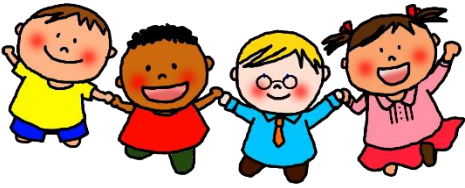


Consultation of nursery school/kindergarten



Make consultation early because it will be difficult to apply if you come late.

There are nursery schools, kindergartens, certified children's schools, etc. as a facility for preschool (0 to 5 years old) childcare and education. You cannot enter these facilities but it may take more than half a year from applying to entering.

★ **Childcare time, contents, costs etc. vary depending on the municipality or the facilities**

If you have any questions such as which facilities can your child use or what are the features of each facility, please consult your local city office as soon as possible. If you don't understand Japanese, go with an interpreter (or someone who understands Japanese.)

FICEC also accepts consultation.

■■■ Childcare facility

A facility for preschool children (0 to 5 years old) to take care on behalf of their parents if they cannot take care of them during the day due to work or illness. The usage time is 8 hours or 11 hours. (It differs depending on the family situation.) Depending on the facility, extended childcare is also available.

The childcare facilities include "nursery school", "certified child institution" (a facility that has both functions of a nursery school and kindergarten) and "small-scale childcare facility (small number of children under 3 years old)".

[Application for admission]

- Application: City hall
- If you want to enter in April, application can be made around November
- For applications other than above season are until the 10th of every month. (It depends on the municipality.)
- If there are application for more than the maximum number of seats or if there are no available seats already, you cannot enter immediately.

[Childcare fee]

- Fees for ages 0 to 2 are determined based on the amount of household tax and the age of the child and the number of siblings using the facility.
- Fees for ages 3 to 5 are free.
- In addition, school lunch, event fee, teaching material fee, etc. will be charged.

■■■ Kindergarten (Educational facility for early childhood)

It is a facility to educate young children (3-5 years old). Children learn various things while playing. Anyone can apply. Utilization time is from 9:00 to 14:00. Early morning and extended childcare are available depending on the facility. There are long vacations such as summer vacation and winter vacation.

[Application for admission]

- Application: Each kindergarten
- Visiting facilities from June, briefing session in September, application for admission in October (Depends on the facilities)

[Childcare fee]

- Free (Up to 25,700 yen per month is free)
- In addition, entrance fee, equipment fee, uniform fee, school lunch fee, event fee, teaching material fee, bus fee (only for users) etc.





Living consultation

FICEC provide life consultation from Monday to Friday, 10:00 to 16:00.

In my country, child deliveries are assisted by relative aunts. I have been pregnant for about 8 months but I haven't gone to the hospital. I cannot return to my country due to influence of COVID-19. What should I do?

- ① Go to the hospital at once to see a doctor. You may be refused medical examination when you are 8 months pregnant. You should ask the doctor seriously for your health check. If you don't have health insurance, go to the city hall and get health insurance first before going to the hospital.
 - ② Please obtain a maternal and child handbook (boshi-techou) at the city hall or health center where you are registered as a resident. Boshi-techou is a unique system in Japan and you can get a voucher for health checkups for pregnant women and infants and free vaccinations for children.
- *Japanese staff will stay with your delivery. You should study Japanese so that it will help you when in trouble.

The rent is high and I'm in trouble. Is there any cheap house?

Prefectural housing is for people with low income who are having trouble with housing. Recruit is 3 or 4 times a year. You can find the application form at the city hall window. Please go and see there sometimes.

FICEC has resumed the activities

Due to the influence of COVID-19, all activities except living consultation were suspended but from June, FICEC restarted the Japanese language class and the international Children's club. We will ask you to wear mask, disinfect your hands, and measure temperature, and also, we should limit the number of people to enter the office. We look forward to see you and study together again. For details, please visit our website and Facebook.

Thank you for the translators

Here is the introduction of all the translators in charge of each language and the illustrator of the cover picture of "Information Fujimino".



Kumiko Mogi

I have been in charge of staff once a week and English translation volunteer at FICEC since 2013. When I was in Serbia, the city of former Yugoslavia, for several years, at the age of kindergarten, they used English there. I worked at an electronics manufacturer in Japan for 17 years, gave birth to a second child and then left the company and since then I have been working as a translator at home. In translating "Information Fujimino" I always try to provide English translation that is easy for non-native speakers to understand.



Mr. Hitoshi Iwata, who has been mainly involved in Japanese language class and publishing multilingual information magazine "Information Fujimino" from 1997 for 24 years, died on May 8. He was 82 years old.

He used to say "Foreigners as a consumer", "We must be aware that local Japanese classes play an important role so that foreigners can learn living languages in a short time," "I would like foreigners to capture the warmth of the characters contained in "Information Fujimino" and the philosophy of FICEC.

That's why FICEC always wants to be close to them." This is the way he guided us.

FICEC has lost an important person and this is very sad. We will continue to work, without forgetting his intention. Please pray for his happiness in the next life. Nanae Ishii