



2026 Koka City Coming of Age Day Celebrations “Koka Hatachi No Tsudoi”

甲賀市20歳のつどい

Inquiries

Shakai Kyoiku Sports Ka

☎ 0748-69-2248

☎ 0748-69-2293

Koka City website



When January 11, 2026 (Sun)
Opening and Reception: 13:00

Part 1
Commemorative Ceremony
14:00-14:30

Part 2
Commemorative Event
14:40-15:30

Where Aikoka Shimin Hall



Eligible Persons

Those born between April 2, 2005 and April 1, 2006, and meet one of the following criteria:

1. Registered resident of Koka City
2. Those who are not currently registered as residents of Koka City, but attended school in Koka City or work in Koka City, and wish to participate in the Koka City Coming of Age Ceremony (Hatachi No Tsudoi)



Please bring your invitation postcard with you to the event.

Invitation letters are sent to eligible individuals who are registered as residents of Koka City.

If you do not receive an invitation, or if your registered address is outside Koka City, please apply online in advance via the city website.

Note: Persons requiring assistance or an attendant are asked to notify Shakai Sports Ka in advance.

Information on Services During the New Year Holidays

年末年始の業務案内

Closed Period December 27 (Sat), 2025 – January 4 (Sun), 2026

Counter Services Marriage/birth/death notifications can be submitted to day and night shift security staff at city hall during the closed period.
During this time, convenience store printers cannot be used to issue family registers, residence certificates, seal impression certificates, tax certificates, and income certificates.

Service Suspension Period

December 29 (Mon), 2025 – January 3 (Sat), 2026

Collection Schedule for Household Garbage and Human Waste from Non-flush Toilets During the Year End and New Year Period

年末年始の家庭ごみ、し尿汲取りの収集日程



Inquiries Seikatsu Kankyo Ka ☎ 0748-69-2145 ☎ 0748-63-4582

Collection of Household Garbage

Due to the extremely high volume of garbage during the year-end and New Year period, normal collection times and routes may be significantly changed. Please be sure to put out your garbage at the collection point by 8:00 a.m. Also, please be sure to check the garbage calendar as the collection items and collection days may differ from the usual schedule.

Garbage calendar

(Printed copies are also available at City Hall and at each Chiiki Shimin center.)



Try the City's Waste & Recycling Sorting App (Gomibunbetsu App)!

Handy features of the Gomibunbetsu App

- Easily look up how to sort and dispose of items!
- Get push notifications about waste collection days!



Download
the app here



● Household Waste Drop-off Facilities

(Local Eco-Stations and Koka Koiki Gyosei Kumiai Eisei Center (Koka and Konan Administrative Union Sanitary Center))

Closed December 31 (Wed), 2025 – January 4 (Sun), 2026

-Please check the garbage calendar for where to take non-burnable garbage.

-To drop off large sized burnable garbage (over 80cm in total length, width, and height) at the Sanitation Center, please make a reservation at least one day in advance. ☎ 0748-62-5454

Oversized Garbage

Area	Designated Contractors	Collection Application Deadline	Last Collection Day of the Year
Minakuchi and Shigaraki	Minakuchi Tekunosu(☎ 0748-62-5311)	December 12 (Fri)	December 19 (Fri)
Tsuchiyama	Hirose(☎ 0748-52-0943)	December 24 (Wed AM)	December 25 (Thu)
Koka and Kounan (甲南)	Nichiei Hino(☎ 0748-53-3941)	December 18 (Thu)	December 25 (Thu)

*Please apply directly to the designated contractor in your area.

*Please apply as early as possible, as the schedule is subject to change depending on the status of applications.

Sewage From Non-Flush Toilets

Designated Contractors	Year End	New Year	Area
	Application Deadline	Start Date	
Koka Koiki Eisei Jigyotai (Koka Regional Sanitation Joint Venture) (☎ 0748-76-2626)	December 8 (Mon)	January 5 (Mon)	Whole area of Koka City

Note: No urgent requests will be accepted during the holiday period, so please contact the collection contractor in your area as soon as possible.

We can work together to solve life's challenges.

You're not alone. Reach out to us first.

Let's tackle it together.

生活の困りごとと一緒に考えます

Inquiries

Seikatsu Shien Ka

☎ 0748-69-2158

8:30-17:15

(closed on weekends,
national holidays,
New Year holidays)

The "Living Support Desk" at the Seikatsu Shien Ka accepts consultations from those who have concerns about their daily lives. Please feel free to come to our office or call us before your concerns become more serious. If it is difficult to come to the office, a consultation support staff member can visit you.

Are you facing issues such as the following?

- want to work but don't have the self-confidence
- I can't pay my rent and have to move out of my apartment
- I don't have enough money for living expenses
- I have a family member who is a shut-in and I'm worried about his/her future



First, visit the Seikatsu Shien Ka

The support staff will help you figure out your problems and worries.

- ① Please share your problems and concerns with us.
- ② We will review your consultation and consider what we can do to help.
Depending on your inquiry, we will provide necessary information and connect you to a specialized organization that can help.
- ③ We will work with you to understand your life situation and problems.
- ④ We will do our best to find a solution to help you become independent.
- ⑤ We will provide support based on the plan created.
- ⑥ After your situation improves, we will continue to support you in leading a stable life.



Applying for public assistance is the right of every citizen. There are times we all need help. Please don't hesitate to speak with us.

December 1 - A Day to Think About Life

「いのち」について、考える日

December 1 is the "Day of Life." If you are worried about something, talk to someone, such as a family member or friend. You may think, "I can't talk to anyone, I don't want to talk to anyone... but I want someone to listen." Remember that you are not alone and a variety of consultation services are available. We can support each other to live our best lives.

Consultation Hotlines (Please feel free to contact any of the hotlines below)

- Life Hotline
☎ 077-567-5560 (①10:00-12:00, ②13:00-21:00, every day except New Year's holidays)
- Shiga Life Hotline
☎ 077-553-7387 (10:00-20:30 on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays)
- Kyoto Life Hotline
☎ 075-864-4343 (Year-round, 24-hour access)
- Koka Sukoyaka Shien Ka
☎ 0748-69-2168 (8:30-17:15 on weekdays)



Not comfortable talking on the phone?
In that case,

LINE chat support:
"Kokoro no Support Shiga"



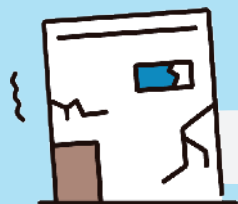
For Foreign Residents Living in Japan

I'm a little bit worried about paperwork...

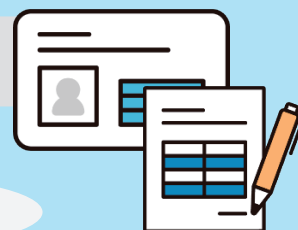
Will I be comfortable living here?



Watch the “Videos for the Daily Life Orientation”
to get a brief overview of the rules for living in Japan!



Resident procedures in Japan, such as submitting applications to immigration authorities.



In the event of an earthquake, where should I evacuate to?

What's the proper way to dispose of trash in Japan?



Traffic regulations vary from country to country

What should I do if I get injured?



And much, much more...!



Feel free to watch one of our videos,
available in 17 languages!

Check it out!





日本語, English, 中文(简体字), 繁體中文, 한국어, Tiếng Việt
नेपाली, Bahasa Indonesia, Filipino, ภาษาไทย
Português, español, བོད་སྐད་, မြန်မာဘာသာ
Монгол хэл, Українська, Русский язык

Consultation Corner

December 15 to January 14, 2026

Consultation services are provided for free. Feel free to use them.

Consultation Topic/Contact Details	When	Available Times	Where/ Other Information
Daily Life and Work Consultations (Life Support Desk)* Concerns about daily life, work, etc. *No application required. Support provided by: General support staff or employment support staff. Contact Seikatsu Shien Ka ☎ 0748-69-2158 ☎ 0748-63-4085	Monday to Friday (except national holidays)	8:30-17:15	Seikatsu Shien Ka 1st Floor, Koka City Hall
Consumer Affairs Consultations Advice about contracts, products, etc. in consumer affairs. Support provided by: Consumer Affairs Consultant Contact Shouhi Seikatsu Center ☎ 0748-69-2147 / Consumer Hotline 188 (no area code)	Monday to Friday (except national holidays)	9:00-17:00	Shohi Seikatsu Center 1st Floor, Koka City Hall
Pension Consultations Support provided by: Kusatsu Japan Pension Service employees *Reservations required. Appointments filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Appointments Kusatsu Japan Pension Service ☎ 077-567-2220 ☎ 077-562-9638	January 8 (Thu) *Held every other month	10:00-15:00	Kaigishitsu Room 202 2nd Floor, Koka City Hall
School Age Consultations For school-aged children (from elementary school to high school age), their parents, and their families. Contact Kosodate Seisaku Ka ☎ 0748-69-2176 ☎ 0748-69-2298	Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (except for national holidays)	8:30-17:15	Kosodate Seisaku Ka 2nd Floor, Koka City Hall You can also make inquiries using the Child-Rearing Concierge Inquiry Form. 
Young Carers Consultations For young carers, the community and other involved persons regarding concerns and issues faced. Contact Kosodate Seisaku Ka ☎ 0748-69-2184 ☎ 0748-69-2298			
Child Development and Learning Consultations* For development and mental health issues. *Reservations by phone or fax are required. Age Children around 4 years old and older* *For children under 4 years old, please contact your local health center. Contact Appointments Hattatsu Shien Ka ☎ 0748-69-2178 ☎ 0748-69-2298 (Reception hours: 9:00-17:00)			Preschools, schools, city halls, etc.
Youth Consultations for Truancy or Social Withdrawal Counseling on social withdrawal and truancy for those who have completed compulsory education up to the age of 25 years old. Contact Hattatsu Shien Ka ☎ 0748-69-2179 (☎ Reception hours: 9:00-17:00)			
General Youth Issues* Counseling regarding truancy, bullying, delinquency, delinquent behavior, friendships, employment and school enrollment, etc. *From Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (except public holidays and end-of-year holidays). Consultations can also be made by phone and email.		Contact Shonen Center (in Minakuru Plaza) ☎ 0748-62-6010 ☎ 0748-63-3977 ✉ k-syonen@city.koka.lg.jp	

Minakuchi Sinryosho Consultation Days on Sundays and Public Holidays in December

みなくち診療所 12月の日曜・祝日の診療日

December 7, 14, 21, 28

Clinic Hours Reception 8:45 - 15:30

- Morning Consultation 9:00 - 12:30
- Afternoon Consultation 13:30 - 16:00

Medical Department Internal Medicine

Inquiries Sukoyaka Shien Ka

☎ 0748-69-2171 ☎ 0748-63-4085



Proper Use of the Sewerage System

下水道の正しい使い方

Please note the following points to ensure smooth operation of the sewerage system.

Restroom Use toilet paper **Kitchen** Put a strainer in the sink

Things that should not be put down the drain or toilet

- Cooking oil, vegetable scraps, leftover food
- Highly volatile and toxic liquids such as gasoline and thinners
- Solid materials such as cloth, vinyl and plastics
- Strongly acidic/alkaline chemicals and pesticides
- Large amounts of boiling water
- Dog, cat, and other animal feces and urine
- Disposable diapers, wet wipes

No Rainwater!

Allowing rainwater into the sewer pipes may lead to issues including sewage overflow. We request that each household conducts inspections and addresses any instances of rainwater inflow.

Inquiries Gesuido Ka ☎ 0748-69-2228 ☎ 0748-69-2295



Registration Now Open: Beginner Japanese Class Starts January 10, 2026

こうかにほんご教室(入門)学習者募集

Schedule (Days and number of sessions)

Every Saturday and Sunday, from 10:00
20 lessons, 1.5 hours each

Course Content

Learn basic Japanese, starting with simple greetings

Eligible Persons

Those who live or work in Koka City, and are at least 16 years old

Maximum Participants 10 people **Fee** ¥3,000 (for textbook)

How to Apply

Please scan the QR code and submit the application form

Application Deadline January 7 (Wed)

Inquiries Koka Tabunka Kyosei Center

☎ 0748-70-3721



Application Form ▶

Get Certificates with My Number Card!

各種証明書はマイナンバーカードを使って取得しよう!

With a My Number Card, various official documents can be obtained either by applying online and picking them up at city hall, or by printing them instantly at a convenience store using a multi-function copier. Please take advantage of this service!

Convenience Store Issuance

Online Applications



Inquiries Shimin Ka

☎ 0748-69-2138 ☎ 0748-65-6338

Monthly Tax Payments

今月の納税

The due date for tax payments this month is: January 5 (Mon), 2026

- Fixed assets tax (3rd term installment)
- National health insurance tax (7th term installment)
- User fees (Nursery school, kindergarten fees and nursery school lunch fees)
- Long-term care insurance premium (7th term installment)
- Medical insurance premiums for the elderly
- Water rates

Direct debit is a convenient way to manage payments.

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☎ 0748-65-0650 ☎ 0748-63-4086

Business Hours: 8:30-17:15 (Except extended business hours on Tuesdays)



Information on Koka City is also available on the city's website and Facebook!

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