

What is PTA ?



Here are answers to common questions raised by parents

One of activities performed by Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center is life consultation. Recently, we have increasing number of queries about children's school life. This time, we focus on PTA which parents commonly ask about.

What kinds of activities does PTA do?

Depending on schools, there are various events. To give you one instance, PTA is in charge of conducting school events like athletic day, resource collection, parent-child environmental maintenance, parent-child activity, bicycle class, first aid class, PTA library, PTA health training.

What is PTA?

PTA derives from Parent Teacher Association which is in every school generally. Educational-related people as guardians and teachers join to PTA by their will. The word, PTA is used in U.S.A, Canada, Britain and Japan. The association aims at beneficial activities for school and all of school children.

How is the association consisted of?

Joining and withdrawing is free. Using a example of primary school, PTA consists of chairman, vice-chairman, meeting of grade committee chairman (committee chairmen of Grade 1 to 6), special committee meeting (Library section, child-rearing section, meeting of grade committee chairman, child-rearing party etc), meeting of head branch officers, account, account inspection.

Is it obliged for all guardians to join PTA?

Since this association is arbitrary, you do not have to join it. Joining and withdrawing is free. But there are some schools which do not have such association.

How much does PTA fee cost?

Most of PTA collect fee used for association management. Amount of the fee depends on schools, but normally it is hundred yen per a month.

A person on the board of PTA wants to quit. What should be done for withdrawing?

Regular officer's term is 1 year, but there are some members who continue participating PTA continuously. Since officers are chosen from members, in some cases officer can resign by negotiation.

Is meeting of PTA held in every month?

Frequency of the meeting also depends on PTA you belong to. However, meeting includes regular meeting, periodic meeting of chairman, general meeting, meeting for events. In special committee meeting, there are more meetings held for their purpose.

How can I have details of PTA's activities?

PTA provides newsletter to inform guardians about their activities. Through it, all guardians can know what kinds of school events child(ren) participate, so they need to check the newsletter always. There are some activities held for other purposes than school study which is also important for children.

I have heard less people want to be PTA officers. Do those officers work as gratis volunteers?

Yes, it is because everything is arbitrary. They make great efforts into children's healthy growth.



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Do you know a system of “Saitama Prefecture Multicultural Real Estate Agent”?

This system is managed by Saitama Prefecture, Department of Policy and Planning, International Division. Its registered shops provide residence consultation to foreigners for free. They also help foreigners to move into rental houses. In the registered shops, you are able to find sticker of “Multicultural Real Estate Agent”. In addition, for foreigners who cannot manage Japanese language well, telephone interpreting service of 8 languages supported by help desk is available at the registered shops (English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Thai). In Saitama, currently the number of consultation for foreigners exceeds 200 cases. More than its half has reached to contract. If you have any concerns for residence, please refer to a list of the registered shops on Homepage of Saitama Prefecture, International Division. <http://www.pref.saitama.lg.jp/A02/BQ00/sumaisupport.htm>



Living Reuse

Have you read newsletter of Fujimi city, Fujimino city and Miyoshi town? In newsletter, there is always classified section for reuse. If you find any necessary things from the newsletter, please contact Public Information Division of your city office. Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center can also help for it. Let's use resources and money more efficiently.

Let's run with family for exercise!

The 38th New Year Joumon Marathon

Date 14/1/2008
(Public holiday) held even if it rains

Place Midukokaiduka Park
Event General 5・10, Girl 5, Junior high school boys/girls, Primary school boys/girls, 2, pair of Parent-child 1, Joumon 5 events (Parent-child, child(ren) under 4 Grade primary school)・kilometer unit

Application In Fujimi city gymnastic association secretariat & City gymnastics, there is application form which you need to fill in and submitted with fee.

Fee Adult ¥700, Under Junior high school ¥300, Joumon 5 events are ¥100 for a pair of parent-child (Additional ¥100 on application on that day)

Please introduce to your friends.

List of Japanese class

Please tell the following classes to your friends who are not able to handle Japanese language well yet.

1.Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center Japanese Language (Place is same/049-256-4290)

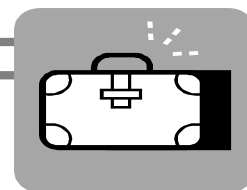
2.Kamifukuoka Japanese Language Class (Kamifukuoka West Community Center /049-266-9501)

Ooi Japanese Language Class (Ooi Central Community Center / 049-261-0648)

Fujimi Japanese Language Center (Tsuruse West Communication Center / 049-254-0715)

Miyoshi Japanese LanguageClass (Fujikubo Community Center/ 049-258-0690/Chikumazawa Community

Center/049-259-8311)



A new law for lost articles has been implemented since December 10.

1. So far, when lost article is collected in police station, police tried to find its owner and kept the article for 6 month. But the term was changed into 3 month due to the new law.

2. It is accessible to have information for lost articles on Internet.

3. Ownership of articles, which contains personal information as mobile phone, cannot be given to anyone.

For detail, please see Police Department Homepage [<http://www.npa.go.jp/>]

www.ficec.jp/living/

Living Guidance translated in 6 languages is available.