

Chigasaki Breeze

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

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PEDIATRIC CARE EXPENSE SUPPORT SYSTEM 小児医療費助成制度

As from October 1, 2008, the rule of income limitation to support medical care expenses will be abolished for all the children under the age of four. This system is to cover, at the public expense, fees which patients are required to pay individually. With a view to "create an environment for families where they can feel it is easy to raise children" in the future, the city has prepared an application form and the form will be sent to families having a child who is considered to be eligible at the end of August.

“SAPOSEN” FOR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE CITY...

The city is eager to make this community more comfortable and effective for citizens to live in, and they have scheduled meetings with citizens at various locations. One of them was held on August 23 at a place called the Civic Activity Support Center, or SAPOSEN.

So, what is SAPOSEN for? SAPOSEN is located northeast of JUSCO on Chuō-dōri. This facility is owned by the city but it's been operated by a city-designated organization who support citizens' philanthropy activities and the improvement of city life.

They are open every day from 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. except the third Wednesday every month, and offer a space for civic groups' meetings, lend personal computers, printers, copy machines, and stationery to be utilized. There also are lockers and letter cases to be used by Non Profit Organizations, and visitors can see a number of brochures, fliers, and other PR materials. Their staff will be able to help you obtain the information you'll need.

Thus, this facility can be an important base for NPOs or individuals working in the fields of welfare, the environment, culture, international exchange, community development, etc. It's a place where citizens take the leading role for interaction as well.

To use the facility, you don't need to make a prior appointment, the space is available for free, and staff will help you when you're in need of information. Whoever is interested in social activities will find it most useful and valuable.

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Parking lots are available.

LEGALLY SECURE THE CHIGASAKI VIEW

In 1998, the Chigasaki Townscape Master Plan took effect, but there was no legal basis at that time. Now with the Chigasaki Townscape Law to be enforced from October 1, this year, a project of promoting quick actions starts. It will be carried out from designing and concrete planning to its execution by the city, citizens and entrepreneurs.

Also, while legal restriction guidance has been initiated on outdoor advertisement and the height of apartments and buildings, some intensive measures are planned to be executed through symposium, review session, etc. The plan will cover all city areas though it's divided into four zones consisting of the northern part, the central part, the central city area, and the area close to the Chigasaki beach. Also a plan has been built according to geographical features or scenic structures. Periodical verification will also be performed at nine pre-determined observation points which will provide a fine view in line with the character of Chigasaki.

Moreover, legal action will be taken on buildings in case they are found to negatively affect a view because of the height going beyond a certain level, and not matching the surrounding colors. This was determined by prior simulation to capture the harmony of the surrounding view.

The civic activity group in this field is also planning to tackle this issue aiming at the improvement of people's consciousness of the view.



From HELLO KANAGAWA

Inviting Applications for the Members of the 6th-term Kanagawa Foreign Residents' Council

The Kanagawa Foreign Residents' Council was established in November 1998 in order to encourage foreign residents' participation in the prefectural administration. In this council, foreign residents discuss various measures related to their lives, and make proposals to the Prefectural Governor. This year, we will recruit members for the 6th-term Council.

- **No. of people recruited:** 20 persons or under
- **Term:** Two years from November 2008
- **Meeting schedule:** about 12 times in two years
- **Language used in the meetings:** Japanese
- **Qualification:** Foreign residents who meet all the following qualifications can apply.
 - (1) Persons who are 18 years or older as of April 1, 2008.
 - (2) Registered foreign residents who have lived, worked, or attended school in the prefecture for one year or more as of April 2008.
 - * Refugees who have obtained Japanese nationality can also apply.
 - (3) Persons who plan to live, work, or attend school in the prefecture during the term.

- **How to apply:** Download the application form from K.P.G.'s website, and send it back after completion.

URL: <http://www.pref.kanagawa.jp/osirase/kokusai/seisaku/gaikokuseki/gaikokuseki-index.htm>

- **Application deadline:** No later than September 19, 2008 (Fri.)

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