

# Nakano Foreign Residents' Advisory Desk Information Magazine

Have you heard about the Foreign Residents' Advisory Desk at Nakano City Office?

I received a letter from the city office. What should I do?

I want to apply for a My Number Card.

Are there places where I can study Japanese for free?

How do I enroll my child in a Japanese school?

**Feel free to consult us about any difficulties in your daily life.  
If necessary, we will introduce you to the appropriate department at  
the city office or other relevant organizations.**

## Nakano Foreign Residents' Advisory Desk

**Date** Monday – Friday (excluding weekends, holidays and New Year's holiday)

**Time** 10:00 – 12:00, 13:00 – 17:00

**Place** Nakano City Office 4<sup>th</sup> floor

**Tel** 03-3228-8929 (direct)

**Language** English, Chinese, and Japanese available. Interpretation available in 30 other languages via tablet.

## 【Special Consultation】

Special consultation with a certified administrative scrivener regarding residence status, naturalization, and related matters. Appointments are given priority.

**Date** March 17 (Tue)

**Time** 13:00 – 16:00

**Place** Nakano City Office 4<sup>th</sup> floor

Reservation ►



## Seasonal Japanese Culture

### The Cherry Blossoms Season

Cherry blossoms bloom from late March to April, covering trees with pale pink flowers that symbolize the arrival of spring. Because the blooming season coincides with the beginning of the fiscal and school year, cherry blossoms are often associated with graduations and school entrance ceremonies.

Before the cherry blossom season begins, weather forecasts announce the *kaika yosō*, or “bloom forecast,” which predicts when the flowers will open, reach full bloom, and eventually fall. *Hanami* refers to the custom of enjoying food and drinks under the cherry trees while appreciating the blossoms. In parks known for cherry blossoms, it is common to see people spreading picnic sheets under the trees to enjoy *hanami*.

## National Pension Contribution Special Payment System for Students

### The application period for the 2026 fiscal year begins on April 1

This system allows students who are 20 years old or older and enrolled in a school in Japan to defer the payment of National Pension premiums if they have difficulty paying them. Applications must be submitted every fiscal year.

\* For details about required documents (Residence Card, Student ID), income limits, and schools that are not eligible, please visit the official website or contact the National Pension Section.

#### Application Methods

- By mail
- At the counter of the National Pension Section, Nakano City Office
- Online application through the Mynportal system using your My Number Card

#### Inquiries

National Pension Section  
☎03 (3228) 5514

Please check the official website ▶



## World Baby Festival

In Japan, many mothers from different countries are raising their children. At the festival, there are booths themed "Everyone's Hometown," showcasing family-life displays from countries such as Nepal, Myanmar, China, and more! Experiencing child-rearing styles different from those in your own country is full of exciting new discoveries. Admission is free.

- ★ Diaper-changing and nursing spaces are available.
- ★ Strollers are welcome at all booths.

#### Date & Time

March 29 (Sun), from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
(Doors open at 10:45 a.m.)

#### Venue

Toshima Square  
1<sup>st</sup> floor, Toshima City Office

#### Inquiries

NPO Mother's Tree Japan  
☎070(8597)2340

For more details, please visit the event website. ▶



## Nakano-dori Cherry Blossom Festival

The "Nakano-dori Cherry Blossom Festival," which began in 1987, is a beloved spring tradition with a long history. Please enjoy the enchanting cherry blossom season, where the beauty of the blossoms blends with lively events to create a festive and heartwarming atmosphere.

### Arai Yakushi Park Event

At Arai Yakushi Park, you will find many food stalls, and a variety of performances will be held on the stage.

#### Date & Time

March 28 (Sat) and March 29 (Sun)

#### Venue

Arai Yakushi Park (Arai 5-4)

#### Inquiries

Organized by: Arai Community Activity Center Steering Committee  
☎03 (3389) 1310



### Nakano-dori Cherry Blossom Illuminations

Around Nakano Station and along Nakano-dori, the cherry trees will be beautifully lit up with illumination and traditional lanterns.

#### Festival Period

Mid-March to early April

#### Location

Around Nakano Station and along Nakano-dori



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