

OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

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Announcements

ROAD TO QATAR

あゝ場所では、負けられない。

ANDO, SEIYA
TOGASHI, YUKI
HARA, SHUTA
WATANABE, YOTA
HAWKINSON, JOSH
SAITO, TAKUMI
BABA, YUDAI
YOSHII, HIROTA
KAWAMATA, MIYA
WATANABE, HISHI
NISHIDA, YUDAI
TOMINAGA, KIMIE

FIBAバスケットボールワールドカップ2027
アジア地区予選 WINDOW 2

2.26 THU 19:05 VS 中国代表
3.1 SUN 14:00 VS 韓国代表

OKINAWA SUNTORY ARENA (沖縄県沖縄市)

AKATSUKI JAPAN 日本一丸

詳細はこちら ▶

※FIBAランキング:日本 22位/中国 27位/韓国 56位 (2025年12月2日現在)
※掲載選手はイメージです。

▶ FIBA Basketball World Cup2027 Asia Regional Qualifiers-WINDOW2

2.26 THU 19:05 TIPP OFF
Vs Representative of China
3.01 SUN 14:00 TIPP OFF
Vs Representative of South Korea
AKATSUKI JAPAN

The 24th Okinawa City Craft Fair
第24回沖縄市工芸フェア

FREE ADMISSION

2/27 FRI, 28 SAT 3/1 SUN 2026

AM10 : 00- PM 6 : 00

Let's try making yourself!

Enjoy walking throughout the venue
Live Demonstrations by Participating Artists

Over 50 unique workshops gather in Koza

Enjoy viewing and purchasing works, plus interacting with creators

Live craft demonstrations & hands-on craft experiences at each venue

Collect points by visiting venues to get craft items

【Venues】

●Okinawa City Ichibangai Shopping Street

●Palmyra Street

●Near Chuo Park Avenue

【Contact】

Okinawa City Craft Fair Executive Committee (Koza Craft Center Fundu)

TEL: 098-934-2213

For details, please visit our website or social media.



Okinawa City Hall will be **Closed** on
February 11(Wed) National Foundation Day
& February 23 (Mon)
Emperor's Birthday as Japanese holiday.

Total Population: 141,739

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,374 Female: 71,964
[Foreign Population (65Countries)] Male: 1,472 Female: 1002

The Okinawa City Hall's *Bunka Geino Ka* (the Culture & Traditional Arts Division) selects excerpts from the city's public relations newsletter (*Koho Okinawa*) and published them in English in hopes of better serving our community of residents who may have difficulty reading or understanding Japanese. These articles are translated by the Culture & Traditional Arts Division staff and are provided for reference only. **Administrative services are provided in Japanese only (unless otherwise indicated).** For English support, please email: kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp You can also view monthly issues of the newsletters and other information about living in Okinawa City by clicking the ENGLISH/link on the Okinawa City website:

<http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/>

FEBRUARY 2026

Administrative Announcements



▶ Please Note:

February is the payment deadline for the following taxes:

Real-estate tax (4th term)/ **Long-term care insurance premium** (9th term)/

National health insurance premium (8th term)/ **Medical care for the elderly insurance premium** (8th term).

If you use automatic bank transfers, payments will be withdrawn on March 2 (Mon). Make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.

▶ National Health Insurance For Students Moving Out of The City For Schooling

修学のため市外へ転出する学生の国民健康保険

National Health Insurance is usually enrolled in your city or town, but there is an exception for students who move out of Okinawa City to study.

If you are receiving financial support from your parents, you can continue to be enrolled in Okinawa City's National Health Insurance even after moving out (Article 116 of the National Health Insurance Act). If this applies to you, please follow the procedures below.

★New Enrollment Procedures :

You must apply when you move out of Okinawa City (or after moving out).

★Renewal Procedures (Required Annually) :

You must renew your insurance annually while you are a student. Please submit the "Notification Form" that arrives around March by the deadline.

★When You Lose Eligibility (Termination Procedures) :

You also need to submit a notification when you graduate or withdraw from school, or when you join your workplace's social insurance program.

*If you do not submit the documents by the deadline, you may not be able to receive a new certificate of qualification at the time of renewal.

Kokumin Kenko Hoken Ka
(National Health Insurance Division)
Ext 2116

▶ Always make sure to pick up after your dog.

犬のふんは必ず持ち帰りましょう

We have received complaints about dog feces being left behind in public places like roads and parks, as well as on private property.

Leaving dog feces behind is not only extremely unsanitary but also causes great discomfort to local residents.

To avoid inconveniencing others, picking up feces is a fundamental responsibility of pet owners and leaving it behind violates local ordinances.

To create a pleasant living environment, we ask each pet owner to act responsibly and consciously pick up their dog's feces.



【Contact】 Environmental Division 環境課
(Ext. 2222)

▶ Be careful not to forget to pay your national pension insurance premiums

国民年金保険料の納め忘れに注意

The amount of National Pension Premium between April, 2025 and March, 2026 is 17,510yen.

If you have not complete the payment by due date, you will receive the reminder from Japan Pension Service(日本年金機構). If you leave the premium unpaid, the amount of the national pension annuity that you would receive in the future will be reduced, and also you might not be able to receive the other benefits such as old-age basic pension, disability basic pension, or basic pension for the bereaved.

Please make sure you have paid your pension premium.

◆How To Pay

- With payment slip-With credit card
- With automatic bank transfer (Apply in advance)
- With smart phone apps: Aeon pay, au Pay, d-payment, Pay B, Paypay, LINE Pay, Rakuten Pay, etc.



◆Discount Will be Applied For Advanced Payment!

If you pay in advance for certain payment periods, you will be able to receive a discount.

Please also consider about the "Early payment system" which allows you with the end-of-month payment for the premium of each month.

Application for advanced payment through automatic bank transfer/ credit card:

●Advanced Payment Categories and the period of payments covered

6 months: April – September, 2026

12 months: April, 2026 – March, 2027

24 months: April, 2026 – March, 2028

●Application Deadline: End of February, 2026

●Date of Withdrawal: End of April, 2026

◆If you have a difficulty in paying the premium due to financial reasons:

We offer a consultation for exemption or respite for payment.

Please consult with us first.

Contact: Koza Pension Agency TEL: 098-933-2267

Residential Division, Okinawa City Hall Ext. 2133/2134

▶ Ban on Manufacturing and Import/Export of Fluorescent Lamps 蛍光灯の製造・輸出入禁止

Manufacturing and import/export of fluorescent lamps for general lighting purposes will be phased out by the end of 2027, depending on the type.

Switching to LED lighting saves energy.

Please plan to replace lighting in homes, offices, factories, etc., with LED lighting.

※Use, sale, and purchase are not prohibited.

【Contact】 Environmental Division (Ext. 5074)



▶ Combined Measles And Rubella (MR) Vaccination In FY 2025 deadline

MR(麻しん・風しん) 予防接種

The deadline for the second round of MR (measles and rubella) routine vaccinations is approaching. If you are eligible and wish to receive the vaccination, please make an appointment with a medical institution early and receive the vaccination within the deadline.

Eligible: Children in the year prior to entering elementary school (born April 2, 2019 - April 1, 2020)

Deadline: Tuesday, March 31st Vaccination

Location: Designated

medical institutions (see the City's official website)

* The pre-vaccination form required for vaccination has been mailed to eligible individuals. If you need a reissue of the pre-vaccination form, please contact us.

Contact: 2F, Kodomo Sodan/ Kenko ka (Child Consultation/ Health Division)
ext. 2232, 2233

▶ No Need Of Visiting City Hall with Online Applications オンライン申請なら来庁不要

Every year from March to May, the Citizen Services counter experiences its busiest period with long wait times. If you have a My Number Card, the "online application" and "convenience store issuance" services are extremely convenient, allowing you to complete procedures without visiting city hall. Please take advantage of these services, available 24 hours a day, anywhere, with no wait times.

(Convenience Store Certificate Issuance)

(National Health Insurance Enrollment/Withdrawal)



(Online Moving-Out Notification)

対象となる手続き Eligible Procedures

Move-out Notification (Moving Outside the City)	Using online application eliminates the need to visit city hall in principle.
National Health Insurance Enrollment/Withdrawal Procedures	
Obtaining Resident Records and Family Register Certificates	Available at your nearest convenience store.

【 Contact】 City Residential Division 市民課 (Ext.3121)
National Health Insurance Division 国民健康保険課 (Ext.2116・2106)

▶ Lighting Children's Future Up!! かがやけ！こどもの未来

Food Allergy Policy at nursery schools 保育所の食物アレルギー対応

In nursery schools, they provide a food and nutrition education for the children and manage to use seasonal ingredients in their lunch menu.

Our Nursery schools' lunch program implements a food allergy policy based on "complete elimination" as a fundamental safety measure, providing elimination diets and alternative meals.

When an "elimination diet" is required, we follow this process as below:

- ① Submission of documentation such as a "Lifestyle Management Guidance Form" based on a doctor's diagnosis
- ② Conducting a consultation with childcare staff and nutritionists
- ③ Determining the facility's response

This ensures children with food allergies can safely enjoy their school lunches.

【Contact】 Childcare/Kindergarten Division (Ext. 3175)



Disaster Prevention Column 防災コラム

Disaster Prevention Tips Vol. 5

Collecting information / checking the safety during the emergency

Getting the accurate information quicker when disaster occurs enables you to save your lives. Make sure how to get information and how to contact with your family in advance so you won't get panic when it happens.

●災害時の情報収集 How to get information during the emergency

TV, radio, or weather forecast/ disaster prevention app. :

Check the emergency alert broadcasted by news media.

Official websites ran by public organization :

Getting the highly reliable information through Okinawa City or Japan Meteorological Agency(気象庁)

Disaster prevention administrative radio :

When the radio does not sound clear, you can call the number below to confirm the announcement. [TEL:0120-0978-99](tel:0120-0978-99)

Okinawa City Official LINE/Mail magazine :

Please register yourself in advance so you can receive the information through push notifications.

●家族等との安否確認 Checking the safety of family members, etc.

Phone lines will become very hard to get connected during the emergency. Knowing the services which connectable during the emergency is highly recommended.

Disaster Emergency Message Dial (171) :

Dial "171", follow the guidance and record and replay if you are okay or not.

Disaster Message Board (Web171) :

You can register your safety situation by text through your smart phone or PC.

【Important Tip】

Decide a "Key phone number" in advance and share it with your family members.

【Contact】 Disaster Prevention Management Office 防災危機管理室 (Ext.5602)

▶ National Early Warning System

(J-Alert) Drill Jアラート全国一斉情報伝達試験実施

On **February 6 (Fri) around 11:00 a.m.**

Back Up Day February 20 (Fri)

the Fire and Disaster Management Agency will conduct a J-Alert System test.

The announcement will be broadcast through the wireless "disaster prevention speakers" set throughout Okinawa City.

Announcement/ chime +

This is a test of J-Alert

"**korewa J-Arato no tesuto desu**" x 3

This is Okinawa City Hall Disaster Prevention Division
"Kochira wa bosai Okinawa shiyakusho desu"
+ chime

This system (J-Alert) enables us to receive instant information about earthquakes, tsunami, and other emergencies via satellite.

【Contact】 Disaster Prevention Management Office 防災危機管理室 (Ext.2046,2047)

Disaster Emergency Message Dial (171)

Dial to check the safety of your family members or your important persons, etc

使い方

伝言を録音

171 Dial 171

1 Press 1

Enter your home phone number or your cell phone number.

Record your message

伝言を再生

171 Dial 171

2 Press 2

Enter the number of those who are in the disaster area

Replay

Decide a phone number to contact each other in advance and share it with your family members. Try to use this system to prepare for the emergency.

Okinawa City Library News

Book Readings & Hand Games: Saturdays, February 14, 21 & 28 starting at 3:00 pm.

Book Starts: February 15 (Sun) 09:30 to 12:30 Infant for 9 or 10 months old.

Days Closed: February 3rd, 10th, 11th, 17th, 23rd, 24th & 27th.

Address: 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City BC KOZA (Old Korinza Mall) (1F)

TEL: 098-929-4919



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Email: kipokinawa@gmail.com

Mon-Fri : 10:00-19:00/ Sat : 10:00~ 17:00

*Closed on Sundays and Japanese holidays.

All services are provided in JAPANESE ONLY (unless otherwise indicated). For postal and emailing services, or any inquiries in ENGLISH, please email: kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp

Support Service Hours: 9:30-15:30 (Mon-Fri)

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