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## Seasonal events information

イベント情報

### 📌 Heiwa Ōdōri Art Festival \*Heiwa Ōdōri is Hiroshima Peace Boulevard

😊 Exhibiting art works created by the faculty members and students of Hiroshima City University and municipal high school students in Hiroshima City.

Date: Saturday, February 28 – Sunday, March 22

Venues: Peace Boulevard (tree lawns in front of NHK and Crystal Plaza), Yebiden Gallery (8-8 Naka-machi, Naka-ku), former Bank of Japan Hiroshima branch building (5-16 Fukuro-machi, Naka-ku)

Access: Former Bank of Japan Hiroshima branch building is located near Fukuro-machi streetcar stop

Fee: Free



### 🌀 Special Art Event

Date & Time: Saturday, March 14 10 am-3 pm

Venue: Tree lawn area in front of Hiroshima Crystal Plaza building (8-18 Naka-machi, Naka-ku)

Program: Coloring workshop, music concert, etc.

For more information, please check the City's official website:

[https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/tourism-](https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/tourism-culture/tourism/1021448/1006056/1033080/1036743/1036745/1047519.html)

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### 📌 Bonsai Exhibition at Shukkei-en Garden

Date: Saturday, February 28 – Sunday, March 8

Hours: 9 pm-5 pm

Venue: Shukkei-en Garden (2-11 Kami-nobori-cho, Naka-ku)

Access: 5 minutes walk from Shukkei-en mae streetcar stop (Hakushima Line)

Admission fee for the garden

#### 【Admission fee】

Adults	350 yen
College students	150 yen
High school students and younger	Free
Over 65	Free

\*Documents that proves your age required.

Inquires: Shukkei-en Garden Tel. 082-221-3620 URL: <https://shukkeien.jp>



### 📌 Hiroshima *Doman-naka* Festival

😊 Enjoy Hiroshima's local specialties and traditional performing arts

Date: Saturday March 7 and Sunday, March 8

Venue: Hiroshima Gate Park Plaza

Access: ① 1 minute walk from Gembaku Dome mae streetcar stop

② 5 minutes walk from Hiroshima Bus Center

Inquiries: Hiroshima *Doman-naka* Festival official Instagram @hiroshima\_domannaka

## 📌 Hiroshima Minato Festa

😊 Food stalls, BMX demonstration and trial, and various interesting events will be even held on the sea. You can participate in the lottery; have a chance to win a prize including Hiroshima Prince Hotel stay voucher or meal ticket. At the Ninoshima Island venue also you can enjoy interesting events like Kagura stage performance, experiencing *Baumkuhen* (German-style cake) baking.

Date: March 14 (Saturday) and 15 (Sunday)

Hours: 10 am-4 pm

Venue: Hiroshima Minato Park, its surrounding and Ninoshima Island

Access: ① Hiroshima Minato Park

⇒ Hiroshima Kō (Hiroshima Port), the last stop of Ujina Line

② Ninoshima Island

⇒ Take a ferry from Hiroshima Port, it's 20 minutes ride to Ninoshima

Inquiries: Hiroshima Minato Festa Organization Committee Tel. 082-250-8935

c/o Community Revitalization Division (*Chiiki Suishin Ka*) of Minami Ward Office



## 📌 Mozu Miniature Exhibition “Welcome to a small world”

😊 Mozu is a Japanese miniature artist. Mozu art works available through the Mozu official Instagram @mozu\_world.

Date: Wednesday, March 18 – Tuesday, April 21

Hours: 10 am-7:30 pm (Please enter by 7 pm.)

\*On the last day, April 21, it will close at 4 pm, so please enter by 3:30 pm.

Venue: 9<sup>th</sup> floor of the Sogo Hiroshima store

Access: ① Hiroshima Bus Center stop

② Near Kamiya-cho Nishi streetcar stop

Tickets:

### 【Advance】

Adults (age 16 and older) 1,200 yen

Elementary/Junior high school students 600 yen

### 【At the door】

Adults (age 16 and older) 1,400 yen

Elementary/Junior high school students 800 yen

Visitors with a disability certificate 700 yen

- ◆ Free admission for preschool children \*Children must be accompanied by guardians.

### 【Ticket office】

Lawson Ticket, Ticket PIA, Seven Ticket, e+, Edion Hiroshima Main Store (9<sup>th</sup> Floor)

★ You can purchase a ticket at the door.

Inquiries: HOME Event Center Tel. 082-221-7116 (10 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday)

URL: <https://mozu-miniature.com/>



## 🍑 Momo (Peach blossom) Viewing Tea Ceremony

Date & Time: March 29 (Sunday), 10 am-3 pm (Reception closed)

Venue: Shukkeien Garden (2-11 Kami-nobori-cho, Naka-ku)

Access: 3 minutes walk from Shukkeien-mae streetcar stop (Hakushima Line)

Fee: 1,300 yen (Tea ceremony)

- ◆ Admission fee for the garden is required separately.

### 【Admission fee】

Adults	350 yen
College students	150 yen
High school students and younger	Free
Over 65	Free

\*Documents that proves your age required.



Inquires : Shukkei-en Garden Tel. 082-221-3620 URL: <https://shukkeien.jp/>



## Has your child's school enrollment notification arrived?

入学通知書は届きましたか ひろしま市民と市政 2月15日号 (P6)

At the end of January 2026, the City sent school enrollment notifications (入学通知書 *nyūgaku tsūchi-sho*) to parents and guardians of children who will begin elementary or junior high school this April.

The notification tells you which school your child will attend and when. Keep it in a safe place and submit it to your child's designated school on April 1 (enrollment day, not entrance ceremony day).

- 👉 If you have not received your notification or have lost it, please contact the School Affairs Division of the Municipal Board of Education (Tel. 082-504-2469).

### ■ If you have moved

#### 📍 If you have moved to a different place in Hiroshima City

- \* If you register your change of address no later than March 13 (Friday), the City will send a school enrollment notification to your new address.
- \* If you register on or after March 16 (Monday), you must go to the Citizens' Affairs Division (*Shimin Ka*) of your local ward office or branch office to receive your notification.

#### 📍 If you have moved outside Hiroshima City

Please notify the school stated in your school enrollment notification that your child cannot attend their school from April because you will move. Contact the board of education for your new neighborhood about how to enroll your child in a school.



## ■ Enrolling your child in a national, prefectural, or private school

You will need a letter of acceptance (入学承諾書 *nyūgaku shōdaku-sho*) issued by the school your child will attend. Submit this and the enrollment notification (入学通知書 *nyūgaku tsūchi-sho*) to the School Affairs Division of the Municipal Board of Education (see below) or the Citizens' Affairs Division (*Shimin Ka*) of your ward or branch office. You can also submit these to the elementary school written on the enrollment notification, or to your child's current elementary school.

## ■ Children with disabilities

If your child has special educational needs due to disability, please consult with one of the following:

### ❖ Counseling Center for Youth (*Seishōnen Sōgō Sōdan Sentā*)

Address: 1-4-15 Kokutaiji-mach, Naka-ku Tel. 082-504-2197 // Fax 082-504-2142  
Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am-5 pm

### ❖ Counseling Center for Youth (Branch Office) (*Seishōnen Sōgō Sōdan Sentā Bunshitsu*)

Address: 2-15-55 Hikari-machi, Higashi-ku Tel. 082-264-0422 // Fax 082-264-0436  
Hours: Monday to Friday 9 am-5pm

## ■ Changing schools

If you have a valid reason why your child cannot attend their designated school (e.g., your family is moving within Hiroshima City after April), please consult the School Affairs Division of the Municipal Board of Education (Tel 082-504-2975).

## ■ Financial assistance for schooling

The City can provide financial assistance for schooling, such as for the cost of school supplies, school lunch, school excursions, etc. In order to receive this assistance, there are certain criteria you must fulfil and there is an income cap. For more information, including requirements, please consult the School Affairs Division of the Municipal Board of Education or the school where your child attends.

### Who can apply for this financial assistance?

- ① Parents and guardians of children who are in a municipal elementary school, junior high school, secondary school (former curriculum), or school for special needs education (elementary and junior high school departments) in Hiroshima City
- ② Parents and guardians who reside in Hiroshima City and their children attend a municipal elementary school, junior high school, or secondary school (former curriculum) outside of Hiroshima city
- ③ Parents and guardians who reside in Hiroshima City and their children attend a national, prefectural or private elementary school, junior high school, or secondary school (former curriculum)

 The category of financial assistance that parents and guardians can receive depends on the following conditions. For further information, please consult your child's school.

Conditions:

- Whether you are receiving public welfare (*seikatsu hogo*)
- Whether your child is in a school for special needs education
- Whether you fall under category ① and live in outside of Hiroshima City
- Whether you fall under category ② or ③

#### Inquiries:

- Municipal schools
- School Affairs Division, Municipal Board of Education (*Kyōiku linkai Gakuji Ka*)

Tel. 082-504-2469 Fax 082-504-2328

## Digital applications for tax payment certifications

納税証明書が電子申請で取得可能に ひろしま市民と市政 2月1日号 (P3)

It is now possible to apply for your tax payment certification (which proves you have paid municipal/prefectural residents tax) by smartphone or online. You can also use digital payment methods to cover the certificate handling and postage fees. The whole process is available without having to visit your ward office. Once the necessary fees are paid, the certificate will be despatched from the City of Hiroshima in around one week.

### Necessary Fees

Certification Fee: 350 yen per copy

Postage Fee: 110 yen (If the package is below 50g)

Note:

- If the package weight exceeds 50g the postage fee will increase. The fee will be whatever cost matches the weight of the package.
- Besides basic rate the following fees will be required for express delivery and registered delivery respectively, if you need them.

Express delivery: 300 yen      Registered mail: 350 yen

### Payment Method

You can pay by credit card or by various smartphone carrier payment applications (PayPay, auPAY, docomo's d payment (d-Barai), Rakuten Pay).

### What you need when applying (when applying as an individual)

- Smartphone (that can read your My Number Card) or a PC with an IC card reader
- My Number Card, and a password (more than 6 alphanumeric characters) for digital signature certification

### Who can apply online

You may only apply for your own documents.

### Things to be aware of when applying online

No receipts will be issued.

For more information on the process, please visit the Hiroshima City's official website (Japanese):

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/living/onlineservice/1032310.html>



### Inquiries:

#### Municipal Tax Office (*Shizei Jimusho*) for your area

Jurisdiction	Municipal Tax office	Tel
Naka & Minami	<b>Chuo Shizei Jimusho</b> Central Municipal Tax Office (Naka Ward Office)	082-504-2558
Higashi & Aki	<b>Tobu Shizei Jimusho</b> Eastern Municipal Tax Office (Higashi Ward Office)	082-568-7715
Nishi & Saeki	<b>Seibu Shizei Jimusho</b> Western Municipal Tax Office (Nishi Ward Office)	082-532-0937
Asaminami & Asakita	<b>Hokubu Shizei Jimusho</b> Northern Municipal Tax Office (Asaminami Ward Office)	082-831-4932

#### Tax Room (*Zeimu Shitsu*)

Tax Room	Tel	Tax Room	Tel
Minami (Minami Ward Office)	082-250-8946	Saeki (Saeki Ward Office)	082-943-9716
Aki (Aki Ward Office)	082-821-4913	Asakita (Asakita Ward Office)	082-819-3913



## Extended ward office hours March 25-April 1

区役所窓口を平日時間延長、(土)(日)開庁 ひろしま市民と市政 3月1日号 (P3)

From late March to early April, ward offices experience a high volume of customers since this period is when many people move in and out of the city. Thus, during this busy season, ward offices extend their weekday opening hours and add weekend hours for those submitting certain types of paperwork related to moving matters. (Note: regular hours are Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm)

**Inquiries:** Ward Administrative Division (*Kusei Ka*) Tel. 082-504-2112

### Extended opening hours

Dates	March							April
	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Hours	8:30 am-7 pm			8:30 am-noon		8:30 am-7 pm		

-  Only the Citizens Affairs Division (*Shimin Ka*) and the National Insurance and Pension Division (*Hoken Nenkin Ka*) of ward offices will have their hours extended. Please note that branch offices will not extend their hours.

#### Notes:

-  The ward offices only handle paperwork related to moving matters during the extended opening hours period. If you need services beside listed table below, please visit during regular hours (weekdays from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm).
-  Depending on the situation, you may not be able to complete all your paperwork in one day.

### Services available during extended hours

Procedures related to moving matters						Where to submit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration of Change in Certificate of Residence ( <i>jūmin hyō no idō-todoke</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration changes in Personal Seal Registration ( <i>inkan tōroku</i> ) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration changes in My Number Card (12-digit individual number)						Citizens Affairs Division ( <i>Shimin Ka</i> )		
Tel.	Naka	082-504-2551	Higashi	082-568-7708	Asaminami			082-831-4928
	Minami	082-250-8938	Nishi	082-532-0930	Asakita	082-819-3907	Saeki	082-943-9709

Forms						Where to submit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Registration of Change in Eligibility for National Health Insurance <i>(kokumin kenkō hoken no shikaku idō todoke)</i>						National Insurance and Pension Division <i>(Hoken Nenkin Ka)</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Change of Address for National Pension <i>(kokumin nenkin no jūsho henkō todoke)</i>								
Tel.	Naka	082-504-2555	Higashi	082-568-7711	Asaminami	082-831-4929	Aki	082-821-4910
	Minami	082-250-8941	Nishi	082-532-0933	Asakita	082-819-3909	Saeki	082-943-9712

Forms						Where to submit		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for Child Allowance <i>(jidō teate no nintei seikyūsho)</i>						Welfare Division <i>(Fukushi Ka)</i>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forms related to children's medical subsidies (applications, changes in eligibility, etc.) <i>(kodomo iryōhi jukyūsha shikaku nintei shinsei/henkō todoke nado)</i>								
Temporary desk for the Welfare Division will be set up in Citizens Affairs Division of each ward office after 5:15 pm on weekdays between March 25 and April 1, as well as from 8:30 am to noon on March 28 (Saturday) and 29 (Sunday).								
Tel.	Naka	082-504-2569	Higashi	082-568-7733	Asaminami	082-831-4945	Aki	082-821-2813
	Minami	082-250-4131	Nishi	082-294-6342	Asakita	082-819-0605	Saeki	082-943-9732

#### Notes:

- ☑ For more information regarding the documents you will need to submit with each form, please contact the most relevant division using the table above.
- ☑ Bring ID (e.g. Residence Card (*zairyū card*), driver's license, passport, or My Number Card if you have one)

#### My Number Card

- ★ If you use the Myna Portal (the government-run online administrative window) to submit a notification that you are moving out (転出届 *tenshutsu todoke*), it is passed on to the relevant office in local authority where you have resided in. Therefore, those who submit their notice of moving out online do not need to visit their local authority.

Additionally, you can also make an online appointment with the local authority for that new address to submit a Moving-In Notification (転入届 *tennyū todoke*). Please note that you will still need to go through moving in procedures at the relevant office in your new municipality.

- ★ Those who use their My Number Card when using the Convenience Store Issuance Service to get their certificates can save 100 yen, less than the cost at the ward office. Please do utilize this service if you have a My Number Card.

## Municipal housing applications

市営住宅の募集（広島市公式ウェブサイトから）

Municipal housing is available for residents who are registered with the city, currently living within city limits, and meet the requirements, including the number of family members, as well as income limit. Application periods happen four times a year (in February, May, August and November).

- For more information, including eligibility and application procedures, please contact the relevant office, or check the application guideline packet. You can see the application guideline through the City's official website:

**Official City of Hiroshima website** (in Japanese):

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/jyuutaku/6265.html>



- For information regarding the types of housing available, please refer to housing applications or the city website. You can check the location using the Hiroshima City Municipal Housing Map feature.

**Municipal Housing Page**  
(Japanese only)



**Municipal Housing Map**  
(Japanese only)



<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/jyuutaku/6265.html>

<https://www.midori-gr.com/hiroshima-shiei/info/map.html>

- For individuals who wish to apply for housing outside of the designated submission schedule, applications will be accepted once there are openings. For more information, please inquire the Architecture Division of the ward office where the housing you want to apply for is located in, and check the City's official website (Japanese):

**Official City of Hiroshima website** (in Japanese)

<https://www.city.hiroshima.lg.jp/site/jyuutaku/6267.html>



### Inquires:

Please contact the Architecture Division (*Kenchiku Ka*) of your nearest ward office with any questions or concerns.

Ward	Telephone	Ward	Telephone
Naka	082-504-2578	Asaminami	082-831-4954
Higashi	082-568-7744	Asakita	082-819-3937
Minami	082-250-8959	Aki	082-821-4928
Nishi	082-532-0949	Saeki	082-943-9744

## From April, non-combustible garbage disposal regulations are changing

4月から不燃ごみの出し方が変わります（広島市公式ウェブサイトから）

From April 2026, you will be required to change how you dispose your non-combustible waste. To protect against fires in trash collection areas and facilities, we ask for your cooperation.

### What to do come April

- ① Please use transparent or translucent, sturdy plastic bags. \*Sandbags are not fit for use.
- ② If your non-combustible waste include batteries or portable chargers which can be removed, please remove them and then place them in a separate bag with “有害 (Yugai)” (harmful/hazardous) written on it. Please dispose of batteries as harmful waste instead. Do not dispose of batteries with non-combustible waste. 
- ③ Please separate electrical appliances from which you cannot remove rechargeable batteries and place them in a separate bag from other non-combustible waste. Please write “危険 (Kiken)” (dangerous) on the bags. 

Inquiries: Sanitation office (*Kankyō jigyō sho*) of the ward in which you live

	Jurisdiction	Tel.
Naka Sanitation Office	Naka Ward	082-241-0779
	Higashi Ward	
Minami Sanitation Office	Minami Ward	082-286-9790
Nishi Sanitation Office	Nishi Ward	082-277-6404
Asaminami Sanitation Office	Asaminami Ward	082-848-3320
Asakita Sanitation Office	Asakita Ward	082-814-7884
Aki Sanitation Office	Aki Ward	082-884-0322
Saeki Sanitation Office	Saeki Ward	082-922-9211



## Holiday trash collection on March 20

2026年3月20日（祝）の家庭ごみの収集について

March 20 (Fri) is a national holiday, so waste collection will be conducted as follows:

○ . . . Garbage collected    × . . . Garbage is NOT collected

National Holiday	Burnable Trash/Plastic Bottles/Recyclable Plastics in your local ward	Recyclable & Harmful Waste/Non-combustible/Other in your local ward
March 20 (Fri) Vernal equinox day	×	○

**Inquiries:** City Office Environmental Bureau, Operation Division I  
(Kankyō Kyoku Gyōmu Dai-ichi Ka) Tel. 082-504-2220



🍀 If you are not confident in your Japanese, please contact the office below:

### Hiroshima City & Aki County International Resident Consultation Service

**Tel:** 082-241-5010

**Email:** soudan@pcf.city.hiroshima.jp

**Website:** <https://h-ircd.jp/en/guide/consultation-en.html>

**Hours:** Monday to Friday 9 am-4 pm

**Closed:** Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, August 6 and December 29-January 3

#### Available languages:

Japanese, English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Filipino

Note: Filipino is available on Fridays and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

