Know Your City Newsletter 2023 September



Book Recycle

Free Giveaway of Unused Books!



Aiai Center

Gender Equality Promotion Division

23 436-8704

Past issues of magazines will be given away from the Gender Equality Promotion Center's Mirai Book

Time: October 11 (Wednesday) from 1330. *Bring a bag for magazines, or a backpack, etc. Capacity: 20 people (lottery)

Number of Magazines: 5 magazines/person **can only take 3 copies of the same magazine. **Location • Applications:** Floor 5 of Aiai Center, Kobitomachi 29, Wakayama City ∓640–8226. Wakayama City Gender Coexistence Promotion

Division. Personnel responsible for magazine

recycling.

Civic Library

Wakayama Civic Library 2 432-0010

Old books will be given away from the civic library.

Time: November 03 (Friday) 9:30–15:30 (maximum length) % Groups of people will be shuffled through at around 30 minute intervals. Order of entry will be decided in order of applications. Please bring the returned postcard from your application, a piece of ID with your name & address, and bags for carrying books. After all applicants have entered to receive books, there will be time for free drop-ins (the event will end when there are no more books). Details will be announced on the library website in late October. Capacity: 400 people (first come first serve). **must be a resident of Wakayama City

Number of Books: 10 books/person *No magazines or children's books. Books will not be restocked.

Location • Applications: Wakayama Civic Library, Byobu-cho 17, Wakayama City = 640–8202. Personnel responsible for book recycling.

Application

Entry must arrive by return postcard by September 20 (Wednesday)

[Sending side] ①postal code ②address ③full name 4 furigana 5 phone number

[Returning side] The applicant's ①postal code 2address 3full name *limited to 1 person per family.

Application

Apply by September 30 (Saturday) (postmark deadline) via postcard **(Sending side)** ①postal code ②address ③full name ④furigana ⑤age ⑥phone number (for those who want to arrive in the afternoon, please write "⑦午後" (afternoon))

(Returning side) The applicant's ①postal code ②address ③full name *1 person per family. Multiple applications are not accepted.

Seeking Tenants for Public Housing

Contact: Wakayama Prefectural Housing Corporation 2 494–7471

Location	Housing Type	Layout	Floor	Vacan- cies	Monthly Rent (¥)
Kitajima	General	3 DK	1	1	23,900~45,200
Yakushubata	General	2 LDK	4	1	28,300~55,600
Kada Jogasaki	General	2 LDK	3	1	24,100~41,200
Mukai	Parent-child proximity housing	3 DK	5	1	17,900~31,100
	Catered to the visually impaired	3 DK	1	1	18,900~35,000
Raburi Matsue	Designated public rental housing	3 LDK+ 1 K	10	1	88,000

Applications (first come first serve): Submit the application sheet between Sep 15 (Friday), 2023 and February 29 (Thurs), 2024.

Inquiries and Applications: Wakayama Prefectural Housing Corporation (Floor 1 of Sakachika Building, Jusanbancho 30) ☎494 · 7471 ※Find more details from Wakayama Prefectural Housing Corporation's homepage.



Wakayama • Sainan 40th Friendship City Anniversary

Citizen Photo Contest

We are accepting photo submissions of Wakayama City for a photo contest between Wakayama and Sainan City, China. The photos will be exhibited and judged in Sainan, from which the winner will receive a special product.

Inquiries: International Affairs Division \$\mathbb{A}435-1010

Theme: Scenery of Wakayama City that you want to share with citizens from Sainan City. **Applicability:** People living, working, or studying in Wakayama City **regardless of

photography experience
Submissions: Apply through the application form between September 1 (Fri) and October 31 (Tues).

Submission requirements: Must be a photo taken within Wakayama City. We cannot accept prints, but only digital data.

*Find more details on the city website (ID:1051068)





Sainan City (Shandong Province, People's Republic of China) Looking over the Yellow River to

the north, and bordering Mount Tai to the south, Sainan City is the heart of politics, economics, and culture in Shandong Province. With numerous springs, the city is a famous tourism destination known for its picturesque landscapes.

Deadline for Tax and Insurance Payments (Oct 2, Mon)

National Health Insurance (period 4) National Health Insurance and Pension Division

2435-1214

Nursing Care Insurance (period 4) Nursing Care Insurance Division

2435–1334

Advanced Elderly Medical Insurance (period 3)

Insurance General Affairs Division 2435-1062

Any missed payments?

FY 2023

Fixed Asset Tax (period 1/2)

Municipal and Prefectural Residence Tax (period 1/2)

Light motor vehicle tax (all periods)

The payment deadlines have already passed. Delinquent charges may apply in certain places, so if you have missed the deadline, please pay as soon as possible. Inquiries: Tax Revenue Division

2435-1038

FY2023 Residence • Land Statistical Survey

This survey will analyze foundational and important information regarding living. It is a large-scale survey covering 3,400,000 households across the entire country. From early September, surveyors will visit each district of the target regions, and confirm residential information. They will also distribute questionnaires to chosen households, so please be sure to answer.

The survey information will only be used for statistical purposes.

Planning and Policy Division **☎**435–1325

FY2024 Process for Entry into Elementary School

Entry Process for Elementary Students of Foreign Nationality

OTarget: Children born between April 2, 2017 and April 1, 2018.

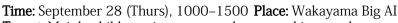
Educational Support Division 2435-1139

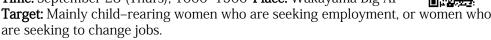
School entry consultation for children suspected to have a disability

The appopriate school, or the Educational Support Division ₹435–1139

Social Events

2023 Womens Job Support Fair





Details: Joint company interviews with 30 companies that are actively employing women within Wakayama City. There will be various venues, including an Employment Support Seminar for Women.

※Free childcare space (reservation required) Application: Application required in advance. Drop-ins are permitted. Apply from the QR code. Inquiries: SENSYU AD Co., Ltd. **2**072 • 437 • 9530

The 44th Citizen's Culture Festival

Enriching culture through citizen participation

PTNA Sound Sketch Piano Concert:

"Composing the World"

Date: September 10 (Sunday) 1300~, 1830~

Location: Wakayama–Jo Hall, Small Hall Cost: 1,500 yen

The Song Champion Contest: Wakayama City Cup

Time: September 24 (Sunday), 10 AM~**Place:** Wakayama–Jo Hall, Grand Hall Cost: Free

*The dates are subject to change.

Host: Wakayama City • The Citizen's Culture Festival Planning Committee

Inquiries: Culture Promotion Division 2435 • 1194

Health

Preventing food poisoning from anisakis

Anisakis larvae resemble white strings from 2 to 3 cm in length, and can be found in the organs of various mackerel, pacific saury, skipjack, squid, and sardines. If you eat fish infested by anisakis in a raw/undercooked state, you may suffer from food poisoning. If you suspect that you have food-poisoning from anisakis, immediately seek assistance at a medical facility.

Symptoms:

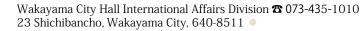
After eating fish infested with anisakis larvae you may experience the following symptoms:

- Several hours, or tens of hours after, you may feel extreme solar plexus pain, nausea, and vomiting (acute gaster anisakiasis).
- · Several tens of hours after, you may feel extreme hypogastrium pain, and inflammation of the peritoneum (acute intestinal anisakiasis) Prevention Tips
- Buy fresh fish, and immediately remove the organs.
- Do not eat the organs raw.
- Visually observe the fish, and remove any larvae.
- Cook (to 60 degrees Celsius for 1 minute, or 70 degrees and above.)
- Refrigerate the food (at a temperature of -20 for over 24 hours).

*Anisakis larvae will not die simply by treating or curing food with vinegar used for every day cooking, or adding wasabi and soy sauce.

Inquiries: Healthy Lifestyle Division **☎**488 • 5111





Are you prepared for natural disasters?

Advisory Level Advisory Level

Early emergency information

- Mentally prepare yourself for the possibility of a disaster.
- Confirm recent meteorological information via television, radio, and the internet.

Confirm water levels in real time from Wakayama Prefecture's homepage





Heavy rain, flooding, hightide warnings. Confirm your own evacuation plan.

- Confirm evacuation shelters and routes through Wakayama City's Disaster Preparedness Map.
- Ready your emergency preparedness bag.

Advisory Level

Vulnerable groups, including the elderly, should evacuate from dangerous areas

- Evacuation information will be distributed by the city via the Disastér **Emergency Alert** System, email etc.
- Confirm evacuation information as needed through easy to access sources.



Advisory Level

Evacuation order

• Everyone must evacuate from dangerous locations.

Be sure to evacuate by advisory level 4!

Advisory Level

Emergency safety measures

There is a risk of death. **Immediately** ensure your safety.



Emergency Timeline Example

Reconfirm my evacuation route using the disaster

Frequently confirm meteorológical information through tv, etc.

preparedness maps.

Begin preparations to evacuate (confirm I have my mother's daily medicine)

My wife and child begin evacuating with my mother, who needs extra time to evacuate.

I also begin evacuation.



Find models and methods regarding how to create a timeline on the city website (ID:1034861). Please create your own disaster preparedness action plan and ready yourself in the case of an evacuation.



Confirm disaster information via email



Wakayama City Disaster Information Email To register, send a blank email to the following address:



▶touroku@bosai-mail.city.wakayama.wakayama.jp

*For those with spam email settings, please ensure that you can receive emails from:

osirase@bousai-mail.city.wakayama.wakayama.jp



Confirm disaster information via phone

Wakayama City Disaster Preparedness Phone Directory Service

☎ 0120-077-199 (toll-free)

Accessing information

Receiving accurate information when preparing for disasters is indispensable. When you must evacuate, please utilize meteorological information from the television, radio, internet, and the Disaster Emergency Alert System.

FY2023 City-sponsored Japanese Language Classes for Non-Native Speakers (2nd Term)

The City of Wakayama will be offering Japanese language classes to non-native speakers, who live or work in Wakayama City.

(Description) There are 15 classes per course.

Introductory Course	This course begins with hiragana and katakana.	
	This course is for people who can read and write	
Beginner	hiragana and katakana. It is the continuation of the	
Course	FY2023 (1st term) Introductory Course, however,	
	previous completion is not required.	

Location	Wakayama City Hall, 7 th floor briefing room (記者会見室)		
Fee	Free (but you must purchase your own textbook)		
Textbook	"Nihongo 45 Jikan"; "Nihongo 45 Jikan Renshucho"		
	*You can purchase the texts online or at bookstores.		
Teacher	Professor Terumi Masuno		
Schedule	From October 2023		
Time	Introductory Course: Tuesdays, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM		
	Beginner's Course: Thursdays, 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM		
	※ No class if Tuesday or Thursday is a holiday.		
Capacity	20 people per course		
	*If the class has not reached full capacity, you can join		
	anytime throughout the term.		

[Schedule]

Introductory Course (Tuesday)		
Oct	10, 17, 24, 31	
Nov	7, 14, 21, 28	
Dec	5, 12, 19	
Jan	9, 16, 23, 30	
Beginner Course (Thursday)		
Oct	5, 12, 19, 26	
Nov	2, 9, 16, 30	
Dec	7, 14, 21	
Jan	11, 18, 25	
Feb	1	

<Inquiries and</p>
Applications > Wakayama
City Hall, International
Affairs Division 23,
Shichibancho, Wakayama
City 640-8511 TEL:
073-435-1010
E-mail: kokusai
@city.wakayama.lg.jp

[Application Method] Please apply by method ① or ②.

- ① Scan the QR code to the right, and apply online.

 *Please bring your Residency Card (在留力ード
 / Zairyu Card) with you on the first day of class.

 https://logoform.jp/form/fKMM/70120
- ② Apply in person at the International Affairs Division (Wakayama City Hall, 10th floor) with your residence card (在留力ード / Zairyu Card). Those who will continue to take courses as a continuation of the 1st term are **not** required to resubmit an application form.



