

Reinforced - the DV Prevention Law

Effective
on Dec. 2nd

Don't overlook the domestic violence! If you ignore any small violence, it may lead to a terrible tragedy. "No more sorrow". The revised "Law for the Prevention of Spousal Violence and the Protection of Victims", effective on December 2nd, provides for stricter protection orders as well as extended function of spousal violence counseling and support centers and so on as follows.



♥ The first

The term of "Spousal Violence" was extended to refer psychological harm and sexual harassment as well as physical violence

♥ The second

Articles of "Protection Orders" are also extended. There are two measures in "Protection Orders".

A, Prohibition of approaching the victim . . . to prohibit the spouse for a six month period from approaching the victim at the victim's domicile or other place where the victim is staying, loitering in the vicinity of the domicile, workplace, etc.

B, Evacuation Order . . . to require the spouse to vacate for a specific period.

A court should, upon petition from a victim, order against the divorced spouse protection measures in case of where there is a grave threat of violence against victim constituting a significant harm to life or physical conditions.

A court should, upon petition from a victim, order against the spouse prohibition of approaching the victim's child as well as victim in case where the spouse is behaving suspiciously of taking out children in word and deed. However if child is 15 years or older, his/her consent is required for petition.

The spouse taking evacuation order should evacuate from the domicile that spouse shares as main home with the victim and not loiter in the vicinity of the domicile.

Evacuation order is extended from a two-week to a two-month period. As the victims cannot file a petition for evacuation order repeatedly in the current law, most of them have to move out from the domicile. It is required for a victim a sufficient period enough to put her/his affairs in order and find a new domicile. As an exception, a victim can file a petition for it again, if a victim has a good reason to do so.

♥ The third

Activities of "Spouse Violence Counseling and Support Center" have definitely specified. (In Saitama Prefecture, "Women's Counseling Center" functions as Spouse Violence Counseling and Support Center.)

The task of the center is to offer information and other forms of assistance in order to promote self-reliance for victim.



The fourth

Spouse Violence Counseling and Support Center should work in closer cooperation with non-government organization (NGO).

That means Spouse Violence Counseling and Support Center should cooperate with NGO doing the same activities to solve the problem in compliance of requirement.

“Fujimino International Cultural Exchange Center” is undertaking the Foreign Residents Advisory Center of two cities and two towns. From now on, closer cooperation between two centers is expected. Please do not hesitate to contact us.



Nov. 7th (Sun.)

One of the biggest festivals in Saitama

“International Fair 2004”



A customary international big event “International Fair 2004”, gathering of non-government organizations in Saitama, will be held. You can enjoy bazaar shopping, seeing performances and exhibitions. Let's spend over there one valuable Sunday in fall.

Venue: Keyaki Hiroba in Saitama Shintoshin

Date & Time: Nov. 7th (Sun.) 10:00~16:00

Inquiry: 048-833-2992 (Saitama International Association/enterprise section)

<Kamifukuoka sports & exchange event>

Gathering of Pin-Pong lovers

Enjoy sweating and eating well party.

Let's enjoy playing pin-pong with foreign residents. Beginners are welcome. You can join it with only smile and shoes.

After sweating, we have a lunch party.

You can enjoy eating Philippine cookery. You are welcome to the event with your family.

Date & time: Oct. 31st,
10:00~14:00

Place: Kamifukuoka municipal
Komabayashi Gymnasium
(Saginomiya elementary school
gymnasium 2F)

Program: pin pong coaching by
members of table tennis club and
exchange with them.

Fee: free

Fujimishi International Forum

Let's challenge to experience everything new at the event for global citizens. Experiencing foreign culture and communication with foreign residents are available there. Why don't you enjoy one autumn day as a key word of international?

Day & time: Oct.17th (Sun.)
12:30~16:30

Venue: Fujimishi municipal
Fujimino Exchange Center

Program: First section

Try on ethnic dress or kimono and get a picture of yours taken, tai chi, tea ceremony, Wadaiko performance, calligraphy to write a picture without a character, Chinese tea ceremony, quiz on international matters, world plays.

Second section Forum-Opinions of foreign nationals in Japan

Fee: free