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Mitaka Osawa no Sato Old Folk House Opens

Inquiries: Lifelong Learning Promotion Section, Ext. 2921



Built in 1902, Mitaka Osawa no Sato Old Folk House was the main building of an old farm that grew wasabi and raised silkworms. Residents of Mitaka City donated this historic landmark to the city, which renovated and preserves this folk house, which will finally be opened to the public starting this autumn.

The city will hold events every weekend here to introduce the charms of such old houses to visitors so they can enjoy and appreciate the building even more. The events include the chance to eat Osawa wasabi, which has been cultivated for two centuries, introductions to the lifestyles that reflect characteristics of old folk houses, as well as lectures on *terakoya* (the teaching of reading and writing to the children of Japanese commoners during the Edo Period) and hands-on learning. The folk house continues to show what life was like in the old days, when people's lives were more closely associated with seasons. Come and enjoy the historic building and the scenic *satoyama* (countryside landscape) that remains around this old residence.

Date and time: Opens on November 4 (Sun.) from 1:00 p.m.

Facility hours of operation: From 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (until 5:00 p.m. from April to September)

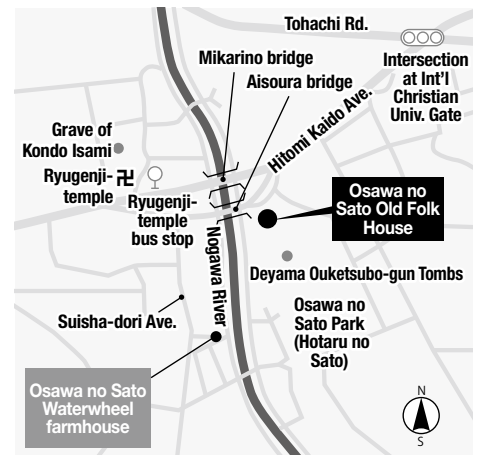
Days of closure: Tuesdays (if Tuesday is a public holiday, closed on the next day), New Year's/year-end holidays

Entrance fee: 200 yen (annual passport: 1,000 yen)

Note: The fee includes admission to the Mitaka Osawa no Sato Waterwheel farmhouse.

Address: 2-17-3 Osawa, Mitaka (located within Osawa no Sato Park)

Directions: From the south exit of JR Mitaka Station, take any of the buses bound for Sakakibara Heart Institute, Asahi-cho 3-chome, or Kurumagaeshi-danchi, and get off at the Ryugenji-temple bus stop, which is about five minutes on foot from the folk house.



◆ Wide-area *satoyama* landscapes: Great for a stroll!

The vicinity of Osawa no Sato is surrounded by the scenery and nature of a rich *satoyama* landscape, which is hard to imagine in a city like Tokyo. People have been living in the area along Nogawa River, the source of which are springs along Kokubunji-gaisen (cliff line), since the ancient Jomon Period. At the Waterwheel farmhouse, which is located on the bank of the Nogawa River opposite to the Old Folk House, the 4.6-meter waterwheel (or *shinguruma*), one of the most famous wheels in Japan, is still in operation. Also located nearby is the only observation facility of historical remains in the city, the Deyama Ouketsubo-gun Tombs (lateral hole tombs). In the early summer, the paddy landscape provides a refuge for fireflies.

The 58th Mitaka Harvest Festival: Offering the Best of Local Farms!

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

Every year this event is crowded with visitors, but the two days of delicious food and fun is well worth it! For sale this year are fresh local vegetables, fruit, eggs, flowers, trees for planting and more, all at great prices.

Date and time: November 10 (Sat.) and 11 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (until 3:00 p.m. on November 11)

Venue: Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention; 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.

◆ Main events

◇ Farm Product Evaluation and Sale

Date and time:

Public exhibition: November 10, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.; November 11, 9:00 a.m. to noon

Exhibition and sale: November 11, from 1:00 p.m. (until sold out)

◇ Garden Flower and Tree Evaluation and Reservation Sale

Date and time:

Public exhibition and sale: November 10, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., November 11, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (pick-up for reservation purchases: November 11, 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 10, from 12:30 p.m., to 200 people on a first-come, first-served basis; November 11, from 9:00 a.m., to 150 people on a first-come, first-served basis

Distribution of vegetables: November 11, from 2:30 p.m. (subject to change)



Last year's treasure ship made of Mitaka City vegetables

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 than imported products, they make excellent gifts. You can enjoy well-balanced sweetness and acidity.

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 2019

Notes:

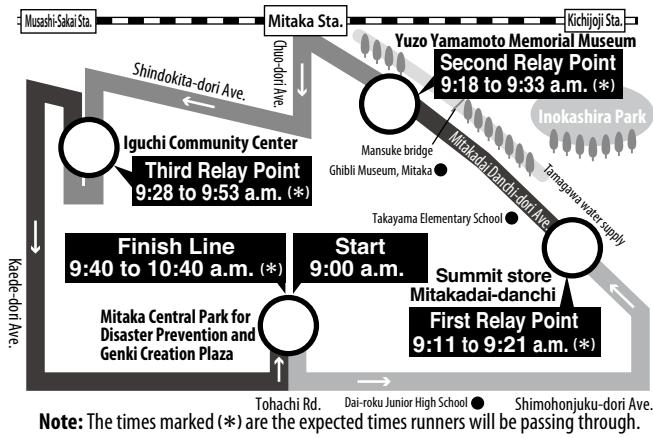
1. For sales locations (producing farmers), please view the Mitaka City website.
2. The breeds produced, sales period and price vary with each farm.



Kiwifruit waiting to be harvested

There are many other events to enjoy. For more information, please visit the Mitaka City website.

The 27th Mitaka Citizens Ekiden Relay



Inquiries: Sports Promotion Section, Ext. 2931

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 25 (Sun.), 9:00 a.m. start (held in light rain)

Course: Mitaka Central Park for Disaster Prevention and Genki Creation Plaza (start) — 3.3 km — Summit store Mitakadai-danchi (first relay point) — 2.2 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 4 (Sun.). Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

FY2019 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 2019 due to work, etc. (This includes those put on a waiting list for FY2018.)

Note: If you would like to enroll newborns, those born by February 3, 2019 (Sun.) are considered eligible.

Application period: November 21 (Wed.) through November 25 (Sun.) and November 27 (Tue.) through November 30 (Fri.), 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; applications are accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and 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, 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.

FY2019 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.

Eligibility: Children who are entering first through third grade of elementary school in April 2019 (Those who want to extend the enrollment of a child who is currently enrolled in an after-school club in the city from April 2019 on must also file an application.)

Application period: Submit the required documents to the Mitaka City Public Hall, "San San Kan." between November 21 (Wed.) through November 25 (Sun.) and November 27 (Tue.) through November 30 (Fri.), 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Applications are accepted on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays as well; until 8:00 p.m. on November 27)

◆ Applications for Children with Disabilities

Eligibility: Children entering the first through fourth grades of elementary school in April 2019 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 (Thu.), November 2 (Fri.) or November 5 (Mon.) between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.; November 3 (holiday) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.; November 4 (Sun.) between 9:00 a.m. and noon.

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

Autumn Fire Prevention Campaign: November 9 (Fri.) to 15 (Thu.) Cooperating to prevent fires!

Inquiries: Mitaka City Fire Station, Tel: 0422-47-0119, and the Mitaka City Disaster Preparedness Section, Ext. 4511

We are in a season when the air is dry and fires tend to occur. Please be careful when using heating appliances and create an environment that prevents fires, such as by clearing items around the house that could burn easily. During this period, the Mitaka City Fire Brigade will conduct patrols and remain on alert during the night (from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.).

◆ Many fires in Mitaka City are caused by electrical appliances

◇ Ways to prevent fires caused by electrical appliances:

- Ensure that other items are kept away from heating appliances, and turn off the power before going to bed or when going out
- Keep electrical outlets free from dust
- Do not overload your electrical outlets with numerous extensions, etc.
- Do not bundle electrical cords together, and do not lay them under furniture
- Carefully read and understand the manuals for your electrical appliances

◆ Fire Prevention Awareness Promotional Parade

There will be fire prevention PR parades of 14 vehicles, including fire engines, starting from Mitaka Fire Department and continuing to both the east and west sides of the city.

Date and time: November 9, from 9:00 a.m.

Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

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

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

Closed: November 5, 12, 19 and 26

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

☺ = A nursery service is available. (Please apply two weeks before the concert.)

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

Jordi Savall and Hespèrion XXI The 150th Anniversary of Japan-Spain Diplomatic Relations

November 24 (Sat.), starting from 3:00 p.m. ☺

Tickets on sale now, all seats reserved

Pricing (including tax)

Member "S" seating: 5,400 yen; "A" seating: 4,500 yen/General admission "S" seating: 6,000 yen; "A" seating: 5,000 yen/"U-23" (23 years of age or younger) for both "S" and "A" seating: 3,500 yen

Note: Please refrain from bringing children of preschool age.

Performers:

Jordi Savall (direction/treble viol & bass viol), Xavier Díaz-Latorre (theorbo), Andrew Lawrence-King (Spanish Baroque harp), Xavier Puertas (violone), David Mayoral (percussion)

Musical pieces:

Diego Ortiz: La Spagna
Antonio Valente: Gallardas y Jarabe loco (Jarocho), plus others



Jordi Savall

Two kings—Charles I (Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor) and Philip II of Spain—represent the Spanish golden age, the empire on which the sun never sets. This concert relays dance music cherished on the old and new continents during this period. The program is designed to showcase the sublime artistry of the honorable Jordi Savall.



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

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

Established: November 23, 1989

Population and Number of Households As of October 1, 2018

Numbers in brackets are changes from previous month.

Number of Registered Residents 187,351 persons (+5)

Number of Households 93,789 households (+48)

