

## NEW REGISTRATION SYSTEM OF UNUSED ARTICLES

*Do you have something that is usable but not needed?*

In order to progress "Recycling", the city has enacted a system to accept registration from citizens of articles which are not used and kept in good condition.

**Target:** Residents in Chigasaki. No business concerns.

**Registration Term:** 3 months (From the month of registration till the end of the month 3 months later.)

**The place to provide Registration Cards for unneeded articles:**

- Consumers' Center in City Hall      -Registration Corner for unneeded articles
- Koide Branch office      -Kominkan (Community Hall)      -Library      -Women's Center      -Citizen's Window Center

\* Registration is free in principle.

As a necessary expense for donator, the fee will be up to ¥10,000.

\* The unused article REGISTRATION CARD can be downloaded from the city's home page.

The card, if it's filled out in EXCEL, can be sent to [kouhou@city.chigasaki.kanagawa.jp](mailto:kouhou@city.chigasaki.kanagawa.jp)

**The flow of the unused article card from registration to final settlement:**

- (1) Submission of Unused article Registration Card
- (2) Completion of the card registration
- (3) In the file, the following will be recorded:

Information on article to be registered: The name of registrant      The name of district      Telephone number of registrant

Files kept at: Consumer Center (The City Hall's Main Bldg 1F)

or Unneeded article card Registration Corner (The City Hall's Main Bldg 2F)

- (4) Information on the article will appear in the city KOHO (Publication dated the 1st of every month) and in the city URL <http://www.city.chigasaki.kanagawa.jp/newsection/kouhou/recycle/index.html>
- (5) Consult with the Consumer Center or direct contact and consultation from those who want to register (Please be aware that delivery of articles is directly between the people concerned.)
- (6) When settlement is complete, either the registrant or those who wanted the article are required to contact the Consumer Center.

**Remarks:** In case of settlement as in (6) above, the registration will be eliminated.

In case consultation was made to the Consumer Center, and it was not settled within 3 months, the registration will be eliminated.

[Source: The Hisho Kouhou-ka in charge of consumers' living (inside the Consumer Center)]

## HISTORY OF CHIGASAKI

### ŌKA ECHIZEN-NO-KAMI TADASUKE AND JOKENJI TEMPLE

The story of Ōka, a judge at a law court in the Edo period was reported to be very popular among people for fairness in those days and his name remains popular even today as in the drama of Edo Minamimachi Bugyo (the Director of Edo Minamimachi) *Ōka Echizen-no-kami Tadasuke*, which has been broadcast on TV. His judgment was wonderful in terms of fairness and he gained popularity because he settled all the trials so well. Most of them are legendary stories, but the reason why *Tadasuke* became so popular was for his personality of doing his best at any time in the duty he had, and helping people in bad situations.

There is a graveyard for Ōka's whole family in the *Sōgetsuzan Jokenji* temple. This was appointed to be a historic spot of Chigasaki city and has about sixty Ōka family tombstones.

Ōka Echizen-no-kami Tadasuke was the fifth generation of the Ōka family and when Tokugawa Yoshimune became the Eighth Shogun (the Eighth General) in 1717 (Kyoho year 2), he was selected for the position of *Machibugyo* of Edo (the Director of Edo) and was called *Echizen-no-kami*. Even in the heyday of the Bushi class (the samurai class), *Echizen-no-kami* was very popular, they say, as he had excellent judgment irrespective of rank, and was fair and made witty decisions.

Originally, the Ōka family was from Mikawa (present Nagoya), but as the second generation Tadamasa had served under the General Tokugawa Iyeyasu, he came to the Kanto area and in 1591 (Tensei year 19) he was given the land in Tsutsumi village, Kōza-gun, Sagami-no-kuni (present Tsutsumi in Chigasaki city). This was the start of the relationship between Chigasaki and the Ōka family. Twenty years later, he constructed the *Jokenji Temple* to pray for the repose of the soul of his father *Tadasuke* and his elder brother.

Ōka Tadasuke passed away in 1751 (Horeki year 1) at the age of 75. But because of his many contributions he was presented with the honor of Ju-yon-I in 1912 (Tensei year 1), and in the following year, the festival for the presentation of the honor was held in front of the grave of *Tadasuke-ko* (the *marquis Tadasuke*). This was the beginning of the *Ōka Echizensai Festival*. The festival was stopped by the Great Kanto Earthquake and other disasters, but in 1956 (Showa year 31) it was revived as the spring festival in Chigasaki.

For your information, the *Ōka Echizensai Festival* will take place on April 19 and 20, and the big parade starts at 13:30 from Chigasaki elementary school yard on the 20th (Sun) going through the district south of Chigasaki station, the north entrance of the station, and will finish at the end of *Emeroad Street* at 15:00. In the parade, a number of young foreign people will join in, including those who are learning Japanese at IAC Japanese language classes.

## IAC Activity

### ●"ONLY ONE FLOWER IN THE WORLD" ... JAPANESE SPEECH CONVENTION



As we reported in the previous issue, a speech convention by foreign residents was held on March 16 and ended up being quite a success having nine speakers representing Korea, Serbia, China, Vietnam, and Colombia. The first prize went to a Korean speaker who was strongly impressed by the song, "ONLY ONE FLOWER IN THE WORLD". The story will be introduced in the next issue.

### ●A WORLD TRAVELLER'S TALK WENT ON SUCCESSFULLY

On February 23 (Sat.), 2008, there were 61 people gathered to listen to a speech by *Masaki Nishioka* who has traveled to 60 countries since 2001 by riding his 650 cc *TRANSALPH* motorbike. His experiences during his travels crossing the earth either vertically or horizontally in a month-long period and his encountering unknown people impressed the audience so much. He is a teacher at a primary school in the city, and as soon as he gets ready financially, he takes off to unknown countries. According to him he felt safe as long as there were people around, and he explained that everyone in respective countries were all kind and cooperative regardless of the country.

## LARGE-SIZED GARBAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM CHANGES

### CHARGED HOUSE-TO-HOUSE GARBAGE COLLECTION TO BE MADE BY PRIOR BOOKING

Appointment by calling (57) 0200

#### - ŌGATA GOMI - LARGE-SIZED GARBAGE (¥500/item)

<More than 50cm but not exceeding 2m in length (And not weighing more than two adults can handle)> \* Other than [Specific large-sized garbage]

#### - SPECIFIC LARGE-SIZED GARBAGE (¥1,000/item) \* Two ¥500 certificate stickers needed

<Designated item of over 1m and not exceeding 2m in length (The weight has to be limited so as to be handled by two adults)>

**DESIGNATED ITEM** (The size has to be measured beforehand.)

[Sofas, dressers, bookshelves, cupboards (sideboards), beds (except mattresses), tables, drawers, desks]

#### - DESIGNATED BULKY GARBAGE (¥500/item)

<Dangerous items for collection and transportation>

Gas table ranges, gas fan heaters, gas rice cookers, cassette portable stoves, fire extinguishers, oil heaters, oil fan heaters, tire chains (metallic), iron dumbbells, barbells, propane gas cylinders.

(Containers of 10kg or less with the contents drained) \* Other like items

After booking, please purchase the city revenue sticker, write down your name, put it on the garbage, and dispose of it at the collection point on the designated day by 8:30a.m.

The booking at one time can be for up to five pieces of garbage.

Please measure the size beforehand.

It's not permitted to change or add to the item(s) after the booking is made.

Please ask stores in case you want to dispose of electrical appliances which are the objects of the Electrical Appliance Recycling Law (Air conditioners/TV sets (cathode-ray tube type)/ refrigerators/freezers/washing machines)

### - EVEN IF THE SIZE IS OVER 50cm IN LENGTH, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MAY BE DISPOSED OF AS [NONCOMBUSTIBLE GARBAGE]

Dress containers, Dress cases (single rack), Umbrellas, Carry bags, Guitars, Golf clubs, Golf bags, Tricycles for children, Bamboo swords, Ski poles, Scoops, Wash Tubs (Plastic), Fishing rods, Tennis rackets, Bats, Sunshades, Planters (Plastic), Bathtub covers, Brooms, Polyester tanks, Polyester buckets

## A GOOD LITTLE THING

### "ECOCAP" CAMPAIGN

#### A VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY BY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

In the previous issue, we introduced the activity of a garment supplier who had been trying to help people suffering from poverty in overseas countries. This time, we would like to introduce a similar activity by junior high school students who are trying to save the lives of children in developing countries.

At *UMEDA Junior High School* in Chigasaki, the student council has been working on a program called "**ECOCAP Collection Campaign**" since August, 2007. They collect caps of used plastic bottles and donate them to the Japan Red Cross through the ECOCAP Promotion Association, one of the NPOs in the city. They say 800 caps can give a polio vaccine. The school council has been successful in collecting over 481,800 caps so far and they are continuing this campaign this school year too. Collection boxes have been placed not only at their school gate, but also at Chigasaki general gymnasium, Chigasaki youth hall and JUSCO in Chigasaki. Somewhere in the world, there must be somebody who will be waiting for our help.

If each one of us takes action, even if it's small, just like *UMEDA* school boys and girls, it can end up saving children in the world and this earth will become a wonderful place to live. Don't you agree?

The following is the above NPO's URL <http://www.ecocap007.com/index.html>