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We will be glad to help you seek further information about events or notices announced here.

MUNICIPAL ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES FOR CHILDREN WITH FOREIGN NATIONALITY



The board of education accepts enrollment procedures for foreign children who wish to enter municipal elementary schools. A guidebook will be sent to families with children born between April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017. Please mail the application form attached to the guidebook to the General

School Affairs Division.

If you do not receive the guidebook, please contact the General School Affairs Division (Tel: 0798-35-3850).

INTRODUCTION OF UNESCO ACTIVITIES

Expanding the Circle of Peaceful Minds



"Since wars begin in the minds of men and women, it is in the minds of men and women that the defenses of peace must be constructed (the UNESCO Charter Preamble)".

UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) conducts activities such as international exchange, global literacy efforts, and preservation of the world's natural and cultural heritage.

Support education in developing countries with your spoiled postcards! Please support the World "Terakoya" Project!

One postcard can buy 7 pencils in Nepal and 2 notebooks in Afghanistan. 11 postcards are enough to send one child to school for a month in Cambodia. If you have any postcards you would like to donate, please send them to Nishinomiya UNESCO Association!

Nishinomiya UNESCO Association

It was founded in 1962 as a private UNESCO activity organization and marks its 60th anniversary this year. It conducts a variety of community-based activities as follows, including joint projects with the Board of Education.

1. 60th Anniversary Charity Concert

World Music Travelogue with Songs and Piano

[Date] February 18 (Sat), 2023

[Venue] Hyogo Performing Arts Center, Small Hall

2. UNESCO World Children's Art Exhibition

Pictures drawn by kindergarten and elementary school students in the City and children's drawings sent from various countries will be exhibited. To be held at the Citizens' Gallery from March 21 (Tue, national holiday) to 26 (Sun), 2023.

3. Charity Bazaar

Held to support for developing countries. This year, it will be held on October 30 (Sun) at Shukugawa Community Center.

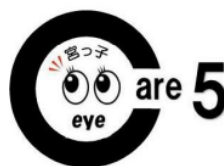
4. International Understanding Lecture

Lectures to deepen international understanding are held annually in cooperation with NIA and the Board of Education.

* Other activities include publication of newsletters and study tours.

[Inquiries] Nishinomiya UNESCO Association (Tel: 0798-35-3868 in the Community Study Cooperation Division)

"EYE CARE 5 (five)" TO PROTECT CHILDREN'S EYES



The increase of nearsightedness in children has become a serious issue around the world.

The ratio of the nearsightedness (lower than 1.0 vision in eyes) in elementary and junior high school

students in Nishinomiya is higher than the national average. With the cooperation of Nishinomiya Medical Association, the City has promoted the "Miyakko Eye Care 5" to protect children's eyes.

1. 20-20-20 Rule

Every 20 minutes spent using a screen or reading a book, you should try to look away at something that is 20 feet (about 6m) away from you for a total of 20 seconds.

2. Avoid the excessive use of digital devices and prolonged reading hours

Too much screen time and reading can advance the nearsightedness.

3. Play outdoors

Spend more time playing or exercising outdoors.

*Watch out the heatstroke.

4. Stop overusing your eyes before sleeping

It may deteriorate the autonomic balance and cause trouble falling asleep.

5. Good sleep, enough rest, balanced diet

Get good sleep, enough rest and balanced diet.

[Inquiries] School Health Care and Safety Division (Tel: 0798-35-3812)

NISHIKITA CHOPIN

Enjoy the movie made in Nishinomiya!



Special film screening of "Nishikita Chopin" will be held on September 3.

The movie was filmed in Nishinomiya and has won the award for Best Composer of Madrid International Film Festival 2021. Mini concert will also take place on the day.

[Pianist] Ms. Arisa Nonomura, graduated from Prefectural Nishinomiya High School and appeared in the movie as a pianist

[Navigator] Mr. Shuhei Kondo, Producer of the movie

[Date] September 3 (Sat), 2022 at 2:00pm (screening at 2:30pm)

[Venue] Nishinomiya Civic Hall (Amity Baycom Hall; 10-11 Rokutanji-cho)

[Fee] 1500 yen (500 yen for under 30 or less)

*Advance tickets are available at the Hall.

Highlights of the event

-Spectacular storyboards of the movie will be exhibited specially for the event.

-Stores which appear in the movie will have stalls at the Hall.

-Enjoy the streetscapes of Nishinomiya in the movie!

"My favorite Nishinomiya Photo Contest" is being held from Aug 4 to 22. The award announcement will take place on Sep 3 at the Hall.

[Inquiries] Nishinomiya City Foundation for the Promotion of Culture (Tel: 0798-33-3111)

Bologna Italy Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition Aug. 13 (Sat) - Sep. 25 (Sun)

Attractive original illustration works altogether!



Otani Memorial Museum in Nishinomiya will hold "Bologna Italy Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition" from Aug. 13. It is to exhibit the winning works of the competition for picture book

illustrations organized by the "Bologna Children's Book Fair" (since 1964), the unique worldwide international trade fair specializing in children's books, in Bologna, Italy.

Workshop

"Let's create your town by connecting your works" (The idea of one of the winners, Mr. Yuji TAKAHASHI.)

Participants buy a workshop kit, a hexagonally-shaped panel, and draw a town that they wish on it. Each small work will be connected to form one big town and this joint work will be exhibited at the Museum. You can purchase a kit in the Museum or online. Please contact the Museum in detail.

Otani Memorial Art Museum

<Address> Nakahama-cho 4-38

<Tel> 0798-33-0164

<Hours> 10:00am-5:00pm (Admission is until 4:30pm)

Closed Wednesdays

*Special open until 7:00pm (Admission is until 6:30pm) on Sep. 17(Sat)/18(Sun)/23(Fri/national holiday)/24(Sat)

<Fee> Adult: ¥1,200

Admission for those who needs proof required

-High school/University students; ¥600

-Elementary/Junior high school students; ¥400

-Adult living in the City; ¥1,000 (65years and older; ¥500)

SOLAR PANEL AND STORAGE BATTERY

Friendly to both environment and household

Think about efficient use of renewable energy (Solar power in every house)



The City is promoting the measures to realize the carbon neutral society by 2050. Solar panels and storage batteries not only lead to reduction of the emission of greenhouse gas but also give us relief in case of blackout in natural disaster.

Why don't you install solar panels to start decarbonizing life?

What is solar power system? How does it work?

1. As power supply at emergency!

During blackouts caused by earthquake and other disastrous events, you can use the electricity generated by solar power system during daytime.

2. Clean and inexhaustible energy

Solar power is clean energy which does not emit air pollutants such as CO2 and exhaust gas at its generation. Also, it is inexhaustible unlike oil, coal, and gas.

3. Economical - reducing electricity bill!

With your solar panel system, you can get the electricity for your home and so reduce your electricity bill. Electricity bill for operating air-conditioners to cool down in summer and warm up in winter becomes lower and it is recommendable for the household with small children, elderly people and pets.

Merits of solar panels & storage batteries

1. The electricity generated in the daytime is usable in real time.

2. While you save the electricity cost, you can recover the installation cost by selling the generated electricity.

3. In the event of a power failure by switching to the independent operation function, you can use electric appliances equivalent to 1500W through the outlet for a power failure.

*The total power consumption depends on appliances.

4. The storage battery is charged by generating in the daytime and you can use it in nighttime.

5. Once a power failure happens you can get the electricity from the storage battery by simple switch.

(Ex.) When the battery with 7.04kWh capacity is fully charged, TV, smart phone charging, lights, refrigerators and so on (about 435W in total) can be used for about straight 12 hours.

Hanshin Koshien Baseball Stadium

The solar panels installed on "Gin-San" (silvery roof) of the stadium can generate about 190 thousand kWh a year, which is equivalent to twice the power consumed by the lights for professional baseball night games a year.

Moreover, the stadium encourages environmental preservation efforts named the KOSHIEN "Eco" Challenge.

[Inquiries] Environment Bureau, Environmental Learning City Promotion Division (Tel: 0798-35-3479)

COVID-19



The latest information on COVID-19 is posted on the City's website.