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## — Disaster prevention —

Japan is a country that has many earthquakes. Using the Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake as an invaluable lesson in which a great many precious lives and property were lost in an instant, it is important to be prepared mentally and materially for an earthquake, no matter where or when it happens so that losses can be kept to a minimum.

### HYOGO EMERGENCY NET

About the Hyogo Emergency Net (E-Net)  
The Hyogo E-Net is a system designed to utilize current trends in mobile and wireless information technology in order to supplement conventional systems for disaster management, such as radio and loudspeaker vans, which directly supply local citizens in the most immediate manner possible.

Please register yourself at the website: <http://bosai.net/e/>. You will then receive messages containing information regarding emergencies, earthquakes, tsunamis, and weather warnings from Hyogo Prefecture and Cities.

For everyday affairs, this site serves as a regular mobile phone homepage, providing local citizens with information on upcoming events and useful information on daily-life including pictures.

The Hyogo E-net was designed based on the lessons learned through the experiences of the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. We believe that this network will help us create safer and more secure communities in Ashiya, Hyogo.

#### Everyday measures

- (1) Check where the safest place in your house/apartment is.
- (2) Store enough drinking water 3liters per person per day.
- (3) Prepare a rucksack or emergency bag and store it in a place familiar to everyone in the family. Example of items to put in or set up with the rucksack/emergency bag:
  - (a) torch light (b) batteries (c) drinking water and food (d) money (including some 10 yen coins for using a public telephone) (e) copies of identification materials such as passports driver's license and bankbooks, etc. and other valuables (f) matches lighter and candles (g) a first-aid kit (those requiring regular medication should not forget it) (h) a helmet or other protective headwear (i) cotton work gloves, socks and underwear (j) heat insulating and water proof blankets (k) rope, etc.
- (4) Use metal fittings to secure furniture and prevent it from falling over.
- (5) Use shatter-prevention film on windows, cupboards shelves, etc. where glass is used.
- (6) Make a note of emergency contact

telephone numbers, and the phone number address and other contact details of someone who can communicate in your language.

(7) Confirm where your nearest emergency shelter and hospital are and how to get there. Inquire at city office to confirm the whereabouts of your nearest emergency shelter.

Saigai-yo Dengon Dial (Telephone message service in times of disaster)(Tel.171)

When a disaster occurs it is often difficult to make telephone calls to the affected area.

In such circumstances use the Saigai-yo Dengon Dial service (telephone message service in times of disaster). People outside the area can listen to recorded messages made by those in the affected area regarding their safety, etc. It is like a voice recorded message board. Similarly people outside the area can send messages to people in the affected area.

Notification of the introduction of the NIT Saigai-yo Dengon Dial service will be made on the radio, television, and internet, etc. You use the service by dialing 171 and following the guidance in Japanese to record or listen to messages.

#### Being prepared for typhoons and floods

In Japan from summer through autumn there are many typhoons that bring strong winds and torrential rain, which can cause landslides and flood damage. To be prepared for such strong winds and floods the following points

should be given attention.

(1) Your residence should be fully inspected. In order to keep damage to a minimum, repairs and reinforcements should be carried out.

(2) Window glass, etc. should be reinforced with gummed tape or vinyl tape. If there are shutters they should be closed.

(3) Boxes, flowerpots and other objects in the garden or on the balcony should be fastened or taken into the house to prevent them from being blown around by strong winds.

(4) Television antennas, etc. should be reinforced with splints, wire, etc.

(5) Clear drains and water tubs of any dirt and debris to ensure good drainage.

(6) If you live in a lowland area or in an area where flooding is possible, you should place furniture and electrical appliances as high up as possible.

(7) In the event of a blackout (electric power failure) have a flashlight, portable radio, etc. in a set place familiar to each member of the family.

(8) Rucksack or emergency bag which keep things you need to take with you in an emergency in a convenient place to pick up.

(9) Confirm where the nearest disaster shelter is and how to get there. Confirm whether or not your residence is in a safe district. Inquire information to city office, fire department etc concerning the location disaster shelters and the threat of heavy rain-induced landslides in certain areas.

## 19th Ashiya Cherry Blossom Festival

**Date: April 6-7 (Fri. & Sat.)**

Program: Musical stage events, street stalls, street performances, etc.

Place: Riverside of Ashiyagawa River, and on the west side of Citizens' Center, along "Narihira Sakura Street"

Inquiries: Ashiya Cherry Blossom Festival Committee, Tel. 38-2007 (Section for Citizens' Participation in Planning)



**Garbage Collection Schedule by Area**

Inquiry: Refuse Disposal Center (Collection Subsection) Tel: 22-2155 Fax: 32-6247

Type of Garbage	Time	Days	Area
Burnable	By 8:30 a.m.	Monday & Thursday	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Okuyama, Sanjo, Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Yamate, Higashi-ashiya, Higashiyama, Sanjo-minami, Nishi-ashiya, Tsukiwaka, Matsunouchi, Funado, Ohara, Shimizu, Maeda, Tsuji, Kawanishi, Kimmitsu, Omasu, Chayano, Miyazuka, Hirata-kita, Seido, Miyagawa, Hirata, Hama-ashiya, Matsuhama, Takezono, Ise, Kurekawa
		Tuesday & Friday	Rokurokuso, Asahigaoka, Iwazono, Shinnozuka, Midorigaoka, Kusunoki, Narihira, Kami-miyagawa, Uchide-kozuchi, Kasuga, Wakamiya, Uchide, Nishikura, Hama, Nangu, Daito, Suzukaze, Minamihama(part)
Nonburnable	By 12:30 p.m.	Mondays	Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Midorigaoka, Miyagawa, Seido, Kasuga, Uchide-kozuchi, Uchide, Wakamiya
		Tuesdays	Sanjo, Okuyama, Yamate, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Maeda, Shimizu, Kawanishi, Tsuji, Hirata, Hirata-kita
		Wednesdays	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya, Funado, Matsunouchi, Nangu, Daito, Hama, Nishikura, Yoko, Kaiyo
		Thursdays	Asahigaoka, Kusunoki, Miyazuka, Chayano, Omasu, Kimmitsu, Kami-miyagawa, Narihira, Shiomi, Midori, Minamihama, Suzukaze
		Fridays	Rokurokuso, Iwazono, Shinnozuka, Ohara, Takezono, Hama-ashiya, Kurekawa, Ise, Matsuhama, Niihama, Hamakaze
Paper recyclables and others	By 8:30 a.m.	Wednesdays	Throughout the city

**Collection Schedule for Nonburnable & Paper Recyclables**

Week	Nonburnable	Paper Recyclables and Others
1st Week	Bottles	Cardboard
2nd Week	Other nonburnable garbage	Magazines, flyers and other paper items
3rd Week	Cans	PET bottles
4th Week	Other nonburnable garbage	Newspapers, paper cartons
5th Week	Bottles	Cardboard

**Bulky (large-sized) and Temporary Large Amounts of Garbage: Collection by Request**

**Bulky Garbage:** Call at Tel: 22-2166 for reservation  
**Temporary Large Amounts of Garbage:** Call at Tel: 22-2155 for reservation  
**Office hours:** Everyday except Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 - 16:00 (Lunch break: 12:00 - 12:45)

**Seaside Town High-Rise Residential District Garbage Collection**

Area	Garbage Type	Frequency	Day
Takahama-cho	Cans	Every week	Monday
	PET bottles	1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th week	Thursday
	Other nonburnable garbage	2nd and 4th week	Monday
Wakaba-cho	Bottles	1st and 5th week	Wednesday
	Cans	Every week	Tuesday
	PET bottles	1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th week	Thursday
	Other nonburnable garbage	2nd and 4th week	Tuesday

\*Other burnable garbage that does not fit in the pipeline slot is collected on Thursday of the 2nd week

**Municipal Taxes Due in March**

Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year January 31)  
 Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015  
 Deadline for filing and payment: April 2 (Mon.)

**Municipal Taxes Due in April**

Fixed Assets & City Planning Taxes (1st period)  
 Contact: Taxation Section Fixed Assets Tax Subsection, Tel: 38-2017  
 Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year last day of February)  
 Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015  
 Deadline for filing and payment: May 1 (Tue.)

**Municipal Taxes Due in May**

Light Vehicle Tax  
 Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015  
 Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year March 31)  
 Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015  
 Deadline for filing and payment: May 31 (Thur.)

**Municipal Taxes Due in June**

Individual City / Prefecture Resident Tax (1st period)  
 Contact: Taxation Section Resident Tax Subsection, Tel: 38-2016  
 Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year April 30)  
 Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015  
 Deadline for filing and payment: July 2 (Mon.)

**Notification from the Taxation Section: City taxes due before leaving Japan**

Individual city/prefecture resident taxes are assessed every year on individuals who were living in Ashiya City as of January 1, and a fixed assets tax and a city planning tax are levied every year on those who owned fixed property (land, buildings or depreciable properties) as of January 1. If you are planning to leave Japan, please contact the office below to find out how to arrange for a representative to handle your tax payments in your absence.  
 Individual city/prefecture resident tax: Taxation Section Resident Tax Subsection, Tel: 38-2016  
 Fixed asset tax: Taxation Section, Fixed Assets Subsection, Tel: 38-2017  
 Tax filing consultation: Tax Collection Section, Tel: 38-2014  
 Information on account transfers: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015

**Light Vehicle Taxes**

Every year a light vehicle tax is assessed on people who own a light vehicle (including motorbikes) as of April 1. If you no longer possess a vehicle due to disposal, title transfer or theft, you must update the registration to avoid being taxed. If you move out of Ashiya, you need to withdraw your

registration to avoid being taxed. If you move out of Ashiya, you need to withdraw your registration in Ashiya and then register the vehicle in your new location. You must also report disposal if you plan to leave Japan. Please bring the required documentation to the office below to complete the applicable procedures.

Please note that even if you file the disposal record in the middle of the year, you will still be responsible for paying the entire tax, as there is no refund for the remainder of the year.

Category	Where to process
Motorbikes (less than 125cc) & Special Light Vehicles	Taxation Section Management Subsection, Ashiya City Office (Counter #13)7-6 Seido-cho, Ashiya 659-8501 Tel: 0797-38-2015
Two-wheeled Vehicles over 125 cc	Hyogo Land Transportation Dept. Kobe Transportation Bureau Branch Office34-2 Uozaki Hama-cho, Higashinada-ku, Kobe 658-0024 Tel: 050-5540-2066
3 and 4-wheeled Light Vehicles	Japan Light Motor Vehicles Inspection Organization Hyogo Branch 67-7 Isumi Aza-Magota, Tamatsu-cho, Nishi-ku, Kobe 651-2145 Tel: 078-927-3648

**Taxpayer Examination of Fixed Assets Tax Ledger**

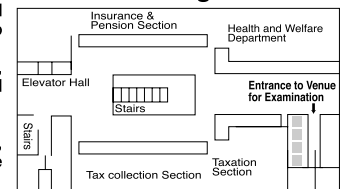
Records in the fiscal year 2007 fixed assets tax ledger will be open to examination as follows.

Period: April 2 (Mon.) to May 1 (Tue.), excluding Saturdays, Sundays and National holidays.

Time: 9:00 to 17:15  
 Place: Ashiya City Hall South Wing 1F, Taxation Office, South Conference Room(Picture to the right)

Eligibility: In principle, limited to the owner of the fixed assets or a representative.

Bring: For identification purposes, bring last year's tax notice, your driver's license, health insurance certificate or another form of identification. Representatives must also present a power of attorney.  
 Inquiries: Taxation Section Fixed Assets Tax Subsection, Tel: 38-2017



**Review of Amounts in Fixed Assets Tax Ledger**

If you disagree with the figure contained in the fixed assets tax ledger, you may request a review. Requests need to be submitted in writing to the Ashiya City Fixed Assets Assessment Examination Committee from April 2 (Mon.) to the 60th day following receipt of your tax notice.  
 Inquiries: Ashiya City Fixed Assets Assessment Examination Committee (South Wing 2F), Tel: 38-2010

**City Taxes can be paid via bank or post office!**

Fill out and submit the forms for account transfer found at any banking institution or post office.

Types of tax that can be paid by this method: individual city tax, prefecture resident tax, fixed assets tax, city planning tax, light vehicle tax.

For inquiries contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015

**Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office Program Schedule (Tel. 32-0707)**

Appointment needed

Program Name	Day / Hours	Appointment needed			
		March	April	May	June
Psychological Consultations for Parents and Children / Women's Sukoyaka Lifelong Health Consultation	2nd Tue., 13:30-14:30	13	Under study		
Psychological Consultations	2nd Wed., 13:30-14:30	14	11	9	13
Clinic: (General Health Consultations & Workplace Checkups), HIV, HCV and HBs check * No Syphilis Test	1st & 3rd Fri., 13:00-13:30 HIV, HCV, HBs and syphilis test: 14:00-14:30	* 2	6		1
		* 16	20	18	15
Families of Alcoholics Program	2nd Fri., 10:00-12:00	9	13	11	8
"Good Luck" Consultations on Rehabilitation of Mentally Challenged Patients	1st & 3rd Wed., 10:00- 12:00	7	Under study		
Mental Health Volunteers Gathering (place: Mental Support Center)	4th Fri., 10:00-12:00	23	Under study		
Families of Elderly Persons with Senile Dementia ("Ajsai Hydrangea Club") (*Place: Welfare Hall)	3rd Mon., 13:30-15:30	• 19	16	21	18
Specialized Nutritional Consultations	1st & 2nd Tue., 10:00-12:00	6	3	1	5
		13	10	8	12

**Ashiya Health Center Tel: 31-1586 Fax: 31-1018**

Program	Hours	Place	Age, Fee and Others		March	April	May	June
BCG vaccinations	13:30 - 14:30	Ashiya Health Center	From 3 to 5 months old. Items to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo), application form and thermometer	BCG	21	9	14	11
Expectant parents' classes (reservation required)	From 13:30	Ashiya Health Center	1,000 yen fee for expectant mothers 5 months pregnant or less; Free for expectant mothers 6 months pregnant or more	1st Period		4, 18, 25		6, 20, 27
			Bathing classes (with fathers)	2nd Period	14, 28		9, 23	
Health consultation for pregnant women	13:30 - 15:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with maternity nurse		19	16	21	18
Home visits to newborn babies	Any time	Ashiya Health Center	For applicants only		Any time			
Child-rearing consultations	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Physical measurement, child-rearing consultation (free of charge); Item to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo)		15	19	17	21
Mogumogu baby food classes	9:45 - 11:30	Kami-miyagawa Cultural Center	Free of charge from 6 to 7 months old; Item to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo)		26	23	28	25
Health checkups for 4-month-olds	13:00 - 13:45	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		6, 27	3, 24	15, 29	5, 26
Health checkups for 10-month-olds	Any time	Designated medical facilities	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		All year			
Health checkups for 18-month-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		8, 22	12, 26	10, 24	14, 28
Health checkups for 3-year-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		1, 15	5, 19	17, 31	7, 21
Allergy checkups	13:00 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with pediatric doctor (free of charge)		16	20	18	15
Allergy consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation about atopic dermatitis (eczema) and more		5	2	7	4
Periodontal disease prevention class	13:00 - 14:30	Dentist Association Hall	Free of charge		14	18	16	20
Home visits to people to prevent their becoming bedridden	Any time	Apply to Ashiya Health Center	Patients over 40 years old (free of charge)		Any time			
Home visits for dental care of the bedridden			Patients over 60 years old (bedridden or in a similar situation) (free of charge)					
Citizens' health checkups (lung cancer tests for those aged 40 or above)	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Over 16 years old: Chest X-ray, blood pressure check and urine analysis (free of charge); Over 40 years old: Chest X-ray, blood pressure check, urine analysis, ECG and blood test at 800 yen. Applicants must not eat and drink before the test; Expectant mother: Urine analysis, blood pressure check and blood test (appointment required)		2	6	11	12, 19
Anemia tests			For 16 years old and over at 130 yen					
Hepatitis tests			For 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years old at 1,000 yen					
Prostate cancer tests			For males 50 years old and over at 1,000 yen					
Health checkups (appointment required)	From 9:15	Ashiya Health Center	For individuals over 35 years old (11 tests for prevention of Lifestyle-related Diseases, at 9,000 yen)		5, 6, 9	2, 9, 10	7, 8	4, 5, 8
Osteoporosis checkups (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:00	Ashiya Health Center	Over 20 years old at 1,000 yen (checked by ultrasound)		23	27	25	22
Nutritional consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 11:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a nutritionist for adults (free of charge)		20	17	15	19
Health consultations (appointment required)	13:00 - 15:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a doctor for adults (free of charge)		13, 27	10, 24	8, 22	5, 26
Stomach cancer tests (appointment required)	9:15 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Over 35 years old at 3,500 yen		Mondays and Thursdays			
Cancer of the large intestine test	Submit sample in the morning	Ashiya Health Center	Any time; individuals over 40 years old at 800 yen		Tuesday mornings			
Physical fitness checkup	9:00 - 11:30	Medical Association Medical Center	Over 20 years old; 5 types of measurement of physical fitness (grip strength, etc.); results by computer		23		25	
Uterine (cervical) cancer check	Any time	Medical facilities (mornings)	Provided in the mornings		Any time			
Breast cancer check	Any time	Medical facilities (mornings)	Provided in the mornings		Any time			
Breast cancer check (screening mammography); appointment required	Every Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Ashiya Municipal Hospital, 39-1 Asahigaoka-cho (Fax: 22-8822)	Residents over 40 years old at 2,800 yen; apply at Ashiya Municipal Hospital by postcard or fax, stating the desired date, your address, phone number, and birthdate* Individuals with a pacemaker or breast implant are not eligible		Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays			

**Clinics Open for Emergency on Holidays (Dentists)**

Date	Day	Clinic	Address	Phone
March 4	Sun.	Matsuki Dental Clinic	23-8-101 Kasuga-cho	23-8811
March 11	Sun.	Seaside Mizoi Dental Clinic	7-2-105 Takahama-cho	32-1008
March 18	Sun.	Seiai Dental Clinic	1-11 Kasuga-cho	32-2188
March 21	Wed.	Muraoka Dental Clinic	5-14-202 Higashiyama-cho	34-6430
March 25	Sun.	Yorifuji Dental Clinic	1-13 Miyazuka-cho	22-5941
April 1	Sun.	Wakabayashi Dental Clinic	4-1-407 Funado-cho	22-4882
April 8	Sun.	Aramaki Dental Clinic	8-13 Kawanishi-cho	34-6483
April 15	Sun.	Ikezawa Dental Clinic	3-9 Matsunouchi-cho	32-1780
April 22	Sun.	Ikeda Dental Clinic	10-1 Matsunouchi-cho	35-4182
April 29	Sun.	Inagaki Dental Clinic	5-19 Ohara-cho	22-2870
April 30	Mon.	Uwazumi Dental Clinic	11-24 Miyazuka-cho	34-1560
May 3	Thu.	Muraoka Dental Clinic	5-14-202 Higashiyama-cho	34-6430
May 4	Fri.	Uga Dental Clinic	3-7 Omasu-cho	22-4074
May 5	Sat.	Kinoshita Dental Clinic	2-12 Asahigaoka-cho	31-1115
May 6	Sun.	Oka Dental Clinic	11-24-206 Ohara-cho	22-0139
May 13	Sun.	Ono Dental Clinic	3-5 Hamakaze-cho	23-6474
May 20	Sun.	Kishida Dental Clinic	2-12 Yamate-cho	22-1723
May 27	Sun.	Kodera Dental Clinic	7-3 Shiomi-cho	32-3836
June 3	Sun.	Gon Dental Clinic	6-22-103 Nangu-cho	38-5577
June 10	Mon.	Sakita Dental Clinic	4-1-402 Funado-cho	32-4180
June 17	Sun.	Sugii Dental Clinic	1-7-3F Iwazono-cho	21-2525
June 24	Sun.	Takada Dental Clinic	10-5 Hama-cho	31-2229

**Clinics Open for Emergency at Night  
Services are available from 20:00 to 23:00**

Date	Day	Clinic	Dept.	Address	Phone
March 2	Fri.	Ashiya Hashimoto Clinic	Internal dialysis	6-31 Narihira-cho	21-3131
March 9	Fri.	Kitaoka Clinic	Internal pediatrics	2-10 Omasu-cho	22-3414
March 16	Fri.	Yamada Clinic	Internal	11-16 Nangu-cho	22-9351
March 23	Fri.	Kakinuma Ob-gyn	Internal ob-gyn	7-11 Kimmitsu-cho	31-1234
March 30	Fri.	Nomura Clinic	Internal neurology/rheumatology	5-10 Ise-cho	22-5505
April 6	Fri.	Sugioka Clinic	Internal	13-8 Midorigaoka-cho	25-5335
April 13	Fri.	Matsumura Internal Clinic	Internal	7-27 Ise-cho	31-0813
April 20	Fri.	Kamijo Clinic	Internal	7-2-105 Takahama-cho	34-0787
April 27	Fri.	Miyazaki Internal Clinic	Internal	7-3-201 Kasuga-cho	25-2528
May 11	Fri.	Azumi Clinic	Internal	6-23 Matsunouchi-cho	25-1078
May 18	Fri.	Hirabayashi Clinic	Internal Surgery	9-5-101 Hama-cho	22-3548
May 25	Fri.	Nagaretani Internal Clinic	Internal	10-6 Shimizu-cho	22-4592
June 1	Fri.	Nagasawa Clinic	Internal Gastroenterology	2-1-107 Funado-cho	25-0075
June 8	Fri.	Ueda Clinic	Internal	2-24 Asahigaoka-cho	34-1878
June 15	Fri.	Sujishi Clinic	Internal pediatrics	7-26 Iwazono-cho	23-0627
June 22	Fri.	Matsuba Clinic	Internal	1-4 Midorigaoka-cho	22-1641
June 29	Fri.	Ashiya St. Maria Hospital	Surgery Internal Orthopedics	5-20 Ohara-cho	23-1771

**(Medical Doctors)**

Name: Ashiya Municipal Holiday Emergency Clinic

Location: 5-13 Kimmitsu-cho

Phone: 21-2782

Departments: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Days/ Hours: Sundays and Holidays, 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Night Hours: A Doctor would need to be paged from his/her home.

Call the Central Fire Department (32-2345)

# EVENTS

## Matinee Concert

**Date and time:** March 11 (Sun.), 2:30 - 3:30 pm

**Place:** Ashiya Municipal Hospital

**Performers:** Singer: Ms. Mayumi Hosokawa

Piano: Ms. Yuka Ganse

**Inquiries:** Ashiya Municipal Hospital, General Affairs Section, Tel: 31-2156

## Library Concert Tenor evening

**Date and time:** April 11 (Wed.)

**Place:** Ashiya City Library

**Performers:** Mr. Yoshifumi Hata

**Inquiries:** Toshokan Tomonokai, Tel: 23-1746

## 2007 Ashiya International Fun Run

**Date:** April 8(Sun)

**Course:** Special course from Ashiyahama

Chuo Park Athletic Field to Minami-Ashiyahama

**How to Apply:** Fill out an entry form (available at post offices and public facilities) and mail it with the entry fee(cash, postal money order, or payment receipt if paying by bank transfer) to Ashiya International Fun Run, Sanspo Mara-thon Club, 2-1-57 Minatomachi, Naniwa-ku Osaka 〒556-8663 (Tel:06-6633-5865)

**Deadline:** March 21 (Wed). Bank transfer or Convenience Store's ATM March 28(Wed). Registered mail for cash or Postal money order

**Inquiries:** Sports and Youth Section Tel:22-7910

## Schedule of School Education

Municipal junior high school,  
Graduation ceremony: March 13  
3rd semester closing ceremony: March 23  
1st semester opening ceremony: April 9  
Entrance ceremony: April 10  
Municipal primary schools,  
Graduation ceremony: March 20  
3rd semester closing ceremony: March 23  
1st semester opening ceremony: April 9  
Entrance ceremony: April 11  
Municipal kindergartens,  
Graduation ceremony: March 16  
3rd semester closing ceremony: March 22  
1st semester opening ceremony: April 10  
Entrance ceremony: April 12  
**Inquiries:** School Education Section  
Tel: 38-2087

### Events:

	category	Min.Age	Start	Fee
	Family 3km	6	10:00 a.m.	¥ 1,000
	Men's /Women's 5K	12	10:30 a.m.	¥ 2,000
	Men's /Women's 10K	16	11:10 a.m.	¥ 3,000
	Men's /Women's Half Marathon	16	Noon	¥ 4,000
	Cherry Blossom Viewing Walk 10K	12	8:30 a.m	¥ 1,000

- Number will be handed out to entrants from 8:00a.m.to one hour before each event starts.
- A portion of the proceeds will be donated to UNICEF.



## Events by Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (March ~May)

La Mall Ashiya 2F, 2-6-209 Ohara-cho, Tel: 34-6340, Fax: 34-6341

## ACA Lobby Concert "Calling for Spring" Jazz and an Ashiya lullaby

**Date and time:** March 7(Wed)18:00 - 19:00

**Place:** La Mall Ashiya 1F

**Performers:** Kousei 'Luke' Mizuno, Fumitoshi Tamura(Piano), Shuji Eto(Base), Motohiro Shioiri(Drums)

**Program:** [Ashiya-no-Komoriuta] [Midori-no-LaLaLa] and Jazz Standard Number, etc

**Fees:** Free of charge

## The Cherry Blossom Festival Bazaar!

ACA will hold a bazaar at the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 6 & 7 (Fri & Sat). We would greatly appreciate any articles you may donate.

Proceeds will be used for ACA activities.

**To donate:**

**When to bring things:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Mar. 26 (Mon) to Apr. 4 (Wed)

**Place:** ACA (Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association)

**Goods to be welcome:** Any unneeded gift items you may have (kitchenware, household goods, etc.)

\*Only bring food if it is more than a month before the expiration date.

Clothes, if new or of comparable quality.

Children's goods (toys, desk supplies, etc.)

Please contact the ACA office if you are able

to help at the bazaar with labeling items and selling them, etc.

## Groupe de Carpe Diem

**Theme:**Honoré de Balzac

**Date and time:**March 27 (The) 13:30 - 15:00

**Gest:**Takao Kashiwagi

(The professor of the Osaka University Department of French Literature)

**Venue:**ACA Conference room

**Free:**500yen Non member 700yen

**Capacity:**40 people

## Theme:Memoirs about Andalucia, Spain

**Date and time:** April 20 (Fri.)

**Lecturer:** Mr. Tadashi Matsushima (Emeritus of Kyoto University)

**Place:** ACA (Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association)

**Fees:** Members: 500 yen; Non-members: 700 yen

**Capacity:** 40 people

\*Resevation required

## The 14th general meeting

**Date and time:** May 26 (Sat) 1:30 - 5:00 pm

**Place:** Hotel Takezono Ashiya

**Agenda:** Report on 2006 activities and expenses

Plan of activities and budget for 2007

Election of officers and other relevant matters

### <Guest lecture>

**Speaker:** Mr. Atsushi Oyagi

(Former member of Japanese Rugby Nationl Team)

**Topic:** International Exchange through rugby (tentative)

### <ACA auction>

There will be an auction after the General Meeting. If you have anything to offer, bring it to ACA. Come and join the fun!

*Simply gorgeous ...  
Relaxing atmosphere*



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