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## Two Days of Assorted Fresh, Tasty, Locally Grown Agricultural Products! The 57th Mitaka Harvest Festival

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

The annual Mitaka Harvest Festival is coming up in the fall. This year it will be held at Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention and Genki Creation Plaza and SUBARU General Sports Center, which opened this April. Come and enjoy a “two-day fun event where you can encounter urban agriculture.”

**Date and time:** November 11 (Sat.) and 12 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (until 3:00 p.m. on November 12)

**Venue:** Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention and Genki Creation Plaza; SUBARU General Sports Center

**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

Produce made by Mitaka City farmers—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 11, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; November 12, 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Exhibition and sale: November 12, from 1:00 p.m. (until sold out)

### ◆ Garden Flower and Tree Evaluation and Reservation Sale

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

**Date and time:**

Public exhibition and sale: November 11, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. (garden trees until 4:00 p.m.); November 12, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (pick-up for reservation purchases: November 12, 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.



Last year's treasure ship made of Mitaka City vegetables

### ◇ Distribution of “treasures”

**Date and time:**

Distribution of exchange coupons: November 11, from 12:30 p.m., to 200 people on a first-come, first-served basis; November 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 150 people on a first-come, first-served basis

Distribution of vegetables: November 12, from 2:30 p.m. (subject to change)

### ◆ Many Other Activities to Enjoy!

Other activities you can enjoy include an evaluation of city resident farms and home gardens; a section featuring rare and weird vegetables vending booths run by JA Tokyo Musashi Mitaka Branch Youth and the Mitaka Commerce and Industry Association (Mu-chan croquette and Mu-chan dumplings that use local Mitaka vegetables, Taka-1 authorized products, etc.); medicine consultation by Mitaka City Pharmacist Association; Mitaka Animal Festival; and more

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

### 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 2018

#### 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 and price vary with each farm.



Kiwifruit waiting to be harvested

## The 26th Mitaka Citizens Ekiden Relay



**Note:** The times marked (\*) are the expected times runners will be passing through.

A total of 200 teams will participate in the relay—including everyone from junior high school students to senior citizens. They’ll be running 12.5 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, Mitaka City Amateur Sports Association and Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

**Date and time:** November 26 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. start (held in light rain)

**Course:** Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention and Genki Creation Plaza (start) — 2.9 km — East Multigenerational Communication 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 — Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention and Genki Creation Plaza (finish line)

**Note:** Traffic will be regulated on the day of the event. More information will be posted on the Mitaka City website on November 1 (Wed.). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

**Inquiries:** Sports Promotion Section, Ext. 2931

## November Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Courageously Act Quickly to Protect the Voice of Victims—Look for the SOS Signs

**Inquiries:** Children and Family Support Center Nobinobi Hiroba, **Tel:** 0422-40-5925

Child abuse occurs for various reasons, including the accumulation of small problems and insecurities about childrearing. When a parent has no one to discuss problems with, the pressure could lead to child abuse. It is therefore crucial for the people around to be aware of an isolated family and contact consultation centers to help them.

Mitaka City's Children and Family Support Center, Nobinobi Hiroba, offers advice on childrearing and works together with relevant institutions to help resolve problems. If you notice anything abnormal about a family's interactions—such as crying all the time, or gloomy, sad faces—these could be SOS signals of problems. If there is a family in your community you have concerns about, or if you're a parent who feels that childrearing is overly challenging, please feel free to consult the center's advisors.

**Note:** All information about callers is kept strictly confidential, and the caller will not be held responsible if no child abuse exists.

### ◆ Please Feel Free to Ask for Advice

◇ **Mitaka City Children and Family Support Center Nobinobi Hiroba**  
**Tel:** 0422-40-5925 (Town Plaza 3F, 3-30-12 Shimorenjaku)  
**Hours:** Monday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

### ◆ For Emergencies, Sundays, and at Night

◇ **Tokyo Sugunami Children's Consultation Center, Tel:** 03-5370-6001  
**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
◇ **Tokyo Children's Consultation Center, Tel:** 03-5937-2330  
**Hours:** Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and at night

### ◆ SOS Signals—Children

Unusual injuries (such as bruises, swelling or burns), abnormal attachment to food, plays or roams around outside late at night, always seems timid and is sensitive to the reactions of adults.

### ◆ SOS Signals—Parents

Isolated, seems to have no connection with the community or relatives, behavior and words toward the child seems negative and cold, leaves small children at home to go out frequently, does not take the child to the doctor even when he/she is injured or sick.

## FY2018 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 2018 due to work, etc. (This includes those put on a waiting list for FY2017.)

**Note:** If you would like to enroll newborns, those born by February 3, 2018 (Sat.) are considered eligible.

**Application period:** November 28 (Tue.) through December 3 (Sun.) and December 5 (Tue.) through December 7 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; applications are accepted on Saturdays and Sundays 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, Sukesuku 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.

## FY2018 After-School Clubs Enrollment Applications

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

This is for those who 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 2018 on must also file an application.

**Eligibility:** Children who are entering first through third grade of elementary school in April 2018

**Application period:** Submit the required documents to 4F of Mitaka Municipal Office Bldg. 2 between November 28 (Tue.) through December 3 (Sun.) and December 5 (Tue.) through December 7 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Applications are accepted on Saturdays and Sundays as well; until 8:00 p.m. on November 30 [Thu.] and December 5 [Tue.]

### ◆ Applications for Children with Disabilities

**Eligibility:** Children entering the first through fourth grades of elementary school in April 2018 who will be able to take part in group activities at after-school clubs.

**To apply:** Bring the required documents to the Children and Youth Section on November 1 (Wed.) or November 6 (Mon.) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; November 2 (Thu.) between 9:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.; November 4 (Sat.) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; or November 5 (Sun.) between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

**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.

## Special Exhibition Gifts from Toshiko Kanzawa

**Inquiries:** Mitaka Library (Main Bldg.), Ext. 3355

Toshiko Kanzawa is a children's book author who lives in Mitaka City. Readers of different generations love her for such works as *Kuma no ko Oof* (Oof the Cub) and *Furaipan Jiisan* (Old Man Frying Pan). This exhibit will feature selected materials from over seven hundred of her original drawings, scripts, photographs, books and everyday goods that Kanzawa donated to Mitaka City.

**Date and time:** November 18 (Sat.) through December 28 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (until 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

**Closed:** Mondays and the third Wednesday of the month

**Location:** Mitaka Library (Main Bldg.)

**Application:** No reservations needed; just come to the library during the event.

## Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

**Mitaka City Arts Center, ☎ 0422-47-5122**

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

**Closed:** November 6, 13, 20 and 27

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

 = A nursery service is available. (Please apply by Saturday, November 18.)

### Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

#### Alexander Krichel Piano Recital

**December 2 (Sat.), from 3:00 p.m.** 

Tickets on sale now; all seats reserved.

**Tickets (including tax):** Members: S seats: ¥4,050; A seats: ¥3,150

Nonmembers: S seats: ¥4,500; A seats: ¥3,500

U-23 (23 years of age or younger): ¥2,500



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**Note:** Those using the U-23 rate should bring a photo ID to prove their age on the day of the performance.

**Performed by:**

Alexander Krichel (piano)

**Program:**

George Gershwin: *Rhapsody in Blue* (piano solo version)

Maurice Ravel: *Gaspard de la nuit*

Modest Mussorgsky: *Pictures at an Exhibition*

Alexander Krichel, a young German pianist with an exclusive contract with the famous Sony Classical label, will make his first appearance in Mitaka! Don't miss his renditions of Gershwin, Ravel and Mussorgsky, which are overflowing with freshness, sensitivity and lyricism.

### Population and Number of Households As of October 1, 2017

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

**Number of Registered Residents 186,382 persons (+53)**

**Number of Households 93,009 households (+93)**



## 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

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