A Newsletter for Foreign Nationals

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## The Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota") Opened on April 11!

A brand-new activity center for multicultural and international exchange has opened in Ota City: The Ota International Exchange Center ("Minto Ota")! Located near the West Exit of Keikyu Kamata Station, the center is the new home of the Global City Ota Cooperation Association and its Multilingual Consultation Desk, as well as Ota City's Internationalization and Multiculturalism Promotion Division. Minto Ota provides support to help people from all parts of the world live comfortably in Ota City. It also hosts events designed to build mutual cultural understanding.

The nickname "Minto Ota" comes from a wish for "everyone in the world to come together (Japanese: [sekaiju no] minna to [isshoni]) and the letters in "Multicultural and International Network, Together in Ota" in English, a language used around the globe. In this way, Minto Ota incorporates the meaning of creating a "multicultural and international network together in Ota City."

### Here are some of Minto Ota's features:

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### [Multilingual Consultation Desk]

The desk's staff are here to talk if you experience problems in your daily life. Consultations are provided in English, Chinese, Tagalog, Nepali, Vietnamese and other languages

Consultations in other languages are also available. Please ask for details.



### [Information and Exchange Area]

Information about various countries and regions is posted here. There are tables and chairs which provide a comfortable setting for talking with other visitors.



#### [Meeting Room]

A large meeting room is available for use by international exchange groups and other organizations. It can be divided into three smaller rooms. The room is used for a variety of programs and activities, including Japanese language courses and learning support for foreign children.



### A couple of comments about Minto Ota

Liu Daji, Cool OTA-KU Ambassador (from China) A place to turn to when facing difficulty

If you visit the Multilingual Consultation Desk, you will find a staff ready to provide you with accurate information on various topics. For example, you can get useful information for daily living and learn about procedures used in Ota City. Please feel free to drop by and talk. Cool OTA-KU Ambassadors will also be using Minto Ota as a hub to promote what makes Ota City special, so I urge you to come listen and learn something new.

Bethany Cummings, Coordinator for International Relations (from the United Kingdom)

Where foreigners and Ota City come together

Minto Ota is located near Keikyu Kamata Station and the Ota City Tourist Information Center. It is also easily accessible from Haneda Airport. We hope these qualities will help make it a place to rely on for many foreigners. We aim to create opportunities for people to experience various cultures and to make Ota City a comfortable place for everyone, including foreigners, to live.

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# Postpartum Housework/ Childcare Support Program: "Piyo-piyo Support"

The Piyo-piyo Support program assists with housework and childcare to reduce the burden on parents raising children at home. A helper will come to your home to help with cooking, cleaning, and childcare. The COVID-19 pandemic has brought great changes to the environment for childbirth and child-rearing. This service provided by Ota City can help you cope by taking care of even small tasks for you. Why not take advantage of it? Examples of the help provided: preparing and cleaning up after meals, accompanying on trips to the doctor's office or shopping, assisting with childcare, and housecleaning.





# Location of the Ota International Exchange Center

4-16-8 Kamata, Ota-ku (2nd floor) Two-minute walk from Keikyu Kamata Station's West Exit

Global City Ota Cooperation Association

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Multilingual Consultation Desk







# **About Bicycle Parking and Impoundment**

Bicycles provide a handy, environmentally friendly way of getting around. But they also become a social problem if left unattended near train stations, as they obstruct pedestrians and emergency vehicles and make the neighborhood unsightly. Although the problem of bicycle abandonment is improving, there are still bicycles left unattended around stations. Ota City therefore asks for your understanding and cooperation in its effort to create a safe city that is free of abandoned bicycles. In accordance with city ordinance, please do not leave your bicycle in public places (such as roads, parks, railway station plazas, or any other place that is not a designated bicycle parking area). Always park your bicycle in a bicycle parking area, even when only stopping for a short time. Ota City designates certain areas in front of train stations as "no bicycle parking" zones per city ordinance. The city regularly impounds bicycles that are left there. Impounded bicycles are generally held for 30 days. They will be disposed of when this storage period expires.

## http://www.commonded Bicycle Storage Centers

There are four Impounded Bicycle Storage Centers in Ota City. Their details are provided below. If your bicycle was impounded, bring the necessary items (see below) to the center impounding it during the "return hours" on a "return day."

Impounded Bicycle Storage Centers: General information

Return days: Monday to Sunday (excluding national holidays, substitute national holidays, and December 29 to January 3) Return hours: 11:00 am to 7:00 pm Please bring: (1) Personal identification (e.g., residence card, driver's license, etc.) (2) Bicycle key (3) Impoundment fee (3,000 yen for a bicycle)

Enjoy riding while properly following rules and manners.



Information on no-parking zones for bicycles, etc.



A "no bicycle parking" sign





• Center No. 1 (Heiwajima Rikkyo-shita Impounded Bicycle Storage Center)

1-2 Heiwajima, Ota-ku **a** 03-3765-5161 Bicycles impounded in the Omori and Chofu areas will be taken here.

 Center No. 2 (Miyako Ohashi-shita Impounded Bicycle Storage Center)

5-1 Heiwajima, Ota-ku

**2** 03-3765-5162

Bicycles impounded at Kamata Station's East Exit will be taken here.



Impounded Bicycle Storage Centers

• Center No. 3 (Miyako Ohashi-shita Impounded Bicycle Storage Center)

Past 2 Heiwa-no-mori-koen, Ota-ku **a** 03-3765-5163 Bicycles impounded at Kamata Station's West Exit and Hasunuma Station will be taken here.

 Center No. 6 (Rokugo Hashi-shita Impounded) **Bicycle Storage Center**)

4-30 Nakarokugo, Ota-ku **a** 03-3736-0372 Bicycles impounded at Keikyu Kamata Station, Zoshiki Station, and Kojiya Station will be taken here.

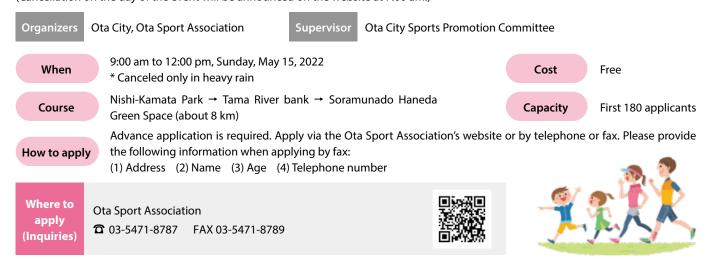
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## An event commemorating Ota City's "sports and health city" declaration The 15th OTA Walking: Walking Along the Tama River

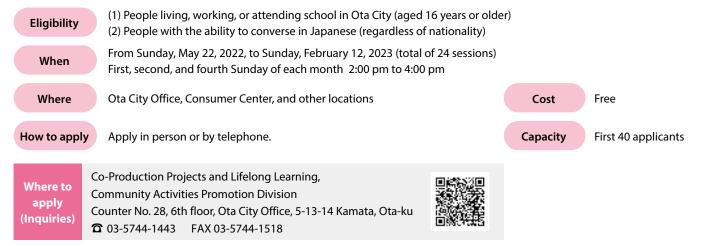
Want to get out into the early summer sun? How about taking a walk along the Tama River to Soramunado Haneda Green Space? On the way, you can watch airplanes taking off and landing at Haneda Airport at the green space's observation terrace. \* Please note that event details are subject to change.

\* Information on measures to control COVID-19 infections and cancellation due to weather will be posted on the Ota Sport Association's website. (Cancellation on the day of the event will be announced on the website at 7:00 am.)



# Accepting Students for ManaViva (Japanese Reading and Writing Class)

ManaViva is a classroom program for learning how to read and write Japanese characters necessary for daily life (such as hiragana, katakana, and simple sentences) and for basic studies in Japanese language, arithmetic, and other subjects. Students study what they "want to learn" and "want to know" together with classmates and staff members. It is used by people from various countries, including Japanese. Childcare is available for children between the age of 18 months and the third year of elementary school. (Spaces are limited and will be filled as requests are received.)



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