



Mitaka City's 60th Anniversary

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Let's Eat Around the World! "TAIWAN"

~Our popular program "Let's Eat Around the World!"
is coming back after 2 years!!~

"Let's Eat Around the World" is one of our popular programs to provide opportunities for foreign residents to introduce their national cuisines. After a demonstration of popular dishes, participants cook and eat them together.



Many citizens have been enjoying this international exchange program through cooking, which may open up cultural understanding. The feature cuisine this time is Taiwanese. A discussion on Taiwan will be held after the meal.

Date and Time: July 3 (Sat.), 10:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Venue: Mitaka Ekimae Community Center

Fee: 500 yen (for ingredients)

Capacity: 25 people

Menu: Law Bock Gow (Daikon Radish cake), Won-ton soup, Lu Rou Fan (Stewed Pork Rice), Taiwanese stir-fried vegetables (the menu is subject to change)

Application and inquiries: Call Mitaka International Society for HO's Pitality (MISHOP) 0422-43-7812. First come, first served.

Limited release of Mitaka City's 60th Anniversary Special "Mitaka Kiwi Fruit Wine" is on sale!

"Mitaka Kiwi Fruit Wine" is brewed from Mitaka-grown kiwi fruits in Otsuki-city, Yamanashi. This year, a special edition of the wine is on sale to celebrate Mitaka City's 60th anniversary. The special 60th anniversary label features Mitaka City's character "Poki," which anime filmmaker Hayao Miyazaki of Studio Ghibli designed. In connection with 60 years, a limited release of 6,000 bottles is on sale at about 60 liquor stores in the city. White and rosé wines are available. Both feature smooth, sweet, and fruity flavor with the slight sour taste of kiwi fruit. "Mitaka Kiwi Fruit Wine," first released 24 years ago, has become very popular. Please try the wine!



Quantity: Limit of 6,000 bottles

Available at: about 60 liquor stores in Mitaka city

Price: 1,300 yen/bottle (720ml) for both white and rosé

Distributor: Musashino Liquor Merchants Cooperative Tel. 0422-43-4055

Producer: JA Tokyo Musashi, Mitaka-shi Fruit-growing Association

Inquiries: Planning Management Section Tel. 0422-45-1151 (ext. 2114), Livelihood and Economy Section Tel. 0422-45-1151 (ext. 3063)

Supported by MISHOP volunteers! Enjoy Bon Dance in Yukata

How about learning how to wear a yukata (summer kimono)? Friendly MISHOP volunteers will help you. At the end of the session, we will go to a neighborhood Bon Dance together in yukata. Wearing a yukata for summer festivals is one of the traditions that is still popular among Japanese people. Take this opportunity to experience it!



Date and Time: July 2 (Fri.), and July 15 (Thu.), from 4 p.m. (both days)

Venue: MISHOP

Capacity: 10 foreign residents

Application and inquiries: MISHOP 0422-43-7812. First come, first served.

Guidance about High School Entrance for Parents/Children Whose Mother Language is not Japanese

Interpretation is available in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalong, Spanish and Thai.

Organizer: Musashino International Association (MIA)

Supporter: MISHOP

Date and Time: July 11 (Sun.), 1 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Venue: 11th floor, Swing Building (2-4-1 Sakai, Musashino-shi)

Fee: 200 yen for one family

Application and Inquiries: please call MIA at 0422-36-4511

Watch out for photochemical smog!

Photochemical smog is generated in large quantities on days when the temperature exceeds 20 Celsius and there is only a light wind. Smog alerts and warnings will be announced through wireless stations for disaster prevention as well as on notice boards at public facilities. Official warnings will as a rule be valid until sunset.

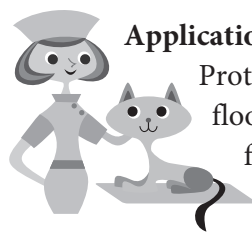
When an alert or alarm is announced:

- Refrain from making unnecessary trips outdoors and exercising outdoors.
- If your eyes or throat become sore, immediately wash your eyes or gargle as appropriate. In the event that unusual symptoms continue, please contact Tama Fuchu Health Center (Tel: 042-362-2334).

Inquiries: Environmental Protection Section Tel. 0422-45-1151 ext. 2523

Reduction of sterilization/castration service fees for homeless cats

When homeless cats (6 months old or older) in the city undergo sterilization or castration at designated veterinary clinics, the fee is uniformly reduced by 5,000 yen (40 cats planned for this year). Operated by Tokyo Veterinary Medical Association, Musashino/Mitaka branch.



Application and inquiries: Please visit Environmental Protection Section (Tel: 0422-45-1151 ext. 2523), at 2nd floor, City Government Building-2, with an application form and a photo of the cat by March 18 (Fri.) 2011.



Information

Information about Mitaka International Society for HO's Pitality

MISHOP Office

Days: Monday through Saturday (Closed on Sundays and national holidays)

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

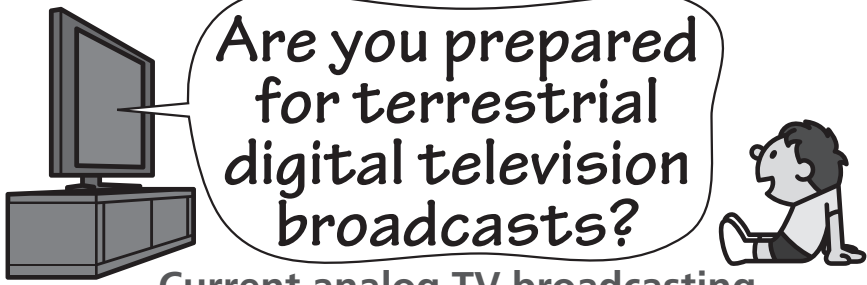
Location: Mitaka City Chuo-Dori Town Plaza 4F, 30-12, Shimorenjaku 3-chome

Tel: 0422-43-7812 **Fax:** 0422-43-9966

E-mail: mishop@parkcity.ne.jp

URL: <http://www.mishop.jp>

Established: November 23, 1989



Current analog TV broadcasting will end on July 24, 2011!

The current analogue TV broadcast will end on July 24, 2011 and it will be completely switched over to terrestrial digital TV broadcast. After the change, those who have analogue TVs have to connect it to a terrestrial digital tuner, otherwise you cannot watch TV broadcasts (terrestrial digital TV broadcasts).

Inquiries: Information Technology Promotion Section Tel. 0422-45-1151 ext. 2142

To be able to watch terrestrial digital TV

You have to prepare to be able to watch terrestrial digital TV with one of the options below:

1. Buy a terrestrial digital TV broadcast compatible TV (You need a UHF antenna).
2. Connect a terrestrial digital tuner to your current TV (You need a UHF antenna).
3. Watch TV broadcasts through cable TV.

►Inquiries about terrestrial digital TV broadcasting

Where to inquire: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications Terrestrial Digital TV Broadcast Call Center

Tel: 0570-07-0101 or 03-4334-1111

Hours: Weekdays: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Weekends, public holidays: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

►Inquiries about BS digital broadcasting

* Current BS analog broadcasting will also end on July 24, 2011 and will be switched over to BS digital broadcasting.

Where to inquire: BS Digital Broadcast Inquiry Center

Tel: 0570-01-2011 or 045-345-4080

Hours: Weekdays: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Weekends, public holidays: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

►Information about the Terrestrial Digital TV Broadcast Telephone Support Center

Mitaka City's "Terrestrial Digital TV Broadcast Telephone Support Center" is available for citizens to call and ask about terrestrial digital TV broadcasting.

Please feel free to call.

Where to inquire: Terrestrial Digital TV Broadcast Telephone Support Center (in English only)

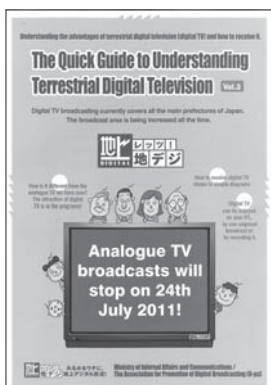
Tel: 0422-40-9755

Hours: Weekdays: 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Please refer to the English-language pamphlet

The Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications provides an English version of "The Quick Guide to Understanding Terrestrial Digital Television." You can take a look at the pamphlet at the municipal office.

Where to get the pamphlet: Beside the TV monitor of Musashino Mitaka Cable TV in the citizen hall on the 1st floor of the municipal office.



Please beware of scams!

Some people are pretending to be TV researchers or construction workers, and are requesting payments. Please beware that these are fraudulent bills/charges. Please watch out for these scams connected to Terrestrial digital TV broadcasting.

Events of Mitaka City Arts Foundation

Ticket center Tel. 47-5122 Business hours 10:00 a.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. Closed: July 5, 12, 20, 21, 26

www http://mitaka-art.jp/ticket (Japanese only)

☺ = A nursery service is available.

Mitaka City Public Hall

Renegades Steel Drum Orchestra ☺

August 28 (Sat.), from 6:30 p.m.

* minimum age requirement: 4 years old

Tickets now on sale

All seats reserved. Members 4,000 yen/ Nonmembers 4,500 yen/

Seniors (60 years or older) 4,000 yen/ Junior high/high school, and college students 2,300yen/ 4 year old to elementary school children 1,500 yen



☺ "Steel drums," made from oil drums, are pitched just like a piano and can play various notes. Enjoy the atmosphere of lively carnival of Trinidad and Tobago with energetic rhythms and tones like a cool breeze!

Associated Event

Let's play steel drums with Renegades!

August 28 (Sat.), 2 p.m. ~ 4 p.m.

Venue: Mitaka City Public Hall

Eligible age and capacity: 4th graders ~ Junior high school students, 15 people.

Fee: 2,000 yen *Only reservation by phone

Mitaka City Public Hall

Staff Benda Bilili ☺

A group of paraplegic street musicians is coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo!

October 17 (Sun.), from 5 p.m.

Tickets now on sale

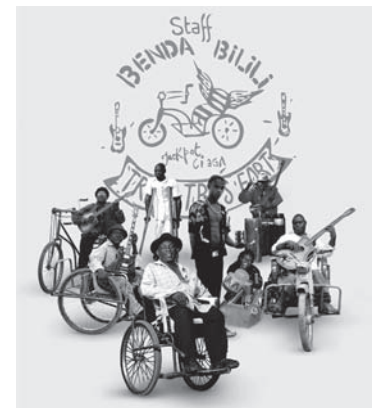
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☺ The band consists of 8 musicians who are paraplegic due to poliomyelitis when they were young. Their music is rooted in old-school Congolese and Cuban music and its highly refined uniqueness made waves in the world music scene across the world when their CD was released last year. Feel and experience their uplifting vocals and groovy rhythm with us!



Population (As of June 1, 2010)

Population: 176,910 persons

The number of Foreign Registrants: 3,023 persons



Information Service for Foreign Residents

Time: Every 2nd Friday each month from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. (the service counter is open until 3:00).

Closed on National Holidays.

Place: Mitaka Municipal Office, 2F Consultation/Information Center

Tel: 0422-44-6600

外国人諮詢

時間: 毎月第4週金曜日
 午後一点至四時
 (打电话或亲自前来都可以)
 諮詢預約至三點為止。
 地点: 諮詢情報中心(市政府2樓)
 電話: 0422-44-6600

外国人相談窓口

英語: 毎月第2金曜日
 中国語: 毎月第4金曜日
 時間: いずれも祝日を除く午後1時~4時
 (受付は3時まで)
 場所: 市役所2階相談・情報センター
 電話: 0422-44-6600