

**Save Electricity at your Home and Office**

AC, refrigerator, lights and TV use the most electricity. In particular, between 1pm and 4pm, it is recommended to avoid using these appliances in order to save electricity. Here are some ways to save electricity:

- use AC when it's really needed
- turn off the power of appliances when not using
- don't stuff your fridge a lot, as this overworks the fridge to keep it cold
- but appliances that are eco-friendly
- do not keep fridge door opened

For inquires:

Life and Environment Division at 65-0691

August Taxes (8月の納税)

This month's taxes are the following:



Shi Kenmin Zei (Municipal residential tax)

Kokumin Kenkou Hoken Zei

(National Health Insurance Tax)

Suido Ryokin (Water fee)

Hoiku Ryo (Childcare Fee)

Kaigo Hoken Ryo (Nursing Care Fee)

Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken Ryo

(Medical Insurance for the Elderly)

Due date for taxes is September 1st

Shiga Prefecture Comprehensive Disaster Drill

Shiga Prefecture Comprehensive Disaster Drill will be held with purpose of establishing a disaster emergency system and to raise the awareness about disaster prevention. This year, the comprehensive disaster drill will take place on September 4th, (Sun) at Koka City Tsuchiyama ground. Koka City Disaster Drill will also be held on this day. The disaster drill includes how to evacuate to a nearby shelter and how to set up soup kitchen. Also at this drill, there will be PR event on earthquake-resistant house and a booth for disaster prevention support for foreign residents in Koka city. We look forward to see you at this great opportunity to learn about disaster prevention.

Date: September 4th, (Sunday) from 7 am to about noon

Location: Koka city area (Koka city and Konan city)

Advocate: Shiga Prefectural Disaster Prevention Conference

Host: Shiga Prefecture, Koka City, Konan City.

For Inquiry: Risk Management Division at 65-0665

**2011 Japanese Class****Second Term is Open!!**

This course is intended for non-Japanese speakers to joyfully learn Japanese.

Friday Course: August 26th to December 16th

Saturday Course: August 27th to December 17th

※No classes on 9/23rd & 24th, 11/4th & 5th. ※15 classes in total

Time: 7:30 pm to 9:30pm

Location: at Santopia Minakuchi (Kokashi Kinrou Seishonen home)

Fees: ¥6,000 for 15 classes (textbooks and translation available if needed)

Application procedure: Interview is on 8/7 (Sun) 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Santopia Minakuchi 2nd floor) *This interview is to determine your current Japanese level.

Contact: Koka International Society at 0748-63-8728



Health Checkup Schedule for August

Exam	Date of Birth	Exam Date	Location	Hours	What to Bring
Infants up to 4 months	April 2011	8 /18 (Thrs)	Koka HC	1:00 pm ~ 1:30 pm	Maternity record book, questionnaire, bath towel, diapers, change of clothes, milk for nursing if necessary
		8 /25 (Thrs)	Minakuchi HC		
10 months	September 2010	8 /11 (Thrs)	Minakuchi HC	1:00 pm ~ 1:30 pm	Maternity record book, questionnaire, bath towel, diapers, change of clothes, milk for nursing if necessary
		8 /24 (Wed)	Konan HC		
1 year and 8 months	December 2009	8 /22 (Mon)	Konan HC	1:00 pm ~ 1:30 pm	Maternity record book, questionnaire
		8 /29 (Mon)	Minakuchi HC		
2 years and 6 months	January 2009	8 /4 (Thrs)	Minakuchi HC	9:00am ~ 9:30am	Maternity record book, questionnaire, questionnaire about child's hearing ability
		8 /31 (Wed)	Konan HC		
3 years and 6 months	January 2008	8 /8 (Mon)	Minakuchi HC	1:00 pm ~ 1:30 pm	Maternity record book, questionnaire
		8 /30 (Tue)	Konka HC		

*If you plan on taking an exam at a Hoken Center outside of your area, please contact Health Promotion Division (65-0703) 7 days in advance.

*If you reside in Tsuchiyama or Shigaraki and cannot make to the health exam location, please call Health Promotion Division (65-0703) 7 days in advance.

*Checkup for hearing ability is given at the point of 2 years and 6 months old.

*Detailed information will be either distributed at the health checkup for 1 and 8 months old or published in the "baby and infant health checkup questionnaire". Please read it carefully and perform "whispering test" and visit nearby by Hoken Center.

For more information

Kenko Suishin Ka / Health Promotion Division

◆TEL: 0748-65-0703 / FAX:0748-63-4591

Shigaraki Hoken Center

◆TEL: 0748-82-3113 / FAX:0748-82-3138

Minakuchi Hoken Center

◆TEL: 0748-62-5336 / FAX:0748-62-5418

Tsuchiyama Hoken Center

◆TEL: 0748-66-1105 / FAX:0748-66-1564

Konan Hoken Center

◆TEL: 0748-86-5934 / FAX:0748-86-5974

Koka Hoken Center

◆TEL: 0748-88-6556 / FAX:0748-88-6557



Quick Information

On the occasion of opening the New Meishin Expressway, tourism campaigns will soon take off with key tourism resources such as "Koka Ninja", "Shigaraki Ceramics", "Tokaido Inns" and "New Meishin Expressway." As one of the tourism campaigns, Koka City is accepting submissions for Koka City original wrapping expressway bus.

Theme: Artwork which portrays the beauty of Koka City on both sides and rear of a bus

Size: Sides roughly 3.2 m (Vertical) × 11.5 m (Horizontal)

Rear roughly 3.0 m (Vertical) × 2.4 m (Horizontal)

Submit to: The Tourism Strategy and Promotion Division, Koka City, Prefecture of Shiga

Due date: August 1st, 2011 (must be postmarked by this date.)

※Committee will select best 5 excellent works, and a best award will be chosen for wrapping bus. The award winner will receive 10 man yen (10 万円) and local specialty goods as first prize. Those who are nominated as top 5 excellent works will receive local specialty goods.

Inquiry: The Tourism Strategy and Promotion Division at 0748-65-0708 FAX 0748-63-4087



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<http://www.city.koka.shiga.jp/english>

At this site, you can also find out more about Koka, city services, sightseeing, health coverage, life in Koka etc. English interpreter is available for your convenience

from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm.

Koka Regional Community Promotion Div.

Phone: 0748-65-0604

