

1. Opening of the Center for Children and Families

The Center for Children and Families will open in April 2024 and will provide counseling and support to help live with and raise children with peace of mind from before conception until they reach 18 years of age.

The Children and Family Center will have three sections: Parent-Child Development, Children's Support, and Child and Family Counseling.

The "Parent-Child Development Section" provides counseling and support for children from before pregnancy to after birth and from 0 to 4 years of age.

The section accepts requests for counseling on such matters as obtaining a maternal and child health manual, counseling on the physical condition and feelings of mothers and fathers before and after childbirth, childbirth preparation, child care, breast milk and baby food, and checking the child's growth and development.

The Children's Support Section provides counseling and support for children between the ages of 5 and 18.

The Child and Family Counseling Section provides counseling and support for child abuse, domestic violence, young caregivers, etc.

In addition, a "Children's Counseling Desk" has been established. Various specialists are available to answer questions about children's issues and to connect parents with the necessary support and related organizations.

The Children and Family Center is located on the second floor of the Tochigi Health and Welfare Center in Imaizumi-machi.

Please feel free to consult with them about any matter.

If you need an interpreter, please contact the Tochigi International Association.

2. Tochi-suke's Birthday Party in Atto-Marushe

Do you know Tochisuke, the mascot character of Tochigi City?
Tochisuke's birthday is April 5, 2014.

As this year marks the 10th anniversary, "Tochisuke's Birthday Party Atto Maruche" will be held on Saturday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tochigi Municipal Museum of Fine Arts and Literature Plaza in Irifune-cho.

In addition to the birthday ceremony, Tochisuke and his friends such as Sosamaru will perform on stage, and there will be photoshoots.

In case of rain, the event will be held at the Tochigi City Citizen's Exchange Center.

This is a great opportunity to meet Tochisuke, so please come.

Please note that there are no parking lots near the venue. Please use the Tochigi City Hall parking lot or paid parking near by.

3. About the Uzumaare Japanese Class

Uzumaare Ohira Japanese Class, a Japanese language class provided by the Tochigi City International Association, will have a new venue starting in April.

The new venue is the seminar room at Furusato Fureaikan in Kurai, Ohira-machi.

Furusato Fureaikan is located next to Yuyu Plaza and has a Japanese garden.

The number of lectures will be changed from twice a month to three times a month.

The date and time will be from 10:00am to 11:30am on the first, second, and fourth Saturdays of the month.

Uzumaare Central Classroom is also open every Wednesday, four times a month, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the training room on the fourth floor of the Tochigi City Citizen's Exchange Center in Irifune-cho.

The goal of Uzumaare is for students to learn the Japanese language necessary for daily life and to be able to live in Japan with peace of mind.

Students enjoy learning while interacting with Japanese language supporters.

Anyone who wants to learn Japanese is welcome to join the class for free, so please feel free to come.

4. Interpreter Services at Ohira General Branch Office

Interpreters are available at the Ohira General Branch Office to facilitate smooth communication between staff and foreign visitors.

Chinese interpreters are available every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

On Wednesdays, English interpreters are available from 3pm to 5pm.

On the 2nd Wednesday of the month which is the Extended Service Day, English interpreters are available until 7:00 p.m.

Interpreters are available to help you with procedures such as change of address notifications, my number applications, and tax-related matters, so please try to come on days when interpreters are available.