

# The Kawasaki City Representative Assembly for



## Foreign Residents Newsletter No. 72

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(Japanese) <http://www.city.kawasaki.jp/shisei/category/60-7-2-0-0-0-0-0-0.html>

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## 《 Subcommittee Discussion Reports 》

### ◆ International Community Subcommittee

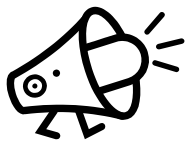
The International Community Subcommittee decided it will once again issue a proposal on the establishment of “Multicultural Lounges” (tentative name), first proposed in 2015. This time we want to carefully discuss them with the aim of making them actually happen and issue a proposal that communicates the aims and value of creating these “Multicultural Lounges” (tentative name).

International Community Subcommittee Chair MAEDA Kiyomi

### ◆ Safe Living Subcommittee

The Safe Living Subcommittee has decided to issue proposals again about ① creating a multilingual tool related to childcare, and ② “Orientation for Foreign Residents” first proposed in 2017. While working on these proposals for the Assembly, each of us intends to use the various resources available to us to advance the creation of multilingual tools.

Safe Living Subcommittee Chair KODAMA Nontticha



## Why not attend a meeting?

### ——Meeting Schedule for FY 2021——

Location: Kawasaki International Center (10 minutes' walk from Motosumiyoshi Station, Tokyu Toyoko/Meguro Line)

Map: <http://www.kian.or.jp/accessmap.shtml>

Time: From 2pm to 5pm

4 <sup>th</sup> Session	1 <sup>st</sup> Day	January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (Sun)
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Day	February 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 (Sun)

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Anyone may come to listen to the discussions of the Assembly, which are held in Japanese.

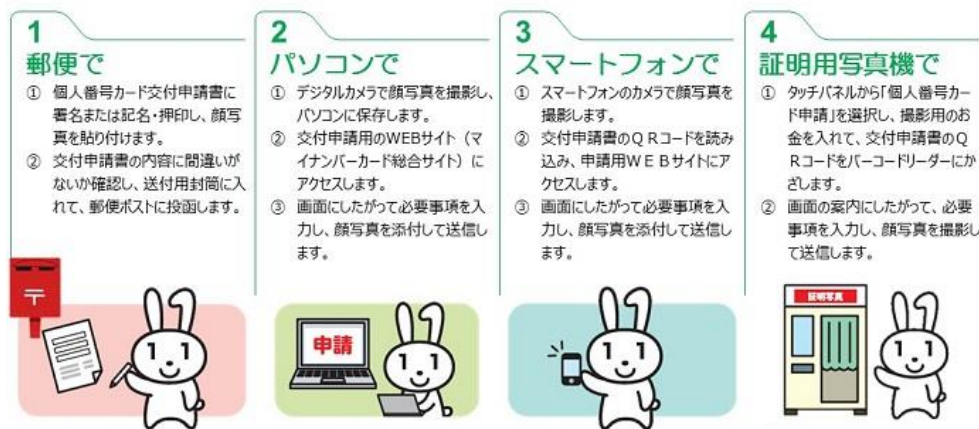
Come and see the Assembly at work!

(※At present, to help limit the spread of COVID-19 the audience is being limited to the first 10 people to arrive. The doors will open at 1:45pm.)



# マイナンバー Do you know about the Individual Number Card?

1. What is an Individual Number (the My Number)?
  - It is a 12-digit number created for each person in Japan who holds a residence certificate.
  - It is used in Japan in these three areas: ① social insurance, ② tax, and ③ disaster countermeasures.
  - When you register as a resident for the first time after your arrival in Japan, you will be sent an Individual Number Notice telling you what your Individual Number is.
2. What is an Individual Number Card?
  - In addition to your Individual Number, the card contains your name, address, date of birth, sex, photograph, and an IC chip. It can make your life in Japan more convenient.
3. How is an Individual Number Card convenient?
  - Because it has your photo, it can be used as an identification card.
  - With the Card you can get various official certificates, such as a copy of your resident record or certificate of tax payment, at convenience stores.
4. How to get your Individual Number Card (application procedures)
  - You can apply for your Individual Number Card once you have registered as a resident and received your Individual Number Notice.
  - Four ways to apply: ① by post, ② using a personal computer, ③ using a smartphone, or ④ through a town ID photo booth.
  - After approximately 2 months you can receive your Individual Number Card.



5. Caution:
  - Your Individual Number card expires on the same date as your Status of Residence.
  - When you extend your period of stay, you also need to have your Individual Number Card reissued.
  - Your Individual Number Card is not automatically reissued when your period of stay is extended.
  - While issuing your Individual Number Card the first time is free, it costs ¥1,000 to have it reissued.
  - If your address, name, or the like changes before your card expires, please visit the Ward Residents Section of your local ward office or branch office and have them add the new information to the back of the card.

# Recommended Parks and Green Spaces in Kawasaki City

Kawasaki City has many kinds of parks: multipurpose parks, botanical gardens, zoos, wide-open parks, urban green spaces, and so forth. As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 there are 1,271 parks and green spaces in our city.

I'd like to tell you about three parks that I myself have been to and can recommend.

## (1) Daishi Park

Daishi Park is very close to Kawasaki Daishi, so it's easy to go to after visiting the temple with your family. It's about a 10-minute walk from either Kawasaki Daishi Station or Higashi Monzen Station on the Keikyū Daishi Line.

In the summer there's a pool open. One can play in the water in other seasons as well, or even pitch a tent in the park. There's a Chinese garden where you can enjoy the seasonal plants and Chinese-style buildings. This is a park with something for everyone in the family from little kids to adults



## (2) Ikuta Ryokuchi Park

In addition to the lush greenery of mixed groves of trees, this park contains the Kawasaki Municipal Science Museum, the Japan Open-Air Folk Museum and the Taro Okamoto Museum of Art, Kawasaki. On top of that, it's near the Fujikiko F. Fujio Museum. Ikuta Ryokuchi Park is about a 15-minute walk from Mukogaoka Yuen Station on the Odakyū Line. Or you could take a bus from either Noborito Station on the Nambu and Odakyū Lines or Musashi-Mizonokuchi Station on the Nambu and Tokyū Den-en-toshi Lines. Parking is also available, so you could go to the park by car.

Because of all the different facilities here you could easily spend a whole day walking around, enjoying nature and learning things. In a park this large you can get away from the crowds. It's especially recommended for children of elementary school age.



## (3) Nakahara Peace Park

This park was built to express our wish to live in peace. There are statues symbolizing peace, a sculpture plaza, and an outdoor concert hall in addition to the Nakahara Peace Museum. The park is about a 5-minute walk from Motosumiyoshi Station on the Tokyū Toyoko Line and Meguro Line.

It's a large park with places to play, so kids love it. Grassy hills and lots of playground equipment means children of all ages can enjoy the park.



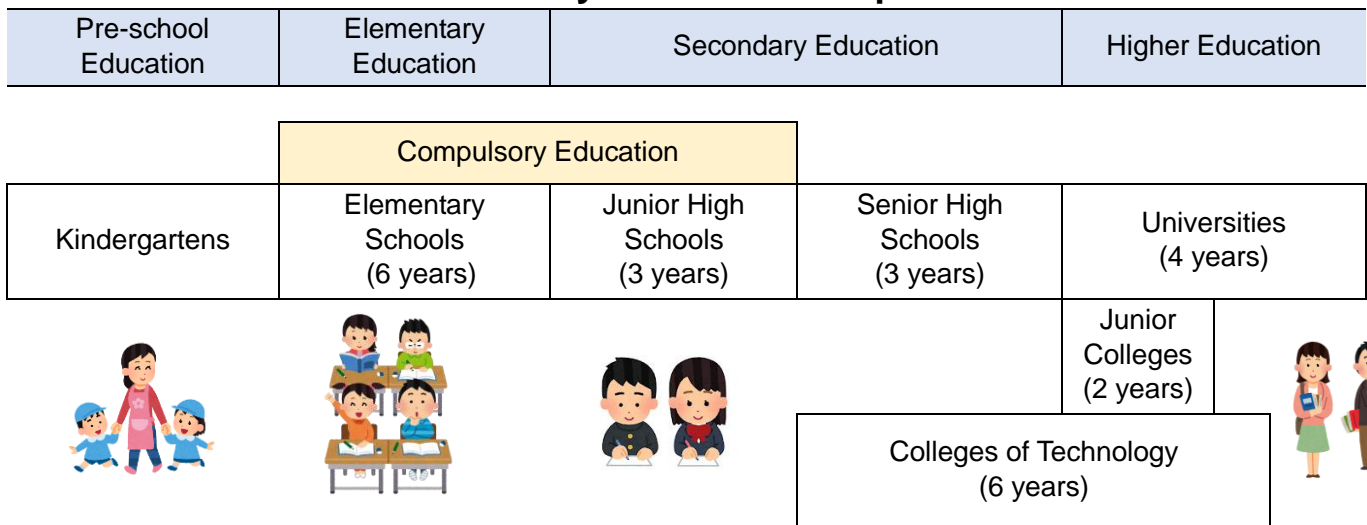


# Japanese Schools and Education System

Education in Japan basically consists of 6 years of elementary school, 3 of junior high school, 3 of senior high school, and 4 years of university. Skipping grades (advancing more than one grade level per year) is, in principle, not allowed.

The first nine years of the above schooling (6 of elementary school and 3 of junior high school) are compulsory. It is also possible to send a child to kindergarten, etc. before beginning elementary school.

## The Education System and Principal Schools



Some schools are public schools, established and run by city, prefectural or national government. Others are private schools, established and run by private-sector school corporations. Children may attend either private or public schools for their period of compulsory education (elementary and junior high school), but it is necessary to pass the school's entrance exam to enroll in a private school. Furthermore, fees for attending private school tend to be higher than those for public schools.

It is possible to select an educational environment for a child which aligns with their family's principles. There are many choices to make regarding the next stage in a child's compulsory education, so parents and children should discuss these things and make decisions together.

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