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This newsletter is a partial translation from the April 10th issue of 'Nishinomiya Municipal Bulletin.'
We will be glad to help you seek further information about events or notices announced here.

NISHINOMIYA BATTERY



The City will implement various projects of "Come, Touch and Experience Nishinomiya Battery" to commemorate 100 years since the Nishinomiya Battery, which is located in Omaehama (Nishihato-cho), was designated as the National historic site in 1922.

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT NISHINOMIYA BATTERY?

Nishinomiya Battery was built in 1866 by the government's naval magistrate, Katsu Kaisyu (designed by Sato Masayasu), as the coastal defense battery in order to protect Osaka Bay against the military threats of foreign countries. In those days (the end of Edo period), batteries were built in coastal areas all over Japan to counter the threats.

The same type of battery was built in Imazu, however, it was dismantled in 1915 and a monument was built.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE PROJECT

[Venue] Nishinomiya Local Museum (15-26, Kawazoe-cho, Nishinomiya)

[Date] July 16 (Sat) to August 28 (Sun)

[Special exhibition] "Building Batteries - Nishinomiya battery and Imazu battery"

[Contents] Stone material, documents of foundation construction, drawings, and diaries of construction site managers in 1863 when construction was commenced.

"Come, Touch and Experience about Nishinomiya Battery"

Several events for children such as a quiz walk, making dioramas will also be held.

For more information, visit the City's website 39751797 (only in JPN).



Sakura FM 78.7MHz "Nishinomiya in-depth information (April)"

Monday 8:30pm Website:54149619

"Link the Nishinomiya Cultural Property to the future" (only in JPN)

[Inquiries] Cultural Asset Management Division (Tel: 0798-33-2074)

BASED ON THE REGIONAL SCHEME FOR HISTORIC AND CULTURAL PROPERTIES, THE CITY IS PROMOTING PRESERVATION AND GOOD USE OF CULTURAL ASSETS IN NISHINOMIYA.



The City selected 10 themes which give easy explanation of characteristics of its history and culture and promote preservation and use of the grouped assets alongside these themes.

The themes are selected from combination of the following (Area) and (Content).

(Area) *Wider theme extended beyond the City

*Theme within the City

(Content) *People *Culture *Craftsmanship

For example,

1) (Wider theme) & (Stone Culture of Mt Rokko and Around Osaka Bay)

"Disturbance at the end of the Edo Period, Defense of Osaka Bay and Nishinomiya Battery"

2) (Theme within the City) & (Craftsmanship)

"Najio Gobo and Najio Paper"

3) (Theme within the City) & (People and Things Going Back and Forth)

"City of 1000 Years, Nishinomiya"

You can learn more about the scheme and themes on the City's website (HP63787736).

Digital Archive for your research of the history of Nishinomiya



Historical data (photographs, precious and ancient documents) of the City's possession are made public.

Message from the City

The Nishinomiya Battery equipped with stone bastille and earthworks is only one existence in Japan. The City has many of such precious cultural assets. We continue providing information on Nishinomiya's attractive history and culture in a plain manner. Let's hand down to the future our historical assets which have carefully been preserved in the region.

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INFORMATION RELATED TO COVID-19 (as of April 1, 2021)

ALERT COVID-19 cases rebounding across Japan



Although the COVID-19 pre-emergency measures due to the 6th wave was lifted on March 21, more than 100 new infected people have been reported each day in the City. You are asked to stay vigilant and follow the basic preventive measures like avoiding 3 Cs (Closed spaces, Crowded places and Close-contact settings).

- 1) Conduct basic preventive measures like wearing masks properly and wash your hands frequently.
 - 2) Do not go to school or work offices when you feel unwell like having fever or cough.
 - 3) Do not stay as a group or for a long time (no more than 2 hours) at drinking and dining establishments.
- [Inquiries] Medical Consultations on COVID-19 (Tel: 0798-26-2240 Fax: 0798-33-1174)
Open hours: 9:00am - 7:00pm (until 5:00pm on Sat. Sun. holidays)

COVID-19 VACCINATION



The latest information on vaccination is posted on the City's website.

CONSUMER AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

How to Ride "Child Carrying Bicycle" Safely



With the start of the new school year, many parents and guardians will be using "child carrying bicycles" from this spring. Please note the following points when carrying a child on a bicycle.

- 1) Always put on the helmet and tighten the chin strap before putting the child on the bicycle and fasten the seat belt securely after putting the child on the bicycle.
- 2) Once a child is on the bicycle, never take your eyes or hands off the child and always be in a position to support the child.
- 3) Park your bicycle at places with no slope or bumps, and make sure that your bags are well balanced. Never put a child or bags in (or remove from) the back seat while a child is in the front seat.
- 4) Avoid going over curbs as much as possible, and if it is unavoidable, slow down and get over curbs at an angle close to right angle.
- 5) Since bicycles carrying children are heavy and the brake pads are easily worn out, their maintenance is important such as inspecting them before riding and performing periodic inspections.

If you encounter any trouble, please consult the Consumer Affairs Center (Tel: 0798-64-0999).

"INFORMATION 110" FROM POLICE STATION

"Non-face-to-face" Deposit Fraud is soaring!



One of their trick examples is as follows. A con man calls you and says "Your cashcard was used illegally." He instructs "Would you put your cashcard enclosed with the envelope in your mailbox?" Consequently, he steals your cashcard from your mailbox.

<Features>

- 1) This con man explains "I'm not allowed to meet you face to face because of COVID-19."
- 2) This con man asks about or confirms the shape of your mailbox, if anyone can open your mailbox and so on.
- 3) This con man instructs you to put your cashcard in your mailbox, holding the phone.

<Protection Points>

- 1) Do not answer the call from an unknown number.
 - 2) Equip the phone with crime prevention function or keep setting the answering function on your phone at all times.
- [Inquiries] Nishinomiya Police Station (Tel: 0798-33-0110)
Koshien Police Station (Tel: 0798-41-0110)

REQUEST FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THE MATTER FOR OWNERLESS CATS



The City receives complaints and consultations from residents about bad odors by homeless cats' feces and urines. Keeping appropriate supervision after stray cats in the community are spayed and neutered has helped to curb such problems.

<To have stray cats spayed and neutered>

Looking for members who tackle problems for ownerless cats



The members can receive grants from the City for spay/neuter surgeries if they are recognized as "members who tackle problems for ownerless cats" and work under the agreement of the community.

[Eligibility] 20 years and older. Workers in the City are also welcome (interviews required)

[Amount of subsidies] ¥11,000 for a female cat, ¥6,000 for a male cat (Full amounts are subsidized in cases where surgery cost doesn't reach these amounts.)

<To aim for "virtually zero euthanasia">

Request for donations to animal welfare fund

(Support for costs of spay/neuter surgeries, promotion of animal adoption)



The City aims for "the city which humans can coexist with animals", so it set up an animal welfare fund and accepts donations. The contribution is subject to a special tax deduction.

!!Cruelty and abandonment of animals are crime!!

[Inquiries] Living Environment Division (Tel. 0798-81-1220)