

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, but I cannot read it.
I want to apply for a My Number Card.
I would like to study Japanese. Are there any free classes available?
How do I enroll my child in a Japanese school?



Nakano Foreign Residents' Advisory Desk

Date



Monday – Friday (excluding holidays and New Year holidays)

Time



10:00 – 12:00, 13:00 – 17:00

Place



Nakano City Office 4th floor

Tel



03-3228-8929 (Direct line)

Language



Consultation is available in English, Chinese, and Japanese.
Interpretation is available in 30 other languages via tablet.

Seasonal Japanese Culture

Shichi-Go-San (7-5-3)

Shichi-Go-San is a traditional Japanese celebration that honors children's healthy growth and offers prayers for their future health and happiness.

The celebration is held around November 15 each year and is commonly observed for girls at age three, boys at age five, and girls at age seven. Children wear traditional formal attire and visit a Shinto shrine with their families to give thanks for their growth and pray for their continued well-being.

The tradition originated in Japan centuries ago and is associated with important milestones in childhood. A well-known custom is giving children Chitose Ame ("Thousand-Year Candy"), which symbolizes wishes for longevity, health, and good fortune.

Today, families often celebrate Shichi-Go-San with shrine visits, professional photographs, and special meals, making it an important occasion to celebrate a child's growth and development.



Application for Admission to Authorized Nursery Schools in Nakano City

The application deadline for admission to
authorized nursery schools starting in April
2027 is October 30

Eligible Applicants

Preschool children whose parents
or guardians are unable to care
for them at home due to work,
childbirth, illness, or other
circumstances.



How to Apply

Please submit your application to the Daycare
Enrollment Section either online or by mail.

Application Period

October 2 (Fri) – October 30 (Fri)
For more details, please visit the Nakano City
website.

Website ▶



Online Japanese Class for Foreign Residents

Eligible participants

Foreign residents, workers, or students in Nakano.

1. Introductory Class

For foreign residents who have no prior experience studying
Japanese

2. Beginner Class

For foreign residents who can communicate in basic Japanese

Tuition Fee

Classes are free of charge. Textbook fees apply.

1. Introductory Class JPY 4,510

2. Beginner Class JPY 5,170

Schedule

Wednesdays and Saturdays,

From October 28, 2026, to January 16, 2027

(20 sessions in total)

Venue

Online. (The cultural exchange event on December 12 will be
held at Nakano City Office.)

Application Period

Applications are now being accepted via the website..

Capacity

Introductory Class: 20 participants

Beginner Class: 20 participants

If the number of applications exceeds the
available spaces, participants will be
selected by lottery.

Website ▶



2026 Nakano Tohoku Kizuna Festival

Experience the famous Nebuta Festival and other
traditional festivals from all six prefectures of the
Tohoku region! Enjoy local specialties, regional
products, and more.

Come and discover the charm of Tohoku!

Schedule

October 24 (Sat)
10:00 – 20:00

October 25 (Sun)
10:00 – 18:00

Venue

Nakano City Office, Nakano Shikinomori Park, etc.

Inquiry

Reconstruction and Collaboration Section
General Affairs Department, Nakano City

☎ 03-3228-7868

Website ▶



2026 Nakano Nigiwai Festa Autumn

This autumn festival takes place mainly in the
shopping streets around Nakano Station.
Enjoy food stalls, live taiko drum performances, and
fun activities for children at various venues.
We look forward to seeing you there!

Schedule

November 7 (Sat) and 8 (Sun)

Venue

Nakano no Sotoniwa, Nakano South-Stella Plaza,
Nakano Broadway Shopping Street, Nakano Sun
Mall Shopping Street, the plaza on the south side of
Nakano Sunplaza, and other locations

Inquiry

Nakano Nigiwai Festa Executive Committee Secretariat
(located within the Nakano Tourism Association)

✉ nakanonigiwai@gmail.com

Website ▶



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