

# Do you know the Residents' Association?

In Japan, there is an organization called “Jichikai” (Residents' Association) in which people living in certain areas work together and help each other. The Residents' Association serves as a conduit between the government and residents and conducts activities to distribute information that is necessary for daily life. Residents' Associations also serve to deepen mutual friendships among local residents through festivals and other events.

In addition, when there are problems that cannot be solved by a single person, such as training in preparation for disasters or answering questions about the Japanese lifestyle, neighbors cooperate to help each other. Please feel free to join your Residents' Association, participate in its activities, and deepen friendships with your neighbors. (who may otherwise be very private).

## Residents' Association Work

We circulate notices and information about local events.



In order to prevent traffic accidents from occurring when elementary school students are on their way to school, we ensure safety when crossing the road.



We hold events such as festivals and athletic meets. We also have a disaster drill.



We organize a day for cleaning roads and parks.



We install and manage town lights. We also manage the collection site on the day of recyclable garbage.



We inform the city of requests made by local residents.



## ●How can I join the Residents' Association? (Jichikai)

If you can speak Japanese, please call the Yamato-shi Renraku Kyogikai (Liaison Council of Yamato City Residents' Association) TEL: 046-260-5130

If you cannot speak Japanese, please contact the number on the back.

## ●Lifestyle Rules

Foreign residents living in Japan are often puzzled by differences of language, culture, and lifestyle when in situations like those listed below. If you do not know the Japanese customs, you may get into trouble. Learn the rules of living quickly so that you can live comfortably with your neighbors. If you have questions beyond the following examples, please feel free to consult your Residents' Association.

- ① Make friends and enjoy life in Japan; feel free to greet your neighbors and get to know them.  
In the morning, we say “Ohayo Gozaimasu”, in the afternoon, “Konnichiwa”, in the evening, “Konbanwa”. For thank you, we say “Arigatou”.
- ② Many Japanese houses are made of wood, so you can hear the voices and sounds of your neighbors easily. In apartments and condominiums, the sound is often echoed. So, when you eat, drink or chat with your family or friends, please observe your manners and enjoy.
- ③ You cannot use fire without permission in parks or vacant lots. When you want to have a barbecue, please check the places where you can use fire at the International Exchange Salon. (Refer to the table below) Also, after the barbecue, make sure the fire is put out completely.
- ④ Please be aware that the days and places for taking out the garbage differ depending on the type: burnable garbage, non-burnable, and recyclable garbage.
- ⑤ Since roads are narrow in Japan, cars should be parked in designated places. Parking violations can cause accidents and trouble, so please make sure to use a parking lot.

## ●Guide to the Yamato International Association's Interpretation Service

If you have any questions about administrative procedures or daily life, please contact the services below.

Language	Day of week	Time	Place	Phone
Spanish	Tuesdays	9 : 00~12 : 00 13 : 00~16 : 00	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor of Yamato City Hall Kokusai Shimin Kyosei-Ka	046-263-8305
	Fridays	9 : 00~12 : 00 13 : 00~17 : 00	In the Yamato International Association International Exchange Salon	046-265-6053
English	Tuesdays~ Fridays	9 : 00~12 : 00 13 : 00~17 : 00		
Vietnamese	Tuesdays	9 : 00~12 : 00 13 : 00~16 : 00		
Tagalog	Wednesdays	10 : 00~13 : 00		
Chinese	Thursdays	10 : 00~13 : 00		

Please use the “Lifestyle Guide” (Seikatsu Guide) at the International Exchange Salon or City Hall for more information.

\*Inquiries about the Residents' Association (in Japanese only)

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\*Inquiries about other problems in daily life

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