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The 92nd Japan Track and Field National Championship

「第 92 回日本陸上競技選手権大会」について

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This four-day meet is the pinnacle of track and field competition in this country. As such it also serves to determine who will represent Japan at the Beijing Olympics in August, so people all over these islands will be watching the competition with considerable interest. And it's going to happen at our own Todoroki Athletics Stadium from Thursday June 26th through Sunday June 29th.

On each day of the meet, two hundred people, or eight hundred people in total, will have the chance to watch the games for free. Here's how you can apply for a ticket:

First, get a return postcard; in this country they are called ŌFUKU HAGAKI (往復ハガキ). Up to two people can apply for tickets on one such card. Write on it which day you want to attend; you can choose any day from the 26th to the 29th. Then write on it the name, address, age, and phone number of each person who is applying on that card. On the return portion of the card write down your own name and address, or that of whoever will serve as the contact person. Send the whole thing to: Kawasaki City Board of Education, Sports Division, postal code 210-8577. Make sure you get it postmarked by Monday the 9th of June. That's not far away, so don't delay!

For more information you can call the Kawasaki Board of Education, Sports Division, known as the KYŌIKU I-IN KAI SPŌTSU KA (教育委員会スポーツ課); their phone number is 044-200-332



Contest for New Music Instruments

(350) 「全国手づくり楽器アイデアコンテスト '08 作品募集」について

If you've got a fresh, new idea for a novel sort of musical instrument, or if you've thought of a way to recycle everyday items into a way to make music, then enter your idea in the ZENKOKU TEZUKURI GAKKI AIDEA KONTESUTO, which we could loosely translate as the "All-Japan Handmade Instrument Idea Contest."



There are two main divisions in the contest: one for handmade instruments, and one for illustrations of imaginary instruments.

The handmade-instruments division has two sub-categories. There's a Children's Instrument Division, in which contestants of junior high school age and younger will use recycled items in the construction of their instruments. And there's a Regular Division, in which anyone can enter a new and never-before-seen type of musical instrument which they have put together. For either one, contestants submit an application form and a video recording (on mini-DV or VHS tape) of a musical performance on their instrument.



For the "Dream Instruments" division contestants will submit a drawing of their instruments: something they think might actually be created in the future, or something they'd like to see made today, or just

something they dreamed up. The drawing should be on A4, octavo, or quarto-sized drawing paper, and may be drawn by hand or printed out by computer. (“Octavo”-sized drawing paper is about 27 by 38 centimeters, and “quarto” size is about 38 by 54 centimeters.)

All contestants please attach the application form to the back of the materials they are sending in.

Whatever the division, all materials must be postmarked by Tuesday the 30th of September, and mailed to: the Council for the Promotion of “Kawasaki – City of Music”, postal code 212-8554.

For more information you can call the aforementioned Council, known as the “ONGAKU NO MACHI : KAWASAKI” SUISHIN KYŌGI KAI (「音楽のまち・かわさき」推進協議会) in Japanese; their phone number is 0 4 4 – 5 4 4 – 9 6 4 1 . Or you can call the Citizens’ and Children’s Affairs Bureau, Citizen Cultural Affairs Office, called the SHIMIN – KODOMO KYOKU SHIMIN BUNKA SHITSU (市民・子ども局市民文化室); their phone number is 0 4 4 – 2 0 0 – 3 7 2 5 .



The Tamagawa Fireworks Feastival

(351) 「市制記念多摩川花火大会」について

Held every summer to commemorate the incorporation of Kawasaki City, this fireworks display is happening this year on Saturday August 16th.

Under the slogan “Paint Your Feelings Across the Summer Night Sky”, the festival is now seeking individual sponsors who want to entrust their message of happiness or support to the fireworks.

People who live in, work in, or go to school in Kawasaki City are eligible to become sponsors. The price of one message is fifty thousand yen.

Sponsors get their name and their message announced at the festival site and written in the festival pamphlet, and a pair of tickets for the sponsors’ section for viewing the fireworks.

To apply please send an application form by mail or in person to: the Economic and Labor Affairs Bureau, Commerce and Tourism Division, postal code 210-8577. Applications must reach the Division by Monday, June 23rd. That’s coming up soon, so don’t delay!

If you have further questions you can call the aforementioned Division, which is called the KEIZAI RŌDŌ KYOKU SANGYŌ KANKŌ KA (経済労働局産業観光課) in Japanese; their phone number is 0 4 4 – 2 0 0 – 2 3 2 9 .

Consulting Services for Foreigners on Visa and Others (Free of Charge)

Gyouseishoshi Lawyer Organization is offering the consulting services for foreign residents as the followings. Please feel free to come and consult what you are worrying about now.

Contents of Consultation: Visa problem, Extending period of Stay, Changing status of residence, Naturalization, Permanent visa, Long Term resident visa, Certificate of eligibility, International marriage/divorce, Extraordinary permit of residence by minister of Justice, Establishing a company/branch of foreign company, getting licenses for business, etc.

Date & Time: 3rd Sunday from 2:00pm-4:00pm Place: Kawasaki International Center

Please call 044-955-6657 (Urata Office) or 044-811-2436(Takeshita Office) for further information.



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