

# Smoking on the Street Banned in Kawasaki



路上喫煙の防止に関する条例について



A city-wide regulation against smoking on the street went into effect in April of this year.

In order to protect pedestrians from being burned by other people's cigarettes, this ordinance bans smoking on the street anywhere in the City of Kawasaki.

The areas around Kawasaki Station, Musashi-Kosugi Station, Musashi-Mizonokuchi Station, Saginuma Station and Shin-Yurigaoka Station have been designated as priority areas for enforcement. In these priority areas, anybody found smoking outside of designated smoking areas will be liable for a fine starting in October. A person found smoking on the street may be given a warning, given directions to the nearest smoking area or ushered to the smoking area. If the person ignores this guidance and continues smoking, that person may be given a nonpenal fine of 2000 yen.

For more information about this ordinance please call the Citizen Affairs Bureau, Community Affairs Department (the SHIMIN-KYOKU CHIIKI SEIKATSU-KA) at 0 4 4 - 2 0 0 - 2 2 8 4.

# Expanded Counseling Services for Foreign Residents

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外国人の相談窓口の増設について

In addition to the consultations already provided at the Kawasaki International Center, counseling for foreign residents of the City of Kawasaki will now be available at the Kawasaki-ku Ward Office and Asao-ku Ward Office. Advice on daily living and problems will be available in several languages. The service is free. The schedule for the various locations is as follows:

## **Kawasaki International Center:**

Chinese: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays

Tagalog: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Spanish: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

English: Monday through Saturday

Korean: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Portuguese: Tuesdays and Fridays

Counseling on all days is from 10 to 12 am and from 1 to 4 pm.

## **Kawasaki Ward Office:**

Chinese: first and third Tuesdays of the month, 2 to 4:30 pm

Tagalog: first and third Wednesdays of the month, 9:30 am to noon

English: first and third Thursdays of the month, 2 to 4:30 pm.

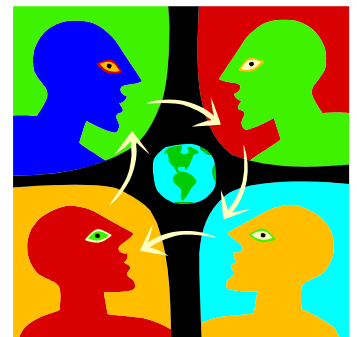
## **Asao Ward Office:**

Chinese: first and third Tuesdays of the month, 9:30 am to noon

Tagalog: first and third Wednesdays of the month, 2 to 4:30 pm

English: first and third Thursdays of the month, 9:30 am to noon.

For more information please call the Kawasaki International Association at 0 4 4 - 4 3 5 - 7 0 0 0.



# Changes to Garbage Collection in Kawasaki City



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来年4月からごみの収集が週3日になる

Starting in April 2007, ordinary trash will be collected three times a week in Kawasaki City, not four times a week as it is now. This change will help even out the garbage collectors' work load through the week and make for a more efficient garbage collection system.



In addition, the way to separate your trash is going to change: envelopes, cake boxes, and similar office paper or light cardboard will go into a new 'mixed paper' category and be collected separately from ordinary trash. Furthermore, the number of garbage collection trucks will be reduced by about 20 percent.

These changes are part of an effort to reduce the number of garbage incinerators used and decrease the amount of rubbish disposed of in landfills by the City of Kawasaki. Your cooperation in making these changes is appreciated.

There will be leaflets distributed to every house in Kawasaki City explaining the new schedule and new rules, and presentations will be made at community meetings across the city. And you'll be able to find information on the new system on Kawasaki City's own home page.

For now you can direct questions about the upcoming changes to garbage collection to the Kawasaki City Environment Protection Bureau's waste management policy office (the KANKYO-KYOKU HAIKIBUTSU SEISAKU TANTO) at 0 4 4 - 2 0 0 - 2 5 5 8.

## New Counseling Service

New Counseling Services for non-Japanese will start in October, 2006 at the two ward offices. The same services will continue to be provided at the Kawasaki International Center. The schedule of consultation services are as follows:



### Asao Ward Office

### Kawasaki Ward Office

Language	Day	Hour	*	Language	Day	Hour
Chinese	Tuesday	9:30-12:00	*	Chinese	Tuesday	14:00-16:30
Tagalog	Wednesday	14:00-16:30	*	Tagalog	Wednesday	9:30-12:00
English	Thursday	9:30-12:00	*	English	Thursday	14:00-16:30

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