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Mitaka City News, providing information on public services, lives and events of Mitaka City, is published on the 1st of every month.

Full of Taste and Fun! The 56th Mitaka Harvest Festival

The annual Mitaka Harvest Festival is coming up in the fall. Come and enjoy a “two-day fun event where you can encounter urban agriculture.”

Date and time: November 12 (Sat.) and 13 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (until 3:00 p.m. on November 13)

Venue: Municipal Office inner garden and other

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

Note: The times vary depending on the particular event (subject to change if it rains). Please refrain from coming to the venue by car.

◆ Farm Product Evaluation and Sale

Products of Mitaka City—including vegetables, fruits and eggs—will be matched to see which in each category is considered the best. The entries will be put on sale at a special price after the evaluation is over.

Date and time:

Public exhibition: November 12, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; November 13, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Exhibition and sale: November 13, from 1:00 p.m. (until sold out)

◆ Garden Flower and Tree Evaluation and Reservation Sale

Potted flowers and trees grown by Mitaka City farmers will be judged. Attendees can make reservations to purchase the entries.

Date and time:

Public exhibition and sale: November 12, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (garden trees until 4:00 p.m.; November 13, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (pick-up for reservation purchases: November 13, 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.)

◆ Treasure Ship of Mitaka-Produced Vegetables

A gigantic treasure ship made of local vegetables is a lucky charm meant to ensure a rich harvest and happiness for people. On the final day of the event, the ship will be disassembled and the “treasures” (vegetables) will be distributed for free.

◇ **Distribution of “treasures”**

Date and time:

Distribution of exchange coupons: November 12, from 12:30 p.m., to 200 people on a first-come, first-served basis; November 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 150 people on a first-come, first-served basis

Distribution of vegetables: November 13, from 2:30 p.m. (subject to change)



Last year's treasure ship made of Mitaka City vegetables

◆ Many Other Activities to Enjoy!

Other activities you can enjoy include direct sales of Mitaka specialty products; a fire truck ladder experience booth set up by the Mitaka Fire Department; Fureai Plaza (for children); vending booths run by JA Youth and the Mitaka Commerce and Industry Association; a section featuring rare and weird vegetables; an evaluation of city resident farms and home gardens; and more

Note: For more information, please visit the Mitaka City website.

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

■ Special Mitaka Products! Direct Sales of Mitaka-Grown Kiwifruit and Ginkgo Nuts at Mitaka City Farms

Mitaka City is the leading producer of kiwifruit in Tokyo in terms of farmland area and harvest totals. Since Mitaka-produced kiwifruit are larger, sweeter and lower in acidity than imported products, they make excellent gifts.

Many Mitaka City ginkgo nut farmers produce the “Reinan” breed of ginkgo, which are larger than regular ginkgo nuts. They are popular at markets and served at restaurants in Tokyo.

Please come savor the special products of Mitaka!

Sales period:

Ginkgo nuts: Until late November

Kiwifruit: Until around May 2017

Notes:

1. For sales locations (producing farmers), please view the Mitaka City website. These products are also sold at the JA Tokyo Musashi Mitaka Greenification Center (within Agriculture Park), Tel: 0422-48-7482.
2. The breeds produced, sales period, amount produced and price vary with each farm.



Kiwifruit waiting to be harvested

The 25th Mitaka Citizens Ekiden Relay

A total of two hundred teams will participate in the relay—including everyone from junior high school students to senior citizens. 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!

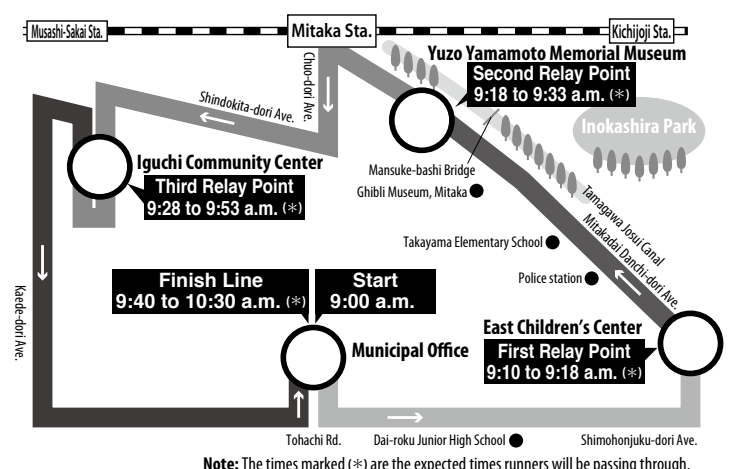
Sponsors: City, City Board of Education, and Mitaka City Amateur Sports Association

Date and time: November 20 (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. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Inquiries: Sports Promotion Section, Ext. 3325



FY2017 Nursery School Enrollment Applications

Inquiries: Child Development Section (Municipal Office 4F, #45), Ext. 2732

Eligibility: Those who wish to enroll or transfer their children into a nursery school or the like in the school year starting April 1, 2017. (This includes those put on a waiting list for FY2016.)

Note: If you would like to enroll newborns, those born by February 3, 2017 (Fri.) are considered eligible.

Application period: November 22 (Tue.) through 27 (Sun.) and November 29 (Tue.) through December 1 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; applications are accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well. Submit the required documents to the Mitaka City Public Hall, "San San Kan."

Note: Information on nursery school enrollment is available at the Child Development Section, municipal office branches, certified nursery schools, Nobinobi Hiroba, Sukusuku Hiroba and the Mitaka Kosodate Net website (URL: <http://www.kosodate.mitaka.ne.jp/>).

◇ **Mitaka City accepts applications for nursery schools outside of the City, too.**

Application: Please file your application with the Mitaka City Child Development Section no later than ten days before the deadline designated by the local government that administers the nursery school in which you wish to enroll your child. Please confirm the details, such as the documents required, with each local government.

FY2017 After-School Clubs Enrollment Applications

Inquiries: Children and Youth Section (Municipal Office 4F, #41), Ext. 2711

Eligibility: Those with a child who are entering first through third grade of elementary school for the first time in April 2017 and require after-school childcare (until 6:00 p.m.; extended childcare until 7:00 p.m.) because of work, etc.

Note: Those who want to extend the enrollment of a child who is currently enrolled in an after-school club in the city from April 2017 on must also file an application.

Application period: Submit the required documents at "San San Kan" in Mitaka City Public Hall between November 22 (Tue.) through 27 (Sun.) and November 29 (Tue.) through December 1 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Applications are accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well; until 8:00 p.m. on November 25 [Fri.] and 29 [Tue.]

Note: Enrollment guides are available at the Children and Youth Section, municipal office branches, nursery schools and kindergartens in the City, Mitaka City Council of Social Welfare and Kitano Happiness Center.

New Exhibit at the Osamu Dazai Literature Salon

Osamu Dazai and Kyoo Fujin

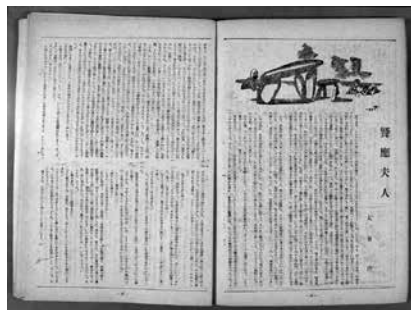
Inquiries: Osamu Dazai Literature Salon, Tel: 0422-26-9150

Kyoo Fujin, the masterpiece of Osamu Dazai's later years, is based on the true story of Dazai and artist Hamae Sakurai, who served as the model for the main character, Okusama (madame). Sakurai, who had an atelier near Mitaka Station, was an acquaintance of Dazai from his days at Tokyo Imperial University. Dazai would reportedly visit the atelier, bringing his disciples and editors with him, and drawing impromptu sketches. This exhibit will include an interview with Sakurai from the city publication *Graph Mitaka* as well as related reference materials and works of art, tracing the real face of Dazai during their time in Mitaka and postwar creative activities.

Date and time: Until February 5 (Sun.), 2017, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday, then the salon will be open on Monday and closed on Tuesday and Wednesday)

Location: Osamu Dazai Literature Salon (Gran Jardin Mitaka 1F, 3-16-14 Shimorenjaku)



The January 1948 issue of the monthly magazine *Hikari* (Kobunsha), from the collection of the Museum of Modern Japanese Literature

Population and Number of Households As of October 1, 2016

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 185,323 persons (+168)

Number of Households 92,127 households (+149)



Autumn Fire Prevention Campaign: November 9 (Wed.) to 15 (Tue.)

Everyone Should Be Conscientious about Preventing Fires

Inquiries: Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 2284

We're approaching the time of year when the air is dry and 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—to create a safer environment.

During this campaign, the Mitaka City Volunteer Fire Corps will conduct evening patrols from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. On November 9 (Wed.) 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.

Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

Mitaka City Art Center, ☎ 0422-47-5122

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

Closed: November 7, 14, 21 and 28

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

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

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

Alisa Weilerstein—Cello Recital

November 13 (Sun.), from 3:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale now; all seats reserved.

Members: ¥3,600; non-members: ¥4,000; U-23 (under 23 years of age): ¥3,000

Program:

J. S. Bach: Cello Suite No. 1 in G major BWV1007; Suite No. 3 in C major BWV1009; Suite No. 5 in C minor BWV1011



Alisa Weilerstein
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Alisa Weilerstein, the most exciting cellist of the new generation, conveys the charm and passion of cello music with great sensitivity. She will be appearing at Concert Hall "Kaze" for the first time, this autumn. Come enjoy a special concert born of Weilerstein's performance and the rich acoustics of Concert Hall "Kaze."

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

Yukio Yokoyama, Piano Recital Series, Voyage No. 11 "Voyage through Ravel's piano pieces and songs"

Mezzo-soprano: Michiko Hayashi

November 27 (Sun.), from 3:00 p.m.

Tickets on sale now; all seats reserved.

Members: ¥4,050; non-members: ¥4,500; U-23 (under 23 years of age): ¥3,000

Program:

Maurice Ravel: Song cycle *Histoires naturelles*, song cycle *Shéhérazade*, *Prelude* for piano, *À la manière de Borodine*, *À la manière de Chabrier*, and *Le tombeau de Couperin*.



Yukio Yokoyama
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No. 11 of the series "Voyage"—which can only be heard in Concert Hall "Kaze"—features the charm of the works of "magician of sound" Maurice Ravel. We will be welcoming mezzo-soprano Michiko Hayashi, whose sensitive and expressive voice is highly acclaimed, and spotlighting Ravel's songs as well as his piano music.



Michiko Hayashi
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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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