

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA



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Higashihiroshima International Festa 2025

・ 東広島国際フェスタ2025
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Venue: Saijo Central Park (the open area north of the City Office)

Date & Time: Sunday October 26th, 10:00-16:00

In Higashihiroshima City, there are foreign residents from over 100 countries and regions. The Higashihiroshima International Festa 2025 is a festival where you can learn about various countries through dance, food, culture, and more from around the world.

There will also be cooking demonstrations and food sales, so you can experience different cultures while enjoying flavors from around the globe. On the day of the event, there will be activities that visitors of all ages and nationalities can enjoy.

Please invite your friends and come and take part!

For more details about the Festa, scan the QR code or access the URL below:

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/13/40607.html>



Contact: Civic Affairs Division (Shimin Seikatsu-ka, 市民生活課), 1F, City Office North Building, tel.: 082-420-0922.

Sake Matsuri (Sake Festival)

・ 酒まつり
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Venue: Around JR Saijo Station

Date & Time: Saturday October 11th, 10:00-19:00

Sunday October 12th, 10:00-17:00

At the 2025 Sake Matsuri, you can enjoy not only the Sake Hiroba, but also the main stage, the bishu-nabe area, the 'wakuwaku' kids' area, the cultural exchange area, the Satake area, the JA Fureai area, corporate PR booths, sake brewery events, and many other attractions.

In addition, traditional parades such as the osakabayashi parade, hime-mikoshi parade, and sake midarebayashi parade will make their way through the streets.

For those coming by car, please use the temporary parking lot at Hiroshima University (fee: 1,000 yen per day).

For more details, please check the official Sake Festival website (scan the QR code or access the URL below):

<https://sakematsuri.com/>



Application for Admission to Nursery Schools and Approved 'Kodomo-en' in 2026-27

- ・令和8年度保育所（園）・認定こども園の入所申し込み

Application forms will be available from Wednesday, October 1st, at the Child Care Division, or from each branch office.

The application period for admission from April 2026 is from Tuesday, November 4th to Friday, November 28th, between 8:30 and 17:15 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays).

Please apply at the Child Care Division or at a branch office of the City Office.

The application periods for admission in other months are as follows:

Desired month of admission	Application period
January 2026	Wednesday October 1st to Tuesday November 25th
February 2026	Tuesday November 4th to Thursday December 25th
March 2026	Tuesday November 4th, 2025, to Monday January 26th, 2026
May 2026 and after	Scheduled to be listed in the Childcare Facility Application Guide

Contact: Child Care Division (Hoiku-ka, 保育課), tel.: 082-420-0934.

Applications for entrance into Iki-iki Kodomo Clubs from April 2026

- ・令和8年度いきいきこどもクラブ入会申し込み

From the 2026-27 academic year, applications will be accepted online only, and the application period will begin in November.

A link to the online application page will be posted on the website below once the application period starts, so please wait until then.

Certificates of employment are valid for three months from the date of issue, so please prepare yours early.

If you already have documents such as certificates of employment that you prepared for your child's nursery school admission, you can scan or photograph them in advance and attach them to your Iki-iki Kodomo Club application. Only documents that clearly show the required information will be accepted.

The URL for applications is as follows (you can also scan the QR Code):

https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/soshiki/kyoikuiinkaishogaigakushu/4_1/l_1/43403.html

The application period for April 2026 admission is from Saturday November 1st to Sunday November 30th.

Inquiries regarding applications can be dealt with until 5:00 p.m. on Friday November 28th.

Please note that inquiries cannot be handled on weekends or national holidays.

If there are mistakes or missing information, etc., in your application, it may not be accepted. We therefore ask that you submit your application by Friday, November 28th wherever possible.

Contact: Youth Development Division (Seishonen Ikusei-ka, 青少年育成課), 3F, City Office North Building, tel.: 082-420-0929.



The ‘Kodomo Daredemo Tsuen’ (Childcare for All Children) Scheme

こども誰でも通園制度

Starting from Wednesday October 1st, 2025, applications will be accepted for the ‘Kodomo Daredemo Tsuen’ scheme. This scheme is for children aged 6 months and older but under 3 years who are not enrolled in approved childcare facilities or company-led childcare facilities. Even families who do not meet regular childcare requirements can use childcare facilities through this scheme.

Eligibility: Children aged 6 months or older but under 3 years, not attending approved childcare facilities or company-led childcare facilities. (Approved childcare facilities include nursery schools, approved kodomo-en, family-based daycare, small-scale daycare, and workplace daycare.)

Usage limits: Up to 10 hours per month per child. Up to 2 hours per session.

Fees: 300 yen per child, per hour (additional costs such as lunch fees may be charged). Fee reductions are available for households exempt from municipal tax, households receiving welfare assistance, etc.

How to apply: Apply directly at the facility you wish to use. Applications are accepted from October 1st. Each child may use only one facility per month.

Participating facilities:

- Saijo-Higashi Nursery School, tel.: 082-423-6987
- Mitsu Nursery School, tel.: 0846-45-2170
- Toyosaka Approved Kodomo-en, tel.: 082-432-2019
- Saijo Mizuki Approved Kodomo-en, tel.: 082-423-0332
- Hachihonmatsu Mizuki Approved Kodomo-en, tel.: 082-437-5020

Contact: Child Care Division (Hoiku-ka, 保育課), 2F, City Office Main Building, tel.: 082-420-0934.

Have you completed your response to the National Census?国勢調査の回答はお済み
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The National Census is an important statistical survey conducted on all people and households living in Japan. Based on the Statistics Act, all households are legally required to respond. Survey documents were distributed to each household by census staff during late September. The deadline for replying to the census is Wednesday, October 8th.

Responding online is convenient!

Using a smartphone or computer, you can respond easily at any time, 24 hours a day. We highly recommend responding online.

For more details, please scan the QR Code or access the URL below.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/12/43810.html>



Contact: Population Census Contact Center (Kokusei Chosa Contact Center, 国勢調査コンタクトセンター),
tel.: 0570-02-5901 (calls to this number are not free)
(From IP phones and prepaid mobile phones: 03-6628-2258)

Reception Hours: 9:00 - 21:00 (until November 7th)

Available Languages (22 languages): English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Spanish, Indonesian, Filipino, Myanmar, Nepali, Thai, Sinhala, Bengali, Khmer, French, Hindi, Mongolian, Russian, Malay, German, Italian, Urdu.

Deadline for payment of taxes: Friday October 31st

- 次回の納期限は
- 10月31日(金)

Please pay Municipal and Prefectural Tax/Forest Environment Tax (the third installment) and the National Health Insurance Premium (the fourth installment) by Friday October 31st. A notice of non-payment (Tokusokujo, 督促状) will be sent to residents who have not paid their tax by the deadline. If you receive a Tokusokujo, please pay the tax immediately, using the payment slip enclosed.

※ **Note:** it takes about ten days for the Tax Collection Division to confirm payment of tax, and therefore you may receive a Tokusokujo even after you have completed payment. In this case, please ignore the letter.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Consultation services for non-Japanese residents

- 外国人相談窓口

• **Consultation services for non-Japanese residents** are available at the Communication Corner, in Sunsquare Higashihiroshima. English-speaking staff are available at the following times: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 to 17:00.

Communication Corner website (English): <https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/home-2/>

You can also access the Communication Corner website by using the upper QR code on the right.

• **40-minute free legal consultations** are available on **Saturday October 4th**, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. Communication Corner English interpreting is available. **Please make an appointment at least one week in advance.**

Contact: Communication Corner (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922.

• **Communication Corner Facebook page:**

<https://www.facebook.com/hhface.communicationcorner>

You can also access the Communication Corner Facebook page by using the lower QR code on the right.



Communication Corner website (English)



Facebook page

Night-time and holiday hospitals

- 夜間休日当番医

• **Night-time and holiday duty hospitals:** Full information about night-time and holiday duty hospitals within Higashihiroshima City is published in the Japanese-language version of the monthly city newsletter 'Higashihiroshima' (the page inside the back cover; only in Japanese), and on the Higashihiroshima City website (in Japanese and English). The information is subject to change at short notice, so before going to a medical facility, please be sure to call to confirm details.

Recently, there are more and more patients using emergency medical facilities at night and on holidays even though their situation is not serious. In some cases, these patients have prevented or delayed the treatment of patients with truly serious illnesses, and additionally, such cases are one of the reasons for doctors becoming overworked. Emergency medical facilities open at night and on holidays are for patients with serious, emergency conditions. Please try to visit the medical facility you use normally, during opening hours on weekdays.

• **Emergency medical treatment for children:** Please call the advice line on #8000 (if you cannot get through on this number, please call 082-505-1399). The service is available every day between 19:00 and 8:00 the following morning. You can obtain information about whether or not you should take your child to a medical facility outside of normal opening hours (at nights, on weekends or holidays, etc.).

• **If you have a medical problem at night or on weekends, and you are unsure about whether or not you should go to a medical facility:** Please call the Hiroshima area emergency consultation center on #7119. The service is free, and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff will be able to give you advice on whether to rest at home and see how symptoms develop, or whether you should go to a medical facility. If necessary, they can give you information about which facility to go to, or they can connect you directly to the 119 emergency service. In an emergency, do not hesitate to phone 119.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/33907.html>

The Medical Information Net

The 'Medical Information Net' is a website that compiles information on medical institutions and pharmacies throughout Japan. You can also search for information on medical institutions that can provide support in foreign languages.

<https://www.iryuu.teikyouseido.mhlw.go.jp/znk-web/juminkanja/S2310/initialize?pref=34>

**Citizens' Affairs Division: Out-of-hours opening**

- 市民課窓口:木曜延長・日曜開庁

The counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division are open until 19:00 on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). The dates for October are October 2nd and October 16th.

In addition, there is Sunday opening on October 26th from 9:00 to 12:00. Wherever possible, please take someone with you who speaks Japanese. **Please note that divisions other than the Citizens' Affairs Division are not open at these times.** For details of what matters can be dealt with during these extended opening hours, and what you need to bring with you, please access the QR Code to the right to check the city website.

If you have a My Number Card, you can use it to obtain Certificates of Residence, etc., at convenience stores.

Please be aware that formalities relating to My Number Cards cannot be dealt with.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/3/35917.html>

**Population and households as of the end of August, 2025:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 190,963 (137 fewer than July)
Population of foreign residents: 9,643 (138 fewer than July)

Households: 92,996 (125 fewer than July)
Foreign households: 7,484 (143 fewer than July)