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Mitaka City Nanbu Library Will Open on November 23!

The Nanbu Library will newly open in the Shinkawa-Nakahara area as the sixth municipal library. After the opening ceremony on November 23 (national holiday), the library will be open to the public from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and regular operations will begin from November 24 (Sun.). We hope the library will be useful to as many people as possible.

◆ Nanbu Library Description

Address: 5-14-16 Shinkawa

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed: Mondays, every third Wednesday each month, the year-end/New Year holidays, etc.

1F: General books, children's books, Story Hour Room, exhibit corner, study room, terrace and more

2F: Interview-style reading/volunteer room, closed-stack room, offices and more

The first floor of the library, which is full of the warmth of wood, is the floor for general books and children's books, with shelves that can hold over 50,000 volumes. There are about 90 chairs of various types so that people can relax and enjoy reading, and people can also enjoy chatting with food and beverages on the terrace surrounded by flowers and natural greenery, which is a wonderful place for community exchange. In addition, the Story Hour Room, equipped with transparent partitions and a floor heater, is designed so that parents and children can relax and enjoy books together.

On the second floor is a closed-stack room that can store about 20,000 books, and there is also an interview-style reading/volunteer room. In addition, the facilities are equipped so that all visitors can spend time in comfort, such as a barrier-free restroom, a nursing room, a flower garden, and so on.

◇ The Library's Nickname

As a result of an open call for ideas, the nickname "Minnami"—which combines the *mi* of *minami* (the same Japanese meaning with Nanbu, south) with *minna mi*,

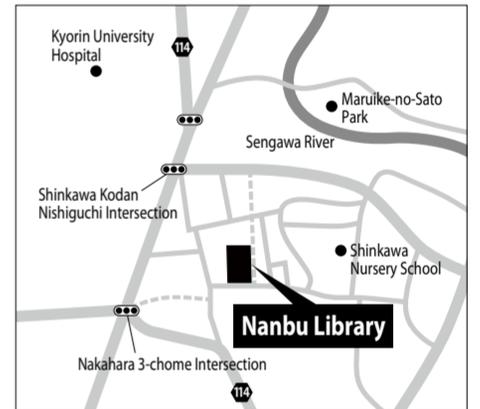
which means "everybody come to see"—has been decided.

◆ Characteristics

Nanbu Library will open in a new facility (on the first floor and the part of the second floor) constructed by the Asia-Africa Culture Foundation. Therefore, the library, cooperating with the Asia-Africa Library and the Asia-Africa Linguistic Institute operated by the Foundation, will develop programs to help the citizen learn more about the culture and history of Asian and African nations by a special exhibition corner, for example, displaying precious materials owned by the Foundation.



Nanbu Library image of the exterior



Inquiries: Nanbu Library

Tel: 0422-76-5571

Library website:

http://www.library.mitaka.tokyo.jp/libguide_nanbu.html (in Japanese)

Encounter a Two-Day-Fun Event with Urban Agriculture— The 53rd Mitaka Harvest Festival

This is a fun event at which you can feel more about the importance of agriculture and deepen the understanding toward urban agriculture through the evaluation, display and sale of agricultural products grown in the city. Please come with friends and family!

Date and Time: November 9 (Sat.) and 10 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (until 3:00 p.m. on November 10)

Venue: Mitaka Municipal Office inner garden and other

◇ Evaluation and Treasure Ship Exhibit

After the evaluation of vegetables, fruit trees, flowers and potted trees produced in the city, a public exhibition and sale will be conducted. In addition, a treasure ship of vegetables will be disassembled after the exhibit and the "treasures" (vegetables) will be given free of charge to those who want them (numbered tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis).

Inquiries: JA Tokyo Musashi Mitaka Branch, **Tel:** 0422-46-2152; Livelihood and Economy Section, Mitaka City, Ext. 3063



A treasure ship made of vegetables



Last year's evaluation event

Seeking Foreign National Citizen Commissioners for the 8th "Mitaka Internationalization Round-Table Discussion"

Mitaka City is recruiting foreign national citizen commissioners who have Japanese speaking ability for this year's seat of the 8th "Mitaka Internationalization Round-Table Discussion". If you are interested, please take this opportunity and apply.

◆ Description of the Discussion

The discussion—consisted of foreign residents and representatives of citizen groups, etc.—were established in May 1999 with the goal of discussing various issues involving the internationalization, and fostering city policies that reflected their ideas. The commissioners will receive remuneration according to city regulations.

Term: Until March 31, 2015 (with possible reelection)

Number of vacancies: One or two persons

Eligibility: Those who fulfill all of requirements (1) through (3):

- (1) Foreign residents who are twenty years of age or older as of November 1, and who have lived in Mitaka City for one year or longer (students are also eligible).
- (2) Can attend all the discussions, which are held about three times a year (from 6:30 p.m. for about two hours; the first discussion is scheduled in January 2014 or later).
- (3) Those having sufficient Japanese-language proficiency to understand the discussions (no interpreters will be available).

To apply: Send your application by mail, fax or e-mail to the Mitaka Internationalization Round-Table Discussion Desk, Planning Management Section (postal code: 181-8555; fax: 0422-45-1271; e-mail: kikaku@city.mitaka.tokyo.jp) no later than November 22 (Fri.) (must be received by this date). In Japanese, write your (1) address, (2) name (with *furigana*), (3) sex, (4) date of birth, (5) telephone number (daytime telephone number), fax number, e-mail address, and (6) a short essay on the reason you are applying (about 400 letters, free choice of type of paper and format). A lottery will be held if applications exceed the number of vacancies. All applicants will be notified of the results no later than December 6 (Fri.).

Inquiries: Planning Management Section, Ext. 2115

Population and Number of Households As of October 1, 2013

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

No. of Registered Residents 180,372 persons (+144)

No. of Households 89,610 households (+130)



Information and Consultation Service in English for Foreign Residents

Date and Time: Every 2nd Friday each month from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (the service at the counter is to be accepted by 3:00 p.m.)
Closed on national holidays.

Location: Consultation/Information Center, Mitaka Municipal Office 2F
Tel: 0422-44-6600

The 22nd Mitaka Citizens Ekiden Relay

200 teams from junior high school students to senior citizens will run in teams of four over a 12.5 kilometers course that runs through the city, passing the sash from one runner to the next. Let's root for the runners on the sidelines with our enthusiastic cheers!

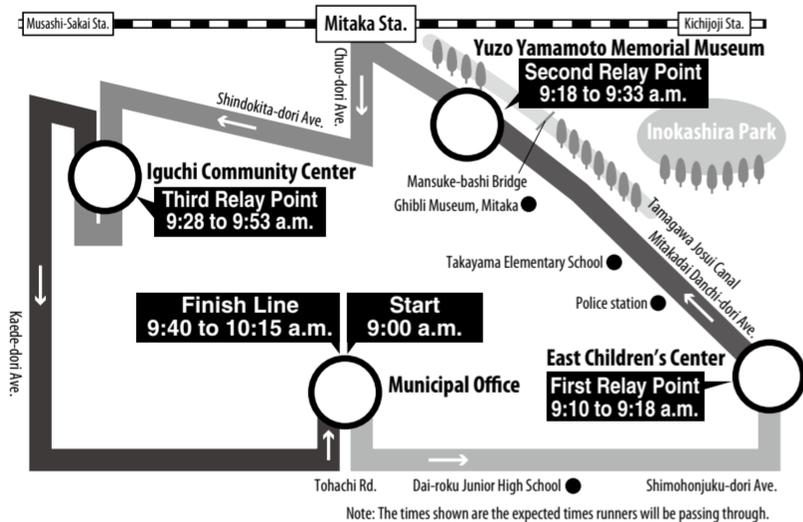
Sponsors: City, City Board of Education, and Mitaka City Amateur Sports Association

Date and Time: November 24 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. start (held in light rain)

Course: Municipal Office (start) — 2.9 km — East Children's Center (first relay point) — 2.6 km — Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum (second relay point) — 3.2 km — Iguchi Community Center (third relay point) — 3.8 km — Municipal Office (finish line)

Note: Traffic will be regulated on the day of the event.

Inquiries: Sports Promotion Section, Ext. 3325



Influenza Immunizations for the Elderly

Part of the fee for influenza immunizations is subsidized for the city residents who are 65 or older. If you would like to receive it, please finish it before the end of the year.

Eligibility: Citizens 65 or older as of the day they receive their immunizations

Note: This also applies to citizens who are between 60 and 64 years of age who suffer from impairment in the function of their heart, kidneys or respiratory organs to the point that it extremely restricts activities in everyday life, and impairments of the immune system due to human immunodeficiency virus to the point that everyday life is almost impossible.

Available Period: Until January 31 (Fri.), 2014

Immunization Fee: Personally-borne expense: 2,200 yen. (The subsidy can be used only once. Please pay the fee at the medical institution you visit.)

Immunization Locations: Cooperating medical institutions in the city

Note: It is also possible at cooperating medical institutions in Musashino City, Chofu City, Suginami Ward, and Setagaya Ward. (To receive it at Suginami Ward or Setagaya Ward, you must bring a pre-checkup slip issued by the Mitaka City Comprehensive Health Center.)

Immunization Procedures: At the medical institution, please show some form of ID indicating your age and address, such as your health insurance card, and receive your immunization after completing the pre-checkup slip issued.

Note: In some cases you may not be able to get immunized depending on the results of a physical examination and body temperature on the day.

Inquiries: Comprehensive Health Center, Tel: 0422-46-3254

Mitaka Film Commission Started!

On October 25, the Mitaka City Tourism Association launched the Mitaka Film Commission with the idea of making Mitaka City the backdrop of TV dramas and movies to make the town even livelier. The film commission aims to stimulate the community through activities such as inviting the filming of movies and dramas and conducting kinds of supports such as searches and negotiations to lead the filming smoothly. The commission is available to consult with producers looking for filming locations, and with those who would like to rent a facility for filming.

Recruiting will also begin to find people who can help in various types of tourism association programs, as well as other activities, such as looking for filming locations for movies or dramas, and disseminating information. For more details, please read the association's website (<http://kanko.mitaka.ne.jp/> [in Japanese]).

Inquiries: Mitaka City Tourism Association, Tel: 0422-40-5525



Information

Information about Mitaka International Society for HOspitality

MISHOP Office

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

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Location: Mitaka City Chuo-Dori Town Plaza 4F, 3-30-12, Shimorenjaku 181-0013

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

E-mail: mishop@parkcity.ne.jp

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

Established: November 23, 1989



Please Participate in the Comprehensive Disaster Prevention Drills

Since September, each district has conducted comprehensive disaster prevention drills. At the drills for the Ekimae (Mitaka Station front) district, the main site, the Mitaka International Society for HOspitality (MISHOP) will have a plan to offer volunteer interpreter services in English, Chinese, and Korean. If you have not participated in a disaster prevention drill yet, take advantage of this opportunity to practice crisis control methods.

Date and Time: November 4 (holiday), 10:00 a.m. to noon

Venue: Dai-yon Junior High School

Drill Program: First-stage fire-fighting techniques, rescue and first-aid techniques, emergency food and water distribution practice, quake-experience drills, and more

Application: Come to the site on the day of the event.

Note: If you would like to use the interpreting services, please come to the MISHOP booth at the event site.

Inquiries: Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 2284

Events of Mitaka City Arts Foundation

Mitaka City Arts Center, Tel: 0422-47-5122

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Closed: November 5, 6, 11, 18, and 25

HP <http://mitaka-art.jp/ticket> (Japanese only)

= A nursery service is available. (Please apply 2 weeks prior to each performance.)

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

The Galileo Project: Music of the Spheres

November 16 (Sat.), 5:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale. All seats are reserved.

Members: ¥5,400 for S seats, ¥4,500 for A seats

Non-members: ¥6,000 for S seats, ¥5,000 for A seats

U-23 seats (23 years of age or younger): ¥3,000

(Junior high school students and older should bring their student IDs or some form of official documentation indicating their age to the event.)

Performed by: Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra
Seiji Fukushi (narrator)

Program: Antonio Vivaldi: Concerto for Two Violins in A Major, from "L'estro Armonico" Op. 3-5

Jean-Baptiste Lully: opera *Phaeton*

Claudio Monteverdi: opera *L'Orfeo*

Michelangelo Galilei: Toccata for Solo Lute

Henry Purcell: *The Fairy-Queen*

Telemann: Concerto for Four Violins in D Major

J. S. Bach: Sacred Cantata "Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern" BWV1 and more.



Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra
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Seiji Fukushi
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Enjoy the intellectual entertainment depicting the story of the spheres and the image of space on the screen with baroque music performed by a chamber orchestra.

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

Andreas Ottensamer (Clarinet) with Brahms Ensemble Berlin

November 17 (Sun.), 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are on sale. All seats are reserved.

Members: ¥4,050 for S seats, ¥3,150 for A seats

Non-members: ¥4,500 for S seats, ¥3,500 for A seats

U-23 seats (23 years of age or younger): ¥2,300

(Junior high school students and older should bring their student IDs or some form of official documentation indicating their age to the event.)

Performed by: Andreas Ottensamer (clarinet) and Brahms Ensemble Berlin

Program:

Weber: Clarinet Quintet in B flat Major Op. 34

Schubert: String Quartet No. 12 in C Minor D703

Brahms: Clarinet Quintet in B Minor Op. 115



Clarinetist Andreas Ottensamer
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Enjoy the enchanting music of the ultimate clarinet quintet performed by the string quartet of the world's leading orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic, together with top clarinetist Andreas Ottensamer.