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Event

The 75th Ota City Children's Garden Party

The Ota City Children's Garden Party will be held at eleven venues within the city. Children can enjoy new experiences through games, sports, and other activities with members of the community. Last year, approximately 50,000 people participated in this event. Fun activities are planned at each venue in the city. We look forward to seeing many children and community members there.

For more details on venue locations, please visit the Ota City Website. Games, sports, and other content are subject to change.

🕒 10:00 am to 3:00 pm, Sunday, April 26, 2026
* The event may end early if it rains.

📍 Youth Health and Development Section,
Community Activities Promotion Division
☎ 03-5744-1223 Fax 03-5744-1518
Email: seishonen@city.ota.tokyo.jp



Course **Beginners Japanese Course (Term 1)**



This course is for people studying Japanese for the first time. Participants will learn everything from hiragana and katakana to simple conversations over 16 lessons.

- Schedule: May 18, 21, 25, and 28; June 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, and 29; July 2, 6, and 9, 2026 (Every Monday and Thursday)
Hours: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm
Please visit the GOCA website for more details.
- Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota")
(2nd floor, 4-16-8 Kamata, Ota-ku, Tokyo)
- 2,000 yen per person (covers 16 lessons, textbook, and materials)
- 15 (Participants will be chosen by lottery if many applications are received.)
- Global City Ota Cooperation Association (GOCA) website
- Global City Ota Cooperation Association (GOCA)
☎ 03-6410-7981 Fax 03-6410-7982
Email: info@ota-goca.or.jp



Course **ManaViva Is Accepting Students**

ManaViva is an education program where adults learn how to read and write Japanese characters necessary for daily life. This includes hiragana, katakana, and simple sentences. It also covers the basics of the Japanese language, arithmetic in Japanese, and other subjects. Join others like you in the community, and the program staff, for a fun and useful learning experience.

Eligibility: • People living, working, or attending school in Ota City who want to learn or review the basics
• 16 years or older and capable of conversing in Japanese
(All nationalities are welcome. Childcare is available.)
* Please inquire for details.

- Sunday, May 10, 2026, to Sunday, March 7, 2027
24 sessions in total, all on Sundays, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Please check the website for detailed dates and times.
- Consumer Center (5-13-26 Kamata, Ota-ku) 2nd floor Large Meeting Room or Ota City Office Meeting Room
- Free of charge
- Offered to first 40 applicants
- By visiting the office or by telephone
- Lifelong Learning Section, Community Activities Promotion Division
☎ 03-5744-1443 Fax 03-5744-1518



Notice **Ota City's Loan-Type Scholarship Program for Students Enrolled in University and Other Programs.**

Ota City provides loan-based scholarships to students who are motivated to pursue their studies but face financial difficulties at home.

* Please inquire for requirements and selection criteria.

- Late April to early June
- National or public institution: up to 35,000 yen (monthly)
Private institution: up to 44,000 yen (monthly)
- Bring in the necessary documents or send them by post.
- 5-13-14 Kamata, Ota-ku 144-8621
Public Assistance Section,
Welfare Management Division
☎ 03-5744-1245 Fax 03-5744-1520




Enrolling in the National Pension System


All people between the ages of 20 and 59 who have a certificate of residence in Japan (juminhyo) — including non-Japanese residents — must join the National Pension System and pay its premiums. Paying your premiums for more than ten years will make you eligible to receive the National Pension when you reach the age of 65.


The system also includes a “disability pension” that is paid when you are unable to work due to injury or illness, and a “survivor’s pension” that is paid when a family member who had been working to support you dies. You must complete the National Pension enrollment procedure when you first arrive in Japan or leave your employer.

Please apply for an exemption if you have difficulty paying the National Pension system premiums.


Please visit the Ota City website for more information.

 17,920 yen a month (in FY2026)

-  • In person at the counter
 - By post
 - Via the website

 National Pension Section, National Health Insurance and National Pension Division


Counter No. 12, 3rd floor, 5-13-14 Kamata, Ota-ku, 144-8621

 03-5744-1214

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am to 5:15 pm

Japan Pension Service Ota Branch Office
3rd floor, Technoport Kamata Center Building,

2-16-1 Minami-Kamata, Ota-ku, 144-8530

 03-3733-4141

Monday: 8:30 am to 7:00 pm

Tuesday to Friday: 8:30 am to 5:15 pm



Second Saturday of each month: 9:30 am to 4:00 pm





Return of Medical Expenses after Loss of Eligibility for National Health Insurance

If you receive medical treatment using an Ota City My Number Card (Individual Number Card) as your Health Insurance Certificate after losing eligibility for Ota City National Health Insurance—due to reasons such as moving out of the city, enrolling in another public health insurance program in Japan, or expiration of your period of stay—you will be required to reimburse Ota City for the portion of medical expenses it covered.

Your National Health Insurance coverage does not automatically end when you enroll in another health insurance program. Therefore, you must submit a loss of eligibility notice. You can complete the procedure for reporting your loss of eligibility at the National Health Insurance Qualification Section counter, at your nearest branch office counter, or by post. If you have moved out of Ota City, submitting a “Notification of Moving Out” will serve as your loss of eligibility notice—no further application is required.

 Returning medical expenses
National Health Insurance Benefit Section, National Health Insurance and National Pension Division
 03-5744-1211 Fax 03-5744-1516

 Procedures for enrolling in, or losing eligibility for, the Ota City National Health Insurance program
National Health Insurance Qualification Section, National Health Insurance and National Pension Division
 03-5744-1210 Fax 03-5744-1516

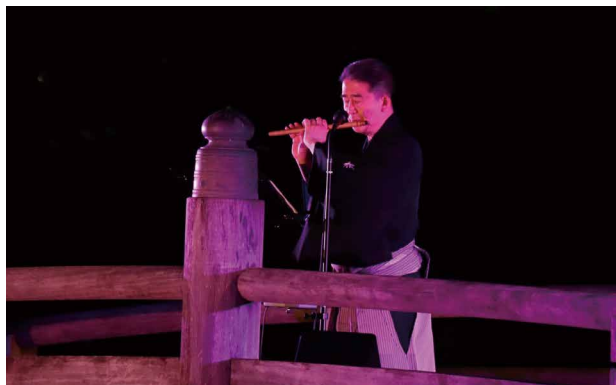


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Event

Senzokuike Shunsho-no-Hibiki (Springtime Evening Concert)

Senzokuike Shunsho-no-Hibiki will be held at the picturesque Senszoku Pond. *Senzokuike Shunsho-no-Hibiki* is a concert where you can enjoy traditional Japanese performing arts in Senszoku Pond's beautiful natural setting. Come and experience the event's magical atmosphere of elegant music and lighting.



A glimpse of the event in 2025

🕒 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, Tuesday, May 26, 2026
* To be cancelled in the event of rain

📍 Ikezuki Bridge on the west bank of Senszoku Pond
2-14-15 Minami-Senzoku, Ota-ku
Access: Five-minute walk from Senszoku-ike Station on the Tokyu Ikegami Line

👛 Free of charge

👤 Standing room (about 300 seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis)

👥 **Organizers** "Senzokuike Shunsho-no-Hibiki" Executive Committee/Ota City

📞 Cultural Arts Promotion Section, Cultural Arts Promotion Division

☎ 03-5744-1226

Fax 03-5744-1539

Email: bunka@city.ota.tokyo.jp



Event

Tokyo International Music Festival 2026

The Tokyo International Music Festival 2026 will be held at Ota City Residents Hall (Aprico).

Come and experience the allure of various types of music, such as jazz and pop.



🕒 May 2 (Sat), 3 (Sun/national holiday), 4 (Mon/national holiday), 2026

📍 Ota City Residents Hall (Aprico)
5-37-3 Kamata, Ota-ku, Tokyo

👛 Admission on May 2 and 3 is free for foreign residents of Ota City. (Please show your residence card or other form of identification. Prior registration is required.) (Some events charge fees. For more details about fees, visit: <https://timf.jp/>)

👥 Office of the Tokyo International Music Festival Executive Committee (co-organizer: Ota City)

For details on tickets, programs, and other information, please visit:

<https://timf.jp/>

☎ 080-1339-7750

Email: contact@timf.jp



This issue will be the last print edition of *Ota City Navigation*.

Thank you for your readership over the years.

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<https://www.ota-goca.or.jp/life/>

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