

There are lots of enjoyable activities at public facilities.

A group activity at public hall or exchange center can help you find friends or hobbies easily.

The public hall and exchange center are bases of the free activity by citizen. The person who wants to learn and the person who teaches get together there and expand the wave of exchange.



If you want to learn Japanese culture, expand the range of hobby or find friends, why don't you go to a public hall or exchange center and join a suitable group activity.

Ms. Sharon

who joins "SEISAIKAI" at Oi Central Public Hall, Fujimino-city

Ms. Sharon Wan wanted to start something new since she came all the way to Japan. Then she joined the painting club "SEISAIKAI", which is a group activity at Fujimino-city's Oi Central Public Hall, through Ms. Ishi who is the head of the Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center. Though only six months had passed since she started the club activity, she submitted the work to an exhibition. I had an impression that her painting told a lot about her character with gentle strokes. Ms. Sharon said "The club activity is enjoyable and impressive for me. I speak only English. However, I can spend an enjoyable time with members of the group. It's wonderful!"



Ms. Sylvia from Germany

Under the spell of WADAIKO (Japanese drum)

Germany woman, Ms. Sylvia came to Japan in April last year. She is a keen student of Japanese class at Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center. She wanted to be exposed to Japanese cultures since she came all the way to a longed-for place, Japan. She is absorbed in playing Wadaiko (Japanese Drum) lately. "The sound of Wadaiko is unique. I want to play Wadaiko together." With such a feeling, she decided to join the Wadaiko club "Fukuoka Daiko". She plays Wadaiko by means of gestures. Another international cultural exchange is just about to begin!



Information of two cities and one town area's group activities

= There are many fun activities at public hall/exchange center. =

- Fujimi-city... Tsuruse public hall 049-251-1140 Nanbata public hall 049-251-5663
Mizutani public hall 049-251-1129 Fujimino Exchange Center 049-251-2791
- Fujimino-city... Kamifukuoka public hall 049-261-6678
Kamifukuoka-nishi public hall 049-266-9501 Oi central public hall 049-261-0648
- Miyoshi town... Central public hall 049-258-0050 Chikumazawa public hall 049-258-0019

www.ficec.jp/foreign/

● The back numbers of "Information Fujimino" are available at online.

Contents of the activities

You can do what you want to do. If you don't have the confidence to join the activity, please consult with Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center. We explain the activity to you.

Municipal public hall or exchange center prepares brochure containing information of the citizen's group activities. Here is a brochure made by Tsuruse-nishi public hall, Fujimi-city. The details are as follows:

☆ Music	Chorus・Karaoke・Piano・Shakuhachi(bamboo flute)・Folk song・Ocarina・Music appreciation
☆ Art	Picture・Japanese traditional painting・Picture on a kite・Ceramic art・Calligraphy・Penmanship・Cloisonne ware・Stained glass・Engrave a seal・Photograph
☆ Learning	Paleography・Reading of English book・English conversation・Toy Hospital・PC learning・Speech・Sign language・Japanese learning・Child-care information exchange・Penmanship・Calligraphy・Reading club
☆ Nursing Care	Rehabilitation
☆ Japan	Haiku・Tea ceremony・Cooking・Game of go・Shogi・Magic・Handicraft・Kimono
☆ Sports Recreation	Yosakoi Naruko Dance・Stretching・Qigong・Chinese shadow boxing・Sports blowgun・Karate・Eurythmics・Social dancing・Table tennis・Exercises・Dancing・Rhythm exercises・Hula dance・Round dance・Recreation dance・Hiking

The thing about summer feature is a yukata and the star festival

Kamifukuoka star festival will be held around Kamifukuoka Station on August 8th (sat) and 9th(sun). If you are interested in Japanese culture, this is the best event for you. Before the festival, we will have a class of "How to put on a yukata" and photo session. The class will start 30 minutes before finish time of the Japanese class. Please come and join on August 6th.

● **Date & Time:**
August 6th (thu) 10:00~12:00

During the summer vacation, let's join FICEC's CHILDREN CLUB.

If you want to study hard, the summer vacation is the best time for studying. FICEC's Children Club will have time for Japanese and homework for elementary and junior high school student. It will be held on every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, from July 18th to August 29th, from 10:00 to 12:00. It will be closed on August 13th and 15th.



Fujimi/Kawagoe toll road has become free of charge since August 1st.

The road called "Fujimi-Kawagoe toll road" has become free of charge since 0:00 a.m. on August 1st (sat). Please drive carefully because the tollgate is as it is.

■ **A ban on riding bicycles with two young children aboard has been lifted** •• Bicycles that meet certain safety criteria are available from about 60,000 yen. If a bicycle does not satisfy the standards, riders can be fined; however, they will only be given warnings until the authorized models become widespread.

■ **If riders ride a bicycle with an open umbrella, they can be fined up to 50,000 yen** ••• Even if you fasten umbrella to a bicycle's handle, you will be punished with a fine.

Correction and Apology
Some errors have been found in the July issue. As for information of fireworks display, the date should be corrected as follows:
Asaka Citizen's Festival 「SAIKASAI」 : 8/1(sat)
Koedo Kawagoe Fireworks Display: 7/18(sat)
Higashimatsuyama Fireworks Display: 8/29 (sat)
We apologize for any inconvenience caused by them.