

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA



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2026 Higashihiroshima International Festa

・ 東広島国際フェスタ
・ 2026

Venue: Saijo Central Park (the area north of the City Office)

Date and Time: Sunday, October 25 2026, 10:00-16:00



Higashihiroshima City is home to foreign residents from more than 100 countries and regions. Higashihiroshima International Festa 2026 is a festival where you can learn about various countries through dances, food, cultures, and more from around the world.

There will also be food demonstrations and sales, so come and experience the cultures of various countries while enjoying flavors from around the world. Events that visitors can enjoy regardless of nationality or age are also planned for the day. Please

invite your family and friends and come join the fun!

For details of the event, please see the QR Code on the right, or the URL below.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/13/40607.html>



Contact: Civic Affairs Division (Shimin Seikatsu-ka, 市民生活課), tel.: 082-420-0922.

Sake Matsuri

・ 酒まつり

Dates and Times: Saturday, October 10 10:00-19:00; Sunday October 11, 10:00-17:00

Venue: Around JR Saijo Station

The 2026 Sake Festival will be packed with attractions, including the Sake Hiroba, main venue, Bishunabe venue, Wakuwaku Kids venue, cultural exchange venue, Satake venue, JA Fureai venue, corporate PR booths, famous spring water tea ceremony area, and German Plaza. The O-Sakabayashi Mikoshi, Hime Mikoshi, and Sake Midarebayashi processions will also make their way through the streets.

If you are coming by car, please use the temporary parking lot at Hiroshima University (fee: ¥1,000 per day).

For details, please check the official Sake Festival website, from the URL below or the QR Code to the right.

<https://sakematsuri.com/>



Exemptions from National Pension contributions for parents of young children will begin in October

・ 10月から国民年金保険料の
・ 育児免除制度が始まります

A childcare exemption system will begin for National Pension members (Category 1 insured persons) who are raising children. Upon application, National Pension contributions will be exempted until the month before the child's first birthday. (For biological mothers, the exemption may apply for up to 13 months when combined with the contribution exemption period before and after childbirth. For biological fathers and adoptive parents, it may apply for up to 12 months.)

The childcare exemption period will be counted as a period for which National Pension contributions have been paid.

Eligibility: From October 1, biological or adoptive parents who are Category 1 insured persons under the National Pension system and are raising a child under the age of one, provided that the parent-child relationship continues and the parent has the same address as the child.

Contact: Kure Pension Office (Kure Nenkin Jimusho, 呉年金事務所), tel.: 0823-22-1691.

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

Applications for admission to nursery schools and approved kodomo-

en for the 2027-28 financial year

- ・令和9年度保育所(園)・認定
- ・こども園の入所申し込み

Application forms are available from the Childcare Division or from branch offices from Thursday, October 1.
Application period for admission from April 2027: 8:30-17:15, Monday November 2 to Monday November 30.
How to apply: Apply online or submit the application in person to the Childcare Division or a branch office.

Applications for admission in other months

Desired date of admission	Period for submission of application forms
January 2027	Monday November 2 to Friday November 20
February 2027	Tuesday December 1 to Monday December 21
March 2027	Tuesday January 1, 2027 to Wednesday January 20
May 2027 onwards	Details will be provided in the Guide to Applying for Childcare Facilities

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

Beginner refresher swimming classes (5 sessions)

- ・リフレッシュ初心者水泳
- ・教室 (全5回)

Date/Time: October 18 and 25, and November 1, 8, and 15 (all Sundays), 10:30-12:00

Location: Akitsu B&G Marine Center Pool

Eligibility: Adults

Capacity: 10 people (selected by lottery)

Application: Apply by fax or email. Please include the course name, and your name, age, address and telephone number.

The deadline for applications is Friday, October 9.

Contact: Akitsu B&G Marine Center (Akitsu B&G Kaiyo Center, 安芸津B&G海洋センター), fax: 0846-45-3932, email: spk02@hhgrow.org

Parent-child swimming class (swimming instruction for beginners) (5 sessions)

- ・初心者向けの水泳指導
- ・親子水泳教室(全5回)

Date/Time: October 18 and 25, and November 1, 8, and 15 (all Sundays), 10:30-12:00

Location: Kurose Indoor Pool

Eligibility: Children in grades 1-3 of elementary school who cannot swim, and their parents/guardians

Capacity: 5 parent-child pairs (selected by lottery)

Application: Apply by fax or email. Please include the child's name (with furigana), age, grade, address and telephone number, and the name of the parent/guardian.

The deadline for applications is Thursday, October 8.

Contact: Kurose Indoor Pool (Kurose Okunai Pool, 黒瀬屋内プール), fax: 0823-82-7075, email: spk01@hhgrow.org

**Higashihiroshima Well-Being Festa Partner Venue Event
Special Lecture and Moon-Viewing Event: Shinobue Flute
Music under the Thirteenth-Night Moon**

- 東広島Well-beingフェスタ連携会場企画
- 特別講演観月会~十三夜の篠笛~
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Performers: Shinobue flutes: Rika Ono and Yuko Kawaguchi; Higashihiroshima Gagaku Association

Date/Time: Sunday, November 1, 13:30 (doors open at 13:00)

Location: Azalea Hall, 3rd Floor, Citizens' Culture Center

Capacity: 250 people (tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis)

Fee: Free for junior high school students and younger; 500 yen for high school students and older (payable on the day)

Preschool children are not permitted to attend.

Applications are accepted from Monday, October 5. Please apply online, by phone, or by email.

Contact: Learning Promotion Division, Higashihiroshima Foundation for Affairs of Culture and Education (Manabi Suishin-ka, Shi Kyoiku Bunka Shinko Jigyodan, 学び推進課、市教育文化振興事業団), tel.: 082-421-1160, email: kouza-manabi@hhgrow.org

Procedures for enrolling in or withdrawing from National Health Insurance

- 国民健康保険（国保）の加入
- 脱退手続き
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Foreign residents whose period of stay exceeds three months and who are not enrolled in another health insurance plan must enroll in National Health Insurance (excluding those staying in Japan for medical treatment or tourism).

- When moving into Higashihiroshima City (becoming a resident of the city): Complete the procedure for enrolling in National Health Insurance.
- When moving out of Higashihiroshima City (ceasing to be a resident of the city): Complete the procedure for withdrawing from National Health Insurance.

When leaving Japan for an extended period, even if you have a re-entry permit, please complete the withdrawal procedure before leaving Japan. When you re-enter Japan, please complete the enrollment procedure again.

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

Deadline for payment of taxes: Monday November 2

- 次回の納期限は
- 11月2日(月)

Please pay Municipal and Prefectural Tax/Forest Environment Tax (the third installment) and the National Health Insurance Premium (the fourth installment) by Monday November 2nd. 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 at the following times: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 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 17**, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. English, Portuguese and Chinese 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/en/7/33907.html>

The Medical Information Net

The 'Medical Information Net' is a website that compiles information on medical institutions and pharmacies throughout Japan. You can also search for information on medical institutions that can provide support in foreign languages.

<https://www.iryuu.teikyouseido.mhlw.go.jp/znk-web/juminkanja/S2310/initialize?pref=34>

**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 on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). The dates for October are October 1 and October 15.

In addition, there is Sunday opening on October 25, from 9:00 to 12:00. (There is no Sunday opening on October 11.) 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, 2026:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 191,125 (89 fewer than September)
Population of foreign residents: 10,297 (85 fewer than September)

Households: 94,201 (58 fewer than September)
Foreign households: 8,111 (79 fewer than September)