Monthly Newsletter for Foreign Residents of Higashihiroshima City

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# HIGASHIHIROSHIMA

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## Applications for the Global Class

• グローバルクラス入級児童募集

The Board of Education will be accepting applications for admission to the 'Global Class', which is scheduled to open at Takamigaoka Elementary School in April 2027.
For details about the application guidelines, information session, and trial lesson, please visit the city website, either from the QR Code to the right, or from the URL below:
https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/8/46277.html

Eligibility: Children living in Higashihiroshima City who will enter the first grade of elementary school in the 2027 school year and wish to join the Global Class.
※ Children living outside the Takamigaoka Elementary School district may also apply.
※ Places will be reserved for children of foreign nationality and children who have returned to Japan from overseas.
※ Children commuting from outside the school district must be transported to and from school by their parents or guardians.

Application Period: Monday November 2 to noon, Friday November 13 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays).

**Information Session and Trial Lesson** (those wishing to join the Global Class are requested to attend.)
Date: Saturday November 7
In principle, the application deadline for the information session and trial lesson is Friday October 30. If you are unable to apply by the deadline due to special circumstances, please contact us.

Contact: Teaching Instruction Division (Shido-ka, 指導課), tel.: 082-420-0976.

## Your taxes support Higashihiroshima City

• あなたの税金がまちを支えています

Municipal taxes paid by residents account for 39.3% of the city's revenue (money received by the city). The remaining 60.7% comes from sources such as local allocation tax grants and subsidies from the national and prefectural governments.
The municipal tax burden per resident is approximately 220,000 yen (*), while expenditure (money spent) on administrative services per resident is approximately 549,000 yen. The municipal taxes you pay are an important source of revenue. By paying taxes by the respective deadlines, each resident helps the city provide administrative services such as welfare, education, road maintenance, disaster response, and waste disposal.

Higashihiroshima City has a population of 190,361 (as of March 31, 2026). The amount of general account expenditures is about 549,000 yen per citizen. From this, the following amounts are spent per person:
- Improvements to welfare, which includes nursery schools, support for the aged, etc.: approximately 205,000 yen;
- Improvements to the city, which includes repairs to roads, parks, etc.: approximately 61,000 yen;
- Improvements to education, which includes textbooks, desks, blackboards, etc.: approximately 67,000 yen;
- Garbage processing, which includes management of the garbage processing facilities, etc.: approximately 44,000 yen;
- Firefighting and disaster recovery, which includes recovery from damage caused by torrential rain, etc.: approximately 29,000 yen;
- Other, which includes support for tourism promotion and counter services, etc.: approximately 94,000 yen.
- Repayment of city loans: approximately 49,000 yen;

**We Contact Residents with Unpaid Taxes and Provide Tax Payment Consultations**
The Municipal Tax Payment Information Center, located within the Tax Collection Division, contacts residents who have unpaid municipal taxes and other charges and provides information about tax payment consultation services. If residents cannot be reached during the day, the center may contact them by telephone in the evening or on holidays.

Contact: Municipal Tax Payment Information Center (Shizeito Nofu Annai Center, 市税等納付案内センター), tel.: 082-420-0412.

(*) *This figure is calculated by dividing the amount of municipal tax revenue by the city population as of March 2026.*

## Try riding an electric kick scooter or electric-assist bicycle!

• キックボードや電動アシスト自転車に乗ってみよう！

Electric-assist bicycles will be newly added to the demonstration project for shared mobility services (including electric kick scooters). The dedicated app will also be made available in multiple languages, with the aim of making the service easier for more people to use. Based on the results of a demonstration project conducted by the Hiroshima University Smart City Co-Creation Consortium, this initiative will be implemented by BRJ Co., Ltd.
Why not give a kick scooter or electric-assist bicycle a try?






Period: Early November 2026 to around February 2027
Location: Around JR Saijo Station and Hiroshima University (ports will be installed at more than 10 locations).
Eligibility: Ages 16 and older
Fee: 50 yen per 5 minutes

Contact: Management Strategy Team (経営戦略チーム, Keiei Senryaku Team), tel.: 082-420-0917.

## Applications for admission to Misonou Kindergarten from April 2027

• 令和９年度４月薗宇稚園入園申し込み

Application dates and times:
Wednesday November 4, 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
Monday November 9, 9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.
For other available dates, please check the city website.
Location: Meeting Room 201, 2nd Floor, City Office North Building
※ An interview will be conducted after the application has been accepted.
Eligibility: Children born between April 2, 2021, and April 1, 2024.
Number of places available:
3-year-olds: 20 children
4-year-olds: A limited number of places
5-year-olds: A limited number of places (Places in all age groups will be allocated by lottery.)
Required documents:
① Application for admission to a childcare facility
② Kindergarten enrollment application
③ Photo identification of the parent or guardian submitting the application (such as a driver's license or My Number Card)
※ Documents ① and ② are available from the Child Care Division and Misonou Kindergarten. They can also be downloaded from the city website.

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

## Applications for entrance into municipal housing

• 市営住宅入居者

It is anticipated that there will be vacancies in the following municipal apartments. There may be changes to the list below; please see the application forms for details.

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| Saijo: | Misonou (1) | Shin-Misonou (1) |
| Hachihonmatsu | Shin-Mukaihara (2) | |
| Takaya | Nishitakaya (1) | |
| Kurose | Shin-Iketani (1) | Sugeta no. 1 (1) |
| | Sugeta no. 2 (1) | Kawasumi (1) |
| Fukutomi | Kamishimo (1) | Lake Hills Fukutomi (1) |
| Toyosaka | Kajiya (1) | |
| Kochi | Hirohata (2) | Noguchi (2) |
| | Grunen Nyuno (1) | |
| Akitsu | Yuzakari (1) | Yakushimaru Danchi (1) |
| | Yakushimaru Heights (1) | Wakamiya (1) |

Applications will be accepted between Monday November 9 and Friday November 13, at the Housing Division (Jutaku-ka, 住宅課) only (applications can also be posted). It is also possible to apply electronically.
Application forms and details are available from the Housing Division, or from branch offices and sub-branch offices, from Friday October 30.

Contact: Housing Division (Jutaku-ka, 住宅課), tel.: 082-420-0946.

## Akitsu Festival: local food, specialty products, musical performances, and more- a celebration of fire and food

地元グルメや特産品販売、歌謡ショーなど火とグルメの祭典 あきつフェスティバル



This festival will be held on Saturday November 7, from 9:00 to 19:00, and on Sunday November 8, from 9:00 to 16:50. On the evening of Saturday November 7 (Sat.), the character 万 (man), meaning 'ten thousand', from the Manyoshu, will appear in flames on Mount Honoyama.
The festival venue is Akitsu Civic Ground, near JR Kazahaya Station (about 5 minutes on foot from the station).

Contact: Akitsu Festival Planning Committee (Akitsu Festival Jikko-Iinkai, あきつフェスティバル実行委員会) (inside the Industry and Construction Division, Akitsu Branch Office), tel.: 0846-45-1623.

## Do not dispose of syringes and other medical waste from households as 'Recyclable Plastics'

家庭から出る注射器などは「リサイクルプラ」に出さないでください

There have been many cases of medical waste, such as syringes and injection needles, being incorrectly disposed of as 'Recyclable Plastics' or other inappropriate waste categories.
Even if these items bear the plastic recycling symbol, they must not be disposed of as 'Recyclable Plastics'.
Incorrect disposal may result in injuries to waste collection workers or the spread of infectious diseases. Please ensure that these items are separated and disposed of correctly.

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| Blood glucose self-testing lancets<br>Syringes<br>Pen-type self-injection devices and similar items<br>(All items containing needles) | Dispose of as 'Hazardous Waste'<br>※ Place the items in an empty container (such as an empty medicine container, milk carton, or plastic bottle) and securely close the lid. |
| Medical waste other than the items listed above (items that do not contain needles). | Dispose of as 'Burnable Waste'<br>※ Empty out any liquids and flush any waste matter down the toilet before disposal. |

These disposal instructions apply only to medical waste generated by households.
Contact: Waste Management Division (Haikibutsu Taisaku-ka, 廃棄物対策課), tel.: 082-420-0926.

## All National Pension Insurance premiums paid are eligible for the social insurance premium deduction

納めた国民年金保険料は全額が、社会保険料控除の対象です

The full amount of National Pension insurance premiums paid during 2026 is eligible for the social insurance premium deduction. This includes premiums for previous fiscal years, additional payments of previously exempted premiums, and premiums paid on behalf of a spouse or family members.
To claim the deduction, you must attach a deduction certificate or receipts when completing your year-end tax adjustment or filing your final income tax return.
People who paid National Pension insurance premiums between January and September 2026 will have received a deduction certificate from the Japan Pension Service between late October and early November.
(Those who paid National Pension insurance premiums for the first time in 2026 between October and December will receive their certificates in early February 2027.)

Contact: Pension Subscribers' Dial (Nenkin kanyusha dial, ねんきん加入者ダイヤル), tel.: 0570-003-004
Kure Pension Office (Kure Nenkin Jimusho, 呉年金事務所), tel.: 0823-22-1691

## Medical expense statements that can be used to claim medical expense deductions will be sent out

医療費控除に使用できる医療費通知を送ります

Eligible recipients: heads of households with members enrolled in National Health Insurance and individuals enrolled in the Medical Care System for Older Senior Citizens.
Scheduled Mailing Dates:
Medical expenses incurred from January to October: scheduled to be sent in early February 2027.
Medical expenses incurred from November to December: scheduled to be sent in mid-March 2027.
※ If you intend to claim a medical expense deduction, be sure to keep your receipts for medical expenses incurred in November and December.
※ For medical expenses eligible for a deduction that are not listed on the medical expense statement, please check your receipts.
※ Medical expense statement information will be available for viewing through the My Number portal site from early February 2027.
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 30

次回の納期限は
１１月３０日（月）

Please pay the National Health Insurance Premium (the fifth installment) by Monday November 30. 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 December 12**, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. (Consultations are not available in November.) 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.iryou.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 November are November 5 and November 19.
In addition, there is Sunday opening on November 8, from 9:00 to 12:00. (There is no Sunday opening on November 22). 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 September, 2026:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 191,381 (256 more than August)
Population of foreign residents: 10,507 (210 more than August)
Households: 94,469 (268 more than August)
Foreign households: 8,320 (209 more than August)