

# Minamiboso

Announcements for December 2014

English Version

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## Announcements

### 2014-15 Breast and Cervical Cancer Screenings

If you have not had breast and cervical cancer screenings this year and would like to, please apply to the Health Support Division.

To find medical facilities that perform each of these examinations, please contact the Division.

#### **Breast Cancer Screening**

**Performed until:**

January 31, 2015

**Who:** Women over 30

#### **Cervical Cancer Screening**

**Performed Until:**

February 28, 2015

**Who:** Women over 20

\*After applying to the city, please make an appointment and get the examination soon. If you would like to change medical institutions, please contact the Health Support Division.

**Contact:** Health Support Division (TEL: 36-1152)

### Notice of Nursing Care Insurance Benefits

Notices listing nursing care insurance benefits received between August 2013 and July 2014 will be mailed out in late December.

The notice includes companies that were paid, documents pertaining to services, costs of services, etc. This notice is only meant for keeping records. You do not need to do any paperwork after receiving it.

**Contact:** Health Support Division (TEL: 36-1152)

### Reserve the 2015 Farmers Almanac

- Farming Journal (Nougyou Nisshi) - ¥1,400
- Family Journal (Famirii Nisshi) - ¥1,400
- New Farm Family Calendar (Shin-nouka Reki) - ¥440

**Reserve your copy by phone by December 25.**

**Contact:** Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries Division (TEL: 33-1071)

### Childcare Allowance and Public Pension Benefits

Previously, those who were qualified to receive public pensions were not allowed to receive Childcare Allowances. However, under the new revised law, those who receive public pensions and who qualify for childcare allowance of a higher amount can receive benefits in the amount of the difference.

#### **What is a Childcare Allowance?**

The allowance helps pay childcare costs for single-parent households and families with parents that have certain disabilities. Household income must also be under a certain limit for a family to qualify.

#### **Cases in which Families can Receive Childcare Allowance Under The New Amendment Include:**

- Grandparents who are raising young children but are only receiving a small retirement pension
- Single-father households that only receive small bereavement welfare benefits
- Single-mother households where the father died after

the divorce and the children receive only small bereavement welfare benefits

If they apply by March 31, 2015, families that meet the requirements for childcare allowance on December 1 will receive those benefits starting with the December 2014 payment.

To receive an application, contact the Social Welfare Division.

**Contact:** Social Welfare Division (TEL: 36-1153)

## Drive Safely This Winter

Our slogan: "End drunk driving in our town."

December 10 to 12 is the Winter Safe Driving Initiative.

At the end of the year there are many occasions when people drink alcohol, but you must never drink and drive. Let's end drunk driving with the mantra: "Drunk Driving: I won't do it. I won't let you do it. And there is no excuse for doing it."



## Now Recruiting

## Experiencing Forest Therapy

Come experience forest therapy.

There will be a session for business people as well as a general session for anyone who wants to experience the forest. The business session is for people who want to use forest therapy for tourism-related business and will explain forest therapy more in-depth.

### General Session:

December 6, 2014 and January 22, 2015

### Business Session:

December 9, 2014 and January 22, 2015

**Time:** 9:30AM-12:00PM

**Check-in:** 9:15AM at Taibusa Nature Park Public Parking Lot Information Center

**Capacity:** 10 people per session (Reservation needed)

**Fee:** ¥100

**What to bring:** a drink, easy to move in clothes and shoes, rainwear that allows the use of both hands, backpack

**Contact:** Taibusa Shounen Shizen no Ie (TEL: 33-4561)

## Minamiboso Fureai Walk

Get better acquainted with Minamiboso by participating in the Minamiboso Fureai Walk. Maybe you'll find something new to love about the city while walking around.

**When:** December 14

Starts at 9:30AM (Will continue in light rain.)

**Meeting Place:** Maruyama Local Branch Office

Course: Maruyama Local Branch → Nichiun-Ji Temple → Rosemary Park (lunch) → Maruyama Local Branch (approximately 11km total)

\*Children of elementary school age and younger must be accompanied by a guardian.

**Participation Fee:** Free

**What to Bring:** box lunch, drink, towel, rain gear, etc.

To Apply: Submit your address, name, and phone number by phone or fax.

Deadline: December 10

Contact: Lifelong Learning Division (TEL: 46-2964 FAX: 46-4059)



## Free Consultation

## Human Rights Counseling

Members of the Council for the Defense of Human Rights are available to counsel anyone with problems related to family, marriage, discrimination, or bullying. December 6 to 10 is Human Rights Week. This month, in addition to giving consultations, there is a "Road to Understanding" initiative to increase awareness of human rights issues.

### When and Where

#### ◆ Temporary Human Rights Centers (1-4PM)

- Dec 8 - Maruyama Community Center
- Dec 11 - Shirahama Local Branch Office
- Dec 12 - Tomiura Genki Club
- Dec 16 - Miyoshi Rural Community Improvement Center

#### ◆ Permanent Human Rights Center (10AM-4PM)

**Dates:** Dec 3, 4, 10, and 11

**Where:** Chiba District Legal Affairs Bureau, Tateyama Branch

#### "Road to Understanding"

**Date/ Time:** December 5  
Starting at 10:30AM

**Where:** The Odoya stores in Chikura and Maruyama

**What:** Members of the Council for the Defense of Human Rights will distribute pamphlets and other materials.

**Contact:** Citizen Registration Division (TEL: 33-1051)

## Wedding Counseling

Counseling for couples planning to get married

**When:** December 5

10:00AM-12:00PM

**Where:** Chikura Preventative Care Center

**Contact:** Social Welfare Council (TEL: 44-3577)

## Legal Counseling

Counseling for divorce, inheritance, etc.

**When:** December 25

1:00-4:00PM

**Where:** Tomiyama Community Center

**Contact:** Social Welfare Council (TEL: 44-3577)

## Issues in Daily Life

Counseling daily life issues

**Time:** 1:30-4:00PM

**Dates in December:**

- 12/8 - Maruyama Community Center
- 12/10 - Tomiura Genki Club / Chikura Preventative Care Center
- 12/12 - Tomiyama Community Center
- 12/17 - Shirahama Health and Welfare Center / Wada Local Welfare Center
- 12/19 - Miyoshi Health and Welfare Center

**Contact:** Health and Welfare Council (TEL: 44-3577)

## Financial and Consumer Counseling

Get counseling on debt management.

Place complaints about products and services.

**Time:** 10:00AM-3:00PM

## Dates in December:

2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19 and 25

\*An appointment is needed for in-person consultation. You will be given a location for the consultation when the appointment is scheduled.

\*For consultation over the phone, call the Commerce and Industry Division's Spending and Lifestyle Consultation phone number: (33-4300)

**Contact:** Commerce and Industry Division (TEL: 33-1092)

## Forum on Government Administration

Give us your opinions and requests regarding national administration including pensions, insurance, etc.

**Time:** 1:30-4:00PM

**Dates in December:**

- 12/8 - Maruyama Community Center
- 12/10 - Tomiura Genki Club/ Asai Administration Center
- 12/12 - Tomiyama Community Center
- 12/17 - Shirahama Health and Welfare Center/ Wada Local Welfare Center
- 12/19 - Miyoshi Rural Community Improvement Center

\*On other dates, you may call the Administration Complaints Hotline at 0570-090-110 (Ministry of International Affairs and Communication, Chiba Administrative Evaluation Secretariat. The hotline is open weekdays 8:30AM-5:15PM.)

**Contact:** Secretariat Division (TEL: 33-1002)

## Tax Counseling

Consultation on any kind of taxes and bookkeeping. Appointment required.

**When:** December 16

10:00AM-3:00PM

**Where:** Certified Tax Accountants Association, Tateyama Branch (Tateyama City, Hojo 1076)

(TEL: 33-1002)

## Free Notary Public Services

Meet with a notary public and draw up documents including wills, adult guardianship forms, Do Not Resuscitate forms, and divorce papers. Appointments are required.

**When:** December 9

1:00-4:00PM

**Where:** Tomiura Genki Club

**Contact:** Tateyama Notary Public's Office

(TEL: 22-5528)

## Nursing Care Individual Consultation

Discuss nursing care, nursing insurance, etc.

**Time:** 1:30-4:00PM

**Dates in December:**

- 12/5 - Tomiura Genki Club
- 12/15 - Tomiyama Community Center
- 12/25 - Miyoshi Rural Community Improvement Center

**Consultants:** Workers at the the Regional Comprehensive Support Center

\*Please call ahead of time.

**Contact:** Regional Comprehensive Support Center (Naibou Area)

TEL: 20-4060

### Concerned about Paying back Loans?

You can pay off your debts if you take the right actions. Discuss your debt with a specialist consultant and, if necessary, a specialist in law. This service is confidential. Call to make an appointment Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), from 8:30AM-4:30PM (closed noon to 1:00PM).

**Contact:** Chiba Office of the Treasury  
(TEL: 043-251-7830)



### Events

#### Tomiyama Tsunami Evacuation Drill

There will be a tsunami evacuation drill for Kushi, Ichibu, Takeuchi, Takasaki, and Koura districts.

**When:** December 7 at 8:30AM

**Where:** Each area's designated evacuation site

**Contact:** Tomiyama Local Branch (TEL: 57-2511)

#### Wada Hometown Beautification

**When:** December 7

**Where:** The whole Wada district

**Contact:** Wada Local Branch (TEL: 47-3111)



### Doctors on Duty on Holidays and Sundays in December

**Awa Regional Medical Center**  
(Phone: 25-5111) admits emergency patients  
24 hours a day, everyday.

The following is a list of other medical facilities open on certain holidays and Sundays.

#### December 7 (Sunday)

Hirano Ophthalmology (Tateyama) 27-3636  
Tojo Hospital (Kamogawa) 04-7092-1207

#### December 14 (Sunday)

Tateyama Hospital (Tateyama) 22-1122  
Hana no Tani Clinic (Chikura) 44-5303

#### December 21 (Sunday)

Kyonan Hospital (Kyonan) 55-2125  
Hana no Tani Clinic (Chikura) 44-5303

#### December 23 (Tuesday)

Kamogawa City Kokuho Hospital (Kamogawa)  
04-7097-1221

#### December 28 (Sunday)

Tateyama Hospital (Tateyama) 22-1122  
Katsuyama Clinic (Kyonan) 55-2138

#### December 30 (Tuesday)

Kamogawa City Kokuho Hospital (Kamogawa)  
04-7097-1221

#### December 31 (Wednesday)

Tateyama Hospital (Tateyama) 22-1122

#### Blood Drive

**Date:** December 8

**Time / Place:**

10:00-11:00AM / Shirahama  
Community Center

2:00-3:30PM / Chikura  
Health Preservation Center

**Contact:** Health and Welfare  
Center (TEL: 36-1152)

#### Population Trends (as of November 1, 2014)

\*(parentheses) indicate change  
from the previous month

**Total Population:** (-13) 41,148

**Males:** (-5) 19,772

**Females:** (-8) 21,426

**Households:** (+2) 17,303

**Births:** 16

**Deaths:** 55

**Moved in:** 93

**Moved away:** 67





Childcare Support Center  
Honobono

(Phone: 40-5111)

Here are some events for the month of November. Events for which a location is not written will be held at the Childcare Support Center Honobono (Minamiboso City, Shushigayatsu 1289-13).

**Niko Niko Play Area**

Hours: 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM. Closed Sundays, Mondays, holidays, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

At Niko Niko Play Area, parents and children can play, mingle, and make friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Our staff can also discuss any childcare-related issues you may be having.

The Play Area is for children from newborn to 4 years old.

**Niko Niko Playroom Class**

Learn about activities that are suitable to your child's age. These include games, books, and more.

**Capacity:** Up to 10 pairs/ families per class

**Registration Deadline:** The day before

Age	Date	Time
2 months - old enough to sit up	Dec 2	9:45-10:45AM
Born April 2, 2013 - crawling age	Dec 3	9:45-10:45AM 11:00AM-12:00PM
Born April 2, 2012 - April 1, 2013	Dec 5	
Born April 2, 2011 - April 1, 2012	Dec 9	
Born April 2, 2010 - April 1, 2011	Dec 10	

**Birthday Party**

This is a birthday party for children born in December. Children outside of Niko Niko Play Area's age range can also attend.

**When:** December 26 - Starts 11:30 AM

**Registration Deadline:** December 25

**Relaxing with Tea**

We will be waiting with tea, coffee and sweets. Feel free to drop in. (¥100)

**When:** December 26. 10:00AM-12:00PM

**Baby Day - The 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Every Month**

Mothers with babies can meet and mingle.

**Christmas Party**

Hear a Christmas concert by local musicians.

**When:** December 15  
10:00-11:30AM

**Where:** Shirahama Floral Hall

**Registration Ends:** December 8



**Family Fitness**

Learn how to get moving and play ball games with your kids.

**When:** December 17  
10:00-11:00AM

**Where:** Tomiyama Community Center

**Who:** Children old enough to walk

**Capacity:** 15 pairs/ families

**Registration Ends:** December 12



**Learn about the Parent-Child Bond**

This is a course for pregnant women, their husbands, parents, and other family members. The goal of the course is to promote good prenatal health. The course has 4 parts, and one lecture is given each month.

**When:** December 18 - 1:00-3:30PM

**Topic:** #1 - How to Spend Your Time During Pregnancy

**Registration Deadline:** December 16

**Learn about Baby Food**

This course will discuss weaning, baby food, and more.

**When:** December 16; 9:45AM-12:30PM

**Who Should Attend:** Parents with children who have just started, or will soon start eating baby food

**Registration Deadline:** December 9