"A wish for studying in Japanese language school ••• " What is student visa? To acquire foreign language, students are commonly recommended to go to a country where the language a student wishes to study is spoken as the first language. Everyone staying in Japan has are in the best environment for learning Japanese language. Would you like to learn it more for your living in Japan? **Q** One of my friends wants to study Japanese Q How can I apply for student visa? language in Japan. What should we do for him **A** Generally your school is responsible to enter a Japanese Language School? for application of student visa. Please First we recommend him to have a student Α contact your school for the details. visa. This visa covers students who want to study in vocational schools like high school and college. Ω I came to Japan 1 month ago. Is it possible to enter Japanese Language School though I am Q When can I get student visa? not good at Japanese? **A** It takes 3 month for visa procedure till Α Many schools comprises courses based on Immigration Bureau informs you the visa students' language skills. For those who cannot examination result. If you are granted, understand Japanese at all, teacher who can Immigration Bureau issues "Certificate of speak their language often takes charge. Eligibility" which you have to submit to Recently many volunteer groups hold Japanese Japanese Embassy or consul in your language class which is another way for you to country in order to have student visa. study Japanese. Q How much is tuition fee? Q What kinds of classes are there? **A** In case of 20-times-lesson course of Α Each of Japanese language schools "Arc-Academy", entrance fee - ¥10,500, lesson provides unique classes. In Ikebukuro, fee - ¥64,000 and text material fee - ¥4,000. For "Arc-Academy" (03 - 3590 - 0740)intensive Japanese language course, lesson fee comprises various courses including is ¥168.000 for 3 month. So it is important to full time course for 3 month, regular choose course which suits your living and group lesson held in 1 or 2 times in a effectively learn Japanese language. week, intensive Japanese language course, course for Japanese Language • For more detail for free Japanese Proficiency test and academic course. Language class, please contact Q Is there free Japanese language class close by? "Fujimino International Cultural Α The followings are held by volunteers: "Fujimino Center Japanese Class" (049 – International Cultural Center Japanese Class", "Fujimi 256-4290) which introduces you Circle", "Miyoshi Japanese Japanese Class", Japanese class close by. "Kamifukuoka Japanese Class" www.ficec.jp/foreign/

• The past "Information Fujimino" are available on line.

Nursery schools has began to accept application for the Heisei 20th year.

In Fujimino city, application for nursery schools is accepted from December 4th. Applicants should be children living in Fujimino city whose guardian is not able to look after due to his/her work or sickness. However, in some cases, only limited number of applicants is granted.

Application form is available at every nursery school, Child-rearing support division and Ooi General Branch Child-rearing Division. For guardians who had to wait for application in the Heisei 19th year, please apply newly.

● Application Date: December 4th/5th 9am - 6pm Uenodai · Kasumigaoka Nursery Please bring your child(ren) with documents.

December $11^{th}/12^{th}$ 9am – 7pm Ooi General Branch, the second building Please bring your child(ren) with documents.

● A list of nurseries: Uenodai nursery, Kasumigaoka nursery • Taki nursery • Nishi nursery • Shinden nursery • Kamekubo nursery • Tsurugaoka nursery • Ooi nursery, Tanpopo nursery, Fujimino Nakayoshi nursery • Kasuga nursery • Kaze-no-sato nursery • Yuzuriha nursery • Mugikko nursery

Fumjimi city and Miyoshi town also call for nursery application. For more information, please

Fingerprints are scanned at entry into Japan from November.

In order to prevent terrorist attacks like disaster occurred on September 11 in U.S.A, this new entry procedure has been applied. When foreigners are at entry examination, their thumbs of both hands are required to be fingerprinted by machine. Rejecting this procedure results in ineligibility of your entry into Japan. This information will be used in criminal investigation too.

☆ Information from Health Center Please check mixture, store and usage of powdered milk

Recently, World Health Organization and International Food and Agriculture Organization announced objectives for safety in mixture, store and usage of powdered milk.

For mothers who use milk, main points are described as below.

- 1. Clean and disinfect the place where you use powdered milk!
- 2. Wash your hands with soap before you use powdered milk.
- 3. Wash and disinfect baby bottle and utensils.
- 4. Use hot water boiled over 70°C for the mixture of powdered milk.
- 5. Keep the milk cool by water and iced water in a bowl till it becomes about body temperature.
- 6. Confirm the milk is not hot before you give it to baby. You can drip it or put the bottle to your arm.
- 7. Do not give baby remaining or old milk. Make new milk every time when you give baby.

Event of "Meeting of parents, bringing up with children" for December and January

Foreign mothers joining this meeting are pleased to have many nice friends. There are events held in December and January. Please do not hesitate and join us to enjoy together.

- December 11th Oyako de Christmas ! Fujimi City
- January 24th Delicious International communication (3rd)

Sometimes above schedule might be changed. Please contact us in advance: Phone **049-256-4290**

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• Living Guidance translated in 6 languages is available.

