

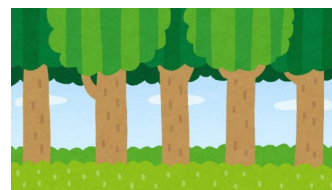


Preventing Forest Fires

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Approximately 70% of annual mountain forest fires occur between the winter and spring seasons, specifically between January and May. In the past, Seika has experienced these types of seasonal large-scale fires that require a substantial amount of manpower and time to extinguish.



An abundance of dry leaves and grass combined with the dry air and seasonal winds during winter and spring create the perfect recipe for a forest fire. Many fires are started due to lack of awareness of one's actions and surroundings. Help us prevent forest fires by incorporating the following rules into your daily life:

1. Refrain from using flammable items during strong wind or extreme dryness weather advisories.
2. Smoke only in designated smoking areas and be sure to put your cigarette out when you're finished before throwing it away in the proper receptacle.
3. When barbecuing or using a fire outdoors, do so only in the designated area and do not walk away from the fire. Put the fire out before walking away from it.
4. When using a fire, be aware of the condition of the flammable items around you and be sure to have fire extinguishing materials nearby (e.g. water).
5. Do not play with fire.



Seika Town Mascot
Kyōmachi Seika



"Be safe and pay attention to your surroundings when you use a fire!"

National Spring Fire Prevention Movement

In order to raise public awareness regarding fire prevention in one's daily life, the Japanese government is holding a National Spring Fire Prevention Movement from March 1 to March 7. Let's be proactive and prevent fires before they happen!



Always turn off your gas line when you have finished using it.



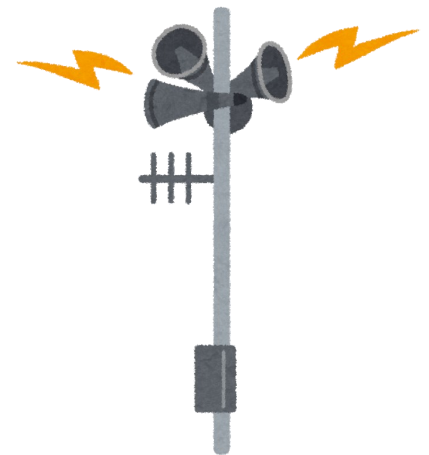
Be knowledgeable about the many ways to effectively put out a fire.

Seika Town Emergency Broadcast System



Service of the new emergency broadcast system will start this coming May (2019) in Seika Town. In order to establish a system that can disseminate important information uniformly to all citizens in Seika, construction of the broadcast system started in 2017 and was completed in the following two years.

The emergency broadcast system will be used to allow those present in Seika during an emergency to evacuate promptly, will potentially save lives, and will provide residents with a sense of safety and relief while living in Seika.



Emergency Broadcast System Specifics

- The parent system (located at Town Hall) is connected to 13 branch systems spread throughout various regions within Seika, allowing for the simultaneous broadcasting of information.
- Each branch has one speaker system that broadcasts to multiple communities. Information cannot be tailored to each specific community.
- Broadcast systems are installed at local elementary schools and parks. As such, students and residents in the immediate area could be affected by the sound emitted during its use.

Operation of the Broadcast System

The emergency broadcast system will be used for the following purposes:

1. To swiftly notify residents and visitors in Seika of an emergency that may bring harm to their lives or property.
2. To inform all residents throughout Seika Town of important information .
3. As a tool in emergency response training and for regular system inspections.



The list below contains a list of specific instances in which the broadcast system will be utilized.

- Disaster prevention - Earthquake announcements (of magnitude 4 and over), special weather alerts (heavy rain, strong winds, etc.), evacuation advisory/ order announcements
- Civil defense - Missile attacks, air attacks, surprise attacks, large-scale terrorist attacks, and other events that affect civilian safety
- Fires and other accidents - Large-scale fires (fire spreading over large tracts of land and mountain forest fires), serious accidents (fallen aircraft, train derailment, etc.), sudden accidents (gas leaks, explosions, etc.)
- Community lifeline - Water or power outage announcements, other information that could affect the daily lives of area residents
- Emergency response training - In cooperation with National or Kyoto Prefecture emergency response training sessions
- System inspection and testing – Regular inspection to assure the system is in working order. Music may be played occasionally to check the speaker system.



If you have questions about the emergency broadcast system, please contact us at Seika Town Hall (Tel: 0774-95-1900).



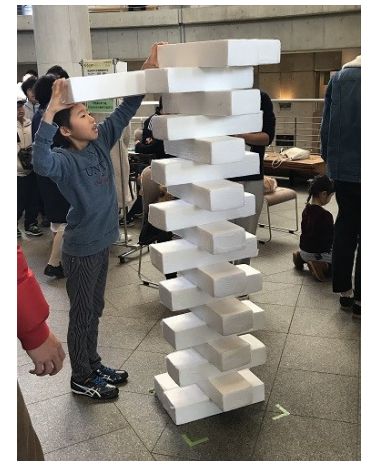
Keihanna Science Festival 2019

A Day Overflowing with Scientific Wonder

Following last year's Keihanna Science Festival, this year's event was held by the Keihanna Science Communication Promotion Network (K-scan) in cooperation with Seika Town.

Various institutions of higher education such as Kyoto University and Nara University of Education, local high schools, and businesses opened a total of 26 booths where children could participate in making their own LED trees, building motors, and other activities that promote the learning of science through real experiences. The children enjoyed the scientific experiences and crafts each booth prepared for them at the event.

K-scan was established in September 2014 through the joint efforts of Seika Town, the Kansai Science City, Nara University of Education, and other institutions with the goal of providing children with science-based learning opportunities.



New Small Electronic Recycling Box Location

Seika Town has installed a new small electronic recycling box in front of the Keihanna Plaza Main Hall entrance. This brings the total of used small electronic collection sites up to seven!



Here is a list of where and when you can dispose of your used small electronics: (location hours based on regular business day schedule)

- Seika Town Hall – 8:30 am ~ 6:00 pm
- Mukunoki Center – 9:00 am ~ 8:30 pm
- Seika Town Community Hall – 9:00 am ~ 12:00 pm
- Kashinoki-en – 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm
- APITA Seika-dai Store – 9:00 am ~ 9:00 pm
- Co-op Hosono Station Store – 9:00 am ~ 9:30 pm
- Keihanna Plaza – 6:00 am ~ 9:00 pm

While small electronics can be put out for “oversized garbage” collection, putting your used electronics in the recycling boxes allows us to extract important, re-usable metals from the electronic before properly disposing of it. If possible, please dispose of your small used electronics in the recycling boxes installed at the locations listed above.

Small used electronics that cannot fit into the boxes may be brought to the Environment Promotion Division at Seika Town Hall for disposal.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in helping keeping Seika a environmentally friendly town!





From Seika to the World **January 24**

In response to the rising number of international guests thanks to Seika's connection to Kansai International Airport, Seika Town conducted a model tour for Taiwanese artists on January 24. The group of 10 enthusiastic photographers and art directors toured around Seika, visiting the local strawberry farm, Takeuchi Shrine, Keihanna Commemorative Park, and other locations. The tour participants particularly enjoyed taking in Seika's scenery and learning about its history .



Looking for Junior Volunteers! – Seika Social Welfare Council Day Service

The Seika Social Welfare Council is currently seeking school-aged children (between Elementary 4th grade and Junior High 3rd grade) to participate in the Junior Volunteer Program. This program aims to provide the participants with experiences that familiarize them with their neighborhood and teach them the importance of social welfare through various volunteer activities.

Participation is FREE (with the exception of mandatory enrollment in volunteer insurance). Volunteer spots are on a first come first serve basis.

Please call the Seika Town Welfare Council Regular Care Division at 0774-98-3924 (Japanese only) if you are interested. Let's work together to make Seika a comfortable and healthy town!



A Winning Ensemble

Students from the Seika Nishi Junior High School Wind Ensemble Club, who won gold at the Kansai Wind Ensemble Competition last August and more gold at the 51st Kyoto Prefecture Ensemble Contest in the junior high division last December, came to visit the mayor on January 22.

The ensemble participated in the 45th Kansai Ensemble Contest at the Wakayama City Citizens Assembly Hall on February 11 and won bronze!

Congratulations Seika Nishi Junior High School Wind Ensemble Club!

Seika Nishi Junior High School Wind Ensemble Club

Club President – Riko Nakanishi (3rd Year)

Club Vice President – Hinata Akehashi, Kaito Utsunomiya (3rd Year)

Ensemble Club Members:

2nd Years – Yusuke Ueda, Akari Arako, Rinka Furuzawa, Natsumi Katayama, Ayaka Tanaka, Yui Ono

1st Years – Hiyu Okamoto, Koharu Nakajima



Asunaro Cooking - Dried Daikon Salad

Looking for new recipes to incorporate into your cooking repertoire? Bring Japanese cooking into your home with recipes from the Seika Town Diet Improvement Association "Asunaro-kai!"

Learn how to make dried daikon salad with this recipe from Association member Ms. Mariko Kimura.



* Ingredients (2 servings)

Dried daikon	14g	Canned hijiki seaweed	40g
Canned tuna	40g	Mentsuyu sauce	15g (1 tbs.)
Canned daizu beans	80g	Mayonnaise	80g (1/2 tbs.)

* Instructions

1. Put the dried daikon into a plastic bag with a little water to rehydrate it.
2. Once it is rehydrated and becomes soft, drain the bag of water.
3. Put the tuna, daizu beans, and hijiki seaweed into the bag with the daikon and mix well.
4. Lastly, add mentsuyu sauce and mayonnaise and mix well once more.

* Nutrition information (per serving)

Calories	117kcal	Calcium	96mg
Protein	9.3g	Dietary Fiber	4.9g
Fat	5.3g	Sodium	0.7g



QUICK LIST

Welcome to the Quick List, a short list of vocabulary words in both English and Japanese.

This month's theme: Trains

Please send us feedback! Is this list a good level? If you have topic suggestions please let us know.



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| えき | 1. 駅 - train station |
| | 2. ホーム - station platform |
| かいさつ | 3. 改札 - ticket gate |
| じこくひょう | 4. 時刻表 - schedule/time table |
| まんいんでんしゃ | 5. 満員電車 - full/crowded train |
| ゆうせんざせき | 6. 優先座席 - priority seats |
| しゃしょう | 7. 車掌 - train conductor |
| かいそくきゆうこう | 8. 快速急行 - rapid-service express |
| とつきゅう | 9. 特急 - limited-service express |
| かくえきていしゃ | 10. 各駅停車 - local train (stops at every station) |
| ちかてつ | 11. 地下鉄 - subway, metro |
| へんせい | 12. #編成 - train composed of # cars |

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Seika Town Events

6th Seika Friendship Concert



Enjoy a youthful concert of ensemble groups from local schools in the southern Kyoto region. Joint performance to follow individual performances by each school.

Participating Groups: Higashi Hikari Elementary Wind Ensemble, Seika Junior High Wind Ensemble Club, Seika Nishi Junior High Wind Ensemble, Kogakkan High School, and others!

Date: 3/21 (Hol./Thurs.) 1:30~4:00 p.m. (doors open at 1:00 p.m.)

Place: Higashi Hikari Elementary School Gymnasium (parking limited; if possible come by public transport or bicycle)

Inquiries: Seika Friendship Concert Committee (Tel: 0774-95-0400)



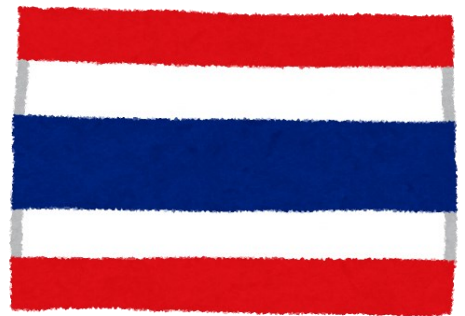
Keihanna Thai Festival

Experience Thailand through food, music, dance, film, and mini cultural lectures at the Thai cultural exchange event, the Keihanna Thai Festival! Admission is free! (Parking limited. Please come by public transportation if possible).

Date: 3/23 (Sat.) – 3/24 (Sun.) 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

Place: Keihanna Sundial Plaza Event Hall and other places in the Plaza area.

Inquiries: Keihanna Project Department (Tel: 0774-95-5115)



Taishogoto Class



Join us to learn about the Taishogoto, a Japanese instrument also referred to as the “Nagoya Harp.” This class consists of two sessions.

Date: 1st class – 4/12 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

2nd class – 4/26 (Fri.) 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.

Place: Mukunoki Center Kenkyu-shitsu (3rd floor)

Participants: 5 max

Apply: Contact Murakami (class instructor) at 090-8380-4805 to apply for an open spot and for any inquiries.



Seika Youth Choir 13th Regular Concert

Come be moved by the melodious voices of the Seika Youth Choir. Admission is free!

Date: 3/31 (Sun.) 1:00 p.m. ~ (doors open at 12:45 p.m.)

Place: Kashinoki-en Fureai-dai Hall

Song List: “Shinjiru,” “Shuppatsu,” “Tsubasa wo Kudasai” and others...





Seika Town Events

Keihanna Plaza Puchi Concert

Mini classical music concerts held in the Keihanna Plaza atrium lobby.

Set-list (by session):

- ① Salud d'amour, Op. 12 – Elgar (Cello)
- ② Oborozuki yo – Okano (Voice)
From “Madame Butterfly” Act II: Scuoti
quella fronda di ciliegio – Puccini (Voice)

Date:

- ① 3/13 (Wed.) 12:15~12:45PM
- ② 3/27 (Wed.) 12:15~12:45PM



Seika Town Facility Schedules

Sōraku Emergency Medical Clinic Schedule

Date	Specialty	Date	Specialty
3/3 (Sun.)	Pediatrics	4/7 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine
3/10 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine	4/14 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics
3/17 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine	4/21 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics
3/21 (Hol./Thur.)	Pediatrics	4/28 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics
3/24 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	4/29 (Hol./Mon.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics
3/31 (Sun.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics	4/30 (Hol./Tues.)	Internal Medicine · Pediatrics

Mukunoki Center

Date	Time	Details
3/6 (Wed.)	3:00~5:00PM	Table Tennis Day
3/13 (Wed.)	3:00~5:00PM	Table Tennis Day
3/20 (Wed.)	3:00~5:00PM	Table Tennis Day
3/24 (Sun.)	9:00AM~12:00PM	Hohoemi Sports Arena
3/27 (Wed.)	-	Closed
4/1 (Wed.)	-	Closed
4/3 (Wed.)	3:00~5:00PM	Table Tennis Day
4/10 (Wed.)	3:00~5:00PM	Table Tennis Day

※Please call in in advance to confirm visit
Sōraku Emergency Medical Clinic (TEL: 0774-73-9988)

Health Center

Date	Time	Details
3/8 (Fri.)	1:00PM~	1.5 yr. Old Health Check-up
3/12 (Tues.)	1:00PM~	2 yr. old Dental Check-up
3/13 (Wed.)	1:00PM~	3.5 yr. Old Health Check-up
3/19 (Tues.)	1:00PM~	9-10 mon. Old Health Check-up
3/20 (Wed.)	1:00PM~	3-4 mon. Old Health Check-up
3/27 (Wed.)	1:30~3:30PM	Papa & Mama Class - Child Raising
4/12 (Fri.)	1:00PM~	1.5 yr. Old Health Check-up

Sensational in Seika



Keihanna Plaza grounds with the Sundial in the center

Keihanna Plaza, The Heart of the Science City

Keihanna Plaza, located in the Hikari-dai area of Seika Town, is one of the focal points of the Kansai Science City. Completed in 1993, the facilities at Keihanna Plaza are equipped to achieve their goal of being a contributor to cultural, scientific, and economic development in Japan. Keihanna Plaza hosts research and development teams from numerous organizations in their laboratory wings, and is equipped to hold various events such as meetings, musical concerts, and art exhibitions in their event halls and conference rooms. Events held at Keihanna Plaza are often posted in local publications such as this Ichigo Newsletter! Check the events section of Ichigo to find out what's going on at Keihanna Plaza (on page 6).

Our Town, Seika

Established in 1955, Seika Town is located in Southwestern Kyoto and neighbors Kyotanabe City and Kizugawa City in Kyoto, and Ikoma City in Nara. As one of the major constituents of the Kansai Science City from Kyoto Prefecture, Seika strives to be a town of culture creation and scientific promotion while maintaining its cultural roots.

Seika Town Hall

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What to do if...

You have a question about something in Ichigo

Call the Coordinator for International Relations at Seika Town Hall. You may also call if you need an interpreter, as most of the events and classes in Ichigo will be in Japanese.

You have a problem with life in Japan

If you have any questions or problems concerning life in Japan not related to an article in Ichigo, please contact the Coordinator for International Relations at Seika Town Hall.

TEL: 0774-95-1900 FAX: 0774-95-3971 EMAIL: cir@town.seika.lg.jp or kikaku@town.seika.lg.jp (Planning and Coordinating Division)

You have an issue with your visa or other questions

The Kyōto City International Foundation (located at 2-1 Toriichō Awataguchi, Sakyō-ku, Kyōto-shi), offers advice and consultation on visa issues and general problems. **Visa consultations are available on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month (appointment required). Consultations can be done in English, Chinese, Korean, and Spanish.** General counseling is available Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00 to 21:00.

TEL: 075-752-3511 Homepage: <http://www.kcif.or.jp/en>

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Word of the Month



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Graduation Ceremony

For schools in Japan, graduations ceremonies take place mid to late March. During the ceremony, children from the lower grades offer their farewells and words of encouragement, and sing songs to send off their older classmates as they continue on to the next step of their academic journey. Have you ever witnessed a Japanese graduation ceremony?

Check out the Kyōto CIR blog: <http://tabunkakyoto.wordpress.com/>