

Day Care Center (Hoikuen) & Nursery School (Hoikujo)

How are they different? What is Taiki?



The Second Number: Answers for questions raised by parents who wish children's healthy growth

Following the Issue: January, Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center introduces you some queries related to children's life. In this month, Day Care Center and Nursery School are focused. For more information, applicants need to contact public office or child-rearing support division.

● Are Day Care Center (Hoikuen) and Nursery School (Hoikujo) are same?

We can regard them same. Booklet of public office, too, indicates them as "Hoikuen" (Hoikujo)". However, at general, they are distinguished by place they locate. Most likely, we can say Day Care Center (Hoikuen) is public and Nursery School (Hoikujo) is private. In Fujimi City, there is nursery school called "Fujimino Hoikuen" even though it is public.

● How are they different from Kindergarten (Youchien)?

Booklet explains Hoikujo(en) is for family whose parents cannot well take care of their child due to work or illness. Under the Child Welfare Law, Hoikujo(en) is permitted to look after children instead of parents. So early childhood education is not available at Hoikujo(en).

● What is "Taiki"?

"Taiki" is a term used for applicants who wait for entry into Hoikujo(en) to be admitted. Whereas public offices give efforts to admit all applicants, there are applicants who were not permitted due to some reasons and wait for another chance.

● From when is application accepted?

Applicants, who want to enter from April, have to decide entrance date & Hoikujo(en) within 1 month (November to December) and submit an application form.

● Is it possible to enter Hoikujo(en) halfway?

Yes, it is possible. However, a month earlier than your entrance date (Entrance date is 1st Monday of a month), application documents must be submitted no later than by 10th of each month..

● Who can apply for entrance?

There are various conditions for applicants. Applicants need to fulfill one of the following conditions from ① to ⑦ or they are not able to look after child even if family members like grandfather and grandmother live together.

- ① Guardians who work outside over 4 hours per a day, over 4 days per a week.
- ② Guardians who constantly work other than housework at home.
- ③ Mother who is pregnant and cannot take care of child (7~8 weeks before childbirth)
- ④ Guardians who have sickness, injury or mental/physical disorder.
- ⑤ Guardians take care of family member who is ill or has mental/physical disorder.
- ⑥ Guardians who encounter natural disaster like earthquake and restore their living environment.
- ⑦ Guardians who fulfill one of above (①~⑥) and have another reason for difficulty in taking care of child.

● What are documents to be submitted?

You are required to submit "Maternity Record Book" and bring your child together. Also there are about 12 sorts of documents including application form. For more detail, please contact public office near you. You can also contact us, Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center.

● Which division of public office is in charge?

Fujimi City • • • child-rearing support division
Fujimino City • • • child-rearing support division
Miyoshi Town • • • child family division

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