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Encounter a Two-Day-Fun Event with Urban Agriculture The 55th Mitaka Harvest Festival

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The annual Mitaka Harvest Festival is coming up in the fall. This is an event at which you can encounter the importance of agriculture and deepen the understanding toward urban agriculture through the evaluation, display and sale of agricultural products and livestock grown in the city. Events that the entire family can enjoy together are scheduled, such as Fureai Plaza, which is especially fun for children. Please come and enjoy the festival!



A treasure ship made of vegetables



Last year's evaluation event

Date and time: November 14 (Sat.) and 15 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (until 3:00 p.m. on November 15)

Venue: Municipal Office inner garden and other

Application: Come to the venue directly on the days of the event

Note: There is no parking available. Please use public transportation.

◆ 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 exhibited and the “treasures” (vegetables) will be given free of charge to those who want them (exchange tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis). Please come and enjoy the appraisal process and see firsthand the wonderful quality of Mitaka’s agricultural products and livestock.

◆ Other Events

There will be sales of Mitaka specialty products; JA Women’s Division events (bazaar of daily sundries, hobby and crafts exhibit, talent show); an exhibition of jumbo vegetables and a quiz to guess their weight; a section featuring rare and weird vegetables; vending booths of items such as TAKA-1 items—endorsed Mitaka-produced items of excellence; Fureai Plaza; a fire truck ladder experience booth produced by the Mitaka Fire Department; and more

Social Security and Tax Number System Notification Cards Will Be Mailed Out

Inquiries: Mitaka My Number Call Center, Tel: 0422-24-8901

In conjunction with the implementation of the new Social Security and Tax Number (My Number) system, notification cards for individual numbers will be sent out from November.

The notification cards will generally be sent to residents’ registered addresses by simple registered mail—forwarding unavailable—addressed to the head of the household. The delivery dates may differ even for addresses in the same district.

◆ Please Be Sure to Obtain Your Card and Securely Keep It

If you are not at home when the post office brings your notification card, the delivery person will leave a notice in your mailbox. Please follow the procedures to request redelivery or pick your card up in person at the post office. If you are not able to pick up your notification card within the storage period written on the delivery notice, please contact the Mitaka My Number Call Center (8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., excluding the year-end/New Year holidays).

Since individual numbers will be used for various administrative procedures, please securely keep your card so that you do not lose or throw it away accidentally.

◆ Individual Number Cards Offer Greater Convenience!

Although the notification card being sent now verifies your “My Number” when completing procedures at administrative service counters starting in January 2016, you must show other documents with an ID photo for personal identification. Since the individual number card to be issued in January next year or later includes an ID photo, however, one card conveniently serves the purpose of confirming both your individual number and personal ID. You can apply for an individual number card with the application included with your notification card or through a computer or smartphone. (The initial card is free of charge.)

The 24th Mitaka Citizens Ekiden Relay

Inquiries: Sports Promotion Section, Ext. 3325

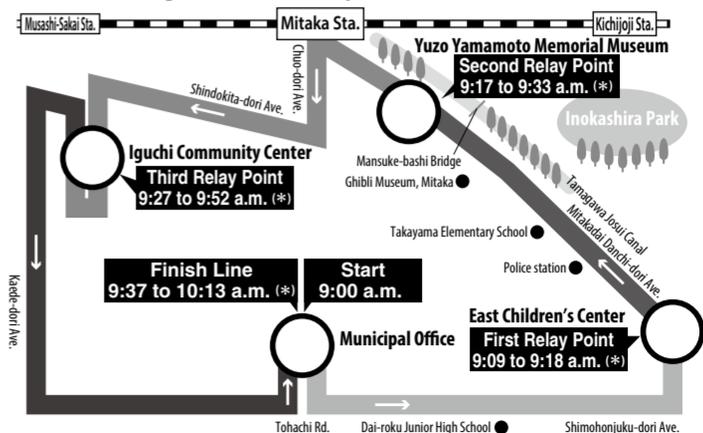
A total of two hundred teams will participate in the relay—including everyone from junior high school students to senior citizens, all with four runners per team. They’ll be running 12.2 kilometers through four sections of the City, passing on the team sash between runners. Come to cheer the runners on enthusiastically from the sidelines!

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

◆ **Date and time:** November 22 (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) — 3.5 km — Municipal Office (finish line)

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



Population and Number of Households As of October 1, 2015

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 182,879 persons (+68)

Number of Households 90,782 households (+28)

Mitaka City Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum

Special Exhibit: Historical Facts and Creativity—History Described by Yuzo

Inquiries: Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum, Tel: 0422-42-6233

About a third of Yuzo Yamamoto's works are historical works. While tracing Yuzo's creative footprints of finding a dramatic moment in history after thorough research, and developing it into a play or novel, the exhibit looks at the characters drawn in his works that use history as the stage.

With this new exhibit, all of Yuzo's historical plays and novels gather in one place. Don't miss this rare opportunity!

Dates and times: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. until March 6 (Sun.), 2016 (closed on Mondays. If Monday is a national holiday, the museum will be open on Monday and closed the following day and the day after that.)

Location: Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum

Admission: ¥300 (¥200 for groups of twenty persons or more)

Note: Free of charge for junior high school students and younger children, residents with a *Handbook for the Disabled* and their escorts, and the like.



Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum

◆ The Third Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum Sketch Contest

◇ Regulations

Submitted works must be flat, up to 540 × 380 mm, and up to two millimeters in thickness. One work per person. Any material can be used to draw the sketch (although photographs are not permitted). Frames are not required. Attach an entry slip (obtained via the museum website, **URL:** <http://mitaka.jp.org/yuzo/>) to the back of your work (which must be an unpublished work you created yourself).

Note: To protect cultural assets, sketching is not permitted inside the museum.

Submission procedure: Submit your work to the Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum (2-12-27 Shimorenjaku, 181-0013) in person or by mail between November 1 (Sun.) and December 6 (Sun.; must arrive by this date). The museum is open every day except Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

◇ Contest

Date and time: January 16, 2016 (Sat.) through 24 (Sun.), 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except January 18 (Mon.)

Location: Mitaka City Public Hall "Sansan-kan"

Note: Please visit the museum website for more information.

Autumn Fire Prevention Campaign: November 9 (Mon.) to 15 (Sun.)

Everyone Should Be Conscientious about Preventing Fires

We're approaching the time of year when fires tend to break out more easily. Everyone should take care when using heating equipment and be conscientious about preventing fires, such as by not leaving flammable items around the house.

During this campaign, the Mitaka City Volunteer Fire Corps will conduct evening patrols from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. On November 9 (Mon.) from 9:00 a.m., there will be fire prevention PR parades of 14 vehicles, including firefighting vehicles, starting from Mitaka Fire Department and continuing to both the east and west sides of the city.

Inquiries: Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 2284

MISHOP Events

◆ Autumn Outdoor Lounge

Stroll Along Funabashi Port, Hear a Local Fisherman Talk, and Sample Local Fish

Local fisherman Koji Yamamoto will share his knowledge of fish and talk about the attractive qualities of fish and conservation activities for the tidal environment. There will also be a taste-testing session of local fish and a friendly exchange gathering with the people of the local community.

Date and time: November 10 (Tue.), 9:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Will be canceled in inclement weather. If it rains on the day of the event, a decision will be made at 8:30 a.m.)

Eligibility: Thirty persons, on a first-come, first-served basis (15 spots for foreign residents of Mitaka City; MISHOP members [including family members])

Location: Funabashi Port (Chiba Prefecture) and other locations

Fee: ¥500 for Japanese people; transportation cost must be personally-borne

What to bring: Lunch, beverage

Meeting place:

1. 9:45 a.m. at MISHOP

2. 10:00 a.m. at JR Mitaka Station entrance gate

Application: Apply with MISHOP in person, by telephone or via the Internet, giving your name, telephone number, desired meeting place (either 1. or 2.).

◆ Farewell Party 2015

Come and enjoy a fun time with games and music and look back over the year with MISHOP members!

Date and time: December 12 (Sat.), 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (venue opens at 1:30 p.m.)

Eligibility: Foreign residents and MISHOP members; maximum 150 people on a first-come first-served basis

Location: MISHOP

Fee: A-ticket ¥500 (includes a non-alcoholic beverage), B-ticket ¥1,000 (includes two drink tickets that can be used for alcoholic beverages)

Application: Apply to MISHOP in person, by telephone or via Internet by November 25 (Wed.)

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 2, 9, 16, 24, 25 and 30

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

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

Note: Junior high school students and older using the U-23 rate should bring a photo ID to prove their age on the day of the performance.

Mitaka City Public Hall "Hikari"

We Banjo 3

Japan Tour 2015 Special
Performance—Banjo Meets
Shamisen

Guest: Hiromitsu Agatsuma

December 10 (Thu.),

from 7:00 p.m.

Tickets now on sale. All seats reserved.

Members: ¥4,050

Non-members: ¥4,500

U-23: ¥3,500



We Banjo 3

We Banjo 3 is a young banjo group with each member holding brilliant records of achievement, such as All-Ireland Champion of banjo or fiddle. *Shamisen* musician Hiromitsu Agatsuma will be welcomed as a guest for this show.



Hiromitsu Agatsuma

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"



Ryusuke Numajiri

Tokyo Mozart Players (TMP)
The 71st Subscription Concert
Beethoven's Symphony No. 9
"The Choral"

December 19 (Sat.) and 20 (Sun.),

from 3:00 p.m. each day

Tickets now on sale. All seats reserved.

Members: ¥4,500

Non-members: ¥5,000

U-23: ¥2,500 for each day

Performed by:

Ryusuke Numajiri (music director and conductor), Tokyo Mozart Players (orchestra), Hare Ito (soprano), Kumiko Kobayashi (alto), Yusuke Kobori (tenor), Toshiaki Komada (baritone), Musashino Academia Musicae Kammerchor (chorus) and others

Program:

Toru Takemitsu: *Chiisana sora* (Small Sky), *Utau dake* (I Just Sing)

Ludwig van Beethoven: Symphony No. 9, op. 125 "The Choral"

To celebrate the milestone twentieth anniversary of TMP, Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 will be performed as the main event, with capable young soloists performing together with a chorus composed of students majoring in vocal music at Musashino Academia Musicae.



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.

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