

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA



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Higashihiroshima International Festa 2023

・ 東広島国際
・ フェスタ2023



This festival will be held in Saijo Central Park (the area to the north side of Higashihiroshima City Office), from 10:00 to 16:00 on Sunday October 22nd.

There are non-Japanese residents from more than 100 countries and regions living in Higashihiroshima. The Higashihiroshima International Festa 2023 is a chance to find out about some of these countries, through food, dance and culture.

Food and drink demonstrations and sales will be held, so come and enjoy the tastes of the world and experience the cultures of various countries.

An event where participants can interact with each other regardless of nationality or age is also being planned.



For more details about the festa, please see the QR code.

Contact: Civic Affairs Division (Shimin Seikatsu-ka, 市民生活課), 1F City Office North Building, tel.: 082-420-0922.

Sake Festival 2023

・ 酒まつり2023
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The 2023 Sake Festival will be held from 10:00 to 19:00 on Saturday October 7th, and from 10:00 to 17:00 on Sunday October 8th, around JR Saijo Station.

It features an international exchange area, and also various areas aimed at allowing participants to enjoy the festival even more, and even more safely, than up until now.

There is the Sake Hiroba, and a bishu-nabe area (bishu nabe is a special Saijo hotpot-style dish containing sake), as well as the main stage, a cultural exchange area, an area for children, an area for companies to promote themselves, the Satake area, the JA area, and events at each of the breweries. There are also events throughout the town, including mikoshi (portable shrines) and the 'Sake-midarebayashi' music.



For details about the events, please see the Sake Matsuri website.

<https://sakematsuri.com/>

Japanese language classes

・ にほんごきょうしつ
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Japanese classes will begin from October, as follows:

Thursdays, 19:30-21:00 From 12th October to 15th February	Sundays, 10:00-12:00 From 15th October to 25th February	Sundays, 13:30-15:30 From 15th October to 25th February
Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Nihongo I Nihongo II Nihongo III	Kanji

The classes will take place in the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare Higashihiroshima). The tuition fee for the course is 2000 yen for each course. Each of the courses is limited to 20 students, and membership is decided on a first-come-first-served basis. When applying, please take with you your Residence Card, a certificate of health insurance, and the 2000 yen tuition (textbook) fee. Applications have been being accepted from September 24th, so If you want to take part, don't delay!

Contact: Communication Corner, 1F Sunsquare (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922
email: corner@hhface.org

Participants wanted for the Japanese Speech Contest for non-Japanese residents

・日本語スピーチコンテスト



This event will take place in Azalea Hall, in the Citizens' Culture Center (Sunsquare), on Sunday November 12th.

If you are a non-Japanese resident in Higashihiroshima, or you work or study in Higashihiroshima, how about taking part? There are various prizes, and you can speak on any topic (with the exceptions below). If you are interested in taking part, please write a speech of about 4-7 minutes in length. The deadline for applications is Tuesday October 17th. You can apply in person at the Communication Corner (between 9:00 and 16:45), or by email. When applying, you will need the application form along with a summary (about 400 characters in length) of your speech. You can obtain the form at the Communication Corner, or download it from <https://hhface.org/wp/corner/>.

The contest is for about ten people, but if you have gained the top prize in this contest in the past, you are not eligible to take part.

Your speech can be on any topic, but it cannot be a speech you have

made in another contest. Also, you cannot speak about political topics or religious topics, related to sales or other promotions, or connected to missionary activities.

Contact: Communication Corner (1F Sunsquare) (コミュニケーションコーナー、サンスクエア1階), tel.: 082-423-1922, email: tabunka@hhface.org



Pamphlet in simple Japanese



Pamphlet in Japanese

Applications for entry into nursery schools and approved kodomo-en (nursery school sections) from 2024

・令和6年度保育所(園)・認定こども園(保育利用)の入所申し込みを受け付けます

Applications for entry into nursery school and approved kodomo-en (nursery school sections) from April 2023 can be accepted when all of the following criteria are fulfilled:

1. The family is resident in Higashihiroshima City.
2. The infant is able to attend the nursery school on a daily basis.
3. Neither parent is able to look after the infant, because of work, illness, the mother giving birth, etc.

For full details of eligibility criteria, please contact the Child Care Division (Hoiku-ka, 保育課).

Application documents will be available from Monday October 16th, from the Child Care Division, from branch offices of the City Office, or from nursery schools or approved kodomo-en.

Applications can be accepted at the Child Care Division or at branch offices of the City Office from Wednesday November 1st, and the deadline for applications is 17:15 on Friday December 8th. Please have all necessary documents prepared by the deadline. Please be aware that facilities whose applications exceed their capacity may not be able to accept all applicants.

It is possible to enrol a child into a nursery school even if the mother is still on maternity leave, if the child will be aged 3 or over as of April 1st, 2024, and the mother is intending to return to work during the 2024-2025 financial year. The deadlines for applications for entry in months other than April are as shown below:

Preferred date for entrance (2024)	Period for applications (nursery schools and nursery school sections of approved kodomo-en)
January	Monday October 2nd to Thursday November 30th
February	Wednesday November 1st to Thursday December 28th
March	Wednesday November 1st to Wednesday January 31st, 2024
May onwards	The last day of the month two before the month during which you wish your child to begin attending nursery school. If the last day of the month in question is a Saturday, Sunday or national holiday, the deadline is the closest day before this date on which the City Office is open. Please be aware that facilities whose applications exceed their capacity may not be able to accept all applicants.

Contact: Child Care Division (Hoiku-ka, 保育課), tel.: 082-420-0934.

Subsidies for the first obstetric visit for low-income pregnant women

- 低所得の妊婦に対して初回
- 産科受診料を助成します

Higashihiroshima City subsidizes a part or all of the fee for the first obstetric examination, for those who received the examination in April 2023 or later.

Pregnant women who are from tax-exempt households or households with an equivalent income level, who had a certificate of residence in the city at the time of the examination, are eligible to receive the subsidy.

The maximum amount is 10,000 yen.

When applying, you will need an identification document, receipts and statements (originals), and documents that show your account at a financial institution (a bank book, etc.). In some cases, you may be required to present documents that show your taxation status.

Contact: Child and Family Support Division (Kodomo katei-ka, こども家庭果), tel.: 082-420-0407

Formalities for enrolling in and withdrawing from the National Health Insurance scheme

- 国民健康保険の加入
- 脱退手続

If your period of residence exceeds (will exceed) three months, and you are not enrolled in any other health insurance, you must enrol in the National Health Insurance scheme (unless you have come to Japan for the purpose of sightseeing, medical treatment, etc.). Even if you plan to enrol in another health insurance scheme, you must enrol in the National Health Insurance scheme for the period until then. If you are going to leave Japan for a long period of time, please take your health insurance certificate (card) to the City Office before you leave Japan, and complete the formalities for withdrawing from the scheme. Even if you are planning to return to Japan, please complete the formalities for withdrawing from the scheme before leaving Japan, and then when you return to Japan complete the formalities for enrolling in the scheme once again.

Contact: National Health Insurance and Pension Division (Kokuho nenkin-ka, 国保年金課), tel.: 082-420-0933.

Parent-and-child swimming lessons

- 親子水泳教室

Children can learn the basics of swimming along with a parent or guardian.

The dates of the lessons are November 12th, 19th and 26th, and December 3rd and 10th. All the lessons take place on Sundays, from 10:00 to 11:30, in Kurose Indoor Pool.

Children should be aged between the first and third grade of elementary school. Each child must be accompanied by one parent or guardian (one adult per child). The course is limited to 15 groups, and participants will be chosen by lottery.

To apply, send a fax or email, stating (1) the name of the course, (2) your post code and address, (3) the names of the adult and child (with furigana), (4) the child's grade, and (5) your telephone number. The deadline for applications is Sunday October 29th.

Your application should be sent to the following fax number or email address:

申込市教育文化振興事業団 (黒瀬屋内プール内)

Contact: Higashihiroshima Foundation for Affairs of Culture and Education (Kurose Indoor Pool), fax: 0823-82-7075, email: center02@diary.ocn.ne.jp

Swimming lessons for beginners

- リフレッシュ初心者
- 水泳教室

Swimming lessons for beginners will be held on October 15th, 22nd and 29th, and November 5th and 12th (all Sundays), from 10:30 to 12:00. The course will be held at the Akitsu B&G Ocean Center pool. There are spaces for 15 people, aged 18 and above, who are resident in Higashihiroshima. If there are more than 15 applicants, participants will be decided by lottery.

To apply, please send a fax or email, with the participant's name, date of birth, address and telephone number. The deadline for applications is Sunday October 8th.

Contact: Akitsu B&G Ocean Center, fax: 0846-45-3932, email: aki2@hhface.org

Deadline for payment of taxes: Tuesday October 31st

- ・ 次回の納期限は
- ・ 10月31日(火)

Please pay Municipal and Prefectural Tax (the third installment) and the National Health Insurance Premium (the fourth installment) by Tuesday October 31st. A notice of non-payment (tokusokujo, 督促状) will be sent to residents who have not paid their tax by the deadline. If you receive a tokusokujo, please pay the tax immediately, using the payment slip enclosed.

※ **Note:** it takes about ten days for the Tax Collection Division to confirm payment of tax, and therefore you may receive a tokusokujo even after you have completed payment. In this case, please ignore the letter.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Consultation services for non-Japanese residents

外国人相談窓口

• **Consultation services for non-Japanese residents** are available at the Communication Corner, in Sunsquare Higashihiroshima. English-speaking staff are available daily, at the following times: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 9:00 to 17:00, Saturdays: 9:00 to 13:00, Sundays: 13:00 to 17:00.

Communication Corner website (English): <https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/home-2/>

You can also access the Communication Corner website by using the upper QR code on the right.

• **40-minute free legal consultations** are available on Saturday October 14th, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. The date for November is Saturday November 11th. English interpreting is available. **Please make an appointment at least one week in advance.**

Contact: Communication Corner (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922.

• **Communication Corner Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/hhface.communicationcorner>

You can also access the Communication Corner Facebook page by using the lower QR code on the right.



Communication Corner website (English)



Facebook page

Night-time and holiday hospitals

夜間休日当番医

• **Night-time and holiday duty hospitals:** Full information about night-time and holiday duty hospitals within Higashihiroshima City is published in the Japanese-language version of the monthly city newsletter 'Higashihiroshima' (the page inside the back cover; only in Japanese), and on the Higashihiroshima City website (in Japanese and English). The information is subject to change at short notice, so before going to a medical facility, please be sure to call to confirm details.

Recently, there are more and more patients using emergency medical facilities at night and on holidays even though their situation is not serious. In some cases, these patients have prevented or delayed the treatment of patients with truly serious illnesses, and additionally, such cases are one of the reasons for doctors becoming overworked. Emergency medical facilities open at night and on holidays are for patients with serious, emergency conditions. Please try to visit the medical facility you use normally, during opening hours on weekdays.

• **Emergency medical treatment for children:** Please call the advice line on #8000 (if you cannot get through on this number, please call 082-505-1399). The service is available every day between 19:00 and 8:00 the following morning. You can obtain information about whether or not you should take your child to a medical facility outside of normal opening hours (at nights, on weekends or holidays, etc.).

• **If you have a medical problem at night or on weekends, and you are unsure about whether or not you should go to a medical facility:** Please call the Hiroshima area emergency consultation center on #7119. The service is free, and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff will be able to give you advice on whether to rest at home and see how symptoms develop, or whether you should go to a medical facility. If necessary, they can give you information about which facility to go to, or they can connect you directly to the 119 emergency service. In an emergency, do not hesitate to phone 119.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/kenko/iryu/3/11526.html>



English

Citizens' Affairs Division: Out-of-hours opening

- ・ 市民課窓口：木曜延長・
- ・ 日曜開庁

The counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division are open until 19:00 every Thursday evening (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). There is Sunday opening on October 22nd, from 8:30 to 12:30. Wherever possible, please take someone with you who speaks Japanese. **Please note that divisions other than the Citizens' Affairs Division are not open at these times.** For details of what matters can be dealt with during these extended opening hours, and what you need to bring with you, please access the QR Code to the right to check the city website.

If you have a My Number Card, you can use it to obtain Certificates of Residence, etc., at convenience stores.

Please be aware that formalities relating to My Number Cards cannot be dealt with.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/3/35917.html>

**Population and households as of the end of August, 2023:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 190,223 (20 fewer more than July)
Households: 90,460 (25 more than July)
Population of foreign residents: 8,276 (24 fewer than July)
Foreign households: 6,326 (8 more than July)