

Have You Received Notification for Entering Elementary School or Junior High School?

Regardless of nationality, children who are six or twelve years of age as of April 2 can enter public elementary school or junior high school respectively as new students starting from April, if they so desire. Please make sure if you have received the notification from your local municipal office.

Inquiries in Japanese to:

Your local municipal section in charge of school entrance
Child Education Support Division, Education Bureau, K.P.
Board of Education
Tel: 045-210-8084

Educational Subsidy Available for Those Attending Special Support School (School for the Blind, the Deaf, and Children with Disabilities)

The special-needs education schooling subsidy is provided to parents or guardians to reduce the economic burden for sending their children to a special support school. The subsidy financed by the national and the prefectural government covers part of the expenses necessary for schooling.

- Eligible persons: Parents or guardians of preschoolers, pupils, and students who attend prefectural, municipal, or private special support schools (schools for the blind, the deaf, and children with disabilities)

- Categories of the expenses to be covered: Expenses for textbooks, school lunches, transportation, dormitories, excursions, school things, and items necessary for commuting

- Amount of subsidy: The categories of the expenses to be covered and the subsidy rate are different depending on the division of the school being attended, the income of the family, etc.

- Application: Submit the necessary documents to the school being attended.

Inquiries in Japanese to:

Office of the school being attended
Child Education Support Division, Education Bureau, K.P.
Board of Education
Tel: 045-210-8217

(Source: Hello Kanagawa)

Confucious says

"A man lives straight and honest. If a man survives without honesty, he is lucky to escape punishment. If a man is untrustworthy, I do not know how he can find out his possibility and capability as a human being."

Something special in Chigasaki

Woolen Spinning & Weaving Company

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You would probably be surprised if you knew that a company in Chigasaki makes products like woolen yarn. In other words, the products made in Chigasaki are not necessarily only sea products, fresh vegetables, and meat.

In Hagisono located close to Hiratsuka City over Sagami River, there is a spinning factory; *Chigasaki Woolen Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.* The factory began its operation in 1948 and now it is the only one in the Kanto area, and it is said that a factory such as this having both of office and factory together in the same site is very rare. The founder Mr. *Ukai*, the grandfather of the current president, decided to locate his factory here in Chigasaki for two reasons. One is there was enough land in those days, and another is the weather in Chigasaki was almost the same as in Australia where the material for the yarn, wool, is gathered, stocked and processed. For this factory, natural materials such as angora, cashmere, and wool are first gathered in Australia and China, and then dyed in Osaka to be made into two kinds of knitting yarn.

If you have interests in seeing precious 50-year-old spinning machines and this process, why don't you visit their open house? These machines particularly are worth seeing and they kindly offer this service for free. You can also watch the video that explains the factory and shows actual machines in operation. If you want, they will offer you samples of yarn too!

Open House

Season: From around April to September

Day and time: Monday through Friday (10:00~ and 14:00)

The whole tour takes 1.5 hours to 2 hours)

Note:

It is required to call them in advance.

Please visit the factory with appropriately safe shoes.

Since the machines are dangerous, only children from 13 years old are accepted.

Chigasaki Woolen Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.

Address: 2650 Hagisono, Chigasaki, 253-0071

Tel: 0467-86-3221

Japanese Proverbs with the English Equivalents

- 貧乏 暇なし Poor people have no leisure.

(Binbo hima nashi)

- ◆ There is no rest for the weary.

- 身から 出た 錆 Rust comes from within the body.

(Mi kara deta sabi)

- ◆ As you make your bed, so you must lie in it.

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