

NAGOYA CALENDAR

ENGLISH EDITION

Website: www.nic-nagoya.or.jp
Phone: 052-581-0100

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● Owari Tsushima Wisteria Festival. See page 6 for details.
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2020

NIS Summer Program

Creative • Cognitive • Collaborative • Cultural • Cardiovascular



Two One-Week Sessions: **July 27-31** **August 3-7**

Sessions run Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm, and held at Nagoya International School • Ages 4-12 (grades K-5)

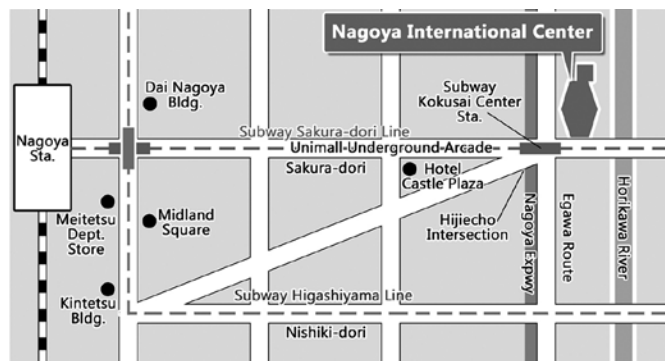
Join in the FUN! The NIS Summer Program is intended for English-speaking students, Japanese "Returnees", or Bi-Cultural/Dual-National children
Application Deadline: **June 26** Apply Online: www.nisjapan.net/community/summerprogram Contact: summerprogram@nis.ac.jp



Nagoya International Center News & Events

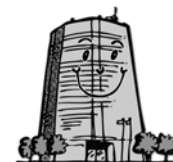
● Nagoya International Center Services - Visit or call the NIC 3F for more information - 052-581-0100

The Nagoya International Center is a 7-minute walk or a 2-minute subway ride from Nagoya Station. Kokusai Center Station, on the Sakura-dori Subway Line, is linked to the Nagoya International Center at the basement level.



★ Information Counter 情報カウンター

Information on daily life and sightseeing in 9 languages (times vary). Japanese & English available Tue. to Sun. 9:00 – 19:00. Tel: 052-581-0100, E-mail: info@nic-nagoya.or.jp



★ Free Personal Counseling 外国人こころの相談

Native English-speaking counselor available on Sun. by appointment to provide support to those with difficulties in their lives in Japan. Reservations: Call the NIC 3F Info Counter at 052-581-0100.

★ Free Legal Consultations 外国人無料法律相談

Consultations with a certified lawyer available on Sat. 10:00 - 12:30 by reservation only. Please leave your name & phone number on the answering machine at 052-581-6111. A staff member will call you back at a later date to schedule your appointment.

★ Free Counseling Service for Refugees & Asylum Seekers 難民相談

Refugee Assistance Headquarters (RHQ) provides a confidential counseling service every Thu. (10:00 - 16:00) at the NIC 3F Info Counter. Reservation required. Inquiries: RHQ, Tel: 078-361-1700 (Website: www.rhq.gr.jp/english).

★ The NIC Library ライブラリー

Borrow up to 6 books for a period of 14 days from NIC's collection of over 10,000 English language books! Membership free, open to all residents of the Chubu area. ID with current address required.

● The Nagoya International Center Library & Information Counter are open **Tuesday to Sunday, 9:00 – 19:00.**

● Closed on **Mondays, December 29 - January 3,** & the **second Sundays of August & February.**

● Paid car-parking is also available at the Center and in the immediate vicinity.

- The NIC Information Counter -

A Valuable Resource for Foreigners and Japanese Living In & Around Nagoya



The NIC Information Counter, located on Level 3 of the Nagoya International Center Building, has a wealth of information and has been assisting residents and tourists since 1984 in several languages.

The Information Counter can help residents with a broad range of issues, from simple living matters such as how to put out your garbage for collection or where to find a dentist, to children's education, and personal and legal issues with free consultations. (Appointments are required for some consultations.)

Local Directories

- Doctors, dentists, maternity clinics, hospitals, etc.
- Japanese language schools
- Tourist information, city guides and other resources
- Universities in Aichi Prefecture



Other Information

- Disaster preparedness guides and resources
- Local transport network information
- Cultural classes and groups
- Information on municipal services and everyday living matters
- Information on various administrative organs (tax, social welfare, etc.)

You can also pick up flyers and information on upcoming NIC and regional events, as well as the Nagoya Calendar, from our pamphlet box area.

Two computer terminals are also available for internet access, scanning, and printing of documents (charges apply).



Feel free to visit the NIC Information Counter when you have any questions about living in Nagoya.

Staying Up-to-Date with the NIC

Social Media	NIC Website	Evacuation Information
Follow us @the_nic Find us on Facebook	<p>www.nic-nagoya.or.jp Keep updated on NIC events, subscribe to the NIC Mail Magazine, and browse back issues of the Nagoya Calendar</p>	<p>Should an evacuation advisory be issued for Nagoya City, check the Evacuation Information section on the top page of the NIC website for information in Japanese, English, Portuguese, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, Filipino and easy Japanese. Bookmark https://www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/evacuation/ for quick access to any updates.</p>

●Registration and Information Session for Language Volunteers & Disaster Language Volunteers

語学・災害語学ボランティア登録説明会

A registration and information session will be held for Language Volunteers and Disaster Language Volunteers. For details of volunteer activities and requirements for registration, please see the NIC website.

Those registering as Disaster Language Volunteers will also participate in the Disaster Language Volunteer Training Session (14:30 to 16:30; no training session 5 Sep.).

When: ①Sat. 18 Apr., ②Fri. 3 Jul., ③Sat. 5 Sep., ④Fri. 6 Nov., ⑤Sun. 7 Feb. (13:30 – 14:30 each session)

Where: Nagoya International Center

Reservations: Contact the Exchange and Cooperation Division before 17:00 the day before your preferred session.

Inquiries: Exchange and Cooperation Division

Phone: 052-581-5689; **E-mail:** vol@nic-nagoya.or.jp

●Children's Story Book Time

外国語で楽しむ絵本の会

Listen to foreign volunteers in the NIC's 3F Library as they read story books in their own languages from the library's vast collection of international children's books. Participation is free, and no reservations are required!

All sessions are held at the NIC Library unless otherwise stated.

Upcoming Schedule:

Sun. 26 Apr. (14:00 – 14:30) - English

Sun. 10 May (14:00 – 14:30) - English

Sun. 24 May (14:00 – 14:30) - English

●Health Consultation Session for Foreign Residents

外国人健康相談会

Health consultations will be available for foreign residents living in Nagoya City and surrounding areas, to help provide peace of mind to those for whom the language barrier might also hinder access to assistance with health issues, through early detection and prevention, as well as access to information about health and medical-related systems.

When: Sun. 17 May (13:30 – 16:00)

Where: Nagoya International Center 5F Conference Room 1

Cost: Free

●NIC Japanese Class for Children

NIC子ども日本語教室

Learn Japanese skills necessary for school and daily life. For non-native speakers of Japanese aged 6 to 15 (born between Apr. 2, 2005, and Apr. 1, 2014), and junior high school students (except those attending evening classes) born before Apr. 2 2005. Max. 60 places; participants may be selected on a needs basis.

When: Every Sunday from 17 May. to 19 Jul. (10:00 – 11:30) (10 lessons)

Where: Nagoya International Center

Cost: 1,000 Yen for 10 lessons

How to Apply: Come to NIC 4F Exhibition Room 3 on Sun. 10 May between 9:45 and 10:15. Following completion of the application procedure, applicants will be interviewed. Applicants must attend with their parent, guardian, or another person responsible for their welfare (i.e. teacher, etc.).

Application forms and information can be found at the NIC 3F pamphlet box area or the NIC website at www.nic-nagoya.or.jp.

Further Details: Contact the NIC Exchange and Cooperation Division on 052-581-5689

●NIC Nihongo no Kai Japanese Class for Adults

NIC日本語の会

For non-native speakers of Japanese (excluding elementary & junior high school students). All lessons are held in Japanese. A range of courses are available from basic conversation to kanji, with up to 15-20 places available per course.

Preference will be given to residents of the City of Nagoya. In the event of excess applications, places will be allocated by lottery.

See www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/nihongonokai/ for more info.

When: Every Sunday from 17 May to 26 Jul. (11 lessons)

Where: Nagoya International Center

Cost: 2,500 Yen for 11 lessons, plus 500-1,000 Yen for course materials.

How to Apply: Applicants must come to the NIC 5F Conference Room 1 on Sun. 10 May between 11:00 and 11:30. (Applicants who would then like to apply for an additional class may do so from 12:30.) Following the application procedure, applicants will be interviewed. Payment accepted from 12:15.

Application forms can be found at the NIC 3F pamphlet box area or the NIC website at www.nic-nagoya.or.jp/nihongonokai/

Further Details: Contact the Exchange and Cooperation Division on 052-581-5689

●NIC Japanese Class for High School Students

NIC高校生日本語教室

For young non-native speakers of Japanese (born before 1 April 2005) currently attending or aspiring to enter high school and requiring assistance with Japanese language acquisition. (Current junior high school students, please see NIC Japanese Class for Children, left.) The class aims to help students acquire the foundations of Japanese necessary for their studies, to enable them to complete their high school studies and pursue careers. Max. 20 places, determined on a needs basis.

When: Every Sunday from 17 May to 19 Jul. (14:00 – 16:00) (10 lessons.)

Where: Nagoya International Center 3F Lecture Room 2

Cost: 2,000 Yen for 10 lessons

How to Apply: Come to NIC 4F Exhibition Room 3 on Sun. 10 May between 14:00 and 14:30. Following completion of the application procedure, applicants will be interviewed. Payment accepted from 15:15. (If vacancies remain after 10 May, applications may still be accepted. Please contact the NIC Exchange and Cooperation Division for inquiries about applications.)

Application forms and information can be found at the NIC 3F pamphlet box area or the NIC website at www.nic-nagoya.or.jp.

Further Details: Contact the NIC Exchange and Cooperation Division on 052-581-5689

●NIC International Walking

NIC国際交流ウォーキング

The Nagoya International Center's volunteer NIC Walking Guides are hosting a walking event to give Japanese and foreign residents an opportunity to have fun interacting while tracing the history and culture of Nagoya City. This time, explore the Disaster Mitigation Research Building at Nagoya University, and the surrounding area.

When: Sat. 30 May (13:00 – 15:00)

Where: Meet at Nagoya Daigaku Sta. (名古屋大学駅, M18) on the Subway Meijo Line (地下鉄名港線) at 12:45.

Cost: Free

Reservations: 30 places available (20 foreigners, 10 Japanese) on a first-come, first-served basis; reservations required. Please e-mail the Nagoya International Center Information Counter **from Sat. 25 Apr. (from 10:00)**, providing your full name, nationality, language, a phone number where you can be reached on the day, and whether interpreting is required. ***Please note that reservations can only be made by e-mail.**

E-mail: nicwalking@nic-nagoya.or.jp

Inquiries: NIC Information Counter, **phone:** 052-581-0100

●Development Training for Supporters of Foreign Students and Children – Beginner Course

外国人児童・生徒サポーター研修<<入門編>>

A training program (over 3 sessions) for supporters, carers and teachers of foreign students and children which aims to help participants to understand the circumstances of foreign children and related issues, and to learn how to provide appropriate support. The course will be conducted in Japanese, and is open to anyone interested in the education of foreign children. Places are limited to 40, which will be determined by screening.

When: ①Sun. 14 Jun., ②Sun. 28 Jun., ③Sun. 12 Jul. (13:30 – 16:30 each session)

Where: Nagoya International Center 5F, Conference Room 1

Cost: General participants 1,500 Yen; Students 1,000 Yen.

Covers all 3 sessions.

Application period: From Tue. 12 May (from 10:00) to Sat. 23 May (17:00)

Inquiries / Applications: By phone (052-581-5689), e-mail (seminar-vol@nic-nagoya.or.jp), or www.nic-nagoya.or.jp

■Applying for School Support (for period Sep. 2019 to Aug. 2020)

就学援助(令和元年9月～令和2年8月分)の申請について

The City of Nagoya runs a program to provide assistance with the necessary costs involved in attending school, such as school lunches, supplies and other expenses, for families for whom children's attendance in school is difficult due to financial circumstances.

Eligibility is limited to parents receiving a dependent child allowance (*jidō fuyō teate* / 児童扶養手当), households whose income is below a specific amount, etc.

For details, please refer to the **Notice regarding School Support (Sep. 2019 to Aug. 2020) (*shūgaku enjo no o-shirase* / 就学援助のお知らせ(令和元年9月～令和2年8月分))** distributed at your child's elementary or junior high school, or the official City of Nagoya website.

Applications: Please submit the application form attached to the Notice regarding School Support to your child's school.

Inquiries: City of Nagoya Board of Education (*kyōiku iinkai* / 教育委員会) School Affairs Division (*gakujī-ka* / 学事課) (Phone: 052-972-3217; Fax: 052-972-4175), or your child's school.

■Subsidy for international exchange / multicultural community promotion activities

国際交流・多文化共生推進活動に助成

Applications can be made for a subsidy for Japanese language classes, cross-cultural exchange events, events introducing foreign culture and other international exchange and multicultural community promotion projects to be held between April 2020 and March 2021.

Entry is open to groups who have been engaged in international exchange and multicultural community promotion activities for at least one year.

The subsidy covers up to half of the program expenses (up to 1/3 for programs conducted outside Japan), up to the value of 100,000 Yen (200,000 Yen for programs related to Nagoya City's sister, friendship and partner cities).

Application period: Wed. 1 Apr. to Thu. 30 Apr., 2020.
Applications / inquiries: International Relations Division, Bureau of Tourism, Culture & Exchange, Phone: 052-972-3062; Fax: 052-972-4200

■The First JLPT in 2020 (July)

2020年第1回日本語能力試験(7月)

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) is the largest-scale Japanese-language test for evaluating and certifying the Japanese proficiency of non-native speakers in the world. Whether you're just curious about the level of your Japanese ability, or would like certification of your Japanese skills as a qualification for future employment, the JLPT is a good way to measure your Nihongo skills.



The JLPT is conducted twice a year, in July and December. Applications for the July Test close on 20 April, so if you're thinking of sitting the examination, it's time to get your application together.

There are five levels of the test, from N5 through to N1 (N1 being the most advanced). For more information on the JLPT, the registration process, suggestions for textbooks to help you prepare, and some sample questions to help you decide which level to aim for, check out the official website.

When: Sun. 5 Jul.
Application period: From Fri. 27 Mar. until Mon. 20 Apr.
How to apply: From 2020, applications must be submitted online; see the official Japanese Language Proficiency Test website below for full details.
Examination fee: 5,500 Yen (including tax)
Website: <http://info.jeeps-jlpt.jp/>

■National Holidays in April

4月の祝日

Wed. 29 Apr. - Shōwa no Hi (昭和の日)

Shōwa no Hi, or Shōwa Day, is observed on the birthday of the Emperor Shōwa (Hirohito, 1901-1989), grandfather of the current Emperor (Naruhito). Commemorated as the Emperor's Birthday from 1949, upon the death of Emperor Shōwa and the accession of the new Emperor in 1989, Emperor's Birthday changed to 23 December (now 23 February). Renamed *Midori no Hi* (Greenery Day), 29 April was kept as one of the national holidays that make up the 'Golden Week' from 29 April to 5 May. In 2007 it was renamed Shōwa Day, a day to reflect on the turbulent days and subsequent reconstruction during the Shōwa period (1926-1989), and to ponder the future.



■Sunday Service at City of Nagoya Ward and Branch Offices

区役所・支所の日曜窓口

In order to provide greater accessibility to services for residents, service is available at ward and branch offices on predetermined Sundays.

Upcoming Sunday Service dates:

5 Apr. (8:45 - 14:00)

12 Apr. (8:45 - 12:00)

10 May (8:45 - 12:00)

*Please note that dates may be subject to change or cancellation.

Services provided

Service is limited to submission and issuance of documents concerning changing one's residence to or from the City of Nagoya.

*Please be aware that some procedures may not be available. You may be asked to come at a later date for procedures requiring confirmation with other local or national government bodies.

For a list of services available at ward and branch offices on Sunday Service dates, see the NIC website at www.nic-nagoya.or.jp.

■Night, Sunday, & Holiday Emergency Clinics in Nagoya

休日診療所、名古屋医師会急病センター

Did you know that emergency treatment is available when regular medical facilities are closed (on Sundays, national holidays, during the year-end / New Year holiday period, and at night)? Make sure you know where your closest clinic is, just in case. Getting caught out on a Sunday or a holiday can be very stressful if you aren't prepared.

A full list of emergency clinics in Nagoya can be found on the City of Nagoya website at:

<http://bit.ly/emergency-nagoya-clinics>

For information on other clinics in Aichi, contact the **Aichi Emergency Medical Treatment Information Center** (Phone: 052-263-1133).

You can also search for medical facilities on the Center's website at:

<http://www.qq.pref.aichi.jp/>

■Emergency Broadcast Telephone Service

同報無線テレホンサービス

The City of Nagoya's emergency speaker system is used to broadcast emergency announcements such as Evacuation Information and national J-Alert warnings, and may also be used for tests. When announcements are difficult to hear due to weather conditions, or difficult to understand, use your phone and call the number below to check whether what you've heard is a drill, or something urgent.

The service is available in English, Chinese and Korean, in addition to Japanese.

Japanese: 0180-995926

Chinese: 052-957-9261

English: 052-957-9260

Korean: 052-957-9262

● Living Q & A: I moved to another city, but got a tax bill from the city where I used to live 外国人暮らしのQ&A 「引っ越したが前に住んでいた市から住民税の請求が来た」



After living in Nagoya City for five years, I moved to a city in another prefecture on 7 January this year (2020), but I received an invoice for resident tax from the City of Nagoya after I moved. Why do I have to pay tax to the City of Nagoya when I'm not even living there?

Resident Tax (jūminzei / 住民税) is a local tax that you pay to the municipality and prefecture in which you live (or are registered as a resident), and is levied separately from **income tax (shotokuzei / 所得税)**, which is paid to the national government. The obligation to pay resident tax takes effect on 1 January every year, and one pays the resident tax applicable to one's income for the previous year to the municipality in which you were living on that date.

For example, the resident tax on your income for the period from January to December 2018 is deducted from your monthly salary from June 2019 to May 2020.

For those who pay resident tax in person directly, your resident tax will be payable in four instalments, in June, August, and October of 2019, and January of 2020.

If you had been having your resident tax deducted from your salary, you would have been paying resident tax on your income for 2018 to the City of Nagoya from June 2019 to May 2020. Therefore, the payments due for January to May of this year must still be made to the City of Nagoya, even if you have moved to another municipality.

Also, as you were still a resident of Nagoya on 1 January of this year, you will also be required to pay the year's worth of resident tax payable from June 2019 to May 2020 to the City of Nagoya, so you will probably receive notices requesting payment. You will be paying resident tax to the municipality in which you now live from 2021.

For more information on how resident tax is applied and paid, please consult the section of your municipal office in charge of tax.



● Read the Signs – The novel coronavirus and masks

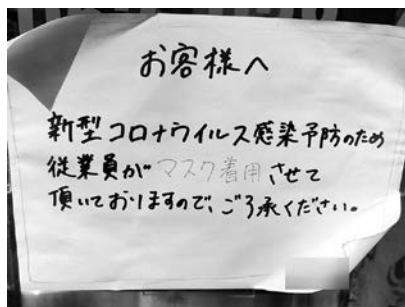
看板を読もう「新型コロナウイルスとマスク」

The novel coronavirus has made masks even more of a must-have item this year.

Common expressions in signs about the novel coronavirus:

お客様へ *o-kyaku sama e* (dear customer)
 お客様各位 *o-kyaku sama kakui* (dear customer [more formal])
 新型 *shingata* (new [type; model])
 コロナウイルス *koronauirusu* (coronavirus)
 肺炎 *haien* (pneumonia)
 感染 *kansen* (infection)
 予防 *yobō* (prevention)
 ~のため *no tame* (in order to ~; in an effort to ~)

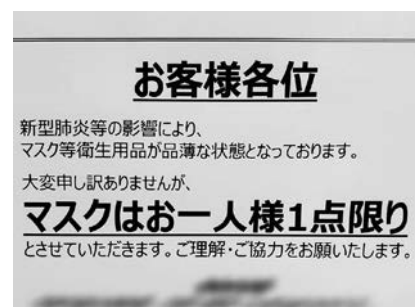
At a restaurant



従業員 *jūgyōin* (staff)
 マスク *masuku* (mask)
 着用 *chakuyō* (wear)
 マスク(を)着用させていただいております *masuku (wo) chakuyō sasete itadaite orimasu* (we are wearing masks [lit. we are taking the liberty of wearing masks])

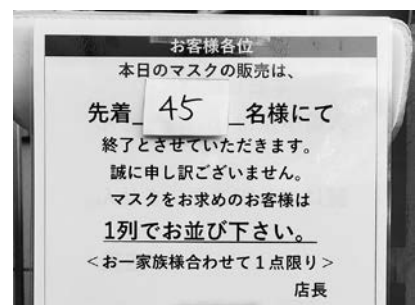
At a convenience store counter

品薄 *shinausu* (shortage of stock)
 お一人様1点限り *o-hitori sama itten kagiri* (limit of one item / pack per customer)



Outside a drug store, before opening

本日 *honjitsu* (today [more formal than 今日 *kyō*])
 ~の販売 *hanbai* (sales of [product])
 先着45名様にて *senchaku yonjūgo mei sama nite* (at the first 45 customers)
 終了 *shūryō* (finish; end)
 終了とさせていただきます *shūryō to sasete itadakimasu* (will end [lit. we will take the liberty of ending])
 1列でお並び下さい *ichiretsu de o-narabi kudasai* (please line up in single file)
 お一家族様合わせて1点限り *o-hito-kazoku sama awasete itten kagiri* (limit of one item / pack per family)



● Kōnan Wisteria Festival

こうなん藤まつり

See 12 varieties of wisteria plants with vibrant blooms of purple, red and white, in Mandara-ji Park, next to the ancient Mandara-ji Temple. Those wishing to appreciate the sweet fragrance of the wisteria in peace are advised to visit in the early morning. There are lots of attractions to enjoy during the day, and the flowers will be lit up at night between 18:30 and 21:00.



Photo courtesy of Kōnan City

When: Tue. 21 Apr. to Tue. 5 May

Where: Mandara-ji Kōen (曼陀羅寺公園 / Mandara-ji Park), Kōnan City (江南市)

Access: From Kōnan Sta. (江南駅, IY10) on the Meitetsu Inuyama Line (名鉄犬山線), take the Meitetsu Bus (名鉄バス) bound for Kōnan Danchi (江南団地), and alight at Mandara-ji (曼陀羅寺, about 15 minutes), from which the venue is a 2-minute walk.

● Owari Tsushima Wisteria Festival

尾張津島藤まつり

The beautiful sight of Japanese wisteria (*fujii* / 藤), emitting a subtle fragrance as they form a spreading purple curtain overhead, is a symbol of spring in Tsushima City. Enjoy a day out with the spectacle of the rich variety of wisteria flowers, along with stage events and stalls. The flowers will also be lit up at night.



Photo courtesy of Tsushima Tourism Association

When: Fri. 24 Apr. to Tue. 5 May (nat. hol.) (※Dates subject to change depending on condition of flowers)

Where: Tennōgawa Kōen (天王川公園 / Tennō River Park) in Tsushima City

Access: A 15-minute walk west from Tsushima Sta. (津島駅, TB07) on the Meitetsu Tsushima and Bisai Lines (名鉄津島・尾西線)

● A General Collection - The Painter's Europe

「所蔵企画展 画家たちの欧羅巴(ヨーロッパ)」

With the Meiji Restoration, the modernization of Japan progressed, and a rapid influx of Western culture began. Japanese painters, too, were shocked by the culture and arts of Europe, and incorporated elements of what they saw into their own work in varying degrees. This exhibition looks at the expression created from the aspirations and sense of conflict held by Japanese Western-style painters towards Europe, through around 55 pieces. Experience not only the charm of the artworks, but also "Europe" as perceived by the artists.

When: Until Sun. 31 May (10:00 - 17:00; Last entry 30 minutes before closing.) Closed Mondays (open 4 May), Thu. 7 May.

Where: Menard Art Museum (メナード美術館), Komaki City (小牧市)

Access: A 15-minute walk from Komaki Sta. (小牧駅, KM06) on the Meitetsu Komaki Line (名鉄小牧線), connected to the Subway Kamiida Line (地下鉄上飯田線).

Admission: General admission 900 Yen; University & Senior HS students 600 Yen; Junior HS & Elementary school students 300 Yen; Holders of a Certificate of Disability and one accompanying person free.

Website: <https://museum.menard.co.jp/>



Kishida Ryūsei, *Girl in Western dress* (detail), 1926
Menard Art Museum Premiere Collection

● Atsuta Jingū: Upcoming events

熱田神宮

● Bugaku-shinji 舞楽神事

A ritual dating from the Heian period (794-1185) in which court music and dance (舞楽 / Bugaku) are presented as offerings on an elevated red-painted stage in the forecourt of Atsuta



Photos courtesy of Atsuta Jingū

Jingū's Kagura-den (神楽殿). The beautiful, graceful performances, radiant beneath the fresh green leaves of the shrine gardens, take the viewer into the world of a Heian period picture scroll. The shrine priests, maidens and members of Atsuta Jingū's Gagaku association perform authentic Heian period Bugaku before the deities.

The collection in the shrine's Treasure Exhibition Hall (文化殿) features Bugaku masks, which are Important Cultural Properties, thought to have been created during the Heian and Kamakura periods.

When: Fri. 1 May (10:30 -)

● Eyōdo-shinji 酔笑人神事

This unusual ritual commemorating the return of Kusanagi-no-Mitsurugi (草薙神剣 / The "grass-cutting" sword of ancient legend), the *go-shintai* (御神体 / a repository of the deity) of Atsuta Jingū, in 686. The lights within the precinct are extinguished, and priests laugh loudly in unison before Yōgōnoma Shrine (影向間社), the Kagura-Den (神楽殿), the Bekkū (Annex Shrine / 別宮), and the Seisetsu-Mon Gate (清雪門), to convey the joy felt at the time of the sword's return.



Each priest hides a mask (which, tradition holds, must not be looked at) in his sleeve, and when a mask is tapped with a fan, the assembled priests burst into laughter as one. From the sound of their laughter, this mystical ritual is also known as the "Ohoho Matsuri."

When: Mon. 4 May (19:00 -)

● Shinyotogyo-shinji 神輿渡御神事

Held the day after Eyōdo-shinji, and similarly connected to the return of the sacred sword. This ritual, held to pray for the protection of the Imperial Palace features a procession of around 100 attendants in courtly dress, accompanying a *mikoshi* (神輿 / portable shrine) from the Hongū (Main Shrine / 本宮) to the West Gate (西門).



When: Tue. 5 May (10:00 -)

Where: Atsuta Shrine (熱田神宮), in Atsuta Ward (熱田区)

Access: A 3-minute walk from Jingū-mae Sta. (神宮前駅) on the Meitetsu Nagoya Line (名鉄名古屋本線); or an 8-minute walk from Atsuta Sta. (熱田駅) on the JR Tōkaidō Line (JR東海道線); or a 7-minute walk from Jingu Nishi Sta. (神宮西駅) on the Meijo Subway Line (地下鉄名城線).

Website: <https://www.atsutajingu.or.jp/>

● Special Exhibition: The Magic of Alice in Wonderland Exhibition

特別展「不思議の国のアリス展」

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, written some 150 years ago by the English author Lewis Carroll, continues to be a much-loved classic throughout the world. This exhibition looks at the appeal of Alice through around 200 pieces including items being exhibited in Japan for the first time, materials revealing the untold story behind Alice's creation, and artwork by modern creators such as Eric Carle.

When: Sat. **18 Apr.** to Sun. **14 Jun.** (9:30 - 17:00; Last entry by 16:30) Closed Mondays (open 4 May), the 4th Tuesday of the month, and Thu. 7 May.

Where: Nagoya City Museum (名古屋市博物館), Mizuho Ward (瑞穂区)

Access: A 5-minute walk from Sakurayama Sta. (桜山駅, S11) Exit 4 on the Subway Sakura-dori Line (地下鉄桜通線)

Admission: General admission 1,400 (1,200) Yen; University & Senior HS students 1,000 (800) Yen; Junior HS & Elementary school students 600 (400) Yen; Bearers of a Certificate of Disability and up to 2 accompanying persons receive a 50% discount at door. Proof of ID required for University, Senior & Junior HS students. Price in () is for advance sale tickets and groups of 20 or more.

Website: <http://www.alice2019-20.jp/>



Lewis Carroll, The Wonderland postage stamp case. The Rosenbach, Philadelphia

● Timeless Mucha Mucha to Manga - The Magic of Line

「みんなのミュシャ ミュシャからマンガへ一線の魔術」

The works of Alphonse Mucha (1860-1939) and the artist's distinctive use of curved lines are familiar to many. Featuring around 250 pieces in total, this exhibition exploring the world of Mucha not only presents works by Mucha himself, but also works by artists influenced by his work, including British and American artists of the 1960s and 70s, Japanese manga, and more.

When: Sat. **25 Apr.** to Sun. **28 Jun.** (9:30 - 17:00; 9:30 - 20:00 on Fridays; Last entry 30 minutes before closing.) Closed Mondays (open 4 May), Thu. 7 May.

Where: Nagoya City Art Museum (名古屋市美術館), Naka Ward (中区)

Access: An 8-minute walk from Fushimi Sta. (伏見駅, H09/T07) Exit 5 on the Higashiyama and Tsurumai Subway Lines

(地下鉄東山線・鶴舞線); located in Shirakawa Park (白川公園).

Admission: General admission 1,500 (1,300) Yen; University & Senior HS students 1,000 (800) Yen; Junior HS students and younger free. Prices in () are for groups of 20 or more, and advance purchase tickets. Also covers admission to the permanent exhibition.

Exhibition website:

https://www.ctv.co.jp/event/mucha2020_nagoya/

Website: <http://www.art-museum.city.nagoya.jp/>



Alphonse Mucha, *The Arts: Dance*, 1898
Color lithograph
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● Five Ukiyo-e Favorites - Utamaro, Sharaku, Hokusai, Hiroshige, and Kuniyoshi

「大浮世絵展—歌麿、写楽、北斎、広重、国芳 夢の競演」

This large-scale exhibition features masterpieces of five popular *ukiyo-e* artists, selected from museums and private collections both inside and outside Japan for their quality and condition to convey the vibrant color of their original production. Don't miss this never-to-be-repeated opportunity to see so many high-quality pieces in one exhibition.

When: Fri. **3 Apr.** to Sun. **31 May** (10:00 - 18:00; 10:00 - 20:00 on Fridays; Last entry 30 minutes before closing.) Closed Mondays (open 4 May. [nat. hol.]) and Thu. 7 May.

Where: Aichi Prefectural Museum of Art (愛知県美術館), Aichi Arts Center (愛知芸術文化センター) 10F

Access: A 3-minute walk via Oasis 21 (オアシス21) from Sakae Sta. (栄駅, H10 / M05) on the Higashiyama or Meijo Subway Lines (地下鉄東山線・名城線) and Sakaemachi Sta. (栄町駅, ST01) on the Meitetsu Seto Line.

Admission: General admission 1,400 Yen; University & Senior HS students 1,100 Yen; Junior HS students and younger free. Discount available for holders of a Certificate of Disability. Also covers entry to the concurrent collection exhibition.

Exhibition website: <https://dai-ukiyo.jp>



● Other current exhibitions

For more information on current exhibitions in and around Nagoya, see the NIC website at www.nic-nagoya.or.jp



■ The Tokugawa Art Museum: Doll Festival of the Owari Tokugawa Family

徳川美術館 特別展「尾張徳川家の雛まつり」

When: Until Sun. **5 Apr.** (10:00 - 17:00; Last entry by 16:30.) Closed Mondays.

Where: The Tokugawa Art Museum (徳川美術館), Higashi Ward (東区)

Website: <https://www.tokugawa-art-museum.jp/en/>

■ Yokoyama Art Museum: Kyō-yaki (Kyoto ware) - The technique that made history

横山美術館「京焼・その技が歴史をつくる」

When: Until Sun. **14 Jun.** (10:00 - 17:00; Last entry by 16:30) Closed Mondays (or the following business day if it falls on a national holiday).

Where: Yokoyama Art Museum (横山美術館), Higashi Ward (東区)

Website: <https://www.yokoyama-art-museum.or.jp/> (Japanese)



■ Nagoya City Science Museum: Mammoth Exhibition

名古屋市科学館 特別展「マンモス展～その『生命』の過去と未来～」

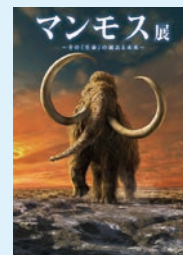
When: Until Sun. **14 Jun.** (9:30 - 17:00; Last entry 16:30) Closed Mondays (open 4 May), the third Friday of the month, and Thu. 7 May.

Where: Nagoya City Science Museum (名古屋市科学館) Science and Technology Building (理工館) B2F Temporary Exhibition Hall (イベントホール)

Website: <http://www.ncsm.city.nagoya.jp/>

Exhibition website:

<http://www.mammothten-nagoya.jp/>



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●The Ieyasu Parade

家康行列

Celebrating the Mikawa region's connection to Tokugawa Ieyasu, founder of the Tokugawa shogunate which ruled Japan from 1600 until 1868, this procession of some 700 warriors and noble ladies (selected from among local applicants) parades through central Okazaki.



Photo courtesy of Okazaki City Tourism Association

During the parade, watch the exciting performances consisting of gunmen and spearmen. On the banks of the Ootogawa River, where the parade ends, a mock battle will also be held.

When: Sun. **5 Apr.** (13:00 – 16:00) See website for updates.

Route: Following a departure ceremony at Iga Hachiman-gū Shrine (伊賀八幡宮) at 13:00, the parade departs from the shrine (13:30), turns left at the Kōsei-kita-dōri (康生北通) intersection (14:10 - 14:40), takes a right at the Tenma intersection, passing through Shima-chō (島町) intersection (14:35 – 15:05) before crossing the river, and passes in front of Meitetsu Higashi Okazaki Sta. (14:45 - 15:15) before arriving at the Ootogawa riverside (15:00 - 15:30). (All times tentative.)

Access: Ootogawa riverside is a 10-minute walk from Higashi Okazaki Sta. (東岡崎駅, NH13) on the Meitetsu Nagoya Line (名鉄名古屋本線).

Website: <https://www.city.okazaki.lg.jp/>

●Ōsu Spring Festival

大須春まつり

The Ōsu Shopping District throngs with people during the Ōsu Spring Festival. With attractions such as 'all-you-can-grab' specials at certain stores in the arcade, Ōsu-*daiko* drum performances, and eccentric *chindon*'ya marching bands, enjoy an Ōsu that's even more lively than usual.

When: Sat. **4** and Sun. **5 Apr.**

Where: Ōsu Shopping District (大須商店街), Naka Ward (中区)

Access: A 2-minute walk from Ōsu Kannon Sta. (大須観音駅, T08) on the Subway Tsurumai Line (地下鉄鶴舞線), or a 2-minute walk from Kamimaezu Sta. (上前津駅) on the Subway Tsurumai and Meijo Lines (鶴舞-名城線, T09 / M03).

●April at the Planetarium: Starry Skies Around the World

プラネタリウム一般投影4月「世界の星空めぐり」

The latest astronomical observatories are built at high elevations, away from the city lights, where the air is thin and water vapor is minimal. Don't miss this rare opportunity to visit and see the night sky at observatories around the world. (Commentary in Japanese)

When: Wed. **8 Apr.** to Fri. **8 May** (6 shows per day.)

Where: Nagoya City Science Museum (名古屋科学館) Planetarium "Brother Earth" (プラネタリウム「Brother Earth」)

Access: A 5-minute walk south from Fushimi Sta. (伏見駅, H09 / T07) Exit 5 on the Higashiyama or Tsurumai Subway Lines (地下鉄東山線-鶴舞線)

Admission: Adults 800 Yen; University & Senior HS students 500 Yen; Junior HS students and younger free. Prices include entry to the Museum.

Website: <http://www.ncsm.city.nagoya.jp/>

Be smart & inform yourself about coronavirus

- Follow accurate public health advice from WHO & your local health authority.
- Follow the news on latest coronavirus updates.
- To avoid spreading rumors, always check the source you are getting information from.
- Don't spread rumors.

Protect yourself and others from getting sick

- Wash your hands with soap and running water when hands are visibly dirty.
- If your hands are not visibly dirty, frequently clean them by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

See the Nagoya International Center website for resources to help you stay informed about the novel coronavirus situation.

- Information from the City of Nagoya
- Links to government-issued information in English



<https://www.nic-nagoya.or.jp>

●NAGOYA ANTIQUE MARKET

A market featuring more than 80 stalls dealing in a wide variety of antiques and nostalgic items from Europe and America, retro items from the Showa era (1926-1989), secondhand clothing, and more. There's also a food area with a number of food trucks and stalls.

When: Sat. **18 Apr.** (10:00 - 20:00) and Sun. **19 Apr.** (10:00 - 16:00)

Where: Higashi Betsuin Temple (Shinshu Otani-ha Nagoya Betsuin) (真宗大谷派 名古屋別院(東別院)), Naka Ward (中区)

Access: A 3-minute walk from Higashi Betsuin Sta. (東別院駅, M02), on the Subway Meijo Line (地下鉄名城線)

Admission: Free

Website: <https://antique-mkt.net/> (Japanese)

●Belgian Beer Weekend 2020

ベルギービールウィークエンド2020

Beer, food, music and Belgian lifestyle! The Belgian Beer Weekend will be kicking off in Hisaya Odori Park for a massive 14 days. A fun event during Golden Week you won't want to miss. Admission is free – beer and food are not. Enjoy!

When: Thu. **23 Apr.** to Wed. **6 May** (24 - 26 Apr. 16:00 – 21:00; 27 Apr. – 5 May 11:00 – 21:00; 6 May 11:00 – 20:00.)

Where: Hisaya Odori Park (久屋大通公園) Edion Hisaya Plaza (エディオン久屋広場) and Angel Plaza (エンゼル広場)

Access: A 3-minute walk from Yaba-cho Sta. (矢場町駅, M04), Exit 5 or 6, on the Subway Meijo Line (地下鉄名城線).

Cost: Starter set 3,200 Yen, includes original beer glass and 11 food and beverage coins. (Advance sale starter set 2,950 Yen).

Website: <https://belgianbeerweekend.jp/en>

●HAND ART Marché Nagoya vol.8

HAND ART Marché is a market featuring items filled with their creators' passionate enthusiasm. Each piece is an original that you won't find elsewhere, an expression of individuality emanating a world of its own, a unique work of its creator. See brilliant original items from fashion and interior items to art pieces, and more.

When: Sun. **26 Apr.** (11:00 - 15:00)

Where: Fukiage Hall (吹上ホール), Fashion Display Areas 1 & 2 (第1・2ファッション展示場), Chikusa Ward

Access: A 5-minute walk from Fukiage Sta. (吹上駅, S09) Exit 5 on the Sakura-dori Subway Line (地下鉄桜通線)

Admission: Advance purchase 1,000 Yen; 1,200 at door. Prices to be confirmed.

●All-Japan Umaimono Matsuri 2020 in Moricoro Park

全日本うまいもの祭り2020 in モリコロパーク

This lively food festival has been held over the Golden Week period for the last 7 years with over 100,000 visitors each year. Enjoy *umaimono* (tasty food) and regional culinary culture from all over Japan at Moricoro Park.

When: Wed. **29 Apr.** (nat. hol.) to Wed. **6 May** (nat. hol.) (10:00 - 17:00; Last entry 16:30)

Where: Green Square (大芝生広場) in Expo 2005 Aichi Commemorative Park (Moricoro Park) (愛・地球博記念公園[モリコロパーク]) in Nagakute City (長久手市)

Access: A short walk from Ai-Chikyūhaku Kinen Kōen Sta. (愛・地球博記念公園駅, L07) on the Linimo Line (リニモ)

Admission: Adult 1-day Ticket 700 Yen; Elementary School Student 1-day Ticket 300 Yen; Pre-school-aged children free. Re-entry permitted only on day of entry. Additional charges apply for food and drinks. Discount advance purchase tickets also available.

Website: <https://umatsuri.jp/> (Japanese)

● Star Gazing at the Science Museum – The Moon and Venus

名古屋市科学館 市民観望会「月と金星をみる会」

Following a brief talk at the planetarium you will proceed to the rooftop's main telescope and various other telescopes to observe the night's recommended celestial objects. (Commentary in Japanese; In poor weather, event will be limited to planetarium presentation.)

When: Fri. **1 May** (18:15 - 20:30)

Where: Nagoya City Science Museum (名古屋市科学館) Planetarium "Brother Earth" (プラネタリウム[Brother Earth])

Access: A 5-minute walk south from Fushimi Sta. (伏見駅, H09 / T07) Exit 5 on the Higashiyama or Tsurumai Subway Lines (地下鉄東山線・鶴舞線)

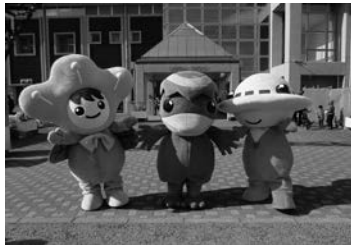
Participation: Adults 700 Yen, Junior HS and Elementary School students 300 Yen. Numbers are limited to 250 participants. (Children of Junior HS age and younger must be accompanied by an adult guardian.)

To apply, send a reply-paid post card (with the representative's name, address, phone number, the names of all participants and the number of adults and children in your group) to: 〒460-0008 Nagoya, Naka Ku, Sakae 2-17-1, Nagoya City Science Museum to arrive **by Mon. 13 Apr.** (address to: "May 1 - Stars"). (Applications other than by reply-paid postcard not accepted.)

● Todagawa Children's Festival

とだがわこどもまつり

Kids can enjoy a fun-filled day out at the biggest festival at Todagawa Children's Land (Todagawa Kodomo Land), and admission and all activities are free. See kajii's concert with everyday object instruments (3 May), SaMaakajii's classical concert with everyday object instruments (4 May), and Pleasure B's comedy show (5 May) (300 places per session, tickets to be distributed each day), complete the stamp rally, try crafts and cooking and more! Todagawa Children's Land mascots Kappi, Hirara and Purupuru will be there, too!



Photos courtesy of City of Nagoya

When: Sun. **3** (nat. hol.), Mon. **4** (nat. hol.) and Tue. **5 May** (nat. hol.)

Where: Todagawa Children's Land (とだがわこどもランド), located in Nagoya City Agriculture Park / Todagawa Green (農業文化園・戸田川緑地), Minato Ward (港区)

Access: From **Tokai-dori Sta.** (東海通駅, E04) on the Subway Meiko Line (地下鉄名港線), take the City Bus (市バス) bound for Kawaikobashi (河合小橋, departs terminal ③), alight at Nanyōshisho (南陽支所) and walk north for about 10 minutes.

Admission: Free (Car park 500 Yen during festival)

● Nagoya City Science Museum - Night Planetarium: The Space Station at Night

名古屋市科学館 プラネタリウム夜間投影「宇宙ステーションの夜」

The International Space Station is the largest of Earth's artificial satellites, and is visible to the naked eye as a bright point of light even in urban areas. Museum staff will use the planetarium facilities to explain how you can see it, and what you can see. (Commentary in Japanese. Limited to Senior high school students and older.)

When: Tue. **26 May** (18:30 - 19:30)

Where: Nagoya City Science Museum (名古屋市科学館) Planetarium "Brother Earth" (プラネタリウム[Brother Earth])

Access: A 5-minute walk south from Fushimi Sta. (伏見駅, H09 / T07) Exit 5 on the Higashiyama or Tsurumai Subway Lines (地下鉄東山線・鶴舞線)

Participation: 700 Yen. Limited to 350 participants (High School students and older).

Send a reply-paid post card (with the event name, date, your name, address, the number of participants in your group [maximum 5], participants' names, phone number, and return address and addressee section completed) to: 〒460-0008 Nagoya, Naka Ku, Sakae 2-17-1, Nagoya City Science Museum to arrive **by Wed. 13 May** (address to: "May 26 - Night Planetarium"). (Applications other than by reply-paid postcard not accepted.)

■ Aichi Prefecture has produced A Guidebook for your Future and Money

「愛知県に住む外国人のみなさんへ 知って安心!あなたの未来とお金のまるっとガイドブック」を作成しました

Aichi has the second highest number of foreign residents after Tokyo, with more than 270,000 foreign residents, and in recent years the number of permanent residents has been increasing.

A lack of information in foreign languages on Japanese systems including housing, education, and life post-retirement means that many foreign residents are uncertain and unable to plan for their future.

In order to assist foreign residents to live in stability, Aichi Prefecture has compiled a booklet in multiple languages

highlighting the importance of having a life plan that takes into account factors such as children's education, purchasing a house, and life after retirement, as well as enrolling in social insurance.

The booklet is available to download in 7 languages (Japanese, English, Portuguese, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, and Spanish) via the URL below.

URL:

<https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/tabunka/lifeplanguidebook.html>



■ Support Guidebook to enjoy a safe and secure life in Aichi Prefecture

「愛知県で安心・安全な生活を楽しむためのサポートガイドブック」

In order for newly-arrived foreign workers to adjust smoothly to life in Japan, companies hosting foreign workers need to make them aware of rules and manners to observe, and provide assistance with adjusting to both work life and social life.

Aichi Prefecture has produced a set of materials that can be used as support tools when providing this kind of orientation to foreign employees, consisting of a training session curriculum with text materials and an instructor's manual.

Covering such areas as work, money, rules, housing, transport, avoiding crime, and illness and injury, the text materials are a useful resource for anyone coming to work in a Japanese workplace.

The text materials are available to download in easy Japanese, Portuguese, Chinese, Filipino, Vietnamese, Spanish, Indonesian, and English, with Japanese presented alongside each foreign language. A series of complementary YouTube videos is also available. See the URL below for the downloadable materials.

URL:

<https://www.pref.aichi.jp/soshiki/tabunka/soukitekioucurriculum.html>

■ Deadline for declaration and payment of income tax, etc. extended to Thu. 16 Apr.

申告所得税等の申告・納付期限が2020年4月16日(木)まで延長されました。

As a measure to hinder the spread of the novel coronavirus, the deadline for the declaration and payment of income tax, gift tax, and (for sole proprietors) consumption tax has been extended to Thu. 16 Apr. Please see the National Tax Agency website for details.

NTA website: <https://www.nta.go.jp/index.htm>

■ Gyoseishoshi Consultations

行政書士による相談

A gyoseishoshi is a nationally accredited certified administrative procedures legal specialist. As a profession, gyoseishoshi provide support with various government-related applications and procedures. From April, consultations with a gyoseishoshi will be available twice a week at the Nagoya International Center Information Counter. Consultations are free, but preference will be given to those with reservations. If you have a question about procedures related to immigration, or procedures involved in setting up a business, please contact the NIC Information Counter to make an appointment.

When: Wed. and Sun. (13:00 - 17:00; Session length max. 50 minutes per person; Last session from 16:00.)

Where: Nagoya International Center 3F Information Counter

Reservations: Call or visit the Information Counter in person; Phone: 052-581-0100.



Hakken! NAGOYA

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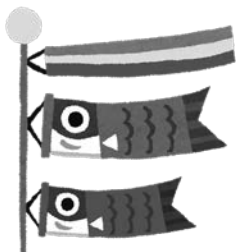
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Families with boys display *Gogatsu-ningyō* (五月人形 / lit. May dolls, which may be a male figure in traditional armor, or a miniature suit of armor or even just a helmet) and *koinobori* (鯉のぼり / windsock-like streamers decorated to resemble carp) to pray for boys to grow strong and healthy.

May 5: Kodomo-no-hi, Children's Day

(こどもの日)
(National Holiday)

Established in 1948, this day is to celebrate the happiness of children. It was long celebrated as *Tango-no-sekku* (端午の節句), or May Seasonal Holiday, when the growth of boys was celebrated and many of the traditional customs continue to this day.



Also, baths are taken with irises floating in them (a custom known as *shōbuyu* / 菖蒲湯) to pray for good health. It is said that wrapping the leaves around your head will make you healthy and smart.



Check out more issues of *Hakken! NAGOYA* on the NIC website!



Movie Theaters & Upcoming Movies

(May be subject to change or cancellation without notice)

A NAGOYA STATION AREA

1. MIDLAND SQUARE CINEMA (052)527-8808☆
2. MIDLAND SQUARE CINEMA 2 (052)527-8808☆
3. CINEMA SKHOLE (052)452-6036☆
4. 109 CINEMAS (052)541-3109★

B FUSHIMI AREA

5. MILLION MOVIE THEATER (052)212-2437☆

C SAKAE, SHIN-SAKAE, YABA-CHO AREA

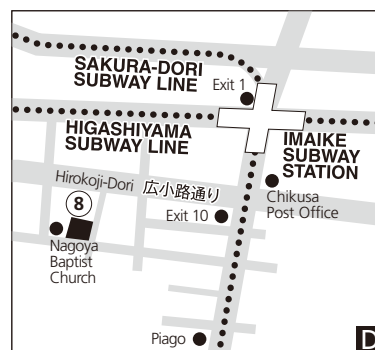
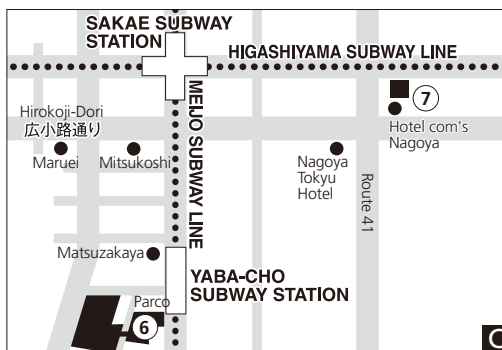
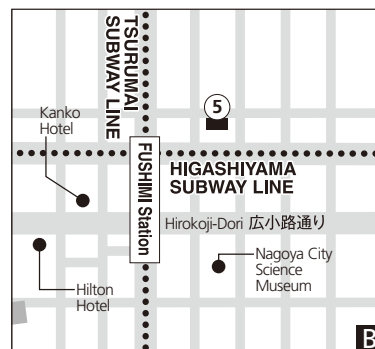
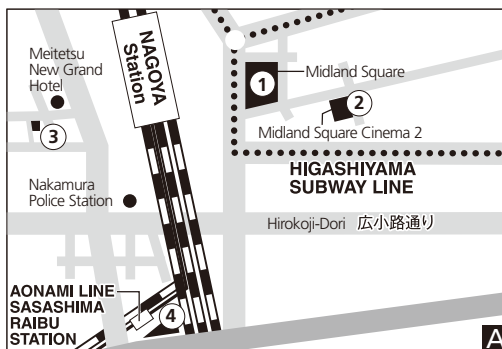
6. CENTURY CINEMA (052)264-8580★
7. Meien CINE SALON 1-2 (052)931-1701☆

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8. NAGOYA CINEMATHEQUE (052)733-3959●

Admission discount services:

- ☆: Foreign students (Must present residence card and student ID)
- ★: Women ¥1,100 on Wednesdays
- ☆: Women ¥1,100 on Thursdays
- : Women ¥1,000 on Thursdays



Listed below are foreign language movies being shown in Nagoya theaters. Listings are subject to change. Movies are usually shown in their original language with Japanese subtitles; some showings may be dubbed in Japanese for younger audiences. Numbers in <> after the movie listing correspond to the above location guide.

★THE CURRENT WAR: DIRECTOR'S CUT エジソンズ・ゲーム
Benedict Cumberbatch, Michael Shannon / dir. Alfonso Gomez-Rejon / From Apr. 3 <1><2>

★VOX LUX ポップスター
Natalie Portman, Jude Law / dir. Brady Corbet / From Apr.3 <5>

★THE DEAD DON'T DIE デッド・ドント・ダイ
Bill Murray, Adam Driver / dir. Jim Jarmusch / From Apr.3 <5>

★NO TIME TO DIE 007/ノー・タイム・トゥ・ダイ
Daniel Craig, Ralph Fiennes / dir. Cary Fukunaga / From Apr. 10 <1><2><4><6>

★WAVES WAVES /ウェイブス
Kelvin Harrison Jr., Lucas Hedges/ dir. Trey Edward Shults /From Apr. 10 <5>

★THE FAREWELL フェアウェル
Awkwafina, Tzi Ma/ dir. Lulu Wang /From Apr. 10 <5>

★ADRIFT アドリフト 41 日間の漂流
Shailene Woodley, Sam Claflin / dir. Baltasar Kormakur /From Apr. 10 <5>

★BLINDED BY THE LIGHT カセットテープ・ダイアリーズ
Viveik Kalra, Kulvinder Ghir/ dir. Gurinder Chadha/From Apr. 17 <6>

★DANGER CLOSE: THE BATTLE OF LONG TAN デンジャー・クロース 極限着弾
Travis Fimmel, Luke Bracey/ dir. Kriv Stenders/From Apr. 17 <5>

★FRANKIE ボルトガルの、夏の終わり
Isabelle Huppert, Brendan Gleeson / dir. Ira Sachs /From Apr. 24 <5>

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Cultural Learning Opportunities

★**Hana-no-ki-kai** - Ikebana classes every 4th Sun. of the month 13:00 - 16:00 near Kanayama Sta. Only actual cost charged for materials. Reservations - Phone: 0562-93-0310; Fax: 0562-93-5214 (Ms. Suzuki)

★**Ikebana Communications** - Enjoy your stay in Japan & make new friends by learning Ikebana. We meet every 2nd & 4th Sat. 14:00 - 20:00 near Nagoya Int'l Center Bldg. Fee 1400 Yen / class. Call Mimi 090-4867-4264, Ms. Wakita 052-581-6071 or Miki 090-7954-2892

★**Japanese Home Cooking Class, Ikebana & Tea Ceremony in English** - Learn to use the different sauces & spices common to traditional Japanese home-cooked dishes. Flower arranging & tea ceremony lessons available; private or group lessons OK. Call 052-211-2586 (Hideko).

★**Experience Japanese culture by learning Ikebana** - Basic lessons with demonstration in English. 2000 Yen / lesson (flower & room fee). Arimatsu Community Center (3 mins. from Meitetsu Arimatsu Sta.) 2nd / 4th Sat. 10:00 - 12:00. Email: info@ikebanaworkshop.com or call: 080-5448-0015 (Kayoko)

★**Let's Enjoy Japanese Kimono** - Try on a variety of kimonos and learn about Japanese culture. Every 2nd Sat., 13:00 - 15:00, at Atsuta Shogai Gakushu Center (a 15 min. walk from Subway Hibino Sta. Exit 1.) 500 Yen with tea. Phone/fax: 052-681-9414 (Yoshida YYclub)

★**Japanese traditional brush calligraphy** - Try Japanese traditional calligraphy. Any time from 10:00 to 17:00. Please contact us one day prior to your visit. 2 hours. Venue 1-minute walk from Kurumamichi Sta. Ongoing lessons available. Contact: info@houkoan.com; Phone: 052-936-0039

Japanese Language Classes

Updated **Aichi Nihongo no Kai** - Mon. 10:00 - 11:30 at Nagoya Int'l Center - near Kokusai Center Sta. Exit 2. 4,200 Yen in total for all 14 lessons; handouts extra. Term: 6 Apr. to 13 Jul. Join any time. Call 090-3852-8479 (Keiko); or e-mail antoon27@yahoo.co.jp (Kumiko)

Updated **"A-Ka-Sa-Ta-Na" Japanese Conversation Class** - Thu. from 10:30 to 12:00 at Aichi Int'l Plaza; 2 blocks west of Shiyakusho Sta. Exit 5. Classes 16 Apr. to 9 Jul., 2,600 Yen for 13 lessons. Join anytime. Phone: Miki 052-723-7297; Email: akasatanaaloe@gmail.com

★**Higashi Betsuin Nihongo Kyoushitsu Yoru no Bu** - Fri. 19:00-20:30 at Higashi Betsuin Kaikan; 3-min. walk from Higashi Betsuin Sta. Exit 4 on Meijoh line. 4,500 yen for 35 lessons. Join anytime! E-mail: higashibetsuinnihongoyoru@gmail.com Phone: 090-1824-0848

★**Hills Nihongo de Walk** - Japanese lessons available at Yumeria Tokushige 3F, above Tokushige Sta. on Sakura-dori Line. On Fri. at 18:30 to 20:10. Beginners to Advanced. Join anytime. Contact: ankumi27@hotmail.com (Kumiko); 050-5585-0621 (Muto). <http://hillsnihongo.wix.com/hills-nihongo-class>

Updated **Hoshigaoka Nihongo Kyoushitsu** - Tue. 10:00-11:30. Hoshigaoka Community Center 1F (3 min. walk from subway Hoshigaoka Sta. Exit 4) Current term 7 Apr. - 14 Jul. 3,000 Yen/term plus textbook cost. Beginner & Intermediate Class. Inquiries - E-mail: hoshigaoka26kai@gmail.com; Phone: 080-4547-9290; Website: <http://nirokukai.com>

Updated **Japanese class for beginners** - Sat. AM, Nadya Park 6F (Nagoya City Civic Activity Promotion Center), 7-min. walk from Sakae Sta. exit 7 & 8. Beginner - 10:00-11:20, Upper - 11:25-12:25. Classes start 4 Apr. Beginner 300 Yen / lesson, Upper 500 Yen / lesson. Phone: 070-1613-1996; Email: jlangu2@gmail.com; Website: <https://jlangu2.wixsite.com/mysite>

★**Iroha Nihongo no Kai** - Beginner class Thu. 10:15-11:45 at Nadya Park 6F (Nagoya-shi Shiminkatsudo Suishin Center) 7-min. walk from Sakae Sta., 5-min. walk from Yaba-cho Sta. Join anytime. Phone: 090-6595-1578 (Yumi) 090-4265-3033 (Ogata) E-mail: irohanihongonokai@yahoo.co.jp / Website: irohanihongonokai.web.fc2.com

Meeting & Activities

★**Amnesty International Nagoya Multicultural Group (Provisional)** - Meetings are held every 4th Sunday from 13:00 at Nagoya Civic Activity Promotion Center, 6th floor, Nadya Park, Sakae. Contact us via e-mail: amnestynagoyamcg@gmail.com or Twitter: @aimcg_nagoya

★**English Alcoholics Anonymous meeting** - Sat. 19:30 & Sun. 19:00 at the Mikokoro Catholic Center. Call 090 9938 0596 if you feel you have a problem with alcohol.

★**Nagoya Language Exchange** - Japanese-language and English-language learners meet once a month near Nagoya Sta. We chat and enjoy practicing English/Japanese conversation as well as learning cultures. Let's learn language together! Website: <http://facebook.com/mamilearnersspace/>

★**Workshop for English teachers** - We have bi-monthly workshops for English teachers at Nagoya International Center. Any nationalities welcome. We also have fun gatherings occasionally. Please check our website for upcoming events. Let's get together! Website: <https://etjaichi.wixsite.com/website>

NEW **Spring Fair 文化祭** - Wed. 29 Apr. 10:00 - 14:00 at Nagoya International School. Everyone is welcome to join this fun event. Food, games, booths and many activities geared towards children. More info or if you'd like a booth, email: pta@nis.ac.jp

Family Groups

★**Chayagasaka Cooperative English Playgroup** - for children 0 to 6 with at least one (English speaking) non-Japanese parent. Wednesday mornings near Chayagasaka Sta.; 500 yen per session. Games, songs, snacks and crafts. Email: chayagasakaplaygroup@gmail.com Website: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/chayagasaka_playgroup/

★**Bilingual Nagoya** - English class for bilingual kids. Elementary 1st grade through junior high. Meets every Sat. morning in Chikusa-ku. Next step up from the Chayagasaka playgroup. For more information contact: bilingualnagoya@gmail.com

★**Takaoka English Playgroup** - Meets on random Sundays from 9:30 - 11:30 at Takaoka Children's Center (Jidokan). All foreign & bi-cultural families, returnees welcome. Games, songs, crafts for children 0 to 6. 300 Yen per family, free the first time. E-mail: takaokaenglishplaygroup@gmail.com

Places of Worship

★**Anglican / Episcopal Church in Japan** - English services every 4th Sun. 14:30 at Nagoya St. Matthew's Cathedral, a 5-min walk from Gokiso Sta. Exit 4 (Tsurumai/Sakuradori Lines) E-mail: office.chubu@nssk.org; Phone: (052)858-1007; Website: nssk.org/chubu/

★**Faith Charismatic Church** - Please come fellowship and worship with us, Faith Charismatic Church, a bible believing Christian Church, every Sunday at 10:00. Venue: Nagoya City Minami Life Long Learning Center, near Kasadera Sta. Call Pastor Bede 080-6980-6777

★**Indonesian Catholic Community** - Indonesian Catholic Community in Nagoya hosts Indonesian mass once a month (every 4th Sun.) in Johokubashi Catholic Church at 12:30, 8 minutes' walk from Meijo Koen Sta. Exit 1. For more details please email: katoliknagoya@yahoo.com

★**Inter-Christian Fellowship Nagoya (Church of the Nazarene)** - Christian church for Filipinos in Japan. Nagoya-shi Midori-ku Aibarago 2-1809 Mezon SK 101. Contact Jun Ooka, phone: 070-4388-0535

★**Nagoya Mosque** - hosts Muslim Fri. Prayers & is open for five-time prayers Khutba at 12:30 & Prayer at 12:40. Halal meat & Islamic literature are also available. Honjin Sta., Exit 3 Call 052-486-2380 Website: <http://nagoyamosque.com>

★**Nagoya Port Mosque** - Fri. Prayer Khutba from 12:30. Open for five time prayers, every Sat. special speech & dinner after Isha Prayer. Children's Arabic lessons Sat. 15-minute walk from Aonami Line Inaei Sta. Nagoya, Minato-Ku, Zennan-Cho 33-3. Phone: 090-3251-5381

★**Nagoya Union Church** - Join with Christians from many countries for worship & fellowship in English. Bible studies, small groups and Sunday school also available. Sunday worship at 16:00 at Kinjo church near Shinsakae and Takaoka stations. Email: sun4pm@nagoyaunionchurch.com Website: <http://www.nagoyaunionchurch.com/>

★**New Testament Grace Church** - An interdenominational Bible-based spirit-filled focus on Jesus' finished work and His Grace, to see people set free from addiction and find rest. 5 min. from Nagoya Sta. Worship Service Hour - Sun. 14:00 - 16:00 Friendly atmosphere. <https://www.ntgrace.com/>

★**The IMMANUEL Christian Fellowship** - evangelical fellowship welcomes Filipinos and English-speaking people. Lively praise & worship songs, Tagalog & English sermon and Bible story lessons for Japanese speaking kids. Worship service 13:00. Contact Pastor Solito at 090-8540-8260 or visit www.icfnagoya.org

★**The Japan Mosque** - We warmly welcome all visitors from any background who wish to learn about Islam. The doors of our mosque are open to everyone. Phone: 0120-119-770; Website: www.alislam.jp



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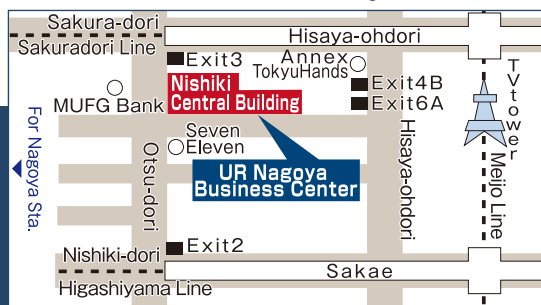
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