

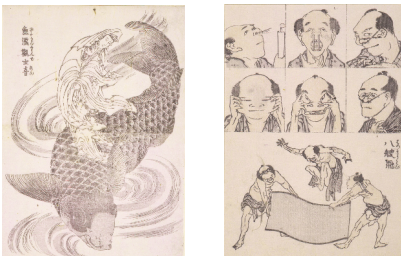


Hokusai Exhibit Opens at Chigasaki Art Museum

See life through the eyes of an Edo period artist!

This fall, the Chigasaki City Museum of Art will host a special exhibition called "Hokusai Manga", featuring the works of Edo period artist Katsushika Hokusai. Hokusai was the first Japanese artist to be recognized internationally and his works have been influential in Japanese, European, and even American art, design, and culture for more than a century. His iconic Great Wave off Kanagawa and his paintings of Mount Fuji have become symbols of Japan and Japanese art the world over.

The Museum will showcase Hokusai Manga, a collection of his sketches covering a variety of subjects, giving viewers a glimpse into daily life in the Edo period as seen by Hokusai. The artist devoted himself to depicting nature in his art and also sketched dynamic movement and humorous facial expressions. He even visualized the invisible flow of winds by scattering leaves and through character movement. Don't miss the chance to see this important part of Japanese culture.



The Chigasaki City Museum of Art also features works by local artists, ranging from woodblocks to paintings to prints. The museum is dedicated to not only enhancing art education but also contributing to the realization of a better society through collecting, preserving, studying and exhibiting art pieces.

Rain or shine, a day at the museum can be a great experience.



Chigasaki City Museum of Art

1-4-45 Higashikaigankita, Chigasaki 253-0053

Hokusai Manga Exhibition

September 11-November 6, 2016

Hours: 10:00-18:00 (Last admission: 17:30)

Admissions:

Adults (¥700), College Students (¥500)

Children/18 and under with student ID (Free)

Senior residents/ 65 and over with ID (Free)

URL: <http://www.chigasaki-museum.jp>

TEL: 0467-88-1177

*The Museum is closed on Mondays (except for National Holidays/substitute public holidays on Monday, in which case the museum is open on the holiday and closed the following Tuesday instead).

*Please check the website for the detailed schedule.

Chigasaki Makana Hula Festival Is Back!

It's time to celebrate hula and Hawaiian culture again.

The Chigasaki Makana Hula Festival will be held again this year from Sept. 17 (Sat.) to Sept. 19 (Mon.) at the Chigasaki Shimin Bunka Kaikan hall. Events include a hula dance competition, workshops, Hawaiian goods, and more.

In the Hawaiian Language, "makana" means "gift" or "blessing", and that spirit is at the heart of this festival. The competition focuses more on learning than just competing and the workshops are a good chance to share in Hawaiian culture. The festival also celebrates Chigasaki's bond with its sister city, Honolulu. So why not bring family and friends to experience Hawaii here in Chigasaki.

*400 free tickets are available for those over 65 years old from August 15, 2016 at IKOREA

*For further information please access <http://www.world.hawaiianculture.org/>



Chigasaki Makana Hula Festival

Place: Chigasaki Shimin Bunka Kaikan

Date: September 17-19, 2016

Contents:

Hawaiian Hula Competition, workshop, Shop for Hawaiian food, dresses, accessories, etc.

Local Resident Rate:

Adult: ¥3,240

Child (Junior high student and under): ¥1,620

Standard Rate:

Adult: ¥3,500

Child (Junior high student and under): ¥2,000

Pickup!



Le chemin

The café Le chemin is open for business on the second floor of the Chigasaki City Museum of Art. Comforting, elegant, and filled with light, the Le chemin is lined by floor-to-ceiling windows looking out a panoramic view of Takasuna Ryokuchi garden. The café offers salads, hams, sandwiches and a selection of pastries, as well as a variety of juices, teas and coffee in a relaxing atmosphere for museum visitors and the creative community of Chigasaki City. The menu in the café is flexible and locally sourced. Stop by before or after you visit the museum!

[<https://sites.google.com/site/lechemincafe/home>]

Looking for Your Nearest City Office?

The City of Chigasaki has 6 local offices in town. You don't have to go to the main City Hall. There are 4 branches and 2 citizen centers in town, which provide some city services.

Branch:

Koide, Tsujido Station, Kagawa Station, Hamamina

Citizen center:

Chigasaki Station, Hagisono

A copy of a Certificate of Residence can be ordered at all local offices. 4 branches are available for applying for childcare services and National health insurance program. For further information, access the City website.

[http://www.city.chigasaki.kanagawa.jp/shi/setsu_info/s_shiyakusho/index.html]

Events & Activities in Chigasaki

SEPTEMBER

10 SAT 8am -11 SUN 5pm

MYNAVI THE JAPAN CUP SUP Race 2016

Chigasaki Headland Beach
[http://www.supu.co.jp/race/en/]

22 Thu 10am-5pm

CHIGASAKI JAMBOREE 2016

Satoyama Park
Country and bluegrass music concerts

17 SAT & 18 SUN & 19 MON

CHIGASAKI MAKANA HULA FESTIVAL

Chigasaki Shimin Bunka Kaikan hall
*For details, please see article on page 1.



18 TUE 9am-

MORNING FISH MARKET

“Sakana no Ichi”

Chigasaki Fishing Port
Buy local fresh fish!



OCTOBER

8 SAT 10am-2pm

STOCKBREEDING FESTIVAL

Satoyama Park
Try your hand at milking a cow!

22 SAT 9am-

FLOWERS & VEGETABLES FESTIVAL

Cosmos flower field in Hagisono
Enjoy cosmos flower picking.

NOVEMBER

3 THU 10am-3pm

FUREAI FESTIVAL

Chuo Park
A lot of stalls will be set up along by volunteer groups including the IAC. At the stage, music and dancing will be performed.

*Event details may change at any time, so please check with the event holder for updates.

KATAKANA Crossword Puzzle



Translate the clues into Japanese and write them in “Katakana”(カタカナ)!

Across:

- 1 Chigasaki Breeze
- 2 autumn
- 3 grapes
- 4 the Olympics
- 5 apple
- 6 Japanese pampas grass
- 12 scarecrow

Down:

- 3 yellowtails
- 7 mushroom hunting
- 8 Pacific saury
- 9 season word
- 10 acorn
- 11 bell cricket
- 12 persimmons; kaki

*Check the answers at the bottom of this page.



An Evening of Noh Theater at Samukawa Jinja Shrine



(PHOTOGRAPHER: Aya Watada)

Samukawa Jinja Shrine held their annual Sagami Takigi Noh event on August 15th. The event drew nearly 1,500 people for an evening of traditional Japanese theater. The event, which started in 1970, commemorates the end of World War II.

Noh Theater is an ancient Japanese art form that started in the 14th century that often deals with supernatural legends or daily life in feudal Japan. It is usually performed in an ancient dialect of Japanese and accompanied by traditional Japanese music. In ancient times, Noh was an all-day event consisting of five long, serious plays with smaller comedies, called kyogen, in between. Modern Noh however usually consists of only two regular plays with one comedy between them.

Takigi, which translates to bonfire, is a type of Noh done entirely outdoors at night with fire pits to help light the stage. This firelight captures the Noh atmosphere and transports the audience back to ancient times. It is a common style of Noh Theater and there are Takigi Noh events in places like Kamakura and Kyoto. Unlike these events, however, Samukawa’s Sagami Takigi Noh is completely free of charge, as the purpose of the event is not to make money, but rather to promote world peace.

The event opens with a Shinto prayer ceremony for those who died in the war and a prayer for eternal world peace. To attend, one simply submits a formal, written request by mail to the shrine and awaits a reply. If you can speak Japanese well enough, or if you can get help with the request, it is definitely worth seeing.

While the evening outdoor theater event is only 47 years old, the shrine itself is much older.

Samukawa Jinja is an ancient shrine that predates written records. According to local legends, it was founded in the 5th century as a place of worship for two local deities associated with a local mountain. However, the first official written documentation of the shrine was in 9th Century historical texts. In feudal times, Samukawa Jinja was considered to be the most important shrine in the old Sagami province, which was later combined to form modern day Kanagawa. Today the Samukawa Jinja is still an important shrine in Kanagawa prefecture and is visited by people from all over the Kanto region. The grounds are spacious, and peaceful. The buildings, while modern, capture the feel and style of old Japan.

If you missed the Noh Theater event but still want to check out Samukawa Shrine, there will be a Yabusame, or horse archery, demonstration held on the shrine grounds on September 19th. The event is held in conjunction with the shrine’s annual festival and is worth seeing. The Yabusame itself starts at 2pm, but other rituals will be held before hand so it is good to get there early.

Samukawa Jinja Shrine is located in Samukawa, ten minutes’ walk from Miyayama station on the Sagami line.

↓ Answers to the KATAKANA Crossword Puzzle ↓

Across: 1 チガサキブリーズ 2 アキ 3 ブドウ 4 ゴリン 5 リンゴ 6 ススキ 12 カシ Down: 3 プリ 7 キノコガリ 8 サンマ 9 キゴ 10 ドングリ 11 スズムシ 12 カキ

French University Students Homestay in Chigasaki

International Association of Chigasaki invites French students from the Institut Supérieur de l'Aéronautique et de l'Espace SUPAERO (ISAE-SUPAERO) every summer. We asked them what they like about Japan and Chigasaki!

The first thing that amazed me was the kindness of Japanese people. They always seemed happy to help me when I got lost (which happened so often here). And the way urban landscapes are punctuated with temples and shrine is also interesting. Of course, I will remember the delicious food here in Japan. (Lucas)

Living in Chigasaki made me discover many different sides of Japan. It greatly helped changing the biased image I had of the country. (Nelly)

I really like the seafont of Chigasaki. Indeed, I really like surfing and fishing. Here fish are bigger than the Mediterranean fish. There are maguros (tunas), breams and sometimes sharks. I enjoy bathing because I think it is good for health. That's probably why Japanese life span is so long. (Emile)

People in Chigasaki are kindhearted and forthcoming. They are always eager to help someone who is in need. They show great forthrightness and are easy to talk to. (Williams)



Meet “Mr. Japan 2016”, Masaya Yamagishi!

An aspiring swimmer turned hometown hero and will compete in the 11th edition of Mister International 2016.

We are pleased to welcome Masaya Yamagishi, the victor of the 2016 Mr. Japan competition, to Chigasaki Breeze interview. He spoke with our teenage writer to inspire young readers. He shows his winning personality and appearance, and shares his feelings for his hometown, Chigasaki.



CB: What made you want to become Mr. Japan?

M: I started swimming when I was 2 years old and my goal has always been to compete in the Olympics. However, I had some injuries and found it hard to reach my goal, so I retired. Although I felt like I gave it my very best, I still wanted to become a Japanese champion and compete with the world. That's what made me want to try out for Mr. Japan, and I am glad and honored to represent Japan in the world finals.

CB: What was the best thing about becoming Mr. Japan?

M: Being Mr. Japan has totally changed my way of thinking in a better way, and that's one of the best things. When I was a swimmer, I was too eager for improving my own record to feel the support from others. Now that I'm Mr. Japan, I can really feel a lot of supports. Being on the top of Japan made me broaden my perspective and now I can see a totally different view from what I used to see. I am constantly feeling the pressure of representing Japan and am grateful for the warm support of people around me.

CB: When you are facing a difficulty, what do you do?

M: If thinking about it helps resolve the problem I think about it thoroughly, but when it doesn't I tell myself to stay positive and keep smiling. By changing my facial expression, it brightens my feeling, smiling changes the air around me. So whenever I face a difficulty I always try to keep my self-confidence, and stand up to the problem with a smile.

CB: What did you want to grow up to be when you were a child?

M: When I was little, I wanted to be a superhero like Ultra-man just like any child would. But I also loved swimming so I thought seriously about becoming an Olympic athlete.

CB: Where do you see yourself in 10 years?

M: In 10 years, I hope to see myself with a wife and children living by the beach. I was born and raised in Chigasaki so I have a special feeling about my hometown. No one knows about the future but I hope to represent and become the symbol of Chigasaki.

CB: What do you like about Chigasaki?

M: I love how everyone living in Chigasaki is warm and caring. Everyone is friendly so it's easy to become friends with one another. I love the air people here in Chigasaki make.

CB: Please tell us how you feel about the upcoming world competition.

M: In the world finals, I will always keep in mind that I'm not only representing Japan, but also representing Chigasaki. I will always try to be myself in hopes to let people know who Masaya Yamagishi really is, rather than thinking about the ranking. I would love to show the world how wonderful Japan is and most importantly let the world know how great my hometown Chigasaki is.

A big thank you to Masaya Yamagishi, and good luck for the upcoming world finals!!!

(PHOTOGRAPHER: Aya Watada)

Chigasaki Jamboree in Satoyama Park

Chigasaki Jamboree, a free outdoor Western music concert, will be held in Satoyama Park on September 22, Autumn Equinox Day, from 10:00 until 17:00.

This will be the 7th anniversary of the concert and more than 10 Shonan-area bands will gather and play mostly country and blues music. Since there will be a number of stalls selling American foods and Western goods, you will feel like you are in the USA. Why don't you enjoy the Western atmosphere in the middle of the beautiful nature park?

For more information, please access the official website.

[<http://www.chigasaki-kankou.org/jamboree/index.html>]

Due to the limited amount of parking, please use public transportation.



Come and Join the Chigasaki Cultural Festival

The festival gathers residents to appreciate music, art, culture and more!

Chigasaki Cultural Festival will be held for two months starting October 2nd. A number of citizen groups from various fields will attract the people in town with 27 events of stage performances, exhibitions, and literature at Chigasaki Shimin Bunka Kaikan hall. One of the highlights is a chorus recital by Chigasaki citizens. They will perform an original song called “The song of Shonan”. At the calligraphy exhibition, 150 artworks will be displayed, including art pieces from Honolulu, a sister city of Chigasaki. If you are history maniac, you will be fascinated by the display of the holy place for Sagami-no-kuni Shugen-do. There is also a display of famous writers connected to Chigasaki.

Check the website for the detailed information.

[<http://www.chigasaki-bdk.sakura.ne.jp/index.html>]

The Chigasaki Environmental Fair Is Happening Again in 2016

The fair is a day of eco-activities, fun and music, hosted by sustainability experts, innovative business organizations, and creative local schools who embrace eco ideas through their work. One of the highlights will be a live streaming lecture on the possibility of habitable, Earth-like planets from the Subaru Telescope at the summit of Mauna Kea, Hawaii.

Be sure and mark your calendar for Sept. 24th 10:00-15:30 at Chigasaki City Hall. You will discover something to do for future life and for your society. To find out more about the 2016 fair, please visit the website of Chigasaki City.

Free Multilingual Consultation Service for Foreign Residents

You can ask for advice in your first language by telephone. Multilingual Navigation Service provides consulting services for foreign residents in 5 languages: English, Chinese, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and easy Japanese. The service covers three areas: healthcare, childcare, and natural disasters.

Tel number: 045-316-2770

Service time: 9AM-12PM/1PM-4PM

For more information, please access their website.

[<http://www.kifjp.org/kmlc#2>]

Don't Worry About Language in an Emergency If You Call 119

The joint fire department of Chigasaki and Samukawa will introduce the "interpretation concierge 119" from Oct 1st, 2016. You can make an emergency call in your mother language. They will arrange an interpreter quickly to hear what you need. This service is provided in English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish 24 hours a day, which will make it easier for foreigners to make a 119 call. In addition, they will arrange an interpreter on the spot, too. When you are being rescued, you can talk to an interpreter over the phone who will help you communicate with rescue members on site.

Chigasaki Emergency Medical Services Day

Chigasaki Emergency Medical Services Day will be held on the first day of the Emergency Medical Services Week which runs from Sept. 4th to 10th. The Fire Defense Headquarters in Chigasaki will host an event featuring first-aid treatment activities on the main floor of AEON Chigasaki to raise awareness about the need for emergency medical care.

—Event Highlights—

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Teaching Program
 - Demonstration of AED (Automated External Defibrillator):
You can learn how to use it!
 - Emergency Call Training Program:
You can experience the 119 calls.
 - Distribution of the Safety Capsule and Card: Keep your medical records and family doctor information on the Safety Card and store it in the Safety Capsule. It will be used for providing a rapid and appropriate medical treatment in an emergency.
 - Health Check Corner
 - Balloon Art Workshop for Kids
 - Display of High-standard Ambulance Car
- [Inquiries: The Fire Defense Headquarters (85) 9949]

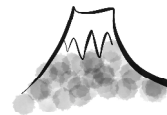
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Ask Fuji-san



Dear Fuji-san,

I have noted that restaurant and convenience store staff are always very polite to customers, I always respond and say thank you to the person serving me (and I have seen a lot of foreigners do the same). It appears that the Japanese customers, however, don't respond or interact much (if at all) with the person serving them. I would like to know if there is any cultural reason for this? What is the proper etiquette or response to someone serving you?

Regards,

African in Japan

Dear African in Japan,

The reason is that most Japanese tend to avoid communication with unknown people. Some people will simply nod or smile to show some respect without saying anything. On the other hand, shop staff in Japan are always very polite and well trained in "Customer First" principles. So, you might think it's odd to see the staff being polite and the customers not responding to them. But, you don't have to be bothered by this. It's quite a normal scene at convenience stores in Japan.

However, we communicate well with store staff once we get well acquainted. We also talk friendly to small shop owners like the greengrocers, butchers and fisherman in our neighborhood.

Anyhow, I think it's very nice of you to be friendly to convenience store staff. They'll show you a big smile and it'll make you happy too!

Best regards,

Fuji

The 19th Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition

The Kanagawa Biennial World Children's Art Exhibition has been held every two years since 1981. This event exhibits children's art from all over the world, and is intended to use the power of painting to foster the dreams and creativity of today's young children who will go on to become the leaders of tomorrow. Let your children be part of this wonderful event and experience the joy of expression!

Entry Period:

Sept. 1 ~ Nov. 30, 2016

Qualification:

Applicants must be between the ages of 4 and 15 as of Apr. 1, 2016.

Notification of Awards:

A list of winners will be posted on the Kanagawa Biennial's website in Mar. 2017.

Exhibition's period:

July 1 ~ Aug. 31, 2017

Kanagawa Biennial's website:

[<http://www.earthplaza.jp/biennial/English/index.html>]



Editor's Note

Summer fades away and autumn is here. Welcome to the autumn edition of Chigasaki Breeze. In this issue our lead article focuses on the Chigasaki Museum of Art, exhibiting the works of world famous ukiyoe artist Katsushika Hokusai. The Interview column features Mr. Japan, who inspires our young readers. Further features include festivals held in Chigasaki where you are sure to find good music, good food and good friends. Chigasaki Breeze is wishing you a bright and beautiful autumn!



Shuhei Miyake

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