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Guidebook of Living for Foreigners



Ishioka City



The 'Living in Ishioka – Guidebook' is a booklet which gives an overview of and assists with enquiries into the various public services available in Ishioka. It is available in five foreign languages: English, Chinese, Korean, Thai and Portuguese. For more information about a particular procedure or service please look for the ☺ mark and contact the relevant institution or department.

- The Ibaraki International Association's Foreign Consultation Center provides a free telephone translation service which can help with administrative procedures for city office notifications, school entry and so on. For more details about the Foreigners Consultation Service and the Telephone Translation Service please see p. 25
- The area code has been omitted from Ishioka numbers. Please add 0299 to these numbers as required.
- The dates mentioned in the guidebook are correct at the time of publishing (2016/ April/1st). For more up to date information about events please see 'Ishioka City Homepage', 'Ishioka Public Relations' newsletter or 'Ishioka Mail Magazine'.
- As seen alongside the ☺ mark; 'City Office' refers to 'Ishioka City Office' and 'Yasato Branch Office' refers to 'Yasato General Branch Office'.

☆Ishioka's home page <http://www.city.ishioka.lg.jp> is translated into English, Chinese (simplified and traditional), Korean, Portuguese, Spanish and Thai. There may be some errors however because of the automatic translation software it uses.

☆ The 'Ishioka Public Relations' newsletter is a free publication which is issued on the 1st and 15th of every month. It can be picked up from distributions points in public buildings, stations, financial institutions and convenience stores. You can also read it on the internet.

☆The 'Ishioka Mail Magazine' is a free online service which gives information about events, holidays, out-of-hours medical care, the weather, disaster prevention and the fire service.

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Disasters • Emergencies

Crimes • Accidents

Police TEL 110

Fire • Medical Emergencies

Fire Service / Ambulance TEL 119

When calling the fire service

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Please tell the operator where the fire is and what is burning.

When calling about an emergency

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Please tell the operator if you are calling about an accident or a medical emergency.

Numbers to call to find hospitals open on public holidays and during the night

Ibaraki Emergency Medical Information Control Center

.....
TEL 029-241-4199 (Available 24 hours)

Ishioka Fire Service Head Office

.....
TEL 23-0119 (Available 24 hours)

Yasato Fire Service

.....
TEL 43-6491 (Available 24 hours)

Telephone Service (giving information about out of hours medical services)

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TEL 0800-800-7766 (Recorded Message)

★'Kouhou Ishioka' (issued on the 15th of each month) the Ishioka Homepage and Mail Magazine also give lists of hospitals which are open on public holidays and during the night.

Evacuation Centers

City Office Disaster Prevention Department TEL 23-1111

The following is a list of designated evacuation centers in Ishioka City.

Map <http://www.city.ishioka.lg.jp/page/page001833.html>

Name of Facility	Address	Telephone number
Ishioka Elementary School	Sousha 1-2-10	22-6105
Fuchuu Elementary School	Wakamatsu 1-11-18	24-0111
Sekikawa Elementary School	Ishikawa 1153	26-3225
Kita Elementary School	Neatari 10949	22-6486
Minami Elementary School	Minamidai 4-1 -1	26-2850
Higashi Elementary School	Asahidai 1-11-3	26-2342
Suginami Elementary School	Suginami 2-3 -1	24-2926
Ishioka Junior High School	Higashi Ishioka 4-2 -1	26-2340
Fuchuu Junior High School	Wakamatsu 2-6 -5	24-0022
Jounan Junior High School	Takahama 112	22-2487
Kokufu Junior High School	Sousha 2-12 -1	24-0510
Ishioka First High School	Ishioka 1-9	22-4135
Ishioka Second High School	Fuchuu 5-14 -14	23-2101
Higashi District Community Centre	Higashi Ishioka 4-6-24	26-6503
Jounan District Community Centre	Mimura 7109	26-3341
Kokufu District Community Centre	Kokufu 5-7 -1	22-2940
Ishioka Kaiyou Centre	Someya 1415	23-5191
Fureai no Sato Ishioka Himawari no Yakata	Osuna 10527 -6	35-1126
Ishioka Sports Park (Ishioka Undou Kouen)	Minamidai 3-34 -1	26-7210
Sonobe Elementary School	Miyagasaki 6	46-1017
Higashinarui Elementary School	Higashinarui 996	46-1341
Kawarae Elementary School	Kawaraya 1135 -2	44-0055

Koise Elementary School	Omi 832 -1	43-2009
Ashiho Elementary School	Koya 1054	43-0169
Yoshuu Elementary School	Yoshuu 513 -2	43-0987
Kakioka Elementary School	Kakioka 2159 -2	43-0904
Obata Elementary School	Obata 4080	42-3502
Hayashi Elementary School	Shimobayashi 857 -1	43-0155
Kozakura Elementary School	Kawamata 746	42-3204
Asahi Sports Exchange Facility (Asahi Sports Kouryuu Shisetsu)	Shibauchi 630	-
Sonobe Junior High School	Yamazaki 1862	46-0506
Kyuuariake Junior High School	Kobana 189 -2	-
Kyuyayasatominami Junior High School	Shimoaoyagi 716 -1	-
Yasato Junior High School	Kakioka 3513 -2	43-0062
Central Community Centre (Chuuou Kouminkan)	Kakioka 5680 -1	43-6262
Katano Shuukaijyo	Katano 157	43-6953
Omasu Multipurpose Centre (Omasu Tamokuteki Centre)	Omasu 3606	-
Minami Nursery (Minami Hoikusho)	Tsukioka 1375	42-4110
Yasato Sougou Sports Park (Yasato Sougou Undou Kouen)	Noda 600	43-6884

★Useful Japanese phrases for disasters and emergencies

(Keisatsu / Shoubou / Kyuukyusha) wo yonde kudasai.
Please call the (Police / Fire Service / Ambulance).

(..... hinanjo) wa doko desuka?
Where is the (..... evacuation centre)?

Chizu wo kaite kudasai.
Please draw me a map.

Watashi wa (.....) wo sagashite imasu.
I'm looking for (.....).

★Disaster of manual

http://www.pref.ibaraki.jp/bugai/kokusai/tabunka/jpn/disaster/documents/english_1.pdf



Hospitals with doctors who speak foreign languages

The name of the hospital	phone number	Medical courses								Languages						
		Pediatrics	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Internal medicine	Ophthalmology	Dentistry	Otolaryngology	Dermatology	Orthopedics	Other	English	Chinese	Korean	Thai	Portuguese	Other
Ishioka first hospital (Higashifuchuu1-7)	22-5151	●		●		●	●		●	●	●					
Sannoudai hospital (Higashiishioka4-1-38)	26-3130			●	●	●		●	●	●	●					
Takita orthopedic (Fuchuu2-2-12)	23-2071							●								
Kubota hospital (Namerikawa26-3)	35-5010							●	●							
Suginami clinic (Suginami2-2-19)	27-6700			●					●	●						
Goto internal medicine (Ishioka1-14-1)	36-0510	●		●												
Green Clinic (Kakioka1547-7)	36-4120			●						●						
Hiramoto dermatology clinic (Asahidai3-22-1)	26-8008							●		●						
Ishioka clinic (Kokufu2-4-9)	24-5080			●												
Sakurai hospital (Handa1886)	42-3922								●							
Serizawa clinic (Ishioka3165-17)	22-2035			●						●						
Okazaki internal medicine clinic (Fuchuu1-3-21)	22-2014	●		●												
Fujii internal medicine clinic (Kanoko2-1-36)	35-5005	●		●												
Tomita Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic (Baraki3-5-31)	23-0311		●													
Ishiwata ophthalmology (Asahidai1-3918-5)	27-0070				●					●						

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		Pediatrics	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Internal medicine	Ophthalmology	Dentistry	Otolaryngology	Dermatology	Orthopedics	Other	English	Chinese	Korean	Thai	Portuguese	Other
Yoshida Dental Clinic (Suginami1-5-61)	22-2209					●					●					
Kohoku dental clinic (Tazima2-6-3)	22-2279					●						●				Formosan
Hasegawa dental clinic (Mimura2604-5)	59-6161					●										
Daishidou dental clinic (Kokufu1-2-29)	23-1535					●										
Eda dental clinic (Kakioka1860-4)	43-0058					●										
Kayama dental clinic (Takahama1053-2)	26-6765					●					●					
Tomita dental clinic (Higashiishioka3-4-19)	26-6677					●					●					
Fukuda dental clinic (Kokufu4-3-47)	22-2110					●										
Hirai dental clinic (Kokufu3-2-19)	22-2473					●										
Itou dental clinic (Asahidai1-16-24)	26-8088					●										
Kakioka Family dental clinic (Kakioka3253-1)	44-0112					●					●					Spanish Tagalog
Yokogawa Orthodontic (Kokufu4-5-4)	24-4118					●										
Wakamatsu dental clinic (Wakamatsu2-1-53)	24-1184 24-0418					●					●					
Sutou dental clinic (Toukoudai4-11-1)	26-6601					●					●					
Tokiwa dental clinic (Kokufu3-1-12 Morikou building second floor)	23-1511					●										

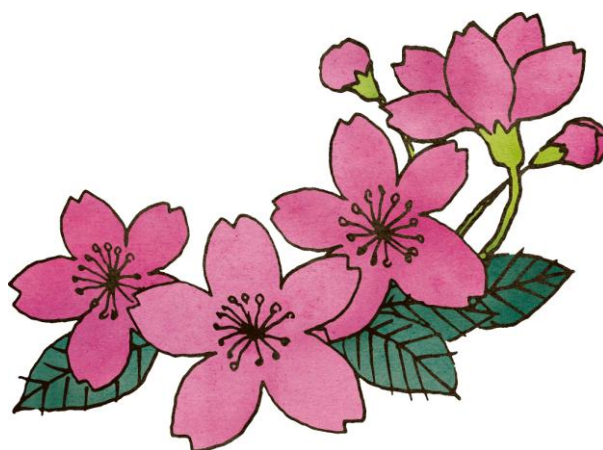
N o t i f i c a t i o n s C e r t i f i c a t i o n

Notifications concerning the Family Register

In Japan, individual names, dates of birth, parent-child relationships, marital relationships and so on are recorded in the ‘Family Register’. Therefore the city office must be notified of all births, deaths, marriages and divorces.

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Yasato Branch Office Citizens Services Enquiries TEL 43-1111

Type of Notification	Required Items	Notification Period
Birth Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of birth form (Shussho Shoumeisho) • The name seal (hanko) of the person making the notification • National Health Insurance certificate • Mother – Child Health Handbook (Boshi-Techō) 	Within 14 days of birth
Death Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Death Form (Shibō- Todokesho) • The name seal of the person making the notification. • National Health Insurance Member’s Certificate (if applicable). • Senior Citizen’s National Health Insurance Certificate (if applicable) (Kokumin kenkōhoken kōrei-sha jukyūshashō) • Senior Citizen’s Medical Certificate (if applicable) (Kōkikōreishairyō hihokenshashō) • Long-term Care Insurance certificate (if applicable) (Kaigo hoken hihokenshashō) • National Pension Book (if applicable) 	Within 7 days of knowing about the death



<p>Marriage Notification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Marriage Form (Konin Todokesho) (two witnesses, 20 years of age or older are required). • If the individual's family is not registered in Ishioka, family registers (either Koseki zenbujikou Shoumeisho or the Koseki-Touhon) are required. • Both the husband's and wife's name seals. • Parental permission letter if either husband or wife is a minor. • In the case of a change of address (moving into Ishioka) a moving out certificate (Tenshutsu shōmei-sho) is required from your previous city of residence. • National Health Insurance Member's Certificate (if a member of the National Health Insurance Plan). 	<p>No fixed notification period ✳The marriage becomes legal from the day of notification.</p>
<p>Divorce Notification</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification of Divorce Form (Rikon-Todokesho) (If it is a mutually agreed divorce, two witnesses who are 20 years of age or older are required). • For a Judicial Divorce, an official copy of records of court proceedings (Chouteichousho-No-Tōhon or Shinpansho or Hanketsu-No-Touhon) and a Certificate of Settlement (Kakutei-Shōmeisho) are required. • The couple's family register showing all recorded information (Koseki zenbujikou Shoumeisho) or in the case where they are not registered in Ishioka then only the simplified family register (Koseki- Touhon) is required. • The name seal for the person who is notifying the divorce. • National Health Insurance Member's Certificate (if a member of the National Health Insurance Plan). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no fixed notification period for a mutually agreed divorce. -The divorce becomes legal from the day of notification. - In the case of Judicial Divorce notification must be made within 10 days of the court decision (saiban kakutei or chouteiseiritsu).



Notification of Residents Registration

The 'Basic Residents Register' records citizens' names, addresses, dates of birth and so on. When you move in or out of Ishioka or when you change your address you need to notify the city office.

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Yasato Branch Office Citizens Services Enquiries TEL 43-1111

Type of Notification	Required Items	Notification Period
Moving into Ishioka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Resident Register card (only those who have been issued with a card) • Name seal (hanko) of the person making the notification • Moving out certificate (issued by the city office in your previous location) • National Pension Book (if applicable) • Long-term Care Insurance Certificate (if applicable) 	Within 14 days of moving in
Moving out of Ishioka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Resident Registration card (only those who have been issued with a card) • Seal (hanko) registration card of the person making the notification • National Health Insurance Card (if applicable) • National Health Insurance Card for Senior Citizens (if applicable) • Medical Insurance Certificate for People Aged 75 and older (if applicable) • Long-term Care Insurance Card (if applicable) 	You can notify the city office as soon as you have decided when you are moving. Otherwise hand in your notification within 14 days after your move.
Change of address	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Resident Register card (only those who have been issued with a card) • National Health Insurance Card (if applicable) • National Health Insurance Card for Senior Citizens (if applicable) • Medical Insurance Certificate for people aged 75 and older (if applicable) • Long-term Care Insurance Card (if applicable) 	Within 14 days of moving

※When making a notification please present a form of identification such as your driver's license or passport.

※For mid to long term foreign residents the 'Residence Card' is required.

※For special permanent residents the 'Special Permanent Resident Certificate' is required.

※A proxy is required for notifications that cannot be made by the actual person or a member of their household.

Seal (Hanko) Registration

About seals

In Japan there are two kinds of seals, ordinary seals and registered seals. Ordinary seals can be used in the same way as a signature for city office documents, at the post office, for parcel deliveries and so on. Seals that have been registered at the city office (or other public offices) are known as registered seals.

Seal Registration

The document which proves a seal has been registered is known as an 'Inkantouroku Shoumeisho'(Seal Registration Certificate). In Japan, both the registered seal and the 'Inkantouroku Shoumeisho' are needed when buying land, a house, a vehicle or when making an important contract.

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Items needed to register your seal

- The seal you want to register (seal shapes that can be easily altered are not accepted).
- A form of official photo identification such as a driver's license or passport.
- Foreigners need to bring their resident card or a special permanent residency certificate (tokubetsu eijyuushashou)

Application for a Basic Residents Registration Card

You can choose between two types of card, either with your photo or without your photo. A card with your photo can be used as a form of official identification.

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Various types of certification and their fees

When you apply for a certificate, you must bring a form of identification such as a driver's license.

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Type of certification	Fee
Residents Register • Family Register	300 yen per copy
Seal Registration Certificate • Please bring your seal registration card (Ishioka Citizen Card)	300 yen per copy

Basic Residents Registration Card • Please bring your ordinary seal	500 yen per card
Electronic Identification Card • Please bring your ordinary seal and your Basic Residents Registration Card	500 yen per copy
Full Family Register (for an individual)	450 yen per copy
Full records of those who have left the family register (for an individual)	750 yen per copy
To view the Basic Residents Register • Only available in the citizens service department, please make a reservation in advance.	3,000 yen per viewing
Identification certificate Non-enrollment in the family register certification Non-resident certificate	300 yen per copy
Acceptance / non acceptance of family register document	350 yen per copy
Document to prove all written items on family register • Please bring a post office 'kanri honken' certificate	350 yen per copy

※When collecting a certificate on behalf of someone else, a proxy is needed.

The 'My Number' System

Everyone who is registered at the city office has their own 12 digit number. This number is used for various purposes such as verifying personal information when processing social security, tax and so on.

※Foreigners who are registered at the city office will also have their own 12 digit 'My Number'.

☎ For enquiries about the 'My Number' system

TEL 0570-20-0178 Japanese only

TEL 0570-20-0291 English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese

S o c i a l W e l f a r e

National Pension (kokumin nenkin)

The National Pension Plan is an official system which pays out a basic living allowance when working and earning an income becomes difficult due to illness, injury or old age. Everyone who is over 20 and under 60 years of age and has an address in Japan (including foreigners) is required to pay contributions into the National Pension Plan.

☎ City office **Insurance and Pensions Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

Tsuchiura Pension Office TEL 029-825-1170

Persons required to pay

All those over 20 and under 60 with an address in Japan (including foreigners)

When to contact the National Pension Plan

◇Registering for the National Pension Plan

You need to contact the National Pension plan when you are over 20、 when you are not working full time、 or when you volunteer to pay contributions yourself.

◇Unsubscribing from the National Pension Plan

Contact the National Pension System when a registered person dies.

◇Other cases when you need to notify the National Pension Plan

If you move house, if you cannot pay (there are applications for payment postponement and exemptions for students and young people or if you lose your pension book.

One time pension refund for short term foreign residents (dattai ichijikin)

People without Japanese nationality who have paid into a Japanese Pension Plan (either the National Pension Plan or the workers pension plan 'kousei nenkin') are entitled to a one time payment refund of their pension contributions when they finish their stay in Japan. An application for this refund must be made within two years of leaving Japan.

National Health Insurance (Kokumin Kenkou Hoken)

The National Health Insurance program is a system which helps to pay for medical expenses which have occurred due to illness or injury.

Everyone must join the National Health Insurance Plan unless they are already part of a company health insurance plan or they are part of the livelihood support plan.

Foreigners who are staying legally in Japan for longer than three months and who have an address in Japan must join the National Health Insurance Plan. Depending on visa status, there are some cases when a foreigner who is staying less than three months can also join the National Health Insurance Plan.

☎ City office **Insurance and Pensions Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

When to contact the city office regarding the National Health Insurance Plan

◇Registering for the National Health Insurance Plan

Contact the city office to register for the National Health Insurance Plan if you move into Ishioka (and you are not already part of a company health insurance plan), if you leave the livelihood support plan, if you leave your company health insurance plan or if you have a baby.

◇Unsubscribing from the National Health Insurance Plan

Contact the city office if you move out of Ishioka, if you join a company health insurance plan, if you join the livelihood support plan or if a person registered in the national health insurance plan passes away.

◇Other cases when you need to contact the city office regarding the National Health Insurance Plan

Contact the city office if you join the retired persons medical system (taishokusha iryouseido), if you change your name, address or your head of household (setainushi) changes, if you separate households (setaibunri) or join households (setaigappei), if you move away to start school or if you lose or damage your insurance card.

Assistance with paying expensive medical bills

There is a limit on the monthly payments patients are expected to make by themselves. Assistance can be given if your medical bill goes over this limit. The amount you receive depends on your age and income.

Medical Welfare Payment System (iryō fukushihi shikyū seido)

The Medical Welfare Payment System (also known as 'Marufuku') is a government subsidy system to help pay medical expenses for infants and small children, expectant and new mothers, single parents and severely mentally or physically handicapped people. Some recipients may not receive the full 'marufuku' due to the amount they earn.

☎ City office **Insurance and Pensions Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

Payment caps for 'marufuku' patients

- ◇ The maximum out patients will pay is 600 yen per day, twice a month.
- ◇ The maximum admitted patients will pay is 300 yen per day up to 3,000 yen a month.
- ◇ There is no cost for prescription medicines if you are a 'marufuku' patient.
 - ※ Severely mentally or physically handicapped patients do not pay anything

Elderly Medical System for those over 75 (Longevity Medical System)

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Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

This is a medical system for those over 75 years old. Those over 65 with a disability are also entitled.

When to contact the city office regarding the Elderly Medical System for those over 75

- ◇ Those with disabilities can apply when they become 65 years old. Those over 65 can apply if they become disabled.
- ◇ Those who are part of the over 75's medical system need to contact the city office if they change address, move out of Ishioka, move into Ishioka or start receiving livelihood support allowance. Also, if someone receiving this benefit passes away the city office must be notified of their death.

Child Welfare

☎ City Office **Child Welfare Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

Childcare Allowance (jidou teate)

The Childcare Allowance is a regular payment given to people who are raising children. Children with an address in Japan are eligible and the allowance is available until they graduate from Junior High School.

Child Support for Single Parents (jidoufuyou teate)

Child support for single parents is an allowance for families who are headed by a single mother or a single father.

Elderly Welfare (koureisha fukushi)

Elderly Area Support Center

☎ **Elderly Area Support Center** TEL 35-1127

The Elderly Area Support Center provides advice on health, insurance, welfare and medical issues.

Elderly Welfare Service

☎ City Office **Elderly Welfare Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

The Elderly Welfare Service provides support concerning living at home.

◇Main Services

It helps pay for incontinence pads, transportation (Silver Car) and provides meal deliveries.



Nursing Care Service

☎ City Office **Elderly Welfare Department (Nursing Care Section)** TEL 23-1111
Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

Nursing care insurance services are divided into 'Independent Living Support' (kaigo yobou saabisu) for those categorized as support level 1-2 and 'Nursing Care Service' (kaigo saabisu) for those categorized as nursing care level 1-5.

◇Main Services

At home: nursing care, rehabilitation, bathing and so on.

Those categorized as nursing care level 1-5 can be admitted into a facility for the elderly.

Disability Welfare (shougai sha fukushi)

Welfare services for the disabled include the provision of disabled persons record books, allowances and a mutual aid system.

☎ City Office **Social Welfare Department** TEL 23-1111
Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111



Livelihood Support (seikatsu hogo)

Livelihood support is a system which provides help with living and medical costs for those people who are experiencing financial difficulties due to circumstances such as old age or sickness. Assistance is dependent on meeting certain standard requirements.

☎ City Office **Social Welfare Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services** TEL 43-1111

Health Care Service (hoken iryou saabisu)

Health Centers provide services (see below) to a wide range of ages, for example: general health checkups, various types of cancer screening, health consultations, vaccinations and information about emergency medical care.

☎ **Ishioka Health Center** TEL 24-1386

Yasato Health Center TEL 43-6655

Pregnant women's health

Services include: mother and child health record book provision, maternity school and information about general health checkups for pregnant women.

Children's health

Services include: home visits for babies, care for premature babies, children's health checks, parenting consultations, health consultations, Children's teeth brushing class (Shiny teeth class), weaning seminars, parent and child cooking classes.

Adult Health

Services include: the issuing of health record books, health consultations, health classes, home visits, healthy exercise plans, tuberculosis screening, health examinations, various cancer screenings, hepatitis screening and dental examinations.

Mental Health

Services include: mental health consultations, telephone counseling and mental health day care

Other services available

Various vaccinations and specific infertility treatment subsidies.

T a x e s (z e i k i n)

☎ City Office Tax Division TEL 23-1111

City Tax (shiminzei), Prefectural tax (kenminzei)

City tax and prefectural tax are dependent on a person's income from the previous year. Both types of tax are composed of 'kintouwari' which is a per capita tax – the same amount of tax is paid regardless of income and 'shotokuwari' which is dependent on the person's income. In both cases, only the people who earn over a certain amount have to pay tax.

Light vehicle tax

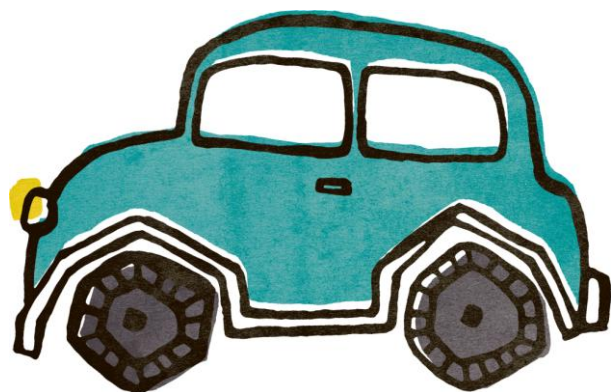
Owners of mopeds and light vehicles are liable to pay tax.

Fixed Asset Tax (kotei shisanzei) and City Planning Tax (toshi keikakuzei)

Fixed Asset Tax is paid on land, buildings and so on. City Planning tax is paid on land and buildings located in urbanized areas and can be paid in combination with fixed assets tax.

City tax payments and deadlines

Please pay your taxes by the deadline shown on each tax notification document (nouzei tsuuchisho). Payments can be made at the Ishioka city office, the Yasato Branch office, financial institutions within the city and convenience stores.



Tax Certification

Please bring a form of ID such as a driver's license when applying for a copy of one of the various types of tax certification. Issuance of some of the tax certifications requires an administration fee.

Certification that can be obtained from the city office tax division and the Citizens Services Enquiries

☎ City Office Tax Division TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office Citizens Services Enquiries TEL 43-1111

Certificates to show current tax status (genkyou shoumei), Certificates to show you have no assets (mushisan shoumei) and so on.

Certification that can be obtained from the Citizen Services Department and the Citizens Services Enquiries

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Tax payment certificate (kannou shomei), Certificate of Light Vehicle Tax Payment for Vehicle Inspection Purposes (Keijidōsha zei nōzei shōmei-sho), Income tax certificates, Certificate of Taxation (Kazei Shoumeisho), Certificate of Exemption from Taxation (Hikazei-Shou meisho) and so on.



D a i l y L i f e

Water

☎ (Ishioka District) Kohoku Water Company TEL 24-3232
／ (Yasato District) Water Office TEL 43-1118

For water outages, leakages, connecting and disconnecting to the water supply, water charges and contracted work, please contact the regional enquiries desk.

※Charges for Ishioka District and Yasato District are different.

Sewage

☎ Yasato Branch Office Sewerage Department TEL 43-1111

Contact the above number for all enquiries concerning sewerage connections, charges and contracted work.

※Charges for Ishioka District and Yasato District are different.

Septic Tanks

☎ Yasato Branch Office Sewerage Department TEL 43-1111

Contact the above number for installations, removals and subsidies for the installation of advanced tanks.

Waste Removal

☎ City Office Environmental Department TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office General Affairs section TEL 43-1111

Contact the above number for human waste removal, septic tank cleaning, charges and information concerning operating areas.



Garbage

- ☎ (Ishioka District) City Office **Environment Department** TEL 23-1111
Kasumidai Welfare Facility and Incinerator Center TEL 26-0246
(Yasato District) Yasato Branch Office **General Affairs Department** TEL 43-1111
Nihari Area Office Environmental Clean Center TEL 59-4649

Please contact the above numbers for information on garbage collection days, garbage depots, how to divide your garbage, large garbage, household electrical recycling and garbage collection day calendars.

※Ishioka District and Yasato District have different garbage depots and ways to divide garbage.

Community Development

- ☎ City Office **Community Development Department** TEL 23-1111

Various things can be borrowed to assist with citizens activities.

LED Security Lights

- ☎ City Office **Community Development Department** TEL 23-1111
Yasato Branch Office **General Affairs** TEL 43-1111

Subsidies are available for resident associations who want to install LED security lights to improve security in their area.

Prefectural Mutual Aid System for Traffic Accidents

- ☎ City Office **Community Development Department** TEL 23-1111
Yasato Branch Office **Citizen Services Enquiries** TEL 43-1111

The Prefectural Mutual Aid System for Traffic Accidents is a system which provides compensation money for people who have traffic accidents. Please call the above number for information about joining the system or putting in a claim for compensation.

Dog licenses

- ☎ City Office **Environmental department** TEL 23-1111
Yasato Branch Office **Citizens Services Department** TEL 43-1111
Ibaraki Prefectural Animal Guidance Center TEL 0296-72-1200

In Japan, it is compulsory for dog owners to register their dogs and have them vaccinated.

Noise and Odor Pollution

☎ City Office **Environmental Department** TEL 23-1111

Yasato Branch Office **Citizens Services Department** TEL 43-1111

Please contact the above numbers if you are suffering from or concerned about noise and odor pollution.

Crematorium

☎ **Ishioka Area Funeral Directors** TEL 22-6828

Please call this number to make a reservation at Ishioka's Crematorium and ceremony hall.

Location: Ishioka City, Someya 1749

Municipal Cemetery

☎ City Office **Environmental Department** TEL 23-1111

Please call the above number to enquire about the municipal cemetery.

Location: Hannoki Cemetery (Hannoki 11132-2)
/ Ryuuujinsan Cemetery (Someya1854-3)

City Housing

☎ City Office **Housing Department** TEL 23-1111

Please call the above number to find out how to apply and the requirements for becoming a city housing tenant.

Station East Car Parking

☎ **Station East Car Parking Management Office** TEL 24-2904

Call this number to enquire about using the car park on the east side of the station.

Discount Taxi Service (Noriai Town Mate)

☎ (Social Welfare Corporation) **Ishioka City Social Welfare Association**
TEL 22-2411

Anybody can use this pick up taxi service within Ishioka and Yasato but advanced booking is required.

Employment Consultations for Foreigners

☎ Ishioka Employment Office TEL 26-8141

Interpretation is available for employment consultations.

Available Languages: Portuguese, Spanish

Available Days and times: Tuesday and Thursday, 10am -12pm and 1pm -3pm

Place: Higashi Ishioka 5-7-40

Neighborhood Associations (chounaikai) • Residents Associations (jichikai)

In Japan every area has its own neighborhood association or residents association. These groups organize 'kairanban' (a file containing local information which is passed around from house to house), festivals, disaster prevention training and other events. You can find out about what's going on in your area while getting to know your neighbors by joining the activities of these groups. These groups are operated with members fees.

People's Welfare Workers (minsei iin) • Children's Welfare Workers (jidou iin)

People's welfare workers provide consultations and support about local activities and general welfare. Children's welfare workers assist pregnant women and give advice about child rearing. These welfare workers provide a familiar face in the community to answer residents' queries.



Foreigners Consultation Service • Telephone Translation Service

📍 Ibaraki International Association Foreigner Consultation Center

TEL 029-244-3811

• Consultations about daily life issues (Free)

Opening times

Monday to Friday

8:30am – 12pm

1pm – 5pm

※Closed on weekends and national holidays

Consultation Topics

Laws, working conditions, visas, marriage, education and other daily life issues.

• Legal Consultation (Free)

Free legal consultation with a lawyer twice a month (advanced reservation required).

• Telephone Translation Service (Free)

A telephone translation service which offers help with procedures for the city office, schools admissions and so on.

【Schedule of available languages】

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English • Japanese				
(Morning) Portuguese	Korean Spanish	Chinese Thai	Portuguese Tagalog	(Morning) Thai
(Afternoon) Chinese	Vietnamese			(Afternoon) Indonesian

Various Other Consultation Services

The table below shows a summary of various other consultation services, *those starred require advance reservation.

Consultation Service	Contact	
*Counseling for women in trouble	City Office Policy and Planning Department	TEL 23-1111
Registration • Administration	City Office Secretariat Division	TEL 23-1111
*Legal Consultation	City Office Secretariat Division	TEL 23-1111
Human Rights Consultation	City Office Social Welfare Department	TEL 23-1111
Consumer Advice	Consumer Advice Center (in the City Office)	TEL 22-2950
Educational Counseling	Educational Counseling Room (in Fuchuu Elementary School)	TEL 24-5519
Traffic Accident Consultation	Southern Region Traffic Accident Consultation Office	TEL 029-823-1123
Tax Payments	City Office Tax Collection Department	TEL 23-1111
General Counseling (shinpai goto soudan)	Social Welfare Association Head Office	TEL 22-2411
	Social Welfare Association Yasato Branch Office	TEL 36-4311
Mind and Life Telephone Counseling	Yasato Health Center	TEL 43-6655
*Mental Health Counseling	Ishioka Health Center	TEL 24-1386
	Yasato Health Center	TEL 43-6655
* Mental Health Clinic	Tsuchiura Health Center	TEL 029-821-5516
* Employment Consultation	Ibaraki Employment Consultation Center	TEL 029-233-1560

N.B. Please remember to add 0299 to Ishioka numbers.

Child Care · Education

Preschool Facilities

Kindergartens (youchien)

Kindergartens provide age appropriate environments to support children's physical and mental development.

Facility Name	Address	Telephone Number
Higashi Kindergarten	Higashi Ohashi1610 -1	26-2312

Accredited children's centers (nintei kodomoen)

Accredited children's centers take children from before their first birthday up to school entry age. They provide education, nursery care and general child rearing support.

(★Starred facilities are privately run)

Name of facility	Address	Telephone number
★Ishioka Kindergarten	Toukoudai 1-2 -4	26-3860
★Ishioka Zenrin Kindergarten	Kokufu 4-3 -3	22-2739
★Kokubunji Kindergarten	Fuchuu 5-1 -19	24-1111
★Sakura (Kindergarten)	Kitafuchuu 1-12 -20	23-6851
★Barakidai Kindergarten	Baraki 3-4 -13	23-1668
★Wakaba Yasato (Kindergarten)	Kakioka 2943 -1	43-1046
★Koise Kotorinomori Kindergarten	Ujie 2116 -7	56-3333 56-3331



Nurseries (hoikujou)

Nurseries provide child care for parents who are often both working

(★Starred facilities are privately run)

Name of Facility	Address	Telephone number
The First Nursery School	Sousha 1-2 -10	22-3122
The Second Nursery School		
Yasato Central Nursery School	Kakioka 2155	44-8010
Sonobe Nursery School	Maie 1921	46-4182
Minami Nursery School	Tsukioka 1375	42-4110
★Ishioka Meishou Nursery School	Fuchuu 2-4-9	24-3385
★Izumigaoka Nursery School	Ishioka 2-19-7	23-6458
★Kokubudai Futaba Nursery School	Kitafuchuu 2-7 -43	22-4060
★Hikari Nursery School	Baraki1-12 -21	22-3708
★Wakakusa Nursery School	Toukoudai 5-12 -8	26-1270
★Shirayuri Nursery School	Higashitanaka1192	26-7788
★Sotono Nursery School	Higashioohashi1639 -2	26-3508
★Ishioka Himawari Nursery School	Higashiishioka5-3-30	26-7327
★Rinrin Nursery School	Kamibayashi1408- 2	43-3830

Temporary Childcare (ichiji hoiku)

Various municipal nurseries (shiritsu hoikuen), private daycare centers (shiritsu ninka hoikuen) and accredited children's centers (nintei kodomoen) can take in children for temporary childcare when their parents or guardians have sudden work commitments, illness, need to care for a sick family member or have other private reasons why they need temporary childcare. Times and charges differ according to the facility.

☎ City Office Child Welfare Department TEL 23-1111

Childcare for sick children (byougoji no azukari)

Childcare for sick children is available for times when they cannot attend their usual childcare facility due to having a cold, diarrhea, an infectious disease or being in a recovery period after being sick. These facilities are staffed by nurses and require reservations in advance.

☎ City Office Child Welfare Department TEL 23-1111

Ishioka Ishikai Hospital Childcare for sick children Sakuranbo

Location: Osuna10528-25 TEL 22-4784

Parenting Support Centers

Parenting support centers are facilities where children can play freely and parents can get information on childcare, nutrition, parenting workshops and other childrearing programs. (★Starred facilities are privately run)

Name of Facility	Address	Telephone number
★Izumigaoka Nursery School Izumigaoka Community Parenting Support Center	Ishioka 2-19 - 7	23-6458
★Kokubudai Futaba Nursery School Kid's Futaba	Kitafuchuu 2- 7 -43	22-4060
★Hikari Nursery School Baraki no oka	Baraki 3-14367	56-4211
★Wakakusa Nursery School Wakakusa no mori	Toukoudai 5-12-8	26-1270
★Sotono Nursery School Nikoniko	Higashioohashi 1639-2	26-3508
Yasato Central Nursery School Ishioka Community Parenting Support Center	Kakioka 2155	44-8011

Elementary Schools (shougakkou) • Junior High Schools (chuugakkou)

It is compulsory in the Japanese education system to attend six years of elementary school and three years of junior high school. Please contact the number below regarding entering elementary or junior high school

☎ Education Committee **Education Office** TEL 43-1111

【Elementary Schools】

Name of Facility	Address	Telephone Number
Ishioka Elementary School	Sousha 1-2 -10	22-6105
Fuchuu Elementary School	Wakamatsu 1-11-18	24-0111
Takahama Elementary School	Takahama 62	26-3204
Higashi Elementary School	Asahidai 1-11 -3	26-2342
Mimura Elementary School	Mimura 1853	24-3046
Sekikawa Elementary School	Ishikawa 1153	26-3225
Kita Elementary School	Neatari10949	22-6486
Minami Elementary School	Minamidai 4-1-1	26-2850
Suginami Elementary School	Suginami 2-3-1	24-2926
Sonobe Elementary School	Miyagasaki 6	46-1017
Higashinarui Elementary School	Higashinarui 996	46-1341
Kawarae Elementary School	Kawaraya 1135 -2	44-0055
Hayashi Elementary School	Shimohayashi 857 -1	43-0155
Koise Elementary School	Omi 832 -1	43-2009
Ashiho Elementary School	Koya 1054	43-0169
Yoshiu Elementary School	Yoshiu 513 -2	43-0987
Kakioka Elementary School	Kakioka 2159- 2	43-0904
Obata Elementary School	Obata 4080	42-3502
Kozakura Elementary School	Kawamata 746	42-3204



【Junior High Schools】

Name of Facility	Address	Telephone Number
Ishioka Junior High School	Higashiishioka 4-2 -1	26-2340
Fuchuu Junior High School	Wakamatsu 2-6 -5	24-0022
Jounan Junior High School	Takahama 112	22-2487
Kokufu Junior High School	Sousha 2-12 -1	24-0510
Sonobe Junior High School	Yamazaki 1862	46-0506
Yasato Junior High School	Kakioka 3513- 2	43-0062

After School Care (gakudou hoiku)

After School Clubs (houkagojidou kurabu)

After school clubs take care of children whose parents work late.

※All elementary schools in the city have after school clubs.

Other after school care

A summary of daycare centers and nurseries which offer after school care.

Facility	Location	Telephone number
★Ishioka Kindergarten Mirai juku	Toukoudai1-2 -4	26-3860
★Barakidai Kindergarten After School Care Club	Baraki 3-4 -13	23-1668
★Hikari Nursery After School Care Club	Baraki 1-12 -21	22-3708
★Ishioka Meishou Nursery After School Club	Fuchuu 2-4 -9	24-3385
★Sotono Nursery TakenokoClub	Higashi Ohashi 1639 -2	26-3508



Culture · Health · Sports Facilities

Libraries

Chuuou Library ☎ TEL 24-1507

Opening times: 9am – 7pm
Closed every Monday and the first Thursday of every month
(except for April, August, September and December), **New Year Holidays, National Holidays and other days designated for library organizing.**
Location: Wakamiya1-6 -31



Chuuou Community Center Library Room ☎ TEL 43-6262

Opening times 9am- 5pm
Closed every Monday, New Years Holidays National Holidays and other days designated for library organizing.
Location: Kakioka 5680 -1



- ★Chuuou Library and Chuuou Community Center Library Room have story telling events.
- ★Higashi Area Community Center and Jounan Area Community Center also have library rooms.

Community Centers (kouminkan)

These facilities hold various learning and cultural activities. Each community center has many kinds of classes and group activities.

Name of Community center	Address	Telephone Number
Central Community Center	Kakioka 5680 -1	43-6262
Fuchuu District Community Center	Fuchuu 5-5 -17	24-1530
Higashi District Community Center	Higashiishioka 4-6 -24	26-6503
Jounan District Community Center	Mimura 7109	26-3341
Kokufu District Community Center	Kokufu 5-7 -1	22-2940
Kakioka District Community Center	Kakioka 5680 -1	43-6262
Obata District Community Center	Sugama 1300	-
Ashio District Community Center	Uwaso1195 -1	43-0865
Koise District Community Center	Omi 827 -1	44-3042
Kawarae District Community Center	Kawaraya 430 -1	43-2942
Sonobe District Community Center	Maie 1921	46-1960
Hayashi District Community Center	Shimobayashi 862 -1	43-0864
Kozakura District Community Center	Kawamata 746	42-3087

Fureai no Sato Ishioka Himawari no Yakata

© Himawari no Yakata TEL 35-1126

A facility aimed at the elderly which provides a training room, an outdoor bath, a hall, and Japanese style rooms.

Reception Opening times 10am – 8pm

(Facilities can be used until 8:50pm)

Closed on Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday)

Location: Osuna10527-6



Yasato Onsen Yuri no Sato

☎ Yasato Onsen Yuri no Sato TEL 42-4126

Facilities include an outdoor bath with a view of Mount Tsukuba, a sauna and a restaurant.

Opening Times : 10am – 10pm
Closed every second and fourth Monday of the month (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday)also closed January 1st.

Location: Obata1416



Ryujin no Mori Campground

☎ Education Committee Lifelong Learning Department TEL 43-1111

A campground surrounded by nature and good for barbeques.

Opening Times:

Day visit: 9am – 4pm

Overnight visit: 12 noon till 12 noon the next day

Closed : Every Monday,
New Years Holidays

Location: Someya 1617-4



Working Youth Home

☎ Working Youth Home TEL 24-0322

A facility which provides leisure activities for the working youth.

Opening times: Monday to Saturday 9am – 9pm, Sunday 9am - 5pm

Closed on National Holidays and New Year Holidays

Location: Ishioka 2149 -3

Ishioka Citizens Hall (Shimin Kaikan)

☎ Ishioka Shimin Kaikan TEL 22-5187

A facility with a hall, meeting rooms and Japanese style rooms.

Location: Sousha1-2-5



Children's Hall (jidoukan) • Children's Center (jidou sentaa)

☎ Jidoukan TEL 22-3858 / Jidou Center TEL 22-3678

The Children's Hall and the children's center are facilities where children can play and parents can get to know each other. They both hold various events aimed at children.

Opening Times: Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm / Saturdays 10am – 4pm

Closed : Sundays, National Holidays, New Year Holidays.

Location:

Jidoukan : Fuchuu 5-7-33 / **Jidou Center :** Asahidai 3-9-21



Sports Facilities

Ishioka Sports Park (undou kouen)

📞 Ishioka Sports Park TEL 26-7210

Closed : Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday),
New Year Holidays

Location: Minamidai 3-34 -1

Facilities: Sports Hall, Athletic Competition Ground, Multipurpose Space.

(Each facility has different opening times)



Yasato General Sports Park (sougou undoukouen)

📞 Yasato General Sports Park TEL 43-6884

Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday),
New Year Holidays

Location: Noda 600

Facilities: Grassed Area, Tennis Courts, Training Center, Multipurpose Space, Martial Arts Room, Target Bird Golf (golf with a shuttle cock instead of a ball), pool.

(Each facility has different opening times)



Kashiwabara Baseball Park

📍 Kashiwabara Baseball Park TEL 23-8158

Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday),
New Year Holidays

Location: Kashiwabara 11

Facilities: Baseball Ground, Tennis Court,
Soccer Ground, Park, Baseball Park
(Each facility has a different opening time)



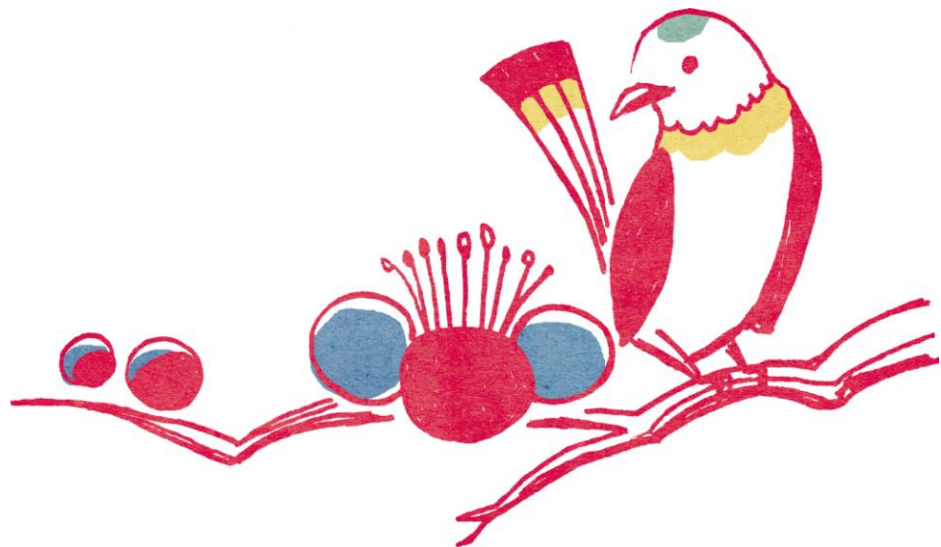
Ishioka Kaiyou Center

📍 Ishioka Kaiyou Center TEL 23-5191

Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday),
New Year Holidays

Location: Someya 1415

Facilities: Sports Hall, Pool (Each facility has a different opening time)



Ishioka Elementary School Heated Indoor Pool

📞 **Ishioka Elementary Heated Indoor Pool TEL 23-1088**

Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday),
New Year Holidays

Location: Sousha 1-3 -17

Facilities: Basic Swimming Pool, Children's Pool



Koido Sports Plaza • Someya Baseball Ground • Young People's Sports Plaza

📞 **Sports Plaza TEL 23-8158**

Closed: Mondays (if Monday is a national holiday then it is closed on Tuesday),
New Year Holidays, (Opening times depend on the time of the year)

History Museum • Artefact Museum

Furusato History Museum

📞 **Educational Committee Culture Promotion Division TEL 43-1111**

This museum holds permanent and temporary exhibitions covering ancient and modern history.

Opening Times: 10am – 4:30pm

Closed on Mondays and New Year Holidays

Location: Sousha 1-2-10

Museum of Rural Life (nouson shiryō kan)

Educational Committee Culture Promotion Division TEL 43-1111

Displays farming tools and ancient people's artifacts.

Opening Times: 10am – 4:30pm

Closed on Mondays national Holidays and New Year Holidays

Location: Omasu1519

M u l t i c u l t u r a l C o o p e r a t i o n · I n t e r n a t i o n a l E x c h a n g e

Japanese classes in Ishioka

☎ City Office Policy Planning Department TEL 23-1111

International Exchange Groups hold Japanese Classes at the following times:

- (1) Every Tuesday 7pm -9pm
- (2) Every Wednesday 10am – 12pm
- (3) Every Friday 10am – 12pm

Costs: Free, but students are expected to buy their own text books and pay for photo copies.

Location: Kokufu Chiku Community Center

※Classes (1) and (2) are run by ‘Friendship Ishioka’,
Class (3) is run by ‘Global Hearts’.

International Exchange Groups in Ishioka

☎ City Office Policy Planning Department TEL 23-1111

The following groups run many kinds of international exchange activities in Ishioka.

【The main international exchange groups of Ishioka】

Group Name	Activities
Friendship Ishioka	Japanese classes, international exchange classes and events
Global Hearts	Japanese classes, international exchange classes and events
Ishioka Japan China Friendship Association	Chinese classes, international exchange events
Ishioka Lions Club	Exchange activities
Ishioka Rotary Club	International cooperation, exchange activities

Multilingual Daily Life Information

☎ **Council of Local Authorities for International Relations** TEL 03-5213-1730

Offers multilingual information on visas, marriage, divorce, employment, medical issues, pensions, education, tax, emergencies, disasters and general life in Japan.

Homepage

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengo/index.html>

※They have a downloadable application which provides multilingual emergency information whenever there is an earthquake within Japan measuring more than magnitude five.

Languages

English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Thai, German, French, Russian and Japanese.

『Daily Life Information for Foreigners』

☎ **Ibaraki International Association** TEL 029-241-1611

Offers multilingual information on emergencies, administrative procedures, electricity / gas usage, daily life and so on.

Homepage

<http://www.ia-ibaraki.or.jp/kokusai/soudan/guide/index.html>

Languages

English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai.



『Medical Information for Foreigners』

☎ Ibaraki International Association TEL 029-241-1611

Offering assistance with basic queries about symptom terminology and medical diagnoses in Japanese and various other languages.

Homepage

<http://www.ia-ibaraki.or.jp/kokusai/soudan/medical/index.html>

Languages

English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Indonesian, Thai.

Ibaraki Medical Institution Information Network

☎ Ibaraki Prefectural Health and Welfare General Affairs Department

TEL 029-301-3117

Can find medical institutions in Ibaraki where different languages are spoken.

Homepage

<http://www.ibaraki-medinfo.jp/>

Ibaraki Prefecture Emergency Medical Information System

☎ Ibaraki Prefecture Medical Center TEL 029-241-6996

(Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays and Nights) TEL 029-241-4199

Can find medical institutions in Ibaraki (for emergencies) where different languages are spoken.

Homepage

<https://www.qq.pref.ibaraki.jp/WP0101/RP010101BL.do>

『Disaster Information for Foreigners』

© Ibaraki International Association TEL 029-241-1611

A disaster manual for foreigners living in Ibaraki.

Homepage

<http://www.ia-ibaraki.or.jp/kokusai/soudan/disaster/index.html>

Languages

English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Arabic, Thai, German, French, Sinhalese, Bengali, Persian, Russian, and Japanese (with furigana).

- Council of Local Authorities for International Relations

Homepage

<http://www.ia-ibaraki.or.jp/kokusai/english/index.html>

- East Japan Railway Company

Homepage

<http://www.jreast.co.jp/e/>

- Kantetsu Green Bus

Homepage

<http://kantetsu.co.jp/green-bus/>



C i t y O f f i c e

Enquiries

【Ishioka City Office】 Ishioka1-1-1
/ 【Yasato General Branch Office】 Kakioka 5680-1

• **Monday to Friday**

8:30am – 5:15pm (except national holidays and New YearHolidays)

※Some departments are open until 7pm on Wednesday

• **Saturdays, Sundays, National Holidays and New Year Holidays**

8:30am – 5:15pm

※Only for birth and death notifications in the family register.

Automatic Document Issuing Machine

☎ City Office **Citizen Services Department** TEL 23-1111

If you have an ‘Ishioka Citizen’s card’ you can use the Automatic Document Issuing Machine to obtain the certifications listed below even on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

【Certification provided by the automatic document issuing machine】

Residence Certificate (jyumin hyo) • Seal Certificate (inkan shoumeisho) • Certification for Light Vehicles (keijidousha shoumeisho) • Certificate of earnings (shotoku shoumeisho) • Certificate of Taxation (kazei shoumeisho) • Certificate of Exemption from Taxation (hikazei shoumeisho) • Certificate of Tax Payment (nouzei shoumeisho) • Certificate of Light Vehicle Tax Payment (jidousha nouzei shoumeisho)

【Location of Automatic Document Issuing Machine】

City Office, Yasato General Branch Office, Higashi Area Community Center, Jounan Area Community Center, Town Corner Information Center (machi kado jyohou sentaa)

※Please contact the city office if the machine is switched off.

Introducing Ishioka City

Ishioka City is located in the middle of Ibaraki Prefecture, in the North East of the Kanto Area. Gently sloping hills spread out from the Tsukuba Mountain range in the north west to the urban areas in the south. Also, Koise River, which runs through the city, flows into Kasumigaura the second largest lake in Japan.



City Flower- Lily



Tree - Chinquapin



Bird- Lark



Ishioka's emblem



The first letter of Ishioka 'I' is used in the design. With this round shaped letter we want to show our wish for harmony in governing and developing of Ishioka.

Ishioka's data

Population 78,021

Number of households 30,180
(data correct as of March 1st 2015)

Area
215.53km²

Accessing Ishioka

Train

J R Jouban Line Express Train
From Tokyo to Ishioka 1 hour
From Mito to Ishioka 20 mins

Car

On the Jouban Highway
From Tokyo to the Chiyoda-Ishioka
Exit takes 1 hour
From Mito to the Chiyoda-Ishioka Exit
takes 20 mins

Ibaraki Airport

Ishioka is 30 mins by car from Ibaraki
airport



Ibaraki Prefectural Flower Park

You can enjoy 750 different types of rose from around the world and 30,000 plants in this botanical garden. There are peonies, mountain lilies, dahlias, chrysanthemums and so on. You can enjoy the park year round.

📍 Ibaraki Prefectural Flower Park TEL42-4111

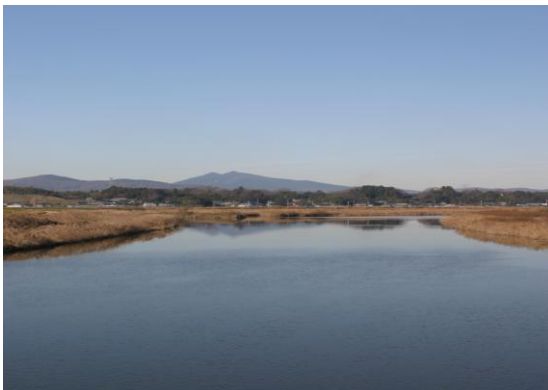


Fruit Picking

Enjoy picking your own strawberries, blueberries, grapes, pears, apples, tangerines, persimons and so on, according to the season. 'Fuyuu' Persimons which are given as presents to the emperor are grown here.

📍 Yasato Branch Office **Tourist Department**

TEL43-1111



Takahama Irie (Takahama inlet)

The view of Mount Tsukuba from Takahama Irie is one of the best one hundred views in Ibaraki. You can enjoy fishing, bird watching and cherry blossom viewing here.

📍 Yasato Branch Office **Tourist Department**

TEL43-1111



Tsukubane Auto Campground

Enjoy camping and barbequing surrounded by nature at this campground. Cooking and handicraft classes are also held here.

📍 Tsukubane Auto Campground TEL42-2922



Ryuujin no mori Campground

Enjoy camping and barbequing surrounded by nature at this campground.

📞 Educational Committee

Lifelong Learning Department TEL43-1111



Koise River Cycling Course

A 17.2 km flat cycling course along the banks of the Koise River. Even beginners can enjoy the course and the view.

📞 Koise River Cycling Course Administration

TEL43-6884



Asahi Satoyama School

This wooden building that used to be an elementary school is now used as an activity center. You can try rice planting, pizza making, pottery classes and so on.

📞 Asahi Satoyama School TEL51-3117

Ishioka's History



Hitachi Fudoki no Oka

This is a tourist attraction where you can see archeological artifacts which have been discovered in Ishioka. You can also enjoy the cherry blossom here in the spring and the biggest 'Shishi' head in Japan.

📞 Hitachi Fudoki no Oka TEL23-3888



Hitachi provincial temple site

(Country designation special historic spot)

It is a provincial temple built for "the health of the whole nation and the well-being of a territory". In 741 provincial monasteries were built around the country by an order of emperor Shomu.

⑦ Educational Committee

Culture Promotion Division TEL43-1111



Hitachi provincial monastery site

(Country designation special historic spot)

The provincial monastery was built like provincial temple for 741 years by the Emperor Shomu. Only the cornerstone is left now. In addition, the maintenance as the historic park is pushed forward.

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The gate of Jinya

(Tangible cultural properties designated by Ibaraki Prefecture)

It was built in 1828. The gate of the government office of the Fuchu Matsudaira clan which ruled Ishioka in the Edo era. It was repaired in 2014.

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Funatukayama Kofun Tumulus

(Country designated historic spot)

It is estimated to have been constructed approximately in the middle of the fifth century. It is a mounded tomb of the second size in East Japan.

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Zenkoji Temple Tower Gate

(National important cultural properties)

It is estimated to have been constructed in the Muromachi era. It is the oldest wooden building existing in the prefecture.

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Daikakuji Temple Garden

The garden is called 'Uraminasi (It means that there is not the back side) Garden' because it is beautiful in every angle.

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Osugi of the Saku

(a Natural monument designated by the prefecture)

Gigantic cedar of estimated approximately 1,300 years old. The tree is believed in as a sacred tree of Kashima Shrine for a long time.

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Events in Ishioka



February:
Tsukubane Marathon



February:
Hina Dolls Festival



April:
Someya Twelve Man dance



July:
Kakioka Festival



July:
Tanabata Festival



August:
Ishioka Bon Dancing



August:
Maiemita Festival



September:
Ishioka Festival



September:
Daidai Dance



November:
Commerce and Industry



November:
Negoya Daidai 12 Mask Dance



November:
Kakioka Castle Festival

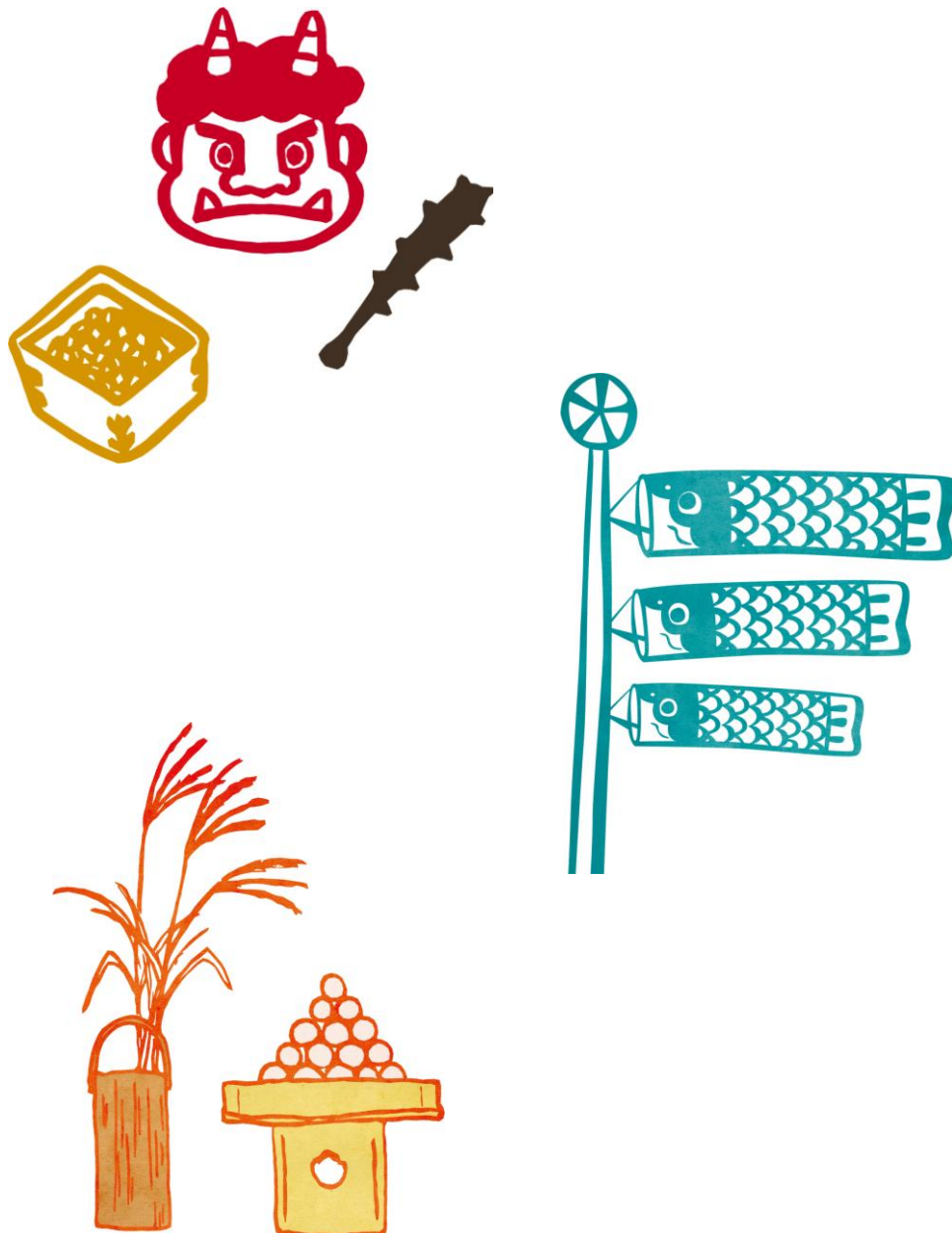
From more information about Ishioka' s events please contact the organisations below.

Ishioka Tourist Association (Ishioka City Office Tourism Department)

Location Kakioka 5680-1/TEL 43-1111

Town Corner Information Center (Machikado Jyouhou Sentaa)

Location: Kokufu 3-1-16/TEL 27-5171



Map of Ishioka





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