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Payment Deadlines

Wed 25 January:

Nursing Care Insurance
(*kaigo hokenryo*) Term 7

Tue 31 January:

Residence Tax (*shiminzei / kenminzei*) Term 4

Medical Insurance for Elderly People 75 Years Old and Older (*koki koreisha iryō hokenryo*)
Term 6

National Health Insurance
(*kokumin kenko hokenryo*)
Term 8

National Pension Insurance
(*kokumin nenkin hokenryo*)
December portion

New Year's Greetings from Mayor Tanabe



Happy New Year!

I would like to express my condolences, once again, to those affected by Typhoon 15 in September, and thank everyone for their tremendous support. We remain hard at work with recoveries.

As we move into to the "With-Covid Era", we will be actively working to prevent the spread of the virus, as well as revitalize the local economy in line with the "2 Lives" policy (protecting life, or *inochi*, and restoring our daily lives, or *kurashi*).

From the "Chigobugaku" Children's Dance at Shizuoka Sengen-jinja Shrine's Hatsukaesai Festival being designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Japan, to Shimizu Lighthouse being designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan, and "Furyu-odori" (which includes the "Utogi no Bon-odori" dance) being registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, the value of our city's historical assets has continued to be recognized this past year.

The Shizuoka City Museum of History, a core part of "Creating a Base of Historical Culture" (one of the "5 Main Frameworks"), will also see its grand opening on 13 January. In addition to this, a historical drama museum will be opened within the grounds of Shizuoka Sengen-jinja Shrine on 27 January to coincide with the broadcast of the NHK historical drama, "What Will You Do, Ieyasu?". We are hard at work attracting visitors, so that the people of our city can deepen their love for the city's history, and people from other areas can come and visit not just these facilities but the rest of the city as well.



April will mark the start of the "4th General Plan of Shizuoka City", the city's top-level plan which aims to polish the city's local assets (such as our culture and history, the international center that is Shimizu Port, the Southern Alps, and Suruga Bay) in order to realize the community development goal, "Shizuoka, a City of World Standards", in the 8 years leading up to 2030.

The saying, "Sho-o Korai", means to understand the past before contemplating the future. This year marks 20 years since the merge with Shimizu City. Let us think back on the progress made by our forbearers, as we walk steadily towards our city's bright future. I wish everyone health and happiness for the new year!



Omicron-Targeting Vaccinations Underway

Inquiries: Covid-19 Vaccination Call Center ☎0120-113-394 (8:30-20:30)

Covid-19 Vaccination Reservations:

← Reservation Website (select language from top right corner)

Reservation Hotlines (8:30-20:30) ☎012-116-489; ☎0120-202-489; ☎0120-308-489



*Vaccination ticket necessary to receive vaccinations. If you have lost your vaccination ticket, consult the Reservation Website or call the Vaccination Ticket Reissuance Hotline (☎0120-373-185)

*Covid-19 Vaccinations will continue until the end of March 2023.

*Scan the QR Code on the back of the Shizuoka Jin for the city's Multilingual Covid-19 Information page.

*Information accurate as of 8 Dec. See city website for latest information



Venues

Group vaccinations	COUPOLE Hall; APiTA Shizuoka Branch; Shimizu Ward Office
Individual vaccinations	Various medical facilities *Confirm via Reservation Website, Hotlines or the city website

Candidates for Omicron-Targeting Vaccine:

Persons 12yrs and up who have finished their initial (1st and 2nd) vaccinations, and their last vaccination was at least 3 months ago.

Initial and Child Vaccinations Still Underway

Initial vaccinations, child vaccinations (5-11yrs old), and infant vaccinations (6 months - 4yrs old) are still underway. Initial vaccinations will end as soon as the stocks of the (conventional) vaccine run out.



Emergency Support Benefits To Help With Rising Prices of Electricity, Gas, Food, Etc.

Benefit Amount: 50,000 yen per household

Eligible Households : ①Residence Tax-Exempt Households and ②households with a sudden change in finances from January to December 2022, who are deemed to be in the same circumstances as households in ①.

Application Deadline: Tue 31 Jan (postmarked)

Inquiries: For information on how to apply etc. scan the QR Code for a detailed explanation in English, or call the Benefits Call Center (☎0120-293-025 Weekdays 9:00-19:00)



Prefectural Road Shimizu-Fujinomiya Line Bypass Opens Fully from End of February

Inquiries: Shimizu Road Maintenance Division ☎054-354-2203

The portion of Prefectural Road Shimizu-Fujinomiya Line Bypass between the Ihara Ballpark intersection and Shimizu Ihara Interchange that was under construction will be opened to traffic from the end of February. In addition, the portion between Ihara intersection and the Ihara Ballpark intersection that was temporarily restricted to 2 lanes will be extended to 4 lanes.

What to expect from this opening:

- Increased safety and comfort due to the separation of pedestrians, cyclists, and car traffic
- Economic development due to increased access to highways and Shimizu Port
- Regional vitalization in Oku-Shizu (Deep Shizuoka) due to smoother transport access.
- Strengthened disaster prevention due to the formulation of a road network.



For more information, see the city website (scan above QR Code), "Shizumichi Info", etc.



Making Shizuoka an Intercultural City

Inquiries: International & Multicultural Affairs Division

☎054-221-1303



Give us your opinions regarding the Shizuoka City Promotion Plan for Intercultural Cohesion

Thank you for all your opinions regarding the Shizuoka Municipal Ordinance for the Promotion of an Intercultural City. We took all of your opinions into account and the Ordinance has been passed! We are now working on a plan to put the principles of the ordinance into practice over the next 8 years, and we would your opinions again. Scan this QR Code and scroll down to the English materials. You can submit your opinions online in English (click on "Answer via the Website" after reading the materials.)



Become a council member on the Shizuoka City Council for Intercultural Cohesion

This Council meets about 4 times a year to deliberate on measures and important matters for promoting intercultural cohesion in our city. Japanese proficiency is required as meetings are conducted in Japanese. The length of appointment is 2 years, starting in April.

Who: We are looking for 3 new members over the age of 18. (Applicants with foreign citizenship must have lived in Shizuoka City for at least a year.) Selection will be based on submitted documents, followed by an interview.

How to apply: Submit the application form and a short essay to the International & Multicultural Affairs Division (17F, City Hall Shizuoka Office ☎054-221-1303) via mail or in person (must arrive by Fri 10 Feb). *Application forms are available at the International & Multicultural Affairs Division, the City Information Corner of each Ward Office, the Shizuoka City Association for Multicultural Exchange, the city website, etc.



Shizuoka
City
Museum of
History



Shizuoka City Museum of History Grand Opening!

Inquiries: ☎054-204-1005 (Museum itself)



Where: Otemachi, Aoi-ku (Next to Higashi Gomon and Tatsumi Yagura)

Open hours: Weekends from 9:00-18:00 (Last entry into exhibition rooms is 17:30)

*Opens from 14:00 on Fri 13 Jan

Entrance Fee: ①Standard and special exhibitions: 1000 yen; ②Standard exhibitions only: 600 yen
Persons 70 and older, HS students, and university students living in Shizuoka City:

① 700 yen ; ② 420 yen

ES and JHS students: ① 250 yen; ②

150 yen (free on presentation of a children's card)

*Free for pre-school-aged children, and persons with a disability certificate plus one helper.

Grand Opening Special Exhibition (3F): Tokugawa Ieyasu and Sumpu

When: Fri 13 Jan to Sun 26 Feb

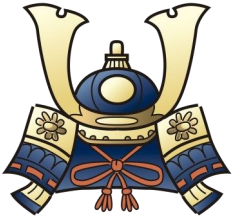
What: Exhibition of local objects with links to Ieyasu. A letter sent from Ieyasu to Ishida Mitsunari as he fought in the Battle of Sekigahara will also be made public for the first time ever! Come and see folding fans received from Ieyasu and kept in the houses of Sumpu's townsfolk, documents sent to temples and shrines recognizing territory, and many more objects of interest.

Standard Exhibition (2F): Experience the History of Ieyasu and the Imagawa Clan, Renowned Figures of Shizuoka

Former ruler of Japan, Tokugawa Ieyasu, spent 25 years of his 75-year life in Sumpu. The Imagawa clan raised Ieyasu and build the foundations of Shizuoka. Come and look back on their histories and lives in the kind of exhibition only possible in Shizuoka City.

Standard Exhibition (3F): Walk in the Footsteps of the Townsfolk, and On Into the Future

Enter the exhibition room and be met by the "Tokaido-zu Byobu", a folding screen map of the Tokaido Road depicting Sumpu's castle town in the Edo era. There are also exhibits such as a model of Shizuoka City center in the 1950-60's, allowing visitors to learn about the history of Shizuoka and its people.



“What Will You Do, Ieyasu?” Shizuoka Historical Drama Museum

Inquiries: Operations Center ☎054-297-5111
City Division in Charge: Tourism & Mice Promotion
Division ☎054-221-1310

To coincide with the broadcast of the NHK historical drama, “What Will You Do, Ieyasu?” starting in January, a historical drama museum will be opened in Shizuoka City, where Ieyasu spent a third of his life. Come and see clothing and accessories used in the drama, as well as the kind of exhibition only possible in Shizuoka City.

When: Fri 27 Jan 2023 to Sun 28 Jan 2024

Open hours: 9:00-18:00 (last entry is 17:30)

Where: Shizuoka Sengen-jinja Shrine Grounds (Miyagasaki-cho, Aoi-ku)

Entrance Fee: 400 yen; 200 yen for school students (Pre-school-aged children are free)

City residents: 200 yen; free for school students *ID required in order to use city resident discount

*Parking lot within Shizuoka Sengen-jinja Shrine grounds not available.

Please use other parking lots in the area or come by public transport.

Free Shuttle Bus: Running everyday, except Mondays (or the next weekday if Monday is a public holiday) and 29 Dec

-3 Jan. Stops are ① Shizuoka City Museum of History →

② Sengen Dori 1st Ave. (Historical Drama Museum → ③

Sengen Dori 4th Ave. → ④ Shizuoka City Culture Hall → ①.

Scan QR Code for bus timetable.



8th Oku-Shizu Mori-no-Ichi Forest Market

Inquiries: Upland Promotion Division ☎054-294-8807

When: Sun 29 Jan, 10:00-15:30 *Rain or shine

Where: Sendai Midori no Mori (Sendai, Aoi-ku)

*Come straight to the venue on the day

Entrance Fee: Free

Come and see a real demonstration of Japanese cedar (*sugi*) and Japanese cypress (*hinoki*) trees being felled. How about the pool of wooden blocks, or one of the many wood crafting experiences? You can taste a vast array of delicious processed goods made from agricultural products. Why not try and collect all the stamps in the stamp rally, too?



Oku-Shizu
Website



Oku-Shizu Resource
Utilization Council's
Website (Japanese)



Riverwell Ikawa Appreciation Day

Inquiries: Riverwell Ikawa Ski Resort ☎054-260-2316

We're giving away 20 ski lift tickets to people high school age and up, and 50 tickets to people junior high school age and younger! There will be 100 smaller presents as well!
*First come first served.

When: Sun 22 Jan; Lift Operation 8:30-16:00;

Parking 8:00- 17:00

Where: Riverwell Ikawa Ski Resort (Ikawa, Aoi-ku) *Come straight to the venue on the day



Play With Cats on Cat Day!



When: Sun 19 Feb, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00 (45 min per session)

Where: Animal Welfare Center (Ubume, Aoi-ku)

Number of people: 5 groups (of up to 4 people) per session.

Cost: Free

Applications: From 10:00, Wed 18 Jan (first come first served). Apply to the Animal Welfare Center by phone ☎054-278-4070

*Bringing pets is not allowed

Agri-Challenge Park Kambara

Kambara Segizawa, Shimizu-ku

Inquiries: Agricultural Policy Division (6F, City Hall Shimizu Office) ☎054-354-2085

Looking for Trainees for FY2022

We are looking for trainees who want to study agriculture (focusing mainly on outdoor vegetables) over the course of a year. The training will take place on agricultural training land where farming can be experienced on a practical scale. You will train in cultivation techniques with experts, learn about the planning required to start a career in agriculture, the sales of agricultural produce, and more. Through this we aim to equip you with the knowledge required to manage an agricultural business.



When: 1 year starting from April (weekdays, 2-3 times a month)

Who: Individuals aged 63 or younger who want to acquire the necessary knowledge and skills, and start farming in Shizuoka City; Corporations interested in entering the agricultural industry

Cost: ¥100,000 for the year. (1 plot)

Renting Land

We are also renting out part of this training land (for growing vegetables only)

When: 1 year starting from April

Who: Persons or corporations working as farmers in Shizuoka City, or who have agricultural experience and know how to use the land properly.

Cost: ¥20,000 for the year (1 plot)

*In the event of many applicants, priority will be given to those who wish to take part in the agricultural training.

Agricultural equipment and irrigation facilities are available to both trainees and people renting the land.

Applications: Post your application form to the Agricultural Policy Division or bring it in person. Must arrive by Tue 28 Feb. There will be a selection process.

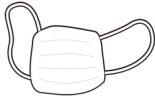
*Application forms available from the Agricultural Policy Division and on the City Website.

City Offices Directory

If you don't know the number of a particular office, call the Information Desk (*daihyō bangō*)

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| ● Aoi Ward Office
5-1 Ote-machi, Aoi-ku | 054-254-2115 | ● City Hall Shizuoka Office
5-1 Ote-machi, Aoi-ku | 054-254-2111 |
| ● Shimizu Ward Office
6-8 Asahi-cho, Shimizu-ku | 054-354-2111 | ● City Hall Shimizu Office
6-8 Asahi-cho, Shimizu-ku | 054-354-2111 |
| ● Suruga Ward Office
10-40 Minami Yahata-cho,
Suruga-ku | 054-202-5811 | ● Shimizu Ward Office
Kambara Branch
1-21-1 Kambara-shinden,
Shimizu-ku | 054-385-3111 |

Useful Services and Information



COVID-19
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English
Information Page



Shizuoka City
Association for
Multicultural
Exchange



Multilingual
Consultation Service
Shizuoka City

Online Guide to Administrative Procedures (English)

Aoi Ward



Aoi Ward's
Character:
Aoi-kun

葵区PR
キャラクター
あおいくん

Suruga Ward



Suruga Ward's
Character: Torobe

駿河区 応援隊長
トロベ

Shimizu Ward



Shimizu Ward's
Character: Shizulla

清水区広報キャラクター
シズラ ©清水区

Offices & Associations Dealing Specifically with Foreign Nationals' Needs & Issues

Shizuoka City Association for Multicultural Exchange (SAME)	Shizuoka Office	Shimizu Office
	City Hall - Shizuoka Office, 17F 054-273-5931	City Hall - Shimizu Office, 2F 054-354-2009
Nagoya Regional Immigration Services Bureau-Shizuoka Branch Office	Fukuichi Temma-cho Bldg., 6F; 9-4 Temma-cho, Aoi-ku 054-653-5571	

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