

Minamiboso

Monthly Kouhou Newsletter

English Version



Education Day Activities.....2
2013 Minamiboso Financial Report.....9

Eco News.....13
Staying Healthy.....16
Public Property for Sale.....19

The 43rd Minamiboso Road Race in Chikura

Asai Eriko, Japan's female representative in the marathon at the Seoul Olympics, was welcomed as a guest runner at this year's Minamiboso Road Race. Together, these runners dashed through the streets of Chikura for a 10 kilometer course.

October 2014

Issue No. 103

November 15 is Minamiboso Education Day

The third Saturday of November has been designated as Minamiboso City's annual Education Day. It is a day for citizens to play a main role in enriching the city's education system by thinking about the importance of education and the future of Minamiboso's school systems.

This year, various Education Day activities will occur through various from November 1st to 16th. The city would like the people of Minamiboso to attend these events, which will take place at elementary and middle schools, and include musical concerts and classes open to the public.

There will also be cultural festivals held at community centers that will feature the work being done by local clubs. (For details, please see page 7.)

As in the past, activities for the central regions of Minamiboso will be held at Reinan Middle School (Old Maruyama Middle School). They will take place on November 15 and have "dietary education" as their main theme. There will also be a "School Lunch Restaurant" where you can try food directly from certified farmers and merchants who work to make Minamiboso's school lunches the best in Japan. (For details, see pages 7 and 8.)

In the afternoon of the same day, there will be a lecture presented in collaboration with the Local Resource Recycling Division. Yasui Takashi from Imabari City in Ehime prefecture will be speaking about using locally-produced products in school lunches. This lecture is of course for parents who are interested in school lunch and dietary education, but it will also be of interest to anyone pursuing a career related to food and the agriculture, forestry, and fishery industries.

We will be comparing Imabari City's locally-sourced school lunches and Minamiboso's goal of having the most delicious school lunches in Japan

from many angles. It will be a good opportunity to take another look at nutritional education and the use of local produce in Minamiboso.

Education Day Activities in Central Minamiboso

Date and Time: Saturday, November 15

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM (doors open at 10 AM)

Where: Reinan Middle School Gym (Minamiboso City, Kutsumi 2705)

Presentations:

- Presentation of educational awards
- Introducing projects, including 100-letter essays
- Lecture by Takashi Yasui

About Takashi Yasui



Born in Imabari City, Ehime prefecture in 1959, Takashi Yasui got involved in organic farming while studying at university.

In 1983 he started working at Imabari City Hall. As the chief of the

Local Production and Local Consumption Promotion Office in the Agriculture and Fisheries Promotion Division of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Harbors Department, Mr. Yasui worked on many initiatives related to consuming local produce, quality of school meals, dietary education, and promoting organic farming. He has worked as the chief of the Policy Research Office of the Comprehensive Policy Department Planning Division, and is now Tamagawa Branch Office Chief.

Mr. Yasui founded the Ehime Prefecture Organic Farming Research Group, a non-profit organization, in December 1999. In September 2000, the organization got approval from the Ministry of Forestry and Fisheries Production to certify organic

produce under the revised JAS law. Mr. Yasui is the chairman of the organization, and a member of the organic produce certification board.

He will give a lecture on how to go about using local produce in school lunches, and how to promote the idea throughout the town. The lecture will be based around 3 keywords: health, food education, and love for one's hometown.

Mr. Yasui has also coauthored books such as *The Way We Eat Changes the Planet* and *Food Mileage and Eating, Farming, and the Environment*.

Education Day – Activities at Schools

Contact: Childhood Education Division - Phone: 46-2966

Open classroom visitation at pre-schools, elementary and middle schools; assemblies; musical performances; presentations by children, students, parents, and local residents: etc.

*Depending on circumstances, some events may be held outside of the November 1st to 16th Education Day promotional period.

At Middle Schools:

Host	Event Name	Date(s)	Time/ Place	Activities/ Performances
Tomimura Middle School	Culture Course	October 31	Starting 1:30 PM/ Throughout the School	Learn various cultural activities not taught in school
	Tomimura Middle School 50 th Anniversary	November 2	8:00 AM – 4:00 PM/ Gymnasium	Part 1 (Morning)- Student Performances <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir Competition and activities with the Old Folks' Club ● English Speeches ● Integrated Learning Session Part 2 – Memorial Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Speech- "My Tomimura Middle School" ● Japanese Taiko Performance
	Learning through Work Experience	November 6 – 7	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM/ Around the school district	Work experience at local workplaces
Tomiyama Middle School	School Cultural Festival	October 25	1:00 – 2:30 PM/ Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Traditional Dance "Satomi Hakkenden" ● English Speeches ● Choir Performances (Whole School and Each Grade) ● Wind Band Performance
	Education Mini Assembly	October 25	2:40 – 4:00 PM Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Studying Tomiyama: Talking about Tomiyama's Future ● Class Development II
	Learning	November	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM/	Work experience at local workplaces

Host	Event Name	Date(s)	Time/ Place	Activities/ Performances
	through work experience	26– 28	Around the school district	
Miyoshi Middle School	School Cultural Festival	October 25	Starting 9:00 AM/ Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student Presentations (English Speeches, Belgian Visitors, etc.) ● Project Exhibition ● Science Experiment Classroom (by Minamiboso Science Club)
			Starting 1:35 PM/ Miyoshi Farming Village Environmental Improvement Center	Choir Competition
	Putting Knowledge from Class into Practice	November 4	Starting 1:30 PM	Science: 2 nd years- Chemical changes, atoms and molecules Social Studies: 3 rd years- the people and local governments
	Learning through Work Experience	November 5 – 7	Starting 8:00 AM/ Around the school district	Work experience at local workplaces (First year students at agricultural workplaces)
	Parent-Child Garbage Collection	November 8	Starting 8:00 AM/ Around the school district	Parents and children cooperate to clean up garbage in the area
	Health and Puberty	November 13	10:30 – 3:15 PM/ Middle School	Douai Memorial Hospital, Dr. Kamata Special class on life and sexual health
Shirahama Middle School	School Cultural Festival	October 31	10:30AM-12:00PM/ Shirahama Floral Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choirs from each class perform ● Group presentations by volunteers ● Exhibition of Home Ec projects
	Assisting the Disabled	November 12	2:30 – 3:30 PM/ In the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Learn about hearing and sight impairment ● Eye mask activity ● Ways to assist the disabled
	Learning about the Environment	November 14	1:30 – 3:20 PM/ In the school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● What is recycling? ● Being kind to the environment

Host	Event Name	Date(s)	Time/ Place	Activities/ Performances
Chikura Middle School	School Cultural Festival	October 31	11:00AM-3:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Experiences visiting Belgium ● English speeches ● Wind band performance ● School Choir Competition ● Chikura Chorus Performance
	Learning Through Work Experience	November 11 – 13	8:00 AM-4:00 PM	Work experience at local workplaces (2 nd year students)
	PTA Bazaar	November 29	1:30 – 3:30 PM	PTA members sell locally-made goods
Reinan Middle School	School Cultural Festival	October 25	8:00 AM-5:00 PM/ Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choir Competition ● Cultural Activity by the Student Council ● Exhibition of Student Projects ● And more
	Health Supporter 21	November 10 and 12	10:30 AM-3:10PM/ Home Ec. Room	Learn about eating balanced meals and cooking with local ingredients
	Preventing Smoking (Home Education Class)	November 14	2:20 – 3:10 PM/ Multipurpose Room	A lecture by doctors from Takida General Hospital

At Elementary Schools and Pre-Schools:

Host	Event Name	Date(s)	Time / Place	Activities / Performances
Tomiyama Elementary and PTA	Your School, Home, Neighborhood, and You	October 25	10:30 – 10:50AM/ Schoolyard	Dodge ball Tournament
			1:30 – 3:00 PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● PTA Bazaar Children: 1:30 – 1:50 PM Adults: 1:50 – 3:00 PM
	How Prepared are You for a Disaster?	November 20	1:15 – 2:00 PM/ Classrooms	Visits to various classes
			2:20 – 3:50 PM Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assembly Theme: "I can do these things to protect my family from a disaster" Presenter: Risu Andou
Tomiyama Elementary	Open Day (Classroom Visitation)	October 31	8:25 AM-3:10 PM	Open Classes

Miyoshi Elementary and PTA	Open Classes (Classroom Visitation)	November 16	8:20AM-3:30PM	Observe any class
	Home Education		1:30 – 3:30 PM	Learn about Words: 5 th and 6 th graders and their parents will learn how to improve communication and writing skills from a Yomiura Shinbun reporter.
Shirahama Elementary	Children's Assembly	November 7	10:00–11:25 AM	Each grade will give a performance
Chikura Elementary and PTA	Public Orchestra Performance	November 17 ^t	2:00 – 3:20 PM/ Gymnasium	A performance by the Orchestra Asia Japan. "Enjoying Traditional Music in a Modern Way" (Agency of Cultural Affairs Tour)
	Mini Assembly	November 25	1:30-3:30 Gymnasium	Irish Harp Performance Performer: Nagayama Yumiko (?)
Minami Elementary	Minamikko Festival	November 16	8:30AM-12:05PM Each classroom / Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children's Musical Performance ● Parent and child physical education ● Family Dodge Ball Tournament
Maru Elementary	Mini Music Assembly	November 11	10:15 - 10:30 AM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children's Musical Performance
	Classroom Visitation / Harvest Festival	November 15	8:40 – 11:30 AM Each classroom / Gymnasium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Visit any class ● Harvest Festival
Wada Elementary	School Music Pep Rally	November 10	10:30 – 11:15 AM Wada Community Center 3 rd Floor Hall	Elementary and middle school musical groups perform for a pep rally. This is open to parents, guardians, and local residents.
	Public Orchestra Performance	November 18	2:00 – 3:20 PM/ Wada Community Center 3 rd Floor Hall	A performance by the Orchestra Asia Japan. "Enjoying Traditional Music in a Modern Way" (Agency of Cultural Affairs Tour)
Minamihara Elementary	School Cultural Festival	November 8	8:30AM-2:30PM Gymnasium / Each Classroom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local Residents Read Stories Aloud ● Presentations from each grade

Others:

Host	Event Name	Date(s)	Time / Place	Activities / Performances
Minamiboso City Culture Association, Maruyama Branch	Maruyama District Cultural Festival	November 2	9:00AM-4:00PM	Performances by clubs involved in the Maruyama Branch of the Culture Association ● Folk songs, dancing, karaoke, hula, children's songs, harmonica, etc. Exhibition: ● Paintings, calligraphy, flower arrangement, picture letters, etc.
		November 3	9:00AM-3:00PM/ Maruyama Public Hall	
Minamiboso City Culture Association, Tomiura Branch	The 53 rd Tomiura Cultural Festival	November 3	9:00AM-3:00PM/ Tomiura Genki Club	Exhibition of works by Tomiura area clubs: photos, paintings, collages, home town cultural research club, student works, etc.
Minamiboso City Culture Association	Minamiboso Cultural Festival	November 15	9:00AM-4:00PM	Performances by clubs affiliated with the City Cultural Association: dance, karaoke, folk songs, hula, poetry recital, etc.
		November 16	9:00AM-4:00PM/ Shirahama Floral Hall	
The Library	The 2 nd Mini Biblio Battle	November 16	2:00-3:30PM The Library, Home Town Reference Room	This is a communication game in which 1 st year elementary school students introduce books they have read. Participants bring one book and have 3 minutes to describe it. At the end, all of the participants vote on which book they want to read most. The book that receives the most votes wins.

Happening twice this year due to popular demand

Reserve Your Spot today!

School Lunch Restaurant [Autumn]

Koshihikari rice grown from the fertile land and sparkling water of Minamiboso, fresh vegetables grown by hardworking local farmers, seafood caught in the bountiful sea all around us... These are all featured in Minamiboso's locally-sourced school lunches, which have been a school board initiative since 2011.



Our town aims to make Minamiboso's school lunches the best in Japan, and we want you to come and try it for yourself! (The "School Lunch Restaurant" will be held by each school lunch center.)

Asai School Lunch Center

When: November 6 and 7

Where: Chikura Middle School

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Check-In: until 12:40 PM

*Each day only 20 meals will be available!

(First come, first served)



Maruyama School Lunch Center

When: November 15th

Where: Reinan Middle School

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Check-In: until 12:40 PM

*As a special event for Education day, we will be serving 200 meals!

(First come, first served)

Who Should Come: Anyone who wants to try Minamiboso's school lunches

*Seating will become available as finish eating.

Price: ¥300 per meal

How to register: Apply to the Child Education Division by phone.

Registration Deadline: One week prior to the event.

Contact: Child Education Division

Phone: 46-2966



Last year's event

2013 Minamiboso Financial Report

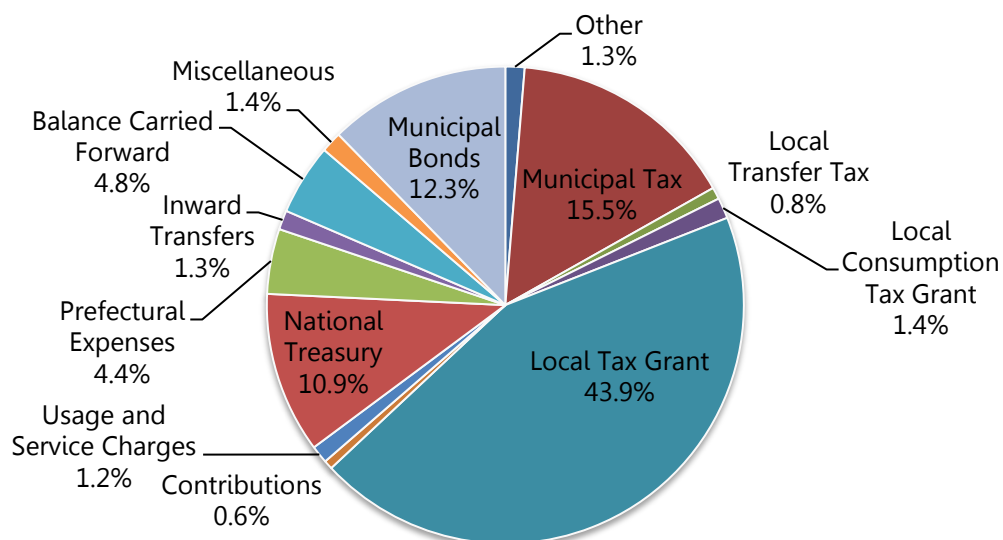
The 2013 Minamiboso Financial Report was approved by the City Council in their September session. This article will focus on general finance, which has a strong connection to road work, public welfare, education, and citizen lifestyle. In 2013, total revenue was ¥25,192,530,000 and total expenditures were ¥23,785,703,000. Compared to the previous year, revenue increased by 8.6% while expenditures increased by 8.1%.

(Unit: ¥1,000 or %)

Account	Budget	Revenue		Expenditures		Funds Brought Forward	Remaining Balance
		Amount	% Budget	Amount	% Budget		
General Finances	25,836,165	25,192,053	97.5%	23,785,703	92.1%	126,797	1,279,553
National Health Insurance	6,798,751	7,088,620	104.3%	6,580,132	96.8%	0	508,488
Elderly Medical Care	501,232	496,968	99.1%	494,868	98.7%	0	2,100
Nursing-care Insurance	4,884,916	4,858,264	99.5%	4,683,209	95.9%	0	175,055
Takida Property Ward	846	847	100.1%	172	20.3%	0	675
Kitamihara Property Ward	2	1	50.0%	0	0.0%	0	1
Minamihara Property Ward	9	9	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	9
Acquisition of Public Land	5,303	5,303	100.0%	5,303	100.0%	0	0
Totals	38,027,224	37,642,0655	99.0%	35,549,387	93.5%	126,797	1,965,881

General Finance Breakdown

Revenue: Municipal taxes totaled ¥3,913,143,000, a decrease of ¥97,000. Municipal tax and fixed asset taxes decreased from the previous year, but with taxes on light automobiles, tobacco, and hot springs increasing, revenue remains largely the same. Furthermore, local tax grants increased by ¥243,291,000 (2.2%), totaling ¥11,062,225,000.

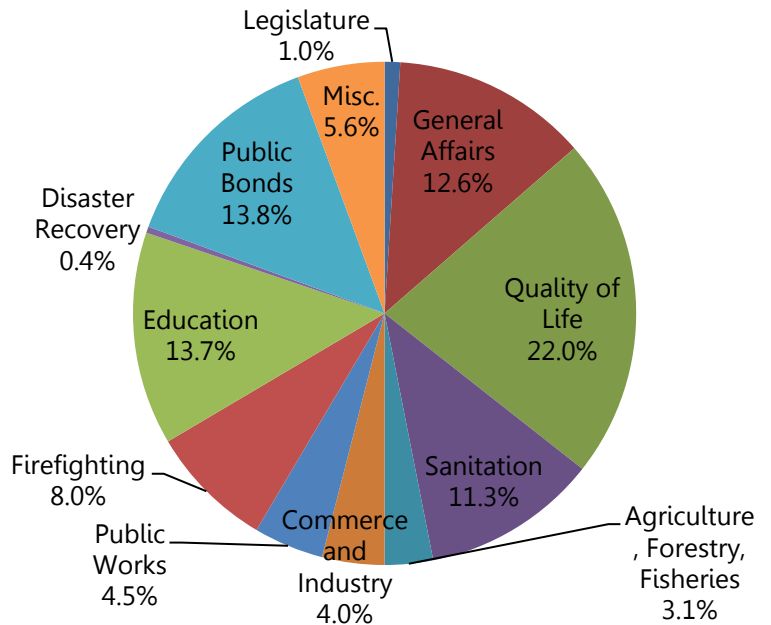


(Unit: ¥1,000 or %)

Category	Revenue	Change from Previous Year
Municipal Tax	3,913,143	-0.0
Local Transfer Tax	211,754	2.1
Local Consumption Tax Grant	355,764	-0.9
Local Tax Grant	11,062,225	2.2
Contributions	163,318	9.2
Usage and Service Charges	312,383	2.7
National Treasury Expenses	2,740,357	88.2
Prefectural Expenses	1,115,845	10.4
Inward Transfers	328,049	-31.2
Balance Carried Forward	1,197,408	-11.4
Miscellaneous Income	361,851	-12.5
Municipal Bonds	3,101,200	23.3
Other	328,756	44.1
Total Year-End Revenue	25,192,053	8.6

Expenditures: Ordinary compulsory expenses increased by ¥190,388,000 (2.0%) over the previous year. Of those expenses, labor costs decreased by ¥158,663,000 (3.8%), while aid and public bond costs increased by ¥86,364,000 (4.1%) and ¥262,687,000 (8.7%) respectively.

Investment costs increased by ¥1,555,010,000 (58.5%) over the previous year. These include: regular construction, preparations for the Tomiyama small-scale special elderly care nursing home (name pending), the disaster prevention administration wireless digital project, Tomiyama Integrated Elementary and Middle School / Combined Preschool and Daycare facilities construction projects, Miyoshi Combined Preschool and Daycare construction etc.



(Unit: ¥1,000 or %)

Type of Cost	Expenditure	Change from the Previous Year
Legislative	239,938	-1.5
General Affairs	2,995,203	-7.0
Quality of Life	5,243,124	10.5
Sanitation	2,686,301	-14.2
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries	731,733	-12.2
Commerce and Industry	943,932	12.1
Public Works	1,065,759	49.8
Firefighting	1,907,181	33.9
Education	3,261,865	61.8
Disaster Recovery	99,364	554.8
Public Bonds	3,269,518	8.7
Miscellaneous	1,431,758	-26.1
Total Expenditure	23,785,703	8.1

Property Currently Owned by the City

● Land	4,544,763 m ³
● Buildings	209,879 m ³
● Funds	¥19,900,005,029

Current Municipal Bonds

General Account

(Unit: ¥1,000)

General Finances	28,649,171
Public Land Acquisition	5,247

Corporate Accounts

(Unit: ¥1,000)

Water Works	2,344,439
Hospitals	7,491

Main Projects of 2013

Disaster Prevention Wireless Digital System	¥801,576,000
Tomiya Integrated Elementary and Middle School / Combined Preschool and Daycare Facilities	¥578,308,000
Miyoshi Combined Preschool and Daycare Construction	¥564,001,000
Tomiya small-scale special elderly care nursing home (name pending)	¥335,815,000

Municipal Tax Collected

(Unit: ¥1,000 or %)

Type of Tax	Final Revenue	% Collected
Residence	1,573,366	92.1
Fixed Assets	1,969,456	87.3
Light Automobile	104,631	92.3
Tobacco	225,641	100.0
Hot Spring	40,049	100.0

*The hot spring tax is used to subsidize hot spring associations and tourism organizations. It is also reserved for a spa revitalization fund.

In April 2009, a law related to recovering public funding for local government organizations was enacted. This law established a system that would publish an index of these organizations' public funds. The goal of this system is to use the figures listed in the index to act quickly in contributing to government

organizations that need help recovering.

The figures that are published are listed below: 1. Percentage of Real Deficit, 2. Percentage of Consolidated Real Deficit, 3. Percentage of Real Public Debt, 4. Percentage of Future Burden, and 5. Percentage of Insufficient Funds.

If one of the early action recovery criteria or management recovery criteria is met, a recovery plan must be made.

In 2013, Minamiboso City remained within all of these limits.

Percentages to Determine if Recovery is Needed

Type of Deficit	2013	Early Action Criteria
1. Percentage of Real Deficit	--	12.73%
2. Percentage of Consolidated Real Deficit	--	17.73%
3. Percentage of Real Public Debt	6.8%	25.0%
4. Percentage of Future Burden	--	350.0%

Insufficient Funds for Water Works or National Hospital Operations

Type of Deficit	2013	Management Recovery Criteria
5. Percentage of Insufficient Funds	--	20.0%

2014 Fiscal Year Minamiboso General Finances Revised Budget

The City Council agreed on the General Finances Revised Budget (6th and 7th revisions) at their September session, and the total amount of for the revenue and expenditures budget was set at ¥24,642,951,000. The 6th revision, which added ¥103,091,000 over all, reduced personnel labor costs by ¥43,857,000, increased school reorganization funds

by ¥37,009,000 for the Miyoshi Preschool building and Old Heguri Elementary School pool and gym, added ¥41,200,000 to update aging school buses and ¥45,079,000 for large-scale repairs to Chikura Ocean Center's pool, and more.

The 7th revision added ¥8,756,000 for disaster recovery funds to repair farmland and roads that were damaged in the severe rainfall on September 11th.

Contact: Budget Finance Division

Phone: 33-1022

No. 82

Eco News

Environmental Preservation
Division 33-1053

October is The 3 Rs Month

To spread public awareness of the 3 Rs, "reduce, reuse, recycle," October is 3 Rs month in Japan. Various environmental activities are held to promote understanding and cooperation in reducing, reusing, and recycling waste.

These Minamiboso Residents took the Green Curtain Challenge

The city gave out goya and cucumber seedlings for free to local residents and elementary and middle school students to encourage participation in the Green Curtain Challenge, a program that helps save energy in the summertime. Here we will feature all of the participants who have shared their accomplishments with us.

Try the Green Curtain Challenge yourself next year!



S-san from Tomiyama

"I planted goya in the ground and in shelves in front of and inside my garden to catch the western sun. It grew so many I could pick them every day."



M-san from Maruyama

"I think my first curtain was a success. I put the plants next to a net, and they grew along it beautifully. They were potted plants, so watering them was tough."



Tetsuo Mori from Wada

"I planted my curtain to the west of my house. On days when the wind was strong, I tied the vines down tight with rope. I watered them with my wife at morning and night. We got 11 goya."



Mitsuda Keiko from Chikura

"The leaves didn't get very big and left gaps. It didn't really become a green curtain."



S-san from Wada

"This was my first time planting goya. Overall, the leaves didn't spread much, but I enjoyed watching them grow."



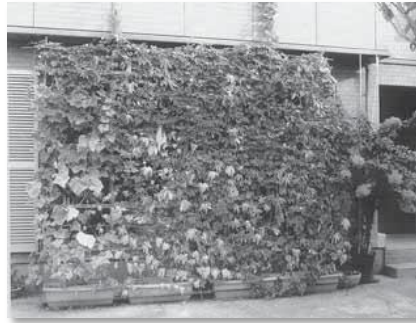
Isamu Kurihara from Shirahama

"Because there wasn't much rain this year, I watered my plants once every two mornings, and gave them fertilizer every day. I also tried growing winged beans, but they didn't grow into a curtain."



K-san from Tomiyama

"I have tried to grow a goya curtain in front of my hot sunroom every year. Over summer break, my kids helped me give the plants fertilizer and water and pull weeds. The curtain reached up to the second floor and made my sunroom green and cool."



Fuyuhiko Nakata

"This is my third year doing this, and every year I've stayed cool. But since they are in a planter, it is absolutely necessary to water them regularly."



Yoshinori Itou from Miyoshi

"Watering goya is really hard, so I used a planter that keeps plants hydrated. Thanks to that planter, my goya grew into a curtain just like they were supposed to."

These Kids Grew Goya and Cucumber Curtains Too



Shirahama Middle School



Reinan Middle School



Wada Elementary School



Maruyama Elementary School

Collecting Vegetable Oil (Cooking Oil) Used in Homes

To Reduce and reuse waste, as well as to fight global warming, we are recycling used vegetable oil (used in cooking) into biodiesel to fuel garbage trucks.

In order to make better biodiesel, we need everyone's help. Make sure to follow the steps listed below and put your oil in a collection box. It will be collected daily.

What to do with used cooking oil:



1) After cooking, filter any dregs out of the oil. After the oil has cooled, pour it into a transparent plastic bottle. (No glass, cans, or cartons.)



2) Put the cap on tight so that the oil does not spill. Write the type of oil on the bottle with permanent marker.



3) Wipe any excess oil off the outside of the bottle, then place the bottle in the collection box.



This truck runs on fuel made from old cooking oil!

Collection Sites

Environmental Preservation Division
Asai Administration Center
Each Regional Branch

Staying Healthy

Childhood Dental Health

Baby teeth (a.k.a. milk teeth) start to come in about 6 months after birth, with the bottom-front teeth generally appearing first. This is when you start brushing your child's teeth, and in order to teach them good lifelong dental hygiene, it is important to get them in the habit early.

But when do adult, permanent teeth come in? The first adult tooth, the "number 1 molar" all the way at the back of the mouth, grows in around the age of 6. Due to the fact that these molars sit lower than baby teeth, it is hard to reach them while brushing and they are the most likely teeth to get cavities. For that reason, it is important to take special care in brushing them.

Tooth brushing is one of many habits your child will have to learn. Make sure to praise them when they brush their own teeth, then do some finishing touches for them.

It is also important to serve your child balanced meals and snacks during this time of growth. Here are several snacks that will not contribute to cavities:

Bananas, apples, oranges, tea, milk, riceballs, vegetables, senbei, niboshi, etc.

Adult Dental Health

70% of people in their 20s, and 80% of people in their 30s or above have gum disease. It can be hard to notice the symptoms of gum disease on your own, and if it gets serious, you may even end up losing teeth.

Please consult the following list. If you have even one of the symptoms, consult your family dentist.

Gum Disease Self-Check List

- Gums bleed while brushing teeth
- Your bite, or the way your teeth fit together has changed
- You notice you have bad breath
- Your gums are receding and you feel your teeth are farther apart
- Your gums are swollen and red
- Sensitivity to cold
- Your teeth feel loose
- Your teeth look longer

Gum Disease Prevention

◆ Brushing and Tooth Care

Brush after eating and before going to bed. Brush thoroughly to remove plaque.

◆ Make Changes to your Lifestyle

Gum disease is considered a lifestyle-related disease. The onset and progression of gum disease is heavily influenced by factors such as smoking, fatigue, stress, not chewing food thoroughly enough, and snacking too much. Brushing your teeth is important, but you must also consider the effect your lifestyle may have on your dental health.

Adult Dental Health Screening

A dental screening for adults is conducted once a year. An examination certificate and screening details are sent to those who have applied. (Because eligibility is determined by age, you will be notified by the end of the fiscal year before you turn one of the target ages.) Those who are eligible and still need to apply should contact the Health Support Division.

Examination Includes: Gum inspection, measuring gum "pockets" for gum disease, cleaning, check for cavities

Dates: November 1 to December 27

Cost: ¥800

Application Deadline: October 31

Eligibility for 2014 Fiscal Year Adult Dental Screening

Age	Birthday
40	April 1, 1974 – March 31 1975
50	April 1, 1964 – March 31 1965
60	April 1, 1954 – March 31 1955
70	April 1, 1944 – March 31 1945

From the Consumer Consultation Service

Financial Troubles Caused by Children Playing Online Games

We have heard many stories like this related to credit card bills: "There was a charge on my credit card that I never made. When I checked it out, I found out that my kid had taken my card and bought items in an online game without my permission."

With the spread of smart phones and internet connectivity features on cell phones and game consoles, online games have become a regular part of life. Following this trend, we have been asked increasingly often about paying credit card charges made for these games. We have even seen cases where the card's credit limit was reached. On top of that, the children who do this are younger and younger.

With online games diversifying, cases with children using credit cards to pay for them are also getting more complex. It is very difficult to resolve these issues. Considering this, it is very important for parents to understand the particulars of gaming platforms, and what their children do with them.

Please check on your child's gaming and have a discussion with them about this issue.

If you have any trouble managing your credit cards, please contact us. We can discuss things to be careful of, and potential precautions to take.

Give us a call

The Consumer Consultation Service,
City Expenditures and Lifestyle
Consultation

Phone: 33-4300

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

*We do in-person consultation twice a week. For details, check the Kouhou notification publication.

For inquiries, contact the Division of
Commerce and Industry (Phone:
33-1092)

Or the Prefectural Consumer Center
(Phone: 047-434-0999)

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

*Not open on Sundays and Holidays

Learn Good Fitness Habits in 6 Weeks "Easy Weight Training Class"

We are all familiar with radio exercise programs and walking, but you need proper form to get the full effect of any workout.

This is a class where you can learn exercises like those and more from a trainer in person. Using whatever exercises suit you, you will learn the habits you need to stay fit. Whether you want to prevent life-style-related, adult-onset disease, or just feel that you don't exercise enough, please join us.

When: 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Where: Chikura Health Preservation Center, 3rd Floor

What: Exercise that anybody can easily use to build muscle (easy weight training) and themed exercises.

We will also measure height, weight, body fat percentage, and blood pressure, and discuss nutrition and rest.

What to Bring: a towel, a drink, indoor gym shoes

Participation Cost: Free

Class Capacity: 20 (This class is mainly aimed at people under 65, but if you are over 65 and would like to participate, please contact us.)

Contact: Health Support Division

Phone: 36-1152

Dates	Theme
November 12	Locomotion Check, building muscle
November 19	Stretches to loosen up, building muscle
November 26	Radio workouts, walking, building muscle
December 3	Exercising with dumbbells, building muscle
December 10	Aerobic exercise, "About Meals", building muscle
December 17	Review and exercising on your own

Emergency Alert Devices Are Available

Household emergency alert systems, including a console and a wireless transmitter pendant, are available to those who are eligible.

Who is eligible: Anyone who is able to press a button, answer a phone and also meets any of the following conditions:

1. Over 65 years of age and live alone
2. Are certified for nursing care level 4 or 5
3. Live alone and have a physical disability notebook of level 1 or 2

Using the emergency alert system:

1. We will install the emergency home alert system console by attaching it to your existing home

phone.

2. In an emergency where you cannot move or reach the phone, press the wireless alert button.
3. Our 24-hour call center will first respond and check on you, then contact your relatives. If necessary, we will call an ambulance.

*The cost of the phone call is the responsibility of the user.

Monthly Cost: The cost to use the system is determined by the user's tax status (for the previous fiscal year).

- Taxed - ¥1,500
- Tax Exempt - ¥100

*For non-tax exempt households, there is a ¥6,300 installation fee.

How to Apply: Fill out the application form and bring it, along with your personal seal, to the Health Support Center, Citizenship Division, Asai Administrative Center, or local branch office to apply. The application form is available on the city website.

Contact: Health Support Division

Phone: 36-1152



Public Property for Sale

Three pieces of city-owned public property (land) will be sold at auction. If you want have any interest in buying this land, please contact us.

Registration for the auction: from Thursday, October 2 to Friday, November 7

Auction Location: Minamiboso City Hall, Annex 1, 2nd floor, Administrative Reform and Budget Finance Division

Auction Date and Time: Friday, November 14, starting at 10:00 AM

Contact: Administrative Reform and Budget Finance Division - Phone: 33-1022

Property for Sale	Land Classification	Area (m ²)	Minimum Price
Minamiboso, Tomiura-cho, Haraoka, Fuji 209-3	Residential	242.22	¥4,798,000
Minamiboso, Tomiura-cho, Haraoka, Fuji 205-4	Residential	360.41	¥7,712,000
Minamiboso, Wada-cho, Shimomihara, Oohara , 393-75	Residential	501.01	¥5,010,000

*Photos in same order as above.



Thank You for Cooperating with the Census of Manufacturers

The Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry carries out the Census of Manufacturers every year on December 31. The aim of this study is to ascertain the current state of the manufacturing industry by directly visiting actively operating plants.

The results of this census are used as the basis for national, prefectural, and local administrative policy as

well as data for corporate and university studies into the industry.

Census workers, who will be carrying credentials, will be visiting industry sites to gather data. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Contents of the census: Number of workers, amount of outgoing freight, inventory, amount of raw materials used, etc.

Contact: Information Promotion Division
Phone: 33-1003



Nathan's Minamiboso Travelogue

Written/ Translated by Nathan Blackwell, Coordinator for International Relations

パンプキン・ショー

オハイオ州にあるサークルビルという小さい町は10月のカボチャの祭りで有名です。地元の農家が育てた巨大なカボチャが審査されますので、パンプキン・ショーと言います。1903年から毎年開催され、もともとカボチャのコンテストしかなかったのですが、祭りはどんどん大きくなりました。今では、アメリカで6番目に大きい祭りで、4日間続けて開催され、毎年参加者は30万人以上来ます。カボチャもとても大きく、史上最高記録は742キロでした。

サークルビルは私の故郷のアッシュビルと近いので、よくパンプキン・ショーにいきました。観覧車などに乗ったり、パレードを見たりしましたが、祭りの一番いいところは食べ物だと思います。な

んでもパンプキンの味付けの食べ物を売っているのです。よく目にするパンプキン・アイスやパンプキン・ドーナツなどもありますが、一風変わっていますがおいしいパンプキン・ピザやパンプキン・バーガーまで食べられます。

私は今年行けませんが、友達とサークルビルをうろち、涼しい秋の空気を感じながらパンプキンを食べてホットチョコレートを飲んだことが懐かしいです。



入賞したカボチャ
The winners' podium

The Pumpkin Show

The small town of Circleville, Ohio, is famous for its October festival based around pumpkins. Because local farmers raise massive pumpkins and bring them to the festival to be judged, it's called the Pumpkin Show. Starting in 1903, the Pumpkin Show was originally no more than just a place to show off your gourds, but it quickly became much more than

that. Now it is the 6th largest festival in the United States and attracts upwards of 300,000 attendees each year over its 4 days of operation. The pumpkins have gotten big too, with the all-time record being 742 kg (1,636 pounds).

Because Circleville is close to my hometown of Asheville, I go to the Pumpkin Show most years. I ride the Ferris wheel and other rides, and I watch a parade or two, but the best part is probably the food. They sell more varieties

of pumpkin-flavored food than you can imagine. They do have the standards, like pumpkin ice cream and pumpkin donuts, but they also have delicious oddities like pumpkin pizza and pumpkin burgers.

Since I can't go this year, I won't be able to wander the streets of Circleville with my friends. I'm going to miss eating pumpkin foods and drinking hot chocolate while feeling the crisp autumn air on my face.

Highway Bus Line from Shinjuku Station to Tateyama

-Tokyo is closer to Minamiboso than ever!-

Prior to this month, the highway bus routes available were the Tokyo Line (27 roundtrips on weekdays, 30 roundtrips on weekends), the Chiba Line (22 roundtrips), and the Yokohama Haneda Line (8 roundtrips). As of October 1st, the new Shinjuku Line (8

roundtrips per day) began operations.

Rates are listed in the table below. However, there is a special discounted fare until March 31st 2015 to commemorate the opening of the line.

For details, go to the JR Bus Kanto website.

<http://www.jrbuskanto.co.jp/>

[topics/20141001-shinjyukutateyama.pdf](http://www.jrbuskanto.co.jp/topics/20141001-shinjyukutateyama.pdf)

Contact: Planning and Policy Division

Phone: 33-1001

Bus Station	Daytime	Nighttime
Highway Oasis Furari	¥2,260 (¥2,460)	¥2,000 (¥2,200)
Tomiuura Biwa Club/ Tateyama Station	¥2,470 (¥2,670)	¥3,000 (¥3,200)

*Prices in parentheses are the regular fare. Small children are half price.

Dumping Garbage is a Crime

The illegal dumping of garbage at roadsides, in forests and mountains, and other places out of the public view is showing no significant decline. This kind of littering is more than just an eyesore. It is bad for the environment because it can cause bad odors and pollution to water and soil.

What is Illegal Dumping?

Illegal dumping consists of throwing away or burying waste in fields, forests and on mountains. It is an act done without regard for others, and is in direct opposition to garbage disposal laws.



For example:

- Loading waste into a truck and throwing it away on an unpopular mountain
- Piling up garbage in a natural area and leaving it there
- Using a dump truck or other heavy machinery to bury waste on vacant land
- Leaving sulfuric acid or other harmful waste in an empty warehouse or disused factory
- Throwing cigarette butts, empty cans, and other litter on the road side

Punishment

Those who have committed the crime of illegal dumping will serve up to 5 years in prison, pay a fine of up to ¥10,000,000 (up to ¥300,000,000 for organizations and companies), or both.

If illegal dumping has occurred on land which you own or manage, and the perpetrator is unknown, you must take responsibility for the disposal of the waste yourself.

Land where the grass has not been mowed, there is scattered garbage, or any land that is not well managed is susceptible to illegal dumping. To make it more difficult for criminals to dump waste on your land, it is important to install fences and cut weeds and grass.

Contact: Environmental Preservation Division

Phone: 33-1053

Burning Garbage Outdoors is Illegal

There have recently been many complaints about neighbors burning garbage. This behavior produces smoke, a foul odor, and is a public nuisance.

With the exception of the farming, forestry and fishing industries, which sometimes have no choice but to do so, burning waste outside is a crime punishable under the law.

Whether you burn garbage in a metal drum, in a hole, or on the open ground, it is illegal. Do not do it. Even the industries that are allowed to burn refuse outside must adhere to limits and rules. This includes taking wind direction, time of day, and surrounding neighborhoods into consideration.

The Red Cross of Japan is Accepting Donations for Disaster Relief

Contact: The Red Cross of Japan, Chiba Prefectural Branch
Phone: 043-241-7531

Tokushima Prefecture Typhoon No. 11 and No. 12

Donations to areas in Tokushima Prefecture damaged by typhoons number 11 and 12 are now being accepted.

Bank Name: Post Bank, Yuucho Bank

Account Number: 00120-7-51364 4

Subscriber Name: 2014 Tokushima Prefecture Typhoon No. 11 / Typhoon No. 12 Disaster Fund (平成26年徳島県台風11号・12号災害義援金)

Deadline: Friday, October 31

Postal Transfer: Transfer fees will be waived. To receive a receipt, write "I want to receive a receipt" (受領証希望) in the appropriate column.

Hiroshima Prefecture Heavy Rain and Landslides

There were many killed and injured in landslides and other disasters caused by the record rain fall in Hiroshima Prefecture on August 19. The damage to the region was severe, with many homes being completely destroyed. Please help by donating to help those who have been affected by this disaster.

Bank Name: Post Bank, Yuucho Bank

Account Number: 00170-6-551099

Subscriber Name: Japan Red Cross 2014 Hiroshima

Prefecture Heavy Rain Disaster Fund (日赤平成26年広島県大雨災害義援金)

Deadline: Friday, December 26

Postal Transfer: Transfer fees will be waived. To receive a receipt, write "I want to receive a receipt" (受領証希望) in the appropriate column.

Heavy Rain in Kyoto and Hyogo Prefecture

Many people and homes were hurt due to the record rainfall in Fukuchiyama City, Kyoto and Tanbaichi City, Hyogo Prefecture. Donations are being collected to help rebuild victims' lives after this disaster.

Please give to this cause.

How to Donate: Post Bank / Yuucho Bank

Account Number: 00160-1-586828

Subscriber Name: Japan Red Cross August Kyoto / Hyogo Prefecture Heavy Rain Disaster Fund (日赤8月京都府・兵庫県豪雨災害義援金)

Deadline: Friday, October 31

Postal Transfer: Transfer fees will be waived. To receive a receipt, write "I want to receive a receipt" (受領証希望) in the appropriate column.

Relief Aid for Ebola in West Africa in 2014

The Red Cross of Japan is taking donations for this cause now.

Name: 2014 West Africa Ebola Hemorrhagic Fever Relief (2014年西アフリカエボラ出血熱救援金)

Write this name on the transfer form.

Bank Name: Post Bank / Yuucho Bank

Account Number: 00110-2-5606

Account Name: Red Cross of Japan (日本赤十字社)

Deadline: Friday, November 28

Postal Transfer: Transfer fees will be waived. To receive a receipt, write "I want to receive a receipt" (受領証希望) in the appropriate column.

**Recruiting Volunteers:
Project to Utilize the Disused Nagao
Elementary School and Preschool**

This project was originally planned to take place from January to March of this year; however, it had to be delayed because a public institution planned to use the site at the same time.

Now that a plan to renovate part of the old school site has been set, we are recruiting volunteers once again. This plan is registered with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology's "Closed Schools Project."

Volunteer Deadline: Friday, November 28

Facility Details:

One-story wooden construction (one section reinforced concrete)

Area of Site: Approximately 9,000 m²

For Details, go to the city website or contact us.

<http://www.dity.minamiboso.chiba.jp>

Contact: Administrative Reform and Budget Finance Division. Minamiboso City, Tomiura-Cho, Aoki 28
299-2492 Phone: 33-1022



Old Nagao Preschool and Elementary School

**"Talk of the Town":
Recent Events in Minamiboso**

Miyoshi Kodomo-En, the new combined preschool and daycare center is open.

In September, Miyoshi Preschool and Miyoshi Day Care combined to become the first combined preschool and daycare in Minamiboso.

With the rapidly declining birthrate and changes in the state of the economy, the social environment surrounding raising children has changed a great deal. Because nuclear families are becoming the standard and households where both parents work are increasing, childcare support has been an important issue.

Due to the decrease in birthrates, if preschools and daycares are separate, it is difficult to create large enough groups of children for activities. To address this issue, city day cares and preschools will be restructured into combined institutions.

Construction on Miyoshi Kodomo-En, which was built next to Miyoshi Middle School, was completed in the end of May. There was an open house for parents and guardians to see the building on July 6. On August 25, the children got to move into and start using the new building.

Miyoshi Kodomo-En officially began its first term on September 1st. School lunch is also prepared for every child enrolled in the school.

Details of the new building:

Location: Akashi 20

Construction: One-story steel structure

Floor Area: 1908 m²

Rooms: Nursery Room (ages 0 to 5), Day Care Room, Kitchen, Play Room, Meeting Room, Counseling Room, Teacher's Lounge



3 Minamiboso Roadside Stations Receive Kanto Roadside Station Awards

Three roadside stations in Minamiboso, Tomiura Biwa Club, Furari Tomiyama, and Wada-Ura Wa-O! , were selected for the "Premium 30" list of the 30 best roadside stations in the Kanto region. Based on the results of surveys, a selection committee determined these stations to be among the best of the 149 such roadside stations in the Kanto region, Yamanashi Prefecture, and Nagano Prefecture. The 2014 Kanto Roadside Station awards were sponsored by the Yomiura Shinbun newspaper with the cooperation of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Regional Development Office, the National Roadside Station Association, and the Kanto Roadside Station Association.

Local Boy Takes 3rd Place in Team Event at Junior Life Saving Competition

The 11th Junior Life Saving Competition took place on the beaches of Iwai this summer. 161 competitors in 15 teams from all over Japan competed to determine the best elementary school life guard in the country. Additionally, in an effort to spread knowledge about life saving, there were also parent-and-child events and a Classic Division in which people 35 and over could compete. As a result, many families turned up at the competition.

Local students represented the Minamiboso and Tateyama region proudly in this contest. Minamiboso's own Takako Tsushima shined in the semi-finals of the Beach Flag Classic competition and Taketaro Tanaka of the Tateyama SLSC Team won 3rd place in the 5th-6th grade division of the Team Taplin Relay.

The crowd of spectators continually applauded the elementary school students' skills, which were even better than those of the adults.

*The Taplin Relay is a relay-style race in which teams of 3 must swim, ride in paddle boats, and run on the beach.



From the left: Tomiura Station Master, Furari Tomiyama Station Master, Mayor Ishii, Wada-Ura Wa-O! Station Master

The October Signboard

The September Press Conference

Held on September 29, the points included:

- Public property up for auction
- Minamiboso City: "The most delicious school lunches in Japan." Certified farmers and stores.
- Consuming locally-produced goods-

Consultation

The Labor Relations Commission -Employment Counseling-

Have you been harassed by a superior, but were ignored when you tried to file a complaint? Were you fired without cause? As an employer, have you received mail demanding monetary compensation for an employee you dismissed? The Prefectural Labor Relations Commission offers services to settle disputes like these, which workers and employers cannot solve on their own.

- We accept cases from both workers and employers.
- Our services are easy to apply for, confidential, and free.

*At the Labor Relations Commission, we want to build a good relationship between workers and employers. We also help settle disputes involving labor unions.

Contact: Chiba Prefecture Labor Relations Commission Secretariat - Phone: 043-223-3735

Regional Comprehensive Support Center -Individual Counseling on Nursing Care-

Please consult with us on questions about nursing care, nursing, insurance, etc. This is a free service.

When:

- November 5, 1:30-4:00 PM at Tomiura Genki Club
- November 15, 1:30-4:00 PM at Tomiyama Public Hall
- November 25, 1:30-4:00 PM at Miyoshi Farming Village Environmental Improvement Center

*Please call to make an appointment.

Counselors: Regional Comprehensive Support Center Workers

Contact: Regional Comprehensive Support Center

(Uchibou District) - Phone: 20-4060
Health Support Division - Phone: 36-1152

Ministry of Finance, Kanto Financial Bureau, Chiba Office

There will be a free consultation service at the Chiba Financial Office. You are not alone in your financial issues. We can help you with:

- Investment Solicitation (Private equity, corporate bonds, funds), black market loans (high interest loans, aggressive debt collection).
- Multiple debts (debt repayment)

Contact: Chiba Financial Office, Financial Division
Phone: 043-251-7214

Work-Related Injury and Occupational Disease

Workplace injuries, occupational sickness, and traffic accidents occur all around us. There are many people suffering from them right now. These people may have chronic fatigue and mental illness brought on by working long hours in hectic jobs.

This consultation service will help victims of workplace accidents get compensation, provide various advice related to work-related injury, and help solve injured workers' issues.

When: November 8, 1:00-4:00 PM

Where: Kashiwa Central Public Hall

Consultants: lawyers, Labor Safety and Health administrators, social workers, etc.

Cost: Free

Appointments: Not needed. Register on the day of the event.

Contact: Chiba Central Law Office
Phone: 043-225-4567

Recruiting Participants

Cigogne – For couples who want to know what they can do now for their future families

These lectures, at the Kameda General Hospital ART Center, are for those hoping to have children.

Attendance is free.

When: November 1, 1:00-4:15 PM

Where: Kameda General Hospital K Tower, Multipurpose Hall Horizon

Program: Lectures-

- "About Sperm and Eggs" presented by Hiraoka Ken'ichiro, ART Center Vice-President, Assisted Reproduction Medical Management Embryonic Cultivation Specialist,
- "A Message from a Woman with Infertility" presented by Akiko Matsumoto, representing the NPO *Fine*.

Following the lectures, there will be a discussion session.

Capacity: 50 attendees

How to Register: Tell us your address, name, phone number, and number that will attend by phone, fax, or email.

Deadline: October 25

Contact: Kameda General Hospital ART Center
Phone: 04-7092-2211
Fax: 04-7099-1287
Email: harmony.art@kameda.jp

Finding Work after Unemployment

We are looking for unemployed people from around the prefecture to participate in this public job-hunting training program.

To be eligible to attend, you must meet the following 3 requirements:

1. Want to find work, and have registered with Hello Work (or will register in the near future)
2. Have not attended a public job-hunting training program like this within the last year (one year before the start of this program)
3. Be able to receive an attendance appointment or attendance recommendation from Hello Work

Lectures: computer, Office Abilities Master [TPS Career College - Participant Limit: 20]

Dates of Program: December 1, 2014 to February 27, 2015

Where: Prefectural Tateyama General High School Fisheries School Building (Tateyama City, Nagasuka 155)

Apply by: November 4

Fee: Free (participants are responsible for textbook costs, etc.)

Contact: Hello Work Tateyama
Phone: 22-2236

- For all other training programs: Chiba Prefecture Commerce Industry and Labor Department, Industry and Human Resources Division
Phone: 043-223-2762

What's the Scoop on Miyoshi? #13 "I want to know more about the Folklore of Masuma"

This is a lecture and open discussion intended to investigate all the charm that Masuma folklore has to offer.

Program:

- An Introduction to Masuma Folklore
- Lectures
- Open Discussion

When: November 22, starting at 1:30 PM

Where: Gallery sfk (Minamiboso City, Shimotakida)

Participation Fee: ¥300

Capacity: 30. Registration will end when this number is reached, so please apply early.

Contact: Conference on Regional Growth, Miyoshi Secretariat (in the Miyoshi Regional Branch)
Phone: 36-1185



Contact: Shirahama Regional Branch
Phone: 38-3111

Minamiboso Folklore

#102: "Otcha"

"Otcha" is a local legend from Takida about the famous warlord Yoritomo.

Long ago, in the 4th year of the Jishou Era (1180 A.D.), Minamoto Yoritomo lost a battle and fled from Manadzuru in Kanagawa to Awa. For a time, he lived in Hiramatsu Castle, but to rise to power again, he secretly left the castle to recruit soldiers. He crossed the mountains of Ebishiki and went north through Chiyohara, coming to Kamitakida.

Yoritomo got thirsty, so he stopped by a farmer's house for some tea. The owner of the house was very kind, and insisted Yoritomo have a second cup. Yoritomo accepted the offer and, as he was drinking it, a group of men trying to capture him passed in front of the house. Whether it was the will of heaven or thanks to the second cup of tea, he narrowly escaped from danger that day.

830 years later, the house where the farmer gave Yoritomo tea is a store named "Otcha." There they continue the custom of making a second pot of tea for customers so they can avoid misfortune.

Events

Mineokayama Open Base Event

When: November 1, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Where: Japan Air Self-Defense Force Mineokayama Sub-Base

Events: Rescue helicopter, Self-Defense Force special vehicles exhibition, anti-aircraft guns show (firing blanks), hula dance, viewing Mt. Atago from 3 different points, etc.

Temporary Parking Lot: Nagasa Academy, Minna no Sato, etc. (follow the directions of the clerks)

Transportation: There will be a free shuttle from Nagasa Academy

Attention: Do not drive directly to the base or bring pets with you. You cannot drink alcohol on the premises.

Contact: Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Mineokayama Sub-Base - Phone: 46-3001

Shirahama Autumn Beach Cleaning

When: October 19

Where: All of the shoreline in the Shirahama area
*Depending on the area, the cleaning may be done on a different day. Please check with the person in charge of activities in your area.

Introducing Local Community Organizations #80

The Isana Morning Market

Representative: Hideaki Kurokawa. Members: 11



“Isana” is the old word for “whale” in Japanese. There is still a small whaling site on the beach in Wada, so we have named the morning marketplace we hold here the Isana Morning Market.

In 2006, Wada joined the other towns and villages in the area to create Minamiboso City. We did not want Wada to lose its spirit, so we started this market in July 2007.

This summer marks the 8th year of the market, which takes place on the reclaimed land by Wada’s fishing harbor every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, starting at 7 AM. (In July and August, it takes place

every Sunday.)

Many things are sold there, including vegetables, fresh fish, flowers, yakisoba, bread, bento, side dishes, and small hand-made crafts.

We held the Isana Festival on the 17th of August. For that event, additional vendors, selling things like bamboo works and marine products, joined us. There was also a stand selling fresh whale meat, which brought a bigger crowd than usual.

We are always looking to get even bigger turnouts at the Isana Morning Market, so any person or group that would like to run a stall here, please get in contact with us.

Representative: Hideaki Kurokawa. Phone: 090-4961-6866

This column aims to support local community organizations in this area. If you know of other groups that are doing great things, please let us know about them.

Contact: Civic Collaboration Division. Phone: 33-1005

Minamiboso MinMin Net address: <http://civil.mbosonetoko.jp/>

**Population Changes as of
October 1st 2014
(Foreign Residents Included)**

Total Population: 41,161 (-31)

Male: 19,727 (-8)

Female: 21,434 (-23)

Total households: 17,301 (-6)

Births: 15

Deaths: 56

Moved in: 74

Moved away: 64

City Website:

<http://www.city.minamiboso.chiba.jp>

Twitter:

http://twitter.com/minamiboso_koho

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/minamibosocity>

Chiba TV Prefectural information:

<http://www.chiba-tv.com/shicho/>

Mobile site:



**QR Code to register for the Minamiboso Safety
and Peace of Mind Alert System:**



*To begin registration, send an empty email.

***Kouhou* Minamiboso August Edition
Published August 14th, 2014**

Published by

Minamiboso City 〒299-2492

Chiba Prefecture Minamiboso City

Tomiura-Chou Aoki 28

Edited by

Secretariat and Publicity Division

Phone: 0470-20-4591

Fax: 0470-20-4591

English translation by

Nathan Blackwell