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The 44th Exchange Student Ambassadors have been decided.

Since the inception of the Student Ambassador Program in 1964, 176 student ambassadors have traveled to the sister cities each other. This year students from Montebello will stay in Ashiya for three weeks, from August 2nd to 22nd, spending one week with each of their host families. Apart from paying a courtesy visit to the Mayor, visiting Ashiya University Senior high school and participating in other events to deepen relations with our citizens, they will be also taking a one-day trip to Hiroshima.

Likewise, students from Ashiya will be in Montebello for around three weeks, from August 8th to the 29th, and stay with three different host families.

Here are their expectations.



Kazuto Tajima
(college student, Niihama-cho)

Since I became a student good will ambassador, I eager to make friendships with Montebello citizens, and understand each different culture deeply for good relationships between Japan and United States of America. I will absorb both of great ideas, and tell Japanese people what I got many things in Montebello.



Ayami Kataoka
(college student, Sanjo-cho)

It is a great pleasure for me to visit Montebello as an ambassador of Ashiya. I would like to tell people of Montebello many things about Japanese culture and the fascinations of Ashiya. I will do my best to deepen and make stronger the friendship of the two cities.



Angelic Durón
(high school student)

Last year, I was the host ambassador for Montebello and was able to interact with the ambassadors. Although I have been to Japan once before, I'm really excited that this time I will be able to live with a family. While there, I hope to learn more about the Japanese culture in the hope that I can grow from some of its positive values. I am looking forward to meeting Ayami, Kazuto, and the other residents of Ashiya.



Elizabeth Kivorkian
(high school student)

I look forward to going to Japan and learning about their culture. I want learn everything I can in the time that I will be there. It will also be nice to form relationships with the people I meet during the trip. I look forward to seeing all of the historical sites and learning about the history of Ashiya.

The 30th Ashiya Summer Carnival

Date : Saturday, July 19th, 2008

Place : The Minami-Ashiyahama area of Ashiya (Shio-Ashiya Green Space and Beach and Ashiya General Park)

Access : Take the #71 Hankyu bus from JR Ashiya, Hankyu Ashiyagawa or Hanshin Ashiya Station (15 min.).

●Main Locale Events

– Shio-Ashiya Green Space, Shio-Ashiya Beach and Ashiya General Park

Citizens' Stage and Parade	3:00 p.m.
MBS Radio Summer Festival 「BEACH STYLE 2008」	3:00-8:00 p.m. Performers/guests (yet to be confirmed)
Fireworks Display (approx. 6,000 shots)	8:00-9:00 p.m.
Outdoor carnival stalls (approx. 150)	1:00-9:00 p.m.
Children's Soccer Cup	9:00 a.m.-2:00 pm.
Shio-Ashiya Canoe Lessons	1:00-4:00 p.m.

●Waterfront events

- Ashiya Canal Park
The 14th ASHIYA CUP
Dragon Boat Race

Saturday, July 26, Practice session
1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, July 27, Race
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Contact: Tel. 0797-35-0871 <http://www.ashiya-hanabi.com/>



Be ready for typhoons and heavy rainfall! To minimize risks of damage:

Japan is affected by frequent typhoons throughout the summer and fall seasons. Let's take precautions to avoid and minimize damage caused by strong winds, heavy rains, landslides and floods.

[Make sure to keep informed of weather reports]

Pay attention to TV and radio reports for warnings issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency, fire department, police department and the City Hall.
You can also access announcements by the Meteorological Observatory by dialing 177. Watch fissures in cliffs/slopes that may lead to landslides, changes in water levels and other signs of danger in the environment around you.



[Reinforce your house]

Glass windows without shutters and lattice windows (grid-type) can be secured from the outside with wooden boards, and reinforced by pasting gum (packing) tape in X-shape across them. Shards of glass from broken windows can fly apart as result of damage. You can prevent that by closing the curtains.



[Do not go out unless necessary]

Avoid going out when there is a typhoon coming or heavy rains are expected.
If you do have to go out, make sure to check weather reports and do not get near potentially hazardous spots.



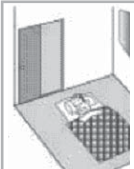
[Organize furniture and household items properly]

Do not place furniture or other heavy objects that can easily fall down in your bedroom, children's room, or a room with elderly or sick people.
When an earthquake strikes during sleeping hours, fallen furniture and other objects can hinder and delay smooth evacuation, especially for children, the elderly and the sick.



[Leave doorways and passageways unobstructed]

To ensure safe evacuation, do not leave furniture and other objects near entry and exit doors nor other paths to escape. Neglecting these easy-to-follow safety measures can develop into a major problem in case of an emergency.



Use hanabi (fireworks) only at suitable times and places, and do clean up afterwards.

Inquiry : Ashiya Fire Department Fire Prevention Section (Tel. 38-2098)

- Read the instructions carefully before using hanabi.
- Do not use hanabi when it is windy.
- Do not point hanabi at people or houses, and do not use them near inflammable items.
- Make sure to bring water.
- Make sure not to leave any garbage behind.



Follow the rules and enjoy hanabi!

How to Sort Out Garbage

For information call Tel. 22-2155 For collection of bulky (large-sized) garbage call Tel. 22-2166

	Type of Garbage	Time	How to dispose
Burnable	Kitchen waste, paper scraps/disposable diapers, leather goods, plastics 	By 8:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Drain kitchen waste of any liquid; ●Soak tempura oil in cloth or paper before disposal; ●Cut wood into pieces no longer than 50cm and with a diameter of 10cm or less; ●Sell old clothes at flea markets or recycle them; ●Wash disposable diapers before disposal.
Paper Recyclables	Magazines/fliers/various papers (2nd week Wednesday) – paper cookie boxes – newspapers/cartons (4th week Wednesday) – cardboard (1st & 5th week Wednesday) 	By 8:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●If you resident association has been collecting these items, please continue working through them; ●As in the picture on the left, note that collection days differ according to type of garbage; ●Take out paper cookie boxes on collection days for “newspapers, fliers and various papers”; ●Separate newspapers from cartons and put them into different bags; ●Though there is collection on rainy days, postpone disposal to the next collection day when rain is too heavy.
PET Bottles	Only bottles bearing the PET mark (soft drinks, alcoholic beverage, mirin seasoning, etc.) can be collected (3rd week Wednesday) 	By 8:30 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Empty contents and rinse well before discarding; ●Remove lids and labels; ●Discard metal lids and labels on “Other Non-burnable” days, and paper/plastic lids and labels on “Burnable” days.
Cans	Steel cans (3rd week) – Aluminum cans (3rd week) 	By 12:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Empty contents and rinse well before discarding; ●Remove lids and labels; ●Discard metal lids and labels on “Other Non-burnable” days, and paper/plastic lids and labels on “Burnable” days.
Bottles	Juice, beverage (1st and 5th week) – Condiment, seasoning (1st and 5th week) 	By 12:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Empty contents and rinse well before discarding; ●Beer bottles and 1-sho (1,8 liter) bottles shall be returned to the shop you bought from; ●Remove lids and labels; ●Discard metal lids and labels on “Other Non-burnable” days, and paper/plastic lids and labels on “Burnable” days.
Other Non-burnable	Glass (2nd and 4th week) – Metals (2nd and 4th week) – Earthenware (2nd and 4th week) – Others (2nd and 4th week) – Thermometers Glass and china (also broken pieces) should be safely wrapped with thick paper. Spray cans (hair conditioners, insecticides, portable gas cylinders, etc.) should be perforated and emptied in a well-ventilated place, put in a bag and taken out. 	By 12:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ●Empty contents and rinse well before discarding; ●Perforate and empty spray cans (hair conditioners, insecticides, portable gas cylinders, etc.) in a well-ventilated place, put them in a bag and take out; ●Wrap knives, scissors, glass shards, and other sharp items in thick paper, and attach a Kiken! (Dangerous!) sign before take out; ●Dispose batteries separately in see-through bags.

●English copies of the Garbage Collection Schedule can be found at:
Ashiya City Hall (North and South Wing Reception Desk, Environment Section, Citizens' Section), La Porte Citizens' Service Corner, NPO Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (Citizens' Participation Section International Exchange Subsection)

Notification from the Tax Section

[Municipal Taxes Due in July]

- Fixed Assets & City Planning Taxes (2nd period)
Contact: Tax Section Fixed Assets Tax Subsection. Tel: 38-2017
- Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year May 31)
Contact: Tax Section Management Subsection. Tel: 38-2015
- *Deadline for filing and payment: July 31 (Thu.)

[Municipal Taxes Due in August]

- Individual City/Prefecture resident Tax (2nd period)
Contact: Tax Section Resident Tax Subsection. Tel: 38-2016
- Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing June 30)
Contact: Tax Section Management Subsection. Tel: 38-2015
- *Deadline for filing and payment: September 1 (Mon.)

[Municipal Taxes Due in September]

- Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing July 31)
Contact: Tax Section Management Subsection. Tel: 38-2015
- *Deadline for filing and payment: September 30 (Tue.)

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 offices below to find out how to arrange for a representative to handle your tax payments in your absence.
Individual city/prefecture resident tax: Resident Tax Subsection, Tel.: 38-2016
Fixed assets tax/City planning tax: Tax section Fixed Assets Tax Subsection, Tel. 38-2017
Tax filing consultation: Tax Collection Section Tax Collection Subsection, Tel. 38-2014

Light Vehicle Taxes

Owners of light vehicles (including motorbikes) are taxed on April 1 of every year.
Be sure to finish procedures for change of registration, selling or scrapping before leaving the country or moving from Ashiya, to avoid being taxed.
Please bring the required documentation to one of the offices below.

Category	Where to process
Motorbikes (less than 125cc), Special Light Vehicles, Minicars	Tax Section Management Subsection, Ashiya City Office (Tel. 38-2015)
Two-wheeled Vehicles over 125cc	Hyogo Land Transport Dept., Kobe Transportation Bureau Branch Office (Tel. 050-5540-2066)
3 and 4-wheeled Light Vehicles	Japan Light Motor Vehicles Inspection Association, Hyogo Office (Tel. 078-927-3648)

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/Prefecture resident tax, fixed assets tax, city planning tax, light vehicle tax.

Inquiries: Tax Section Management Subsection Tel. 38-2015

Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office Program Schedule (Tel. 32-0707) (On Route 2, 150m east of Narihira-bashi Bridge)

Program Name	Day / Hours	July	Aug.	Sep.	
Infant Development Consultations	4th Fri., 13:30-14:30	25	22	26	
Psychological Consultations	2nd Wed., 13:30-14:30	9	-	10	
Tuberculosis (TB) Checkup Council	3rd Tue., 14:00-16:00	15	19	16	
(General Health Consultations & Workplace Checkups), HIV, HCV, HBs and syphilis check	Clinic Test Dates	1st & 3rd Fri., 13:00-13:30 (HIV, HCV, HBs Syphilis check: 14:00-14:30)	4	1	5
		2nd & 4th Fri., 14:00-14:30 (HCV, HBs, and syphilis check results are available 2 weeks after Test Day)	11	8	12
	Post Clinic Test Guidance Dates	2nd & 4th Fri., 14:00-14:30 (HCV, HBs, and syphilis check results are available 2 weeks after Test Day)	11	8	12
		2nd & 4th Fri., 14:00-14:30 (HCV, HBs, and syphilis check results are available 2 weeks after Test Day)	25	-	26
Families of Alcoholics Program	2nd Fri., 10:00-12:00	11	8	12	
Families of Elderly Persons with Senile Dementia ("Aisai Hydrangea Club") (Place: Health Center on even months)	3rd Mon., 13:30-15:30	*	18	*	
Specialized Nutritional Consultations	1st & 2nd Tue., 10:00-12:00	1	5	2	
		8	12	9	

* Links to medical institutions in Ashiya providing service in foreign languages can be found at the Ashiya City website.

Clinics Open for Emergency at Night

Services are available from 20:00 to 23:00

Date	Day	Clinic	Dept.	Address	Phone
July 4	Fri.	Nomura Clinic	Internal, neurology, rheumatism	5-10 Ise-cho	22-5505
July 11	Fri.	Muraoka Clinic	Internal	13-8 Midorigaoka-cho	25-5335
July 18	Fri.	Matsumura Internal Clinic	Internal	7-27 Ise-cho	31-0813
July 25	Fri.	Kamijo Clinic	Internal	7-2-15 Takahama-cho	34-0787
Aug 1	Fri.	Miyazaki Internal Clinic	Internal	7-3-201 Kasuga-cho	25-2528
Aug 8	Fri.	Azumi Clinic	Internal	6-23 Matsunouchi-cho	25-1078
Aug 15	Fri.	Hirabayashi Clinic	Internal, Surgery	9-5-101 Hama-cho	22-3548
Aug 22	Fri.	Nagaretani Internal Clinic	Internal	10-6 Shimizu-cho	22-4592
Aug 29	Fri.	Nagasawa Clinic	Internal, gastrointestinal	2-1-107 Funado-cho	25-0075

* Please make sure to call in advance.

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

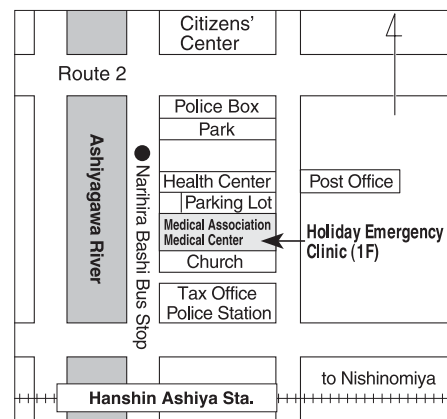
Program	Hours	Place	Age, Fee and Others	July	Aug.	Sep.
BCG vaccinations	13:15 - 14:15	Ashiya Health Center	From 3 to 5 months old. Items to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo), application form and thermometer	14	11	8
Expectant parents' classes (reservation required)	From 13:30	Ashiya Health Center	Maternity Cooking (1,000 yen)	-	6,20	-
			Support Group for women from 24 weeks of gestation to 5 months postnatal	-	9	-
			Bathing classes (with fathers)	19	-	20
Health consultation for pregnant women	13:30 - 15:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with maternity nurse	28	18	29
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)	17	21	18
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)	28	25	29
Health checkups for 4-month-olds	13:00 - 13:45	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)	8,22	12,26	9,30
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)	10,24	14,28	11,25
Health checkups for 3-year-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)	3,17	7,21	4,18
Allergy checkups	13:00 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with pediatric doctor (free of charge)	18	-	19
Allergy consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation about atopic dermatitis (eczema) and more	7	4	1
Periodontal disease prevention class	13:00 - 14:30	Dentist Association Hall	Free of charge	2,16	6,20	3,17
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)			
Specified health checkups (reservation required) (Lung cancer tests for those aged 40 to 64 years old)	Morning: 9:30 - 10:30 Afternoon: 13:30 - 15:30	Ashiya Health Center	40 to 64 years old: Chest X-ray; doctor's questions; measurement of height, weight and waist; clinical examination; blood pressure check; urine analysis and blood test (free of charge); Other items: anemia test, ECG, examination of the back of the eye For males 50 years old and over, at 1,000 yen	Morning: 8, 19, 29 Afternoon: 11	Morning: 9,19 Afternoon: 1	Morning: 20 Afternoon: 3, 19, 26, 29, 30
Prostate cancer tests	Applicants must not eat nor drink 10 hours before blood test.					
Hepatitis tests	11:00 - 11:30	Ashiya Health Center	For 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years old, at 1,000 yen	1	5	1
Asbestos checkup	13:30 - 13:00	Ashiya Health Center	Free of charge	9,23	6,27	10,24
Health checkups (appointment required)	From 9:15	Ashiya Health Center	For individuals 35 years old and over (11 tests for prevention of Lifestyle-related Diseases, at 9,000 yen)	1,4,7	5,8	1,2,9
Osteoporosis checkups (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:00	Ashiya Health Center	20 years old and over, at 1,000 yen (checked by ultrasound)	25	22	26
Nutritional consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 11:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a nutritionist for adults (free of charge)	15	19	16
Health consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 11:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a doctor for adults (free of charge)	1,22	5,26	2
	13:00 - 15:00					
Stomach cancer tests (appointment required)	9:15 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	35 years old and above, 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	20 years old and over; 5 types of measurement of physical fitness (grip strength, etc.); results by computer	25	-	26
Uterine (cervical) cancer check	Any time	Medical facilities (mornings)	For residents 20 years old and over (1,000 yen)	Any time		
Breast cancer check (interview, clinical examination)	Any time	Medical facilities (mornings)	30 years old and over (400 yen); from April, from 30 to 39 years old	Any time		
Breast cancer check (screening mammography); appointment required	Every Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Ashiya Municipal Hospital, 39-1 Asahigaoka-cho (Tel: 31-2156) (Fax: 22-3319)	Residents over 40 years old and over, at 2,800 yen; apply at Ashiya Municipal Hospital by telephone or fax, stating the desired date, your address, phone number, and birthdate; Individuals with a pacemaker or breast implant are not eligible; It cannot be taken 2 years in a row.	Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (maximum of 6 persons per day)		

Clinics Open for Emergency on Holidays (Dentists) 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Date	Day	Clinic	Address	Phone
July 6	Sun.	Sugii Dental Clinic	1-7 3F Iwazono-cho	21-2525
July 13	Sun.	Muramatsu Dental Clinic	11-22 Kurekawa-cho	26-1081
July 20	Sun.	Yamauchi Dental Surgery Clinic	39-1 Asahigaoka-cho	31-8801
July 21	Mon.	Seiai Dental Clinic	1-11 Kasuga-cho	32-0356
July 27	Sun.	Yoshikawa Dental Clinic	5-12-202 Kurekawa-cho	32-6178
Aug. 3	Sun.	Yoshizaki Dental Clinic	4-10 Nishi-ashiya-cho	31-8020
Aug. 10	Sun.	Ikezawa Dental Clinic	3-9 Matsunouchi-cho	32-1780
Aug. 17	Sun.	Aramaki Dental Clinic	8-13 Kawanishi-cho	34-6483
Aug. 24	Sun.	Wakabayashi Dental Clinic	4-1-407 Funado-cho	22-4882
Aug. 31	Sun.	Ikeda Dental Clinic	10-1 Matsunouchi-cho	35-4182
Sep. 7	Sun.	Inagaki Dental Clinic	5-19 Ohara-cho	22-2870
Sep. 14	Sun.	Uga Dental Clinic	3-7 Omasu-cho	22-4074
Sep. 15	Mon.	Uwazumi Dental Clinic	11-24 Miyazuka-cho	34-1560
Sep. 21	Sun.	Oka Dental Clinic	11-24-206 Ohara-cho	22-0139
Sep. 23	Tue.	Ono Hamakaze Dental Office	3-5 Hamakaze-cho	23-6474
Sep. 28	Sun.	Kishida Dental Clinic	2-12 Yamate-cho	22-1723

(Medical Doctors) Ashiya Municipal Holiday Emergency

Location: 5-13 Kimmitsu-cho
 Phone: 21-2782
 Departments: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics
 Days/ Hours: Sundays and Holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Night hours: A doctor would need to be paged from his/her home.
 Call the Central Fire Department at Tel. 32-2345



EVENTS

Friday Cinema Salon

Starting Time : 1:30 p.m.

(Doors open at 1:15 p.m.)

Place : Ashiya Municipal Library, 2F Meeting Room

Inquiries : 0797-31-2301

*Note: Japanese movies do not carry English subtitles

July 4: "Tokyo Monogatari"

(Tokyo Story)

1953, Japan, 2 hours 15 minutes

Director : Yasujiro Ozu

Starring : Chishu Ryu, Setsuko Hara

July 18 : "Tokyo Boshoku"

(Tokyo Twilight)

1957, Japan, 2 hours 20 minutes

Director : Yasujiro Ozu

Starring : Ineko Arima, Setsuko Hara

August 1: "Summer Time" (Ryojo)

1955, U.S.A., 1 hour 40 minutes

Director : David Lean

Starring : Katharine Hepburn, Rossano Brazzi

August 15: "Love in the Afternoon"

(Hiru Sagari no joji)

1957, U.S.A., 2 hours 11 minutes

Director : Billy Wilder

Starring : Audrey Hepburn, Gary Cooper

September 5: "The Maltese Falcon"

(Maruta no Taka)

1941, U.S.A., 1 hour 41 minutes

Director : John Huston

Starring : Humphrey Bogart, Mary Astor

September 19: "The Big Sleep"

(Mitsu Kazoero)

1946, U.S.A., 1 hour 50 minutes

Director : Howard Hawks

Starring : Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall

Announcement from Ashiya Kirakuen

Inquiries : Ashiya Kirakuen, Tel. 34-9287

●"The 26th isop Photo Exhibition"

Date and time : July 2 (Wed.) to 15 (Tue.)

●"Vessels that Bring Coolness" by Nobuyoshi Naka"

Date and time : July 17 (Thu.) to 31 (Thu.)

●"Handmade Picture Books and Cats Photo Exhibition"

Date and time :

August 2 (Sat.) to 12 (Tue.)

—Lessons on handmade picture books will be offered on August 10 (Sun.) from 13:00

Fee : 1,000 yen

●"Pure Happy Art by Gallery Youko — Body and Mind Loving Friends"

Date and time: August 14 (Thu.) to 23 (Sat.)

—Craftwork lessons

August 17 (Sun.): "Drawing pictures with ecoglass", from 14:00

August 19 (Tue.): "Let's make accessories with bamboo ash", from 14:00

There is a fee for materials.

●"Flowers and Insects Photo Exhibition"

Date and time :

August 24 (Sun.) to 31 (Sun.)

Ashiya Hospital Matinee Concert

Date and time :

July 20 (Sun.), 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Venue : 5F Outpatients' Lobby, in front of the yellow piano

Performers :

Pianist Eri Tanaka in collaboration with brain scientist Shinichi Furuya

Junichiro Tanizaki Memorial Museum Program

[Exhibition Room]

■Permanent display "Junichiro Tanizaki, the Man and his Literature"

From July 5 (Sat.) to September 28 (Sun.)

Theme : The life and works of Junichiro Tanizaki

[Lobby Gallery]

■Shunka Sakamoto's Seal Engraving

From July 5 (Sat.) to August 7 (Thu.); closes at 3:00 p.m. on last day

Theme : Exhibit of seal engraving art by author Shunka Sakamoto

■Asako Katsuragi's Malen Glasritzen

From August 9 (Sat.) to 31 (Sun.); closes at 3:00 p.m. on last day

Theme : Author Asako Katsuragi carves glass surface with diamond grain encrusted needle creating exquisitely beautiful artworks

■Fujimoto's Triple Exhibit

From September 6 (Sat.) to 28 (Sun.); closes at 3:00 p.m. on last day

Theme : Exhibit of Giichi Fujimoto's writings, Maiko Fujimoto's illustrations and Kazuko Aga's Japanese paintings

Let's Ring the Peace Bell!

Let's make the Peace Bell resound while praying and wishing for lasting peace.

Date and time: August 15 (Fri.), 12 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Place : Ashiya Citizens' Center Main Building Entrance

Event : Ring the Yuai no Kane (Bell of Compassionate Love), placed on a miniature hill to the right of the south entrance. Refreshments will be served in the gathering afterwards.

Inquiries: Ashiya UNESCO Association Office, Tel: 38-2091

(within Lifelong Learning Section)

Schedule of Municipal Schools Inquiries : School Education Section, Tel. 38-2087

July	18 (Fri.)	1st semester closing ceremony at municipal primary schools and junior high schools
September	1 (Mon.)	2nd semester opening ceremony at municipal primary schools and junior high schools
	26 (Fri.)	Athletic meeting at: Seido Junior High School Yamate Junior High School Shiomi Junior High School
	27 (Sat.)	Sports festival at: Miyagawa Primary School Yamate Primary School Uchidehama Primary School

ACA

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

Events by Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association

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0797-34-6500

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9-18 Yama-ashiya-cho, Ashiya, 659-0082
0797-25-7100

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Active Life Blog (online diary of life at our homes)
"Active Life no Hibi Kore Kojitsu"
<http://activeday.exblog.jp/>
*Includes Help Wanted page

First Time for Day Service?
FREE TRIAL DAY For details please phone

Tanabata (Star Festival) Party

Date and time :

July 5 (Sat.), 11:00-14:00

Place :

Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association

(ACA), Large Assembly Room

Program : Japanese and world dance

Fee : 300 yen (light meal provided)

* Please make a reservation

Groupe de Carpe Diem

Date and time:

August 1 (Fri.), 14:30-16:00

Theme : Irish Culture

"Is the Celtic Tiger a Real Tiger?"

Guest : Professor Toshio Akai, from Kobe Gakuin University

Place : Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (ACA), Large Assembly Room

Fee : 500 yen for members, 700 yen for non-members

Capacity :

40 (please make a reservation)

Fureai Lobby Concert

Hawaiian Night — Having fun with the student ambassadors from Montebello

Date and time : August 6 (Wed.), 17:45-19:15

Place : La Mall Ashiya 1st Floor Lobby

Fee : Free admission

ACA Japanese Lessons

Do you have trouble communicating in Japanese?

ACA offers one-to-one tutoring by volunteer teachers, to assist foreigners in their daily lives

Place : ACA Meeting Room

Days and time: Monday & Tuesday

10:00-11:30, Wednesday 13:30-15:00,

Thursday 18:30-20:00

Fee: 100 yen per lesson, plus a 2,000 yen annual member fee

* Please contact us

Volunteers needed!

ACA welcomes native English speakers to help with proofreading

English-translated newsletters. Interpreters and translators of other languages are also welcome.

Consultation Service for Foreigners

What : Matters concerning daily life (in English and Japanese)

When : Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Person in charge : City official, Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (ACA) staff

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