees with an electrical fence or galvanized iron barrier. Do not leave unharvested crops to sit and deal with them appropriately.

Be Cautious of Allergic Reactions! The Danger of Anaphylaxis

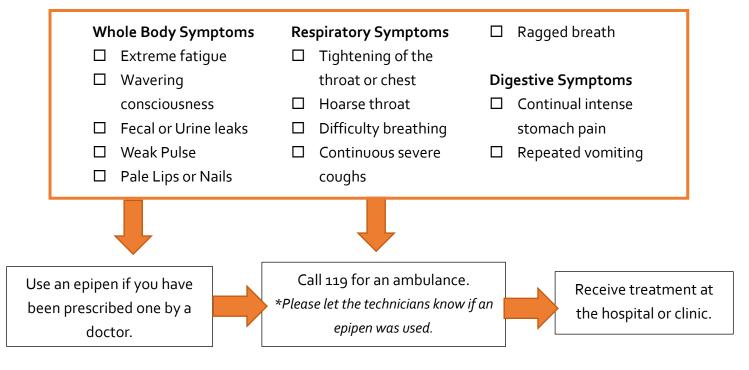
By the Emergency & Fire Department TEL 0772-62-0119

Allergies can be life-threatening.

What is Anaphylaxis?

When one eats food that causes an allergic reaction or gets stung by a bee, anaphylaxis is when the body suffers from a serious reaction in a short amount of time. If not treated immediately, it could become a life-threatening situation.

Allergy Symptoms that May Need Emergency Medical Attention



If even one condition of the above applies, please get medical attention at your closest hospital or clinic!

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Allergens that may cause anaphylaxis

Food – Eggs, peanuts, wheat, buckwheat (*soba*), shellfish, etc.

Eight Specified Major Allergens



Bee Poison – Poison from giant hornets or paper wasps

Medicine/Drugs – Antibiotics, fever reducers, blood transfusions, etc.

October is Food Loss Reduction Month

By the Life Environment Section TEL 0772-69-0240

Don't Let Food Go to Waste! Value the Idea of "Mottainai"

Food loss occurs when perfectly edible food is thrown away because its best-by or expiration date has passed or is tossed as leftovers. In Japan, about 5,230,000 tons of food waste* are generated annually. This is equivalent to about 1400 loads in a ten-ton truck. When food is disposed as burnable garbage, the carbon dioxide released from combustion and the resulting ash which needs to be buried only leads to larger environmental issues. In order to reduce food loss as much as we can, let's keep the concept of "*mottainai*" in mind throughout our day-to-day lives. **From 2021*

What You Can Do Right Now

When shopping > Don't buy more food than you need. Buy food from the front of the display if you will be eating it soon.

In your refrigerator > Put effort in storing foods appropriately, and keep track of the stored food.

When cooking > Be careful not to trim off too much. Try to use every part of the ingredient in your cooking.

When eating out > Order as much as you can eat and consider taking the leftovers to go.



Demographic Changes in Kyotango City

Timestamp	End of Jul. 2024	End of Aug. 2024	Change
Total Population	50,385	650,330	-55
Male	24,248	24,214	-34
Female	26,137	26,116	-21
Households	22,978	22,966	-12
Changes by Main	Move-ins		62
Criteria	Move-outs		81
	Births		25
	Deaths		63
Other reasons			+2

By the Citizens' Affairs Section TEL 0772-69-0210

Important Information for Parents

Expansion on the Child Allowance Program

Starting in October, there will be changes in the amount of allowance given to eligible households.

	Until September's allowance (per dependent)	From October's allowance ance (per dependent)	
o~2 year olds	15,000 yen	15,000 yen	30,000 yen
3 yrs ~ Elementary	*10,000 yen	10,00 yen	for the third child

Junior High	10	o,ooo yen	10,000 yen		and after
High School Years (After the dependent reaches 18 years old, the benefit will last until the end of that fiscal year)		None	10,000 ye	en	
Months of Payment		June, Octob	er, February		oril, June, August, tober, December, February
Limit on Income?		Yes			No
How to Count Your		1 st Child is your first high-		1 st	Child is your first
Eligible Childre	n	school age child		university-age child	

*15,000 yen allowance for third child and after

Please note that you may need to apply to receive benefits under the new allowance program. Please check the conditions and apply by October 31st.

More details here (Japanese):

By the Child and Parenting Section TEL 0772-69-0340

Blood Donation Calendar

Date	Reception Hours	Location
10/18 (Fri.)	10:00AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:00PM	Tango Town Hall
10/20 (Sun.)	9:30AM~11:30AM 12:45PM~3:30PM	Shopping Center Mine

By the Health Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0350



Get Medical Attention on the Weekends Doctors Available for an Emergency Diagnosis Hours: 9AM – 12PM / 2PM – 5PM Specialty: Internal Medicine

9/29 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
10/6 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
10/13 (Sun)	Kumihama Hospital	TEL 0772-82-1500
10/14 (Mon, Holiday)	Yasaka Hospital	TEL 0772-65-2003
10/20 (Sun)	Tango Furusato Hospital	TEL 0772-72-5055
10/27 (Sun)	Kumihama Hospital	TEL 0772-82-1500
11/3 (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 – October

10/3 (Thurs.)

The Japanese Heart in Another Country ~A Tale of Japanese Culture Connected by Japanese Traditional Houses~

Have you ever thought why you may feel at ease in a Japanese house? Austin Moore, an American-born Research Officer at the Cultural Affairs Agency of Japan will introduce the allure and possibilities of traditional Japanese architecture in this lecture.



Time: 7:00PM – 8:30PM Location: Kyotango City Hall (Mineyama) Capacity: First 30 people To Register: Please sign up by Tuesday, 10/1 Contact: Kyotango City International Association TEL 0772-69-0120

10/6 (Sun.)

The 31st Kumihama Marukajiri Festival

There will be booths selling local specialties, a flea market, concessions, exhibits, Bingo, and more! For the finale, join the crowd and rush for freshly-made mochi from the Mochi-maki event!



Time: 9:30AM – 2:00PM Place: Around Kumihama Town Hall Other: Please use the designated parking lots at Amenity Kumihama Park or Hama Park.

Contact: Kumihama Marukajiri Festival Executive Committee TEL 0772-69-0716

10/12 (Sat.) ~

The Amino Choshiyama Tumulus and Kyotango's Burial Mounds

The Choshiyama Tumulus in Amino is the largest keyholeshaped tumulus along the Sea of Japan, and development is expected to finish by next spring. In celebration, Kyotango City will feature exhibits about the various burial mounds within the city.



Time: Gallery Lecture

October 12th (Sat.) 1:00PM ~

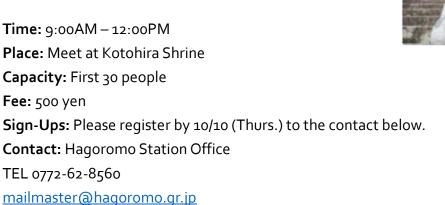
Place: Tango Ancient Village Museum

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

10/19 (Sat.)

Rediscover Mineyama! – Guardian Cat Walking Tour

Take in the townscape of Mineyama, once thriving with industry and commerce, and learn about the Tango Chirimen industry and its history in this walking tour.





10/19 (Sat.) Kyoto Job Expo/Kyotango Job-Hunting Fair 2024

40 local companies and businesses in Kyotango will be present at this employment fair and will be conducting interviews and company infosessions. Northern Kyoto Job Park and Hello Work will also have a booth for employment consultations.

Time: 1:30PM – 3:30PM

Place: Omiya Social Gymnasium

For Who?: General job-hunters, university students, high school students, guardians, and people who are looking to move to Kyotango City

Contact: Industry and Commerce Promotion Section TEL 0772-69-0440

10/19 (Sat.) & 10/20 (Sun.)

The 1st Kumihama Art Festival – "The Dream of Kumihama"

Centered around a picture book that is set in Kyotango, the event will showcase the world of the picture book with a plaza and public readings. There will also be a picture book exhibition and live music performances.

Place: Inaba Honke Merchant House, Eastern Inaba Annex, Anyoji, and others

Other Information: Please scan the QR code for more details. **Contact:** Kumihama no Yume Executive Committee TEL 0772-82-0101

10/20 (Sun.)

Lecture – "Let's Try Thinking About Zero Carbon!"

Together with a Renewable Energy Concierge (a supporter of renewable energy initiatives), learn about how to incorporate carbon-negative programs into your home or office!

Time: 1:30PM — 3:30PM Place: Town Hall For Who?: People who live or work in Kyotango City







Capacity: First 30 people **Sign-Ups:** Please sign up via phone or the sign-up form by 5PM on 10/7. **Contact:** Life Environment Section TEL 0772-69-0240

10/27 (Sun.)

Tango Expo 2024

The biggest SDGs-centered planned and organized by Kyotango's high school students will be held again this year! There will be plenty of live stage events and booths, so please come to check it out!



Time: 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Place: Roadside Station Tango Kingdom "Syoku no Miyako" **Other:** Please check the city's homepage or the city's SDGs website for more details. **Contact:** Policy and Planning Section TEL 0772-69-0120

12/8 (Sun.)

Event Information from Tango Performing Arts Hall

Kyotango City 20th Anniversary Production Ayako Tanaka's 10th Anniversary Recital

Time: 2:00PM~ (Doors Open at 1:00PM) Fee: General – 4000 yen (+500 yen at the door) Students (High School & under) – 2000 yen (+500 yen at the door) *Members receive a 500-yen discount (limit two presale tickets per person)

*Please refrain from attending with children under 6 years old. 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	· · ·				To Sign Up or
	Dates	Place	Matters Addressed	Reservations	
Service					Contact
	10/2 (Wed.)	Machi Machi			Health
	10AM~2PM	Information			Promotion
		Center			Section
Healing Café			Talk about what has		TEL 0772-69-
Tsusentei			been troubling you	Not required	0350
	10/10 (Thurs.)	Kissako Tsusentei	in a relaxed space.		Tsusentei
	10АМ~4РМ	Café			Management
					Committee
					TEL 0772-83-0139
			Find solutions to		Citizen's Affairs
Women's	10/16 (Wed.)	Announced when	problems you face	Prior	Section
Consultation	1:15PM ~ 4:05PM	you reserve an	as a woman with a	reservation	TEL 0772-69-
Service Window	1.151 101 4.051 101	appointment	supportive	required	0210
			counselor		0210
			For people in		
	Weekdays		reclusion, their	Enterprise	
Hikikomori	9AM~6PM	Hitotowa	families, and related	Union Labor	TEL 080-2507-
Consultation	(excluding	Theorem	persons (50 min slot	Cooperative	9010
Service	Wednesday		per person)	Center Project	9010
	afternoons)		Prior reservation	"Hitotowa"	
			required		
			A one-stop place to		Consultations:
	Mon-Fri	Mineyama	discuss and get		0120-125-294
Yorisoi Shien Comprehensive	9AM~5PM	General Welfare	support for worries		Yorisoi Shien
	*Closed on public	Center, West	about everyday	Not required	Comprehensive
Support Center	holidays	Annex	issues and		Support Center
		Annex	employment.		TEL 0772-62-
			employment.		0032
Nurse	10/3 (Thurs.)	Hello Work	Consult about		Northern Kyoto
Employment	1:30~3PM	Mineyama	restarting your	Not required	Prefecture Nurse
Consultation	1.50 51 10	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	career or changing		Support Center

Group			jobs. Gather useful		TEL 0772-46-
			information and		9002
			information on		-
			trainings for re-		
			employment		
Employment Consultation	Mon, Tues, Thurs. 11AM~4PM	Yorisoi Shien	Employment support for job	Prior reservation	Northern Kyoto Young Person Support Station, Kyotango
Service for Young	*Closed on public	Comprehensive	hunting 15- to 49-		Satellite Office
People	holidays	Support Center	year olds and family	required	
			members		TEL 050-3559-
					2804
					Kyoto Administrative
Government			Grievances,		Monitoring and
Administration	10/9 (Wed.)	Amino Town Hall	opinions, and hopes	Not required	Administration
Consultation	9:30~3:30AM		about national		Consultation
Service			policies		Center
					075-802-1100
Legal Consultation Service	10/3 (Thurs.) 1:30~4:30PM 10/10 (Thurs.) 3:00 ~ 5:00PM 10/24 (Thurs.)	Mineyama Community Center	Issues regarding household registry, debts, and laws and regulations (30	Prior reservations required	Kyoto Judicial Scrivener's Association Comprehensive Consultation Center
	3:00 ~ 5:00PM		minutes per person)		TEL 075-255-
	3.00 5.001 11				
			Construction		2566
			permits, matters		Prefectural
Administrative		Mineyama	concerning the		Administrative
Legal	10/2 (Wed.)	General Welfare	Agricultural Land	Not required	Lawyer's
Consultation	10:00AM~12:00PM	Center	Act,	I ·	Association First
			inheritances/wills,		Chapter Bureau
			contract writing,		TEL 0772-68-0237
			etc.		
Tax Consultation	10/9 (Wed.)	Mineyama	Consult about	Prior	Mineyama Tax

Service	1:00~4:00PM	Community	income taxes, etc.	reservations	Association
		Center	with a tax	required	TEL 0772-62-
			accountant (30		5458
			minutes per person)		
Consumer Affairs Consultation Service	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)
Human Rights Consultation Service	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
Consultation Service for Young Carers	Weekdays 8:30AM ~ 5:15PM *Closed on public	Mineyama General Welfare Center	Accepts requests from both children who take on responsibilities caring for relatives or doing chores at home and their guardians Pregnancy, birth,	Not required	Child & Family Center (within the Childcare Support Section)
Child & Family Center	holidays		childcare, home matters. Accepts consultations by phone or in-person visits to the center or home.		TEL 0772-69-0370

Mental Health Consultations	9/30 (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

Walking Tour of Amino's Burial Mounds

Centered around the largest keyhole-shaped tumulus Along the coast of the Sea of Japan

Walk alongside historic ruins and learn about the ancient history of Amino.



Sign Up for the Tour Today! Contact → Cultural Asset Preservation and Utilization Section TEL 0772-69-0640 Scan the QR Code for more details (Japanese)



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Date: 10/26 (Sat.) Time: 1:00PM ~ (The tour will take approx. 120 min) Place: Meet up in front of Amino Town Hall (La Port) 385-1 Amino, Amino-cho

In the town of Amino lies the Choshiyama Tumulus, the largest keyhole-shaped burial mound along the Sea of Japan coast, the Lake Hanare Burial Mound, which houses a stone coffin said to contain the remains of a king, and the Oka Burial Mound #1, where an ornate bronze sword, decorated with phoenixes, was discovered, among others. These burial mounds tell the tales of distinguished people who once held great power in this area. In the Amino Burial Mound

Walking Tour, you will be guided by a specialist working with the City to visit these historic ruins and learn about the ancient history of Amino.

By the Cultural Asset Preservation and Utilization Section TEL 0772-69-0640

Kyotango Art Festival 2024

September 21st (Sat.) ~ December 22nd, 2024 (Sun.)

The Art Festival has now begun! With Kyotango City as the backdrop, take the Art Map in hand and see, listen, and feel the different art exhibitions that color our city. Experience art like you never have before.

Miru Program

This year's Art Map comes with a pair of "Miru! Shiru!" glasses. Put on your glasses,

and add the hashtag [#京丹後アートフェ

スティバル] (#kyotangoartfestival) when you share the event on Instagram!

Sign Up for these Upcoming Events!

Shiru Program – The theme is "creating art with Tango as a medium". The program will





feature a series of workshops where you can experience unique, all-original forms of expression.

Burial Mound x Sound x Dance – *Tango no Dansu, Dou Nattoru Daa*?

["What on Earth is Going on with Tango's Dance?"] Date and Time: 10/5 (Sat.)- 10/6 (Sun.), 11/16 (Sat.) – 11/17 (Sun.) 1:00 – 4:00PM *Only 11/17 begins at 10AM Place: Onaru Burial Mound and others Sign-Ups: Until 10/1 (Tuesday)



Vacant Houses x Scrap x Pottery – Mina Minasanai wo Suru

["Look Beyond Things for What They Are"] Date and Time: 10/19 (Sat.) – 10/20 (Sun.), 12/1 (Sun.) 1:00 – 4:00PM *Only 10/20 starts at 9AM Place: Omiya Fureai Workshop and others Sign-Ups: Register by 10/15 (Tues.)

