

Chigasaki Breeze

Truly great friends are hard to find, difficult to leave, and impossible to forget.

2nd ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM IS COMING TO A FINAL STAGE

Since 2003, the city has been working hard to realize the planned reform of working together with the citizens. The contents of their reforms are listed as follows:

- ☆ Three points for the perception on how to tackle reform.
 - 1) Change the service from an administration-led style to a Citizen-oriented style.
 - 2) Change the office work base from the previously inherited process to the staff's assessment execution.
 - 3) Change the administration stance from "management" to "sharing of the role with citizens".
- ☆ Eight important items to proceed reform
 - 1) Thorough information disclosure
 - 2) Full recognition of the citizens' needs.
 - 3) Execution of accountability
 - 4) Introduction of the administration evaluation system
 - 5) Structuring of the city hall of "electronics"
 - 6) Introduction of the private sector's vitality and promotion of efficient administration
 - 7) Reformation of the staff's way of thinking and guiding the personnel
 - 8) Sound financial operation



The city gave a positive examination of these emphasized issues, and is now trying to set up the 3rd reform plan based on the result they achieved over the last four and half years.

ENVIRONMENT

CLEANING UP CHIGASAKI SEASHORE

The Town News of Chigasaki reported that the CHIGASAKI ROTARY CLUB worked to clean Eboshi-Iwa rock island, the symbol of Chigasaki, on June 6, and also Nishihama Prefectural Senior High School students cleaned the seashore on June 14. Each of these activities is a yearly event and the students' activity this year was the 13th time they participated.

Even though June 14 was a drizzly day, 300 students participated together with their parents and local people to pick up various kinds of litter scattered around on the beach.

The Nishihama High School is located close to the sea and students always use the beach as well as the cycling road for their club activities, so, the students voluntarily perform the beach cleanup. Mr. Nishiura, head of student council, told that they depend a lot on the mercy of the sea and so they think they have to reciprocate this.

To think of these environmental issues, such voluntary actions by students, Rotary Club members, are indispensable. Facing Sagami Bay, it would be necessary for the people of Chigasaki to understand the importance of keeping the seashore and beach as clean as possible.

How is Kanagawa prefecture involved in such activity?

About 70% of the litter found on the beach is said to be coming from the 18 rivers that flow into Sagami Bay. These rivers are also fed by 85 branch rivers.

In Kanagawa, there is an organization named Kanagawa Kaigan Bika Zaidan or Kanagawa Coastal Environmental Foundation. It was established on April 1, 1991 at Shiomidai in Chigasaki, to perform work related to the seashore together with the cities, towns, corporations and NPO groups. This organization is the only one of its kind in the country. Their work covers the area from Yokosuka to Yugawara, roughly 150km, contributing to the beautification of the shore. The foundation has cleanup events three times a year. As well as the assistance of the public, they also have heavy machinery to make broad areas of beach clean working together with people.

In Chigasaki there are 8 volunteer groups, and a total of 32 in Kanagawa who cooperate with this foundation. There also are individuals who help them, and it's been reported that volunteer participants numbered more than 66,000 in 1992, and it increased to 122,000 in 2005. Such a result was brought about by the various beautification efforts such as the ones mentioned above.

The message of the foundation is "Leave only your footprint and nothing else."

University students from France enjoyed a month stay in Chigasaki

This year in July again, there were 11 university students from France visiting Chigasaki and home-staying for almost a one month period. They are from two top-ranking universities in France and have studied Japanese in their home country. Their main purpose is not only to brush up their Japanese but also to learn about Japanese culture so to speak through numerous experiences such as visiting schools in the city from junior highs to universities, learning tea ceremonies and wearing kimonos, taking trips to Kamakura to experience IGO and ZAZEN, and so forth. But it would be needless to say that their communication with host families would make their stay most meaningful. How they were enjoying the visit was already noticed when their welcome party was held by the IAC on July 8.

They paid a courtesy visit with the city mayor on July 25, and their Sayonara party was held on July 28. At their Sayonara party they made a brief presentation in Japanese as to what they experienced while home-staying.

This arrangement by the IAC has a good reputation in France and their visit this year was the ninth visit in as many years.



One of these students said Japanese people he came across in town looked at him with some sort of curiosity at first but they soon changed to a welcoming smile. Also, he mentioned that all of his colleagues were surprised to know that everybody welcomed them everywhere; in a class at Tsurumine High School and at a junior high school when they were playing soccer etc. Interestingly enough though, he said he was weary of having rain day after day while in Chigasaki because in France the weather always turns fine if they have rain the previous day.

Fireworks display coming soon on August 4 at Southern Beach

A spectacular display of fireworks will brighten the night sky on August 4 (Sat) at Southern Beach Chigasaki. The display will start from 19:30 and end at 20:30.

As always, there will be a large number of people in yukata coming from remote areas. The fireworks display should be a most enjoyable event.

Note: Please take back home whatever you bring to keep the beach clean.
Leave only your footprints!

IAC ACTIVITY

IAC Charity Concert



In order to offer financial support to children overseas who have not been able to receive education or who are suffering from poverty, the IAC held a charity concert with the "Bruce Harp & Piano Duo" at Husky's gallery on July 14.

Also, another charity concert by violinist Nonoko Okada is planned to be held at Kagawa Murashima Memorial Hall of Aletheia Heiwa Gakuen located at Fujimi-cho on *Teppo-michi*. The hall holds 500 people, and the entrance fee is ¥2,000 for adults and ¥1,000 for Senior High School students.

Miss Nonoko Okada graduated from the Juilliard School of Music in New York, and presently she is a member of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra. This violin charity concert is scheduled on September 1 (Saturday) from 14:00~16:00. If you are interested, please contact Mrs. Shigako Okada. Tel: 82-7380

A part of the charity concert revenue goes to the "Larupate Club" as in the following.

A message from the "Larupate Club"

We began our mission 11 years ago to provide educational opportunities for children unable to study due to economic reasons. Our headquarters is located in Osaka.

The "Larupate" is a poinsettia, which grows in Nepal even in winter.

Our mission includes sending continuous scholarship funds and specialists in rehabilitation and treatment for children with disabilities under the 10th grade.

For more information, please visit our website:
: "<http://larupate.hp.infoseek.co.jp/>"

IAC Mission Statement

We will contribute to the peace in the world community through mutual understanding, friendship, cooperation, solidarity and human dignity so all people, as "earth citizens", respect and live together beyond the borders of nationality.

Consultation for Foreign Residents

BUNKA SUISHIN-KA section of the city hall will be receiving phone calls from foreign residents at any time, so either interview or consultation can be arranged based on the reservation. The timing depends on the availability of interpreters but the appointment will need a week or so to be arranged. Visitors should be able to consult not only in English but also in Portuguese, Korean, and Chinese. (Tel: 0467-82-1111 ext. 3309)

A GOOD LITTLE THING

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BLIND PHOTOGRAPHERS

Can you believe that children at a school of the blind shouted saying *Sugoi* or *Cool* looking at 1,500 of pictures they took themselves?

In the recent TV programs, one of the most surprising and impressive ones being a story about a professional photographer who succeeded in teaching totally blind boys and girls how to use a camera so they could take pictures of subjects existing in their lives.

The photographer's name is Hiroshi Suga. He is well known for taking pictures around the world and has been awarded numerous prizes. What was impressive about the way for them to take pictures was the fact that the natural light, wind, sound, other peoples' movement, the breath of babies asleep, etc. were there to aid them.

They learned how to use a camera first from the photographer but they also learned from their families, friends, neighbors, or whoever they encountered. The photographs are of a wrinkled face of a very old lady, a father taking a nap on a sofa at home, a father at a house construction site in a narrow space, flowers in a garden or on a byway, sleeping babies, a number of sparrows on electric wires in an evening glow, and so forth which, according to the photographer, were incredible in that their pictures were not taken with photography skills.

He said he could never beat those children in photographing, saying they are just genius. These boys and girls were given an album of those pictures and felt so happy holding the album and turning over the pages.

The exhibition, "The Child Photographers", is being held at the Nippon Newspaper Museum at Nihon Ōdōri in Yokohama until August 26 from 10:00 to 17:00, except Mondays.

People In Town

Nemanja Komatinovic



An Encounter with a Japanese classmate in the Netherlands brought me here

Nemanja Komatinovic from Beograd, Serbia, is the tallest man in the IAC Japanese language class. He married a Shimane-born Japanese lady in December last year and they are living in Chigasaki. Surprisingly, they met at university in the Netherlands where both of them were studying wind power generation technology. What motivated him to come to Chigasaki is that his work place is in Gotenba, Shizuoka.

After graduating from a Dutch university, he came to Japan in April 2006 to study technology at Ashikaga Technology College in Utsunomiya, Tochigi, where he wanted to learn from professor Ushiyama who is very well known as a foremost authority on windmill technology.

He is now working at a company located in Gotenba where they are making windmills on a large scale.

Nemanja's daily routine is to get up at six in the morning, go to Gotenba by train, and come back home at eleven at night. Therefore, he has little time to make friends in Chigasaki, but he likes Chigasaki very much because it's more beautiful than any other city he has been to so far. In the meantime, he is enjoying everything about the Japanese lifestyle, including long working hours, although he is not enjoying the basketball he used to play in his boyhood. He likes Japanese food, but he is not fond of Gōya because of its bitter taste, *Nemanja* added finally.

Something Special in Chigasaki

MOKICHI Baker & Sweets

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There is an old Sake Brewery in Chigasaki, which is called Kumazawa Brewery and is the only traditional Sake Brewery in the Shōnan area. It's one of the sightseeing spots in Chigasaki for people from foreign countries.



The great history of Kumazawa Brewery started in 1872, almost 130 years ago, in Kagawa, in the northern part of Chigasaki. From the first owner, Kumazawa Hyōe to the present 6th owner they have brewed sake, but now, Kumazawa brewery has developed to produce beer and opened restaurants and a baker. Shōnan beer is very well known while their restaurants serve good tasting dishes and bread that compliments their alcohol.

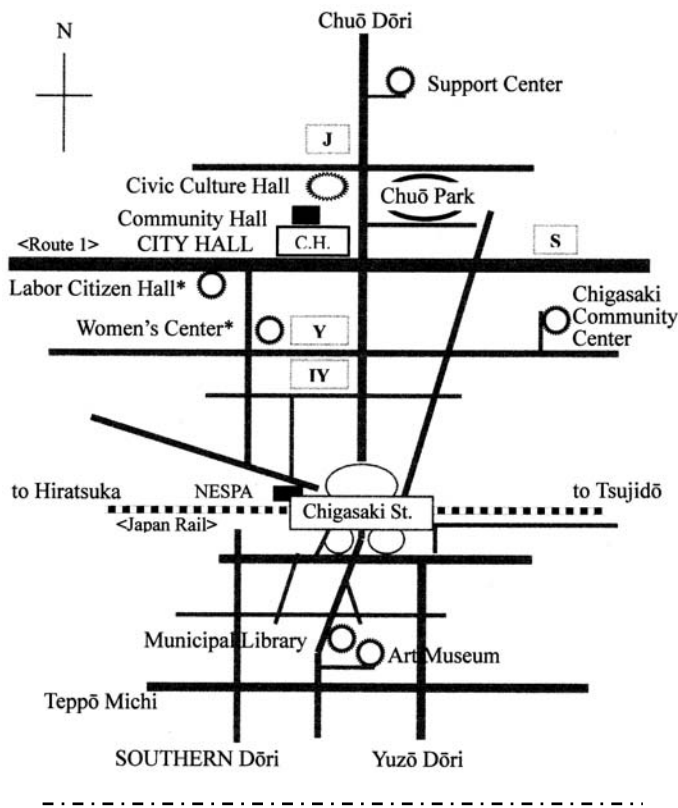
MOKICHI Baker & Sweets, located in the same yard as the brewery, is especially unique because of its materials. They use Kumazawa beer to inflate the dough instead of yeast. The beer differs from season to season. Many people love their bread because they spend so much time on the dough to achieve sweetness and their own flavor.

They sell almost 40 kinds of bread (¥150-300) including a bread of the month. The owner's recommendations are "Crescent Roll" and "Raisins Noi" which is made of raisins and walnuts.

They are open from 10:30 through 17:00. (If there is bread left over, they will sell it at *MOKICHI Trattoria* restaurant from 17:00.) The owner, Mr. Yamamiya, recommends visiting the shop after noon. You can make a selection from many kinds of bread at around 13:00-14:00. It's a 10 minute walk from Kagawa-station on the Sagami-line and there is ample parking. They have their own branch restaurant too near Chigasaki station. (0467-84-0124 10:00-21:30) Try visiting this tempting shop and enjoying their unique bread?

==MOKICHI Baker & Sweets== TEL : 0467-52-6144 <http://www.kumazawa.jp/>

City Hall and Its Surroundings



Footnote:

J = JUSCO S = SATY
 Y = Yamada Denki IY = Itō Yokadō
 Labor Citizen Hall is called Kinrō Shimin Kaikan
 NESPA = City Residents' Gallery
 Women's Center is called Josei Center

Medical Information Series XII Doctors Available for Consultation in English

Gotoh Clinic (I.m, D, U)

Samukawa-machi Kurami 2197 Tel.74-8180

Saitoh Ganka (Op)

Samukawa-machi Okada 3-7-47 Tel.72-6301

Tamai Sanka Fujinka Clinic (Obs & Gyn, Pe)

Samukawa-machi Okada 5-5-8 Tel.74-2920

Harada Naika Clinic (Im,Dig, R, C, O.r)

Samukawa-machi Okada 3-7-35 Tel.74-0702

Yokoyama Geka Ichohka (G, S, D, P.r)

Samukawa-machi Tabata 1159 Tel.74-7707

Remarks:

I.m.= Internal medicine D=Dermatology
 U=Urology Op=Ophthalmology
 Obs & Gyn = Obstetrics & Gynecology
 Pe=Pediatrics G=Gastroenteritis
 C=Circulatory Dig=Digestive organ
 R=Respiratory organ O.r=Orthopedics
 P.r=Proctology

Confucious says

"Firstly, the gentleman put his words into action and then his words followed his action."

Japanese Proverbs with the English Equivalents

• Tagei wa mugei
 多芸は無芸

Jack of all trades, master of none.

• Issun no mushi ni mo go-bu no tamashii.
 一寸の虫にも五分の魂
 Everything has its place.

• Toshiyori no hiyamizu
 年寄の冷水

There is no fool like an old fool.

• Kaeru no ko wa kaeru
 蛙の子は蛙
 Like father, like son.

• Sode furiau mo tasho no en
 袖振り合うも多生の縁

A chance acquaintance is a divine ordinance.

• Muri ga tōreba dori hikkomu
 無理が通れば道理引込む
 Might makes right.

From the City Message Board

DISASTER CALL 【171】

At the time of a disaster, telephone calls aren't likely to get through for people trying to make calls to confirm safety all over the area affected. By dialing "DISASTER MESSAGE" DIAL 171, it will help you communicate with your family, relatives, and friends.

To record: (1) Dial **171** (2) Dial **1**
 (3) Dial the number of your counterpart from the area code.

To download: (1) Dial **171** (2) Dial **2**
 (3) Dial the number of your counterpart from the area code.

HELP WANTED

I am looking for native English speakers to work at the English conversation café in the Chigasaki, Tsujido, Fujisawa and Yokohama areas. Part time work or once a month is OK. For more information, please send mail to:

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