

Number of Foreigners in Chigasaki

The registration office reports there are 1,455 foreigners registered with the city as of December 31, 2005. The names of top 20 countries and others are shown below:

Country	Total	Male	Female
1. Korea/N.Korea	313	146	167
2. China	248	106	142
3. Philippine	230	37	193
4. Brazil	141	69	72
5. U. S.	79	63	16
6. England	55	44	11
7. Peru	54	37	17
8. Thailand	35	7	28
9. Vietnam	32	16	16
10. Canada	29	18	11
11. Indonesia	23	6	17
12. Australia	20	19	1
13. Argentina	14	10	4
14. Bolivia	13	10	3
15. Bangladesh	11	8	3
16. Cambodia	10	6	4
17. Germany	9	5	4
18. Pakistan	8	8	-
19. Sri Lanka	7	7	-
20. Switzerland	6	4	2
Others	118	56	62
Total:	1,455	682	773

*Others include Malaysia, Rumania, Italy, France, Columbia, Spain, Singapore, Ireland, Austria, etc.

VOLUNTEER INTRODUCTORY LECTURE

For people who wanted to do something to help serve the community but didn't know how to or where, the Kanagawa Volunteer Center and the Chigasaki City Council of Social Welfare opened a Volunteer Experience Course at the Chigasaki JA hall on October 28th.

Lectures were given by such groups as the Special Elderly People's Home "Tsurumine", a local workshop "Rakuan", the Honobono-Beach Executive Committee, Transportation Service for the challenged, Sound Table-tennis for the Blind, IAC's "Sewing group" and "Japanese Language Class (Nihongo Kyoshitsu)" offered on Thursday and Sunday.

People were welcome to listen to any of these lectures. The attendees were made up of people from all walks of life including students, the retired, workers, and many others. After the lectures were given attendees were encouraged to work with any of the volunteer groups so they can learn through hands of experience.

This kind of activity will become more common from now, as those who started working in the 1970's, when the economy was booming, will retire in the near future.

In case of an EMERGENCY Emergency Expressions

There is a fire. Kaji desu.
火事 です

We need an ambulance. Kyukyu desu.
救急 です

There has been a traffic accident. Kōtsujiko desu.
交通事故 です

We have been burglarized. Dorobō ni hairare mashita.
泥棒 に入られました

There is a leak. Mizumore desu.
水漏れ です

We can smell gas. Gasu kusai desu.
ガス 臭い です

PRIVATE WORKSHOP II CERAMIC SCHOOL



Our second introduction in Private Workshop is a ceramic school in Chigasaki.

Since fall is a season for Japanese to appreciate art and nature, it is called "GEIJUTSU NO AKI" or "The Fall of Art". So it might be good for you to experience artistic execution this season.

The name of the school is *Doronowa Kurabu* ("Circle of mud" Club) and it's run by TOTO, the leading manufacturing company in household instruments such as bathtubs, chamber pots, etc.

Their headquarters are located in Fukuoka Prefecture, Kyushu, and they are also acquiring the market in the United States because their products are becoming very popular these days. They have a large branch factory in Chigasaki, big white building, which you may have seen on Route 1, about 1.5 km east from Chigasaki JR Station.

Doronowa Kurabu started in 1994 when the company thought of some ways to contribute towards the local community and for people around the Shonan area. So, they came up with the idea to start operating a ceramic school to make use of their knowledge and skills in the products they manufacture.

Now the operation of the school has been so successful that they have about 7,000~8,000 students a year (even from Chiba or Shizuoka prefecture!) come to the studio to attend lectures or to create ceramic wares. To our surprise, the number of foreign people attending from Chigasaki is increasing, and about 20 of them are currently taking lessons. The staff at the studio said that curiosity is growing among foreign people regarding the making of ceramic handicrafts.

TOTO has kilns inside the factory and is offering opportunities to experience ceramics manufacturing for many people by opening classes for local Jr. high school students, and also for unsociable or disabled people. In the first lesson, you can make a teacup, a tiny vase, and a pretty chopstick rest. After completing 3 classes for beginners, and if you feel like continuing to learn about ceramics manufacturing, it is possible to become a club member. There are 2 types of courses for club members; 3 days per months or flexible lessons depending on your availability. They also offer chinaware classes and chinaware painting classes.

During the TOTO festival, they also hold a garage sale from which the proceeds are donated every year. Even big department stores like Yokohama Takashimaya open a special market for their ceramics during this time. If you are interested in attending this school, an appointment by telephone is necessary. There is car parking available at the company yard.

• Beginners Course

Lesson	Subject	Fee
1st	Teacup, Vase, Chopstick rest	¥3,000
2nd	Teacup, Little Bowl	¥3,000
3rd	Rice-bowl, Flower Ornament	¥3,000

* Lessons are on Tue., Thu., Fri., Sat., Sun. 10:00~15:00

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CONFUCIUS SAYS.

"I examine myself three times a day. In counseling others, am I not sincere? In associating with friends, am I not trustworthy? In instructing someone, am I not proficient?"

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