

Chigasaki Breeze

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget.

From the IAC Chairman to Readers

Dear Readers,

I feel highly honored and grateful to be able to announce that our organization, the International Association of Chigasaki (IAC) will publish the first English newspaper in the city on October 1, 2005



As a communication medium for foreign residents here in Chigasaki, it will be issued every other month providing necessary information on the city's administrative activities as well as its culture, economy, events and on-going topics. It is also intended to offer an opportunity for foreign residents to communicate with local people.

We are hopeful that foreign residents can make use of this medium as a place to develop a better understanding through communication exchanges and we can be responsive to their needs.

Working together with readers, we look forward to making Chigasaki Breeze a better communication medium that will foster positive exchange and help foreign residents live in this lovely city Chigasaki in peace and comfort.

Best wishes,

Yutaka Shimada
Chairman of IAC

Message from the Mayor to IAC

As always, I am thankful for your cooperation with the city of Chigasaki in developing an opportunity for international communications and exchanges with foreign residents staying in this community and overseas. Also, I wish to pay respects for your efforts in publishing the English newspaper "Chigasaki Breeze"



I am looking forward to this newspaper becoming an important information medium for foreign residents that helps further develop mutual exchanges between citizens.

Sincerely,

Nobuaki Hattori
Mayor of Chigasaki

Eboshi-Iwa Rock took a trip to Space!



Photo by Takamichi Wakano

Do you know the space-famous symbol of Chigasaki?

It is Eboshi-Iwa rock which recently traveled through space with successfully-returned shuttle "Discovery". The crew members including a Japanese, Soichi Noguchi, wore the emblem designing Eboshi-Iwa on their breast. He grew up in Chigasaki and went to schools in the city. He had a dream to become an astronaut ever since he was a small boy and he really made it come true.

" It may take a long time to fulfill your dream, but never give it up."

Soichi Noguchi

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City Population as of 8/1/05				228,567
	Male	112,666	Female	115,901
Registered foreigners.....				1,470
330	Korea	54	Peru	
248	China	35	Thailand	
230	Philippines	32	Vietnam	
142	Brazil	29	Canada	
79	U.S.A.	23	Indonesia	
55	Great Britain	20	Australia	

Chigasaki Breeze will be issued every other month. If you wish to subscribe it, please send ¥480 in stamps for 6 issues to International Association of Chigasaki c/o Bunka Suishinka, Chigasaki City Hall, 1-1-1 Chigasaki, Chigasaki City 23-0041. Article submissions and items for classified ads are most welcome either via email chigasakibreeze@7jp.com or by post to the above address. Chief editor: Yutaka Shimada
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What is IAC?

IAC, the International Association of Chigasaki is a non-governmental organization established in 1984. It's supported by membership fees from individuals and corporations. Members volunteer their time and skill for various activities and projects in an attempt to develop international understanding, cooperation, and financial support through cultural exchanges with people from overseas.

Members

As of August 2005, there are 325 individual members and 15 corporate members not only in the city but also from other cities. IAC is always open for those who want to share their time and skill in various activities.

Activities

- Donation for needy people overseas
- Arranging home-stay programs for exchange students
- International education program at public schools
- Japanese language classes for foreigners
- Introduction of Japanese traditional culture (tea ceremony, flower arrangement, Kimono fitting, etc.)
- Seminars on International topics and issues
- Support of the city's medical care program and disaster relief
- International and Japanese cooking classes



<http://www.7jp.com/iac>

IAC Mission Statement

We will contribute to the peace in the world community through mutual understanding, friendship, cooperativeness, solidarity and human dignity so all people, as earth citizens, respect and live together beyond the borders of nationality.

IAC YEAR-END PARTY

IAC will have its annual *year-end party* on December 17, this year. IAC members and people who have close association with IAC get together and celebrate their activities and friendships. There will be food, music, and who knows what else? It will be a great opportunity to see old friends and make new ones.



A letter from a teaching staff member of Int'l Education Program

Family, Health, Education and Culture exchange are the basics for a Nation Development. The volunteer work that the IAC members in Chigasaki city are doing is planting the seeds to make Japanese students more self-confident and open-minded. Knowing more about other country's cultures will make them stronger and appreciate more what their ancestors did to build a new Japan. Meeting natives of different places, languages and systems, and learning directly from them is the best and fastest way to answer questions difficult to find in a book. I congratulate and encourage IAC to continue working on this international culture exchanges and to invite other volunteer groups to do so, all around Japan. It is a special honor and pleasant experience for me to be of some help in your wonderful project. Thank you so much for this opportunity. Keep on it!

Lidia San Martin de Yoneyama, Peru

Chigasaki would be a nice place to visit!

IAC is accepting groups of teachers from the developing countries in the world almost every year. They travel from Osaka to Tokyo spending about a month and stop by Chigasaki to learn what primary and middle schools are doing. This arrangement has been very well accepted and it's done consecutively. Meanwhile, their visit offers a good opportunity eventually for school boys and girls to learn about the visitors' countries. Also, groups of university students from France and Australia really enjoy home-staying in Chigasaki, though it's rather a short one. They visit Chigasaki every year because they like it here so much.

IAC ACTIVITIES

Japanese Language Classes

IAC offers two Japanese Language Classes for foreigners who want to learn the language.

Students are taught one on one or in small groups of different levels. At present, over 40 people from 10 different countries are learning in the Sunday class.

Sunday class

13:30~15:30 at Chigasaki Community Center

Thursday class:

10:00~12:00 at Chigasaki City Library

*Time and place are subject to change once in a while. Those who come to the class for the first time are recommended to confirm it by writing to chigasakibreeze@7jp.com or calling Ms. Fujino 0467-86-2468

Cooking with Chopsticks Group!

Do you like cooking? IAC Chopsticks group offers cooking classes for both foreign and Japanese dishes once a month. If you would like to teach how to cook your country's dish or learn other country's recipes, please contact below.

Classes are held: 10:00~13:00 at Jyosei Center kitchen

For more information, send an email to chigasakibreeze@7jp.com

International Education Programs at Public Schools

As mentioned by Mrs. Yoneyama in her letter on the left, the IAC introduces foreign residents to public schools so that young students can spend some time with foreigners and learn about their language, history, culture, social issues, and way of thinking, etc.

We believe it's been a great opportunity for those students to get in touch with different cultures through this program and we are looking for those who will be interested in participating in our activity.

Any help offered from foreign residents are welcome.

International Lounge

We would like to offer foreign residents in Chigasaki an opportunity of getting together and having casual conversations with its members. If you are interested in joining such a program, please feel free to send an email to:

<chigasakibreeze@7jp.com>.

The International Association of Chigasaki (IAC) invites you to come and join our International activities and Intercultural Events.

Introduction of Chigasaki

【Geography】

Chigasaki is located in the center of Kanagawa Prefecture and is in an area called Shonan. The coastline from Hayama to Chigasaki is well known as one of most beautiful beaches in Japan. From the Chigasaki beach, better known now as Southern Beach, you can see Eboshi-iwa rocks about 1.5 km offshore toward south. The rocks have a shape just like a headgear Eboshi worn by high ranking people in the Heian period and it was so named. Eboshi-iwa is a symbol of Chigasaki. Not only beaches, but there also are green hills back in the northern part of the city.

【History】

The history of Chigasaki dates back to about 15,000 BC. There are remains such as ancient tombs and Kaizuka. It is known that the ancient tombs were built about 14,000 years ago, while "Kaizuka" is a shell-mound or kitchen middens formed about 3,500 years ago. Chigasaki's geographical proximity to the city like Tokyo and Yokohama, and the mildness of its climate attracted many wealthy people to build their second houses in the Meiji period. In the meantime, Chigasaki developed to be a bedroom town too and its population increased year after year. Many tourists visit its beaches every year.

【Festivals】

Major events in Chigasaki:

- ① Ooka-Echizen festival is performed in memory of Ooka-Echizen Tadasuke, a powerful magistrate in the Tokugawa Shogunate. He is famous historically for his fair judgement. The Ooka family had its territory in Chigasaki in the Edo period. The festival is held in April every year spending two days and it includes a big parade, performances, bazaars, etc.
- ② Shonan festival is an event held in early summer on the beach for citizens to freely participate and have a lot of fun. There are garage sales, beach soccer games, and other performances for you to enjoy and at the Aloha market, you can get Hawaiian foods, drinks, clothes, and listen to Hawaiian music.
- ③ Hamaori festival is an event where a number of people carry a portable miniature shrine on their shoulders and get into the sea for the purpose of purification of the shrines. About 40 portable miniature shrines are brought in from various areas in Chigasaki and neighboring communities. This spectacular event is held in July and the festival starts at dawn.
- ④ Southern Beach Chigasaki fireworks is displayed in August. It's a big fireworks and many people from other cities also visit to the Southern Beach to enjoy the fireworks. This fireworks display is a major summer event being held in many cities across Japan.

Eboshi-iwa Rock

If you visit Chigasaki Beach on fine days, you will see Enoshima Island in the east, Mt. Fuji in the west and a large rock in the south, about 1.5 km off the beach. The rock is a part of the reef called Ubajima and has a shape of Eboshi; an old headgear worn by nobles in court dress in the Heian period, some 1,000 years ago. That's the reason why it is called Eboshi-iwa rocks.

The beach is now called Southern Beach and the scenery from there is so impressive making the Eboshi-iwa Rocks a symbol of Chigasaki.

Rachien-dori Street

In Chigasaki, there is a street named after a foreigner's name; Mr. R. Ruzten. Rachien-dori is the one. Mr. R. Ruzten who was born in Hanover, Germany came to Japan in 1902 (Meiji 35), as a representative of a German trading house.

Before long, he started doing business by himself of importing German products such as cars, cameras, etc., and he became rich. In 1932 (Showa 7), he bought a land of 49,500 square meters at the present Asahigaoka area and built a villa. He married to a Japanese lady and they treated local people so nicely with deep considerations. Soon later, the street extending from the villa to the seashore of Chigasaki was named the Rachien-dori street by those who were living in the neighborhood. From there people could directly see Eboshi-iwa Rock, a symbol of Chigasaki.

Ukiyoe by Hokusai

"Mt. Fuji over the Sagami Bay"



NEED HELP?

Municipal Counseling Services for Foreign Residents are held on every 3rd Wednesday of a month (10:00~15:00) at BUNKA-SUISHINKA in the City Hall Annex (Bunchousha) 3F.

Inquiries:

BUNKA-SUISHINKA 0467-82-1111

Main Municipal Facilities

City Hall	82-1111
City Hospital	52-1111
City Art Museum.....	88-1177
Cultural Data Hall.....	85-1733
Cultural Center (Bunka Kaikan).....	85-1123
City Library	87-1001
Chigasaki City Tourist Information.....	82-3986
Chigasaki Citizen's Activity Support Center	88-7546

Lodging in Villa

Great Get-away at a Reasonable Cost!

The neighboring city of Fujisawa has a lodge called "Fujisawa Villa" in Nagano Prefecture. It's built on a tableland called Utsukushi Gahara from where you can see a beautiful mountain range, the Southern Alps.

The lodging fee is reasonable and the inn is open to everyone. Seasonal Japanese dishes will be served, wooden baths with an old cypress wood fragrance are available which is a great way to relax with your family or friends.

Number of rooms: 16 (up to five persons per room)

Open until November 13, 2005

Fee: ¥6,200 per person (¥4,000 for children in primary school, no fee under primary school age)

For your further information, contact Fujisawa City Life Economy Corp. Kyuka-son Section at 0466-50-3533 Monday thru Friday during 8:30~17:00 or check out URL <http://www.cityfujisawa.ne.jp/~k-kousha/sanson>

How about enjoying Autumn Colors?

What cherry blossoms are to spring, colorful leaves of red and gold (koyo) are to autumn. The Japanese enjoy viewing them and famous spots draw large numbers of viewers. To enjoy koyo, you might visit Kamakura City. Koyo at the Engakuji Temple, the Kenchouji Temple, the Zuisenji Temple and the Kamakura Hachimangu Shrine are particularly nice from mid-November through mid-December, but it differs from year to year. If you are willing to take a short trip, other famous spots are: Nikko, Hakone, Fuji Five Lakes and Mount Takao (1 hour west of Shinjuku). Mt. Fuji in combination with the lakes and autumn leaves makes a spectacular sight, usually best in late October to early November. Each year, starting in late September, the "koyo front" moves southwards from Hokkaido until it reaches the lower elevations of central and southern Japan in the end of November.

Traffic Restriction on The Shonan Ohashi Bridge

The Shonan Ohashi Bridge crossing the river between Chigasaki and Hiratsuka is a fairly important bridge for us to go west, but you cannot cross the bridge on Route 134 during the night.

Until September 30, 2005

One way traffic 21:00pm~6:00 am

During October 3~March 3, 2006

Completely closed 21:00 pm~6:00 am

Detour on two highways:

Route 1 Banyu Bridge
Route 44 Ginga Ohashi

Hiratsuka Engineering Works Office,
Road Maintenance Section **0463-22-2711**

Food and Bazaar at the Park

“Fureai-Matsuri”

Every year on November 3, the city provides a large space of Chuo Koen (Central Park) for citizens to enjoy a whole day of shopping, eating and entertainment done by many NPO and volunteer groups in the city. There will be flea markets and thousands of people visit. It is named “SHIMIN FUREAI-MATSURI” that means a festival for citizens to get together and mingle.

Garbage disposal Reduce/Reuse/Recycle

Garbage is basically separated into 4 categories: burnable, non burnable and recyclable items. The exact definition of each depends on the municipality.

a. Burnable garbage

(collected two times a week)

food scraps, paper, yard waste, plastic items, Styrofoam items, etc.

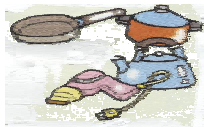


b. Unburnable garbage

(collected two times a month)

chinaware, metal, small electrical appliances, plastics (plastic bottles, detergent containers, toys, etc.), batteries, leather items, glass, etc.

*Large items need to be cut into small pieces.



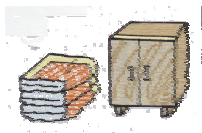
c. Recyclable garbage (every other week)

glass bottles, aluminum cans, Pet bottles, clothing, news papers, cardboard, etc.



d. Large size garbage

Such as bicycle, 50cc motorcycle, furniture, electric appliances are handled by special collection service against a pick-up fee, usually on an appointment basis.



*Toxic and hazardous items should also be handled separately.

*You can take Large size garbage directly to the Garbage Treatment Center at Hagisono.

For further information, contact Chigasaki Garbage Collection Office at 0467-57-5052



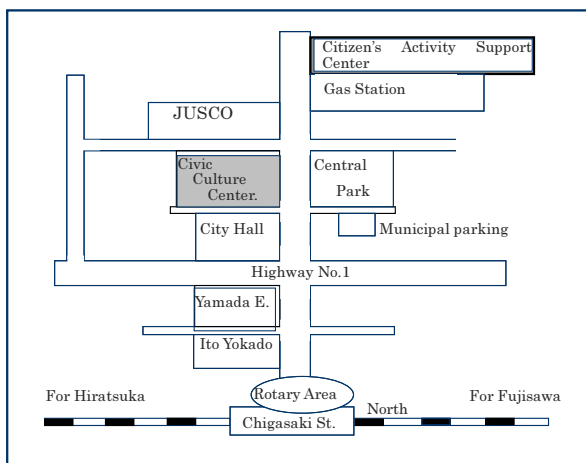
Ask your neighbors and friends!

CIVIC CULTURE CENTER (Shimin Bunka Kaikan)

Many of the programs are free so relax and enjoy variety of shows including Japanese traditional dance, ethnic music, classics, popular music and much more!

Major performance

- Erhu (Chinese fiddle with 2 strings) Concert by Wei Wei Wu
Oct.14 (Fri) 19:00~21:00 admission ¥3,800
- Wiener Virtuosen (orchestral ensemble by popular soloists from Wien Philharmony)
Nov. 19 (Sat) 18:00
admission A ¥6,000 B ¥5,000 student ¥3,000
- Lo major de Sonko Mayu (guitarist from Spain)
Dec. 23 (Fri) 14:00
admission ¥3,000 (reserved seat)
- Speech Contest in English by junior high school students
Oct 29(Sat) 13:00~16:10 admission free



The City Bird Titmouse or Shijyuukara

From the City MESSAGE BOARD <DISASTER CALL 171>

At a time of disasters, telephone calls aren't likely to get through for people try to make calls to confirm safety all over the area affected. By dialing **DISASTER MESSAGE DIAL 171**, it helps you communicate with your family, relatives, and friends.

To Record:

- (1) Dial [171]
- (2) Dial [I]
- (3) Dial the number of your counterpart from the area code.

To download:

- (1) Dial [171]
- (2) Dial [2]
- (3) Dial the number of your counterpart from the area code.



Classified Ads

- Free twin-size bed. U pick up. 88-1876
- Free wood desk w/2 drawers. U pick up. 57-7473
- Karate classes 3x/wk on Tue, Fri, Sat 85-5310

To place your ads here, send email to Chigasakibreeze@7jp.com

Or by post to:

International Association of Chigasaki
c/o BUNKA-SUISHINKA,
Chigasaki City Hall
1-1-1 Chigasaki, Chigasaki City
〒253-0041

Sales: personal goods, moving-outs, goods wanted
Position sought, offered
Announcements: events, concerts/gigs, messages
Housing: rentals, rooms, home-stay

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Medical Information Series 1

Doctors Available for English consultation

Aoki Clinic (Im, S, P) 5F -Kamoshida-bldg Shin-ei Cho 13-45..... Tel. 84-5223
Imaizumi Clinic (C) 3F- Kishi-bldg Shin-ei Cho 7-1.....Tel. 85-2121
Oguchi Internal Medicine Clinic (Im, G, C) Hama-no-go 831.....Tel. 85-7698
Sakuramoto Clinic (D, U) Moto-machi 6-13.....Tel. 88-5510
Sangatsu-do Clinic (Im) 3F-Yamaji-bldg Shin-ei Cho 1-1.....Tel. 84-6233
Sho-nan Toobu General Hospital (Im, S, G, D, C, etc.) Nishi-kubo 500.....Tel. 83-1111

Remarks: Im = Internal medicine clinic S = Surgery G = Gastrointestinal clinic
 D = Dermatology C = Circulatory organs clinic O = Otolaryngology
 P = Plastic surgery Ps = Psychiatry clinic U = Urology
 H = Heart specialist