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No Smoking While Walking "It's a New Ordinance Now."

路上喫煙防止条例について

In order to protect the safety of pedestrians Kawasaki City has enacted the rule that bans people from smoking while walking on the pavement or street.

The chance of causing cigarette burns or setting clothes on fire by cigarettes to fellow pedestrians is high in crowded areas around stations.

This rule was enacted to reduce this danger. Breaking the rule leads to being given a fine. This smoking rule will be in force in the areas of 5 stations in Kawasaki City. The areas are Kawasaki Station, Musashi-kosugi Station, Musashi-mizonokuchi Station, Saginuma Station and Shin-yurigaoka Station.

These are crowded stations where are lots of people getting on and off trains. People who are seen to be smoking while walking in these areas will be asked to put out their cigarette. If they don't follow the warning then a fine will be imposed. The rule applies to non-Kawasaki citizens as well as Kawasaki citizens.

The rule will start from April 2006. There will be a period of publicity to inform people about the new rule and then from October 2006 fines will be imposed.

Along with this new rule there is also the rule about throwing away empty cans, chewing gum and cigarette butts on the street. Throwing these kinds of things on the street will also lead to a fine. Both these ordinances on smoking and litter are enacted to help promote good manners in public.

Kawasaki City aims to stress the importance of not smoking while walking in order to reduce injuries to others and the importance of not throwing away rubbish on the street.

For more details on this topic please call the SHIMIN-KYOKU CHIIKI SEIKATSU-KA (Regional Living Section of the Citizens Bureau) at 044-200-3716.

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Tama Hills Walk Map

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多摩丘陵散策マップについて

This map, jointly developed by the three cities of Kawasaki, Yokohama and Machida, shows ramblers or walkers the attractive points of the Tama Hills.

The map is A-3 sized and in color which shows the greenery and villages in the Tama Hills area. It points out the route for a 4 km course that begins when you get out of Tsurukawa Station on the Odakyu Line. From here the course leads through Okagami District (Asao Ward in Kawasaki), Miwa District (Machida), Jike District (Aoba Ward in Yokohama) and Hayano District (Asao Ward in Kawasaki). It should take you about 2 and a half hours to walk the course of the Tama Hills straddling the borders of the 3 cities.

There is an abundance of natural greenery in its valleys as well as temples, shrines, ancient burial mounds and so on.

This map was developed as part of a plan to promote the beauty of the Tama Hills as well as help citizens realize what they have near them. The plan initially started when representatives of Kawasaki, Machida and Yokohama gathered for a meeting in August 2003 on how to protect nature in this area.

The map was produced with the cooperation of Wako University while illustrations were done with the help of the Art Department of Wako High School.

Along the course you can see a watermill, stands where you can buy fresh vegetables, a charcoal maker's hut as well as other sights.

The map is freely available at the ward Offices and park offices of throughout Kawasaki City.

The three cities are planning to hold a joint ramble event along the Tama Hills in March.

For more details on this map please call the RYOKUSEI-KA (Department of The Environment Bureau at 044-200-281.

the Asia Festival.

アジア交流催し物の紹介について

The Asia Festival will be held around the Kawasaki Station area from March 4th to March 7th.

"Music Town Kawasaki, Asia Music Festival" featuring Japanese, Korean and Chinese musicians will be staged on the 4th and 5th by the Executive Committee formed by Kawasaki City and the other organizing groups.

The main stage for the event will be the Muza Kawasaki Symphony Hall. It will start at 5:30 pm on the 5th of March. The Chinese traditional instrument performer Wu Ru-Jin who is famous for the ending theme song of the TV drama YOSHITSUNE will appear at the concert. The multi-musical-genre playing Okinawa born Artist, Mr. ISAMU SHIMOJII is also scheduled to perform.

On the 4th and 5th of March, Asian folk musicians as well as musicians who are actively based in Kawasaki will be performing free live concerts in 3 different locations around Kawasaki Station such as LA CITTADELLA.

As well as music there will be held an "Asian Festa" related goods and products, organized by the Kawasaki City Industry Promotion Foundation. They will be sold from stalls and wagons set up by large business facilities and shopping mall's stores around the Kawasaki Station area from the 4th to the 7th of March.

For more detailed information please call the person in charge of the City Sales Promotions at the Citizen's (SHIMIN-KYOKU) Bureau at 044-200-2477.

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