Commemorating the 35th Anniversary of Urayasu City

Traffic Will Be Regulated during the 26th Tokyo Bay Urayasu City Marathon

During the Tokyo Bay Urayasu City Marathon, traffic will be regulated near the marathon course. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Date and time: February 5 (Sun.), 7:40 a.m. to 12 noon

Completed Your Income Tax Returns at Urayasu City Shugo Office

Date and times: February 10 (Fri.) through March 15 (Wed.), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (excluding Saturdays)

Location: Shugo Office 4F
Note: If you would like to submit your report before February 15 (Wed.), you can submit it in person or by mail to the Ichikawa Tax Office (1-11-10 Kitakata, Ichikawa City 272-8573).

Income Tax Return Consultation Services Sponsored by the Ichikawa Tax Office

Dates and times: February 10 (Fri.) through March 15 (Wed.), 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (reception is available from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.)

Location: Ichikawa Tax Office (1-11-10 Kitakata, Ichikawa City)
Note: Free parking is not available.

Eligibility: Those who are filling a return for income tax, special recovery tax, gift tax, or individual consumption tax (such as those who would like advice on earthquake-related reports; would like to make a home-loan deduction; made capital gains from land, building, stock, futures trading, or FX; had retirement income, had income from real estate with the Blue Return; had carry-over of loss; or would like advice on gift tax)

Note: Since the required documents depend on the content of the tax return, please check with the Ichikawa Tax Office (Tel: 047-335-4101) in advance.

Income Tax Report Deductions for Latter-Term Elderly Medical Insurance Premiums and National Health Insurance Premiums

When reporting Latter-Term Elderly Medical Insurance premiums and National Health Insurance premiums as a social insurance deduction, you do not need to attach or show a certificate. Simply add the total amount you paid from January 1 through December 31, and report the amount. If you do not know the amount, please ask the National Health Insurance Section. When you do, please have your health insurance card with you.

Inquiries: National Health Insurance Section
Hello to all!  Hideki Matsuzaki, Mayor of Urayasu

Aiming to Be a Town That Makes Things Easier: From Meeting New People to Raising a Child

On Thursday, November 24, a city resident pitched a dream that ‘the snow could come tomorrow’ as dawn broke, and by around 8 a.m., it turned to genuine snow. It was reported that “Although we are a little worried, participants saying, “As the city was the first time since the start of the snowfall came in November.

It sends chills up my spine when thinking that the snow could have come today earlier, as the day before we held our “Marriage Partner Hunting in Urayasu Resort 2016.” Urayasu is playing a role in being a lead place in promoting local governments across Japan in sponsoring “marriage matchmaking events.”

Since February 2011, this was the 11th time that this event has been held. The recent event drew 90 males and 92 females from Chiba Prefecture and the Tokyo metropolitan area, and it began with a nervous air. Thanks to the efforts of the staff, which made elaborate plans, 37 matches were made as a result.

The success rate was extremely high again, with 40.7% of participants becoming a couple. We thus received a lot of positive feedback from the participants saying, “As the city was the first-time sponsor, I was able to participate with peace of mind.”

Although we started this event with some doubts in our mind, 267 matches have been made to date.

Newlyweds that had been holding the last event and that will move to Tomioka soon sent me a letter in mid-November saying that they were expecting a baby this April. The letter also stated that “Although we are a little worried, as this is our first baby, we feel relieved that the city offers support from pregnancy to childbirth.” Those words made me feel that all the efforts we had poured into child-raising support were really worth it.

At the end of their letter, they said, “When the baby is born, we hope that you will hold the little one in your arms.” Those words moved me to tears. I made up my mind to continue working on child-raising support, and hearing this report that a new life was being born made me even happier. I hope that we can continue to be able to watch over our young lives through child-raising support programs.

In Japan, December 22 and 23 are known as “Good Married Couples Day.” On these days, there were 35 couples and 13 couples registering marriage notifications at the Custodian’s Office. I offered my congratulations, and one couple said, “It’s thanks to you.” As I was in a hurry, I did not check, but I later thought that perhaps they met through our marriage matchmaking event. That thought made me doubly happy.

Good things seem to happen continuously. Nikkei DUAL and Nikkei conducted a survey to prove that Urayasu is a good location for marriage Support Programs of Local Governments,” and the results for the “National Department of Town Comfortable for Working Parents” were announced. For the Tokyo edition, the grand prize went to Shinjuku, and for cities other than Tokyo across Japan, the grand prize went to Urayasu.

I attended the 2016 “Companies and Towns Comfortable for Working Couples Ceremony”—also attended by Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Yasuhisa Shiozaki—held at Tokyo Midtown on December 2. Afterward, I appeared as a symposium panelist. I am honored and pleased that these events seem to prove that Urayasu is a model local government in terms of supporting the raising of children.

For recycling information, please visit the Urayasu website or call the number below.
Inquiries: Education Administration Section, Tel: 726-6712

Recyclable Waste Disposal Schedule for February

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<td>Nekozane, Kitakaze, Todaijima</td>
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<td>Urayasu City provides consultation services concerning daily life such as medical, educational or job-related matters.</td>
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<td>Horie, Higashino, Fujiyama</td>
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<td>Kairaku, Mihama, Irfune, Hinode, Akemi</td>
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<td>PHONE NUMBER &amp; LOCATION: 111-1111 (ext. 14108)</td>
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*Please put out your garbage between 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. It is against the rules to put it out earlier or later than this designated time as it could become a nuisance in your neighborhood.

*Bulky items will be collected separately on request by phone. Call the Bulky Items Reception Center, 305-4000. For inquiries, contact the Garbage-Free Section.