



# Ashiya Newsletter

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## 20th Ashiya Cherry Blossom Festival

**Date and Time:** April 5th (Sat.) and 6th (Sun.)

**Program:** Musical stage events, street stalls, street performances, etc.

**Place:** Riverside of Ashiyagawa River, and on the west side of Citizens' Center, along "Narihira Sakura Street"

**Inquiries:** Ashiya Cherry Blossom Festival Committee, Tel. 38-2007 (Section for Citizens' Participation in Planning)



## Change in Guidelines Concerning Employment for Foreign Workers

Basic guidelines concerning employment were improved, to allow foreigners to find work — permitted under their status of residence — that is suitable to their aptitudes and where they can make full use of their abilities.

Regardless of their nationality, labor standards laws, health insurance programs, labor-related laws and social insurance schemes are now applied and available to them in the same way as to Japanese nationals. Discrimination in working conditions is not tolerated either.

**As of October 1, 2007, notification on the employment situation of foreign workers is mandatory in all the cases that follow:**

1. Foreign worker with employment insurance.
2. Foreign worker without employment insurance.
3. Foreign worker employed as of October 1, 2007.

**Inquiries:** Hyogo Prefecture Labor Department Employment Security Department Employment Service Section

**Tel:** 078-367-0810, or visit the nearest Hello Work Job Placement Office

## 2008 UNICEF Cup Ashiya International Fun Run

**Date:** April 13th (Sun.), rain or shine!

**Course:** Within Ashiya; special course going through Ashiyahama Seaside Town and Minami-Ashiyahama

**Promoted by:** Sankei Sports and Sankei Daily Newspaper

**Supported by:** Ashiya City, Ashiya City Board of Education and others

Category	Applications	Start	Minimum Age	Entry fee
Family 3km	8:00-9:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	6	¥1,000 (¥1,000 for a parent/child pair)
Men&Women 5km	8:00-9:30 a.m.	10:30 a.m.	12	¥2,000
Men&Women 10km	8:00-10:10 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	16	¥3,000
Men&Women half-marathon	8:00-11:00 a.m.	12:00 a.m.	16	¥4,000

※Completion of the half-marathon will be verified through the use of chips by all participants.

**Co-hosted event:** Ashiya Fun Run Charity Walk

※A portion of the proceeds will be donated to UNICEF

**Guest runner:** Erick Wainaina (Kenya)

Marathon silver medalist in the

2000 Sydney Olympic Games

Marathon bronze medalist in the

1996 Atlanta Olympic Games

**Entry applications**

Ashiya International Fun Run,  
Sanspo Marathon Club

2-1-57 Minatomachi, Naniwa-ku,

Osaka 556-8663

**Tel:** 06-6633-5865



## Respect the Civil Manners Ordinance



●A fine of ¥2,000 for smoking in the no-smoking zone (around JR Ashiya Station)

●Please refrain from: Smoking on public streets and sidewalks; littering with cigarette butts and empty cans; not collecting pet droppings; fireworks at night.

**Contact:** Environment Section, Tel. 38-2050

The Earth is Weeping  
One Easy Step  
Cut the Engine at Stops

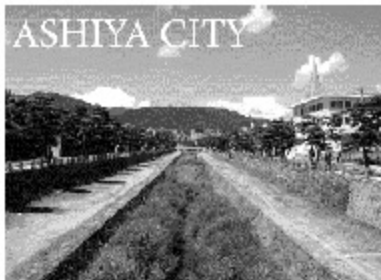


## English Guide Map Available

The city has printed an English edition of its Guide Map, with useful information on the city's nature, history, events, facilities and shelters, useful Japanese phrases and information on garbage disposal. Easy to read, with photos and illustrations.

※Available at:

Citizen Participation Planning Section, International Relations Subsection  
(La Mall Ashiya 2F, 2-6 Ohara-cho, Tel: 38-2008)



**Garbage Collection Calendar / Collection Schedule for Nonburnable & Paper Recyclables**

Nonburnables (Refer to Schedule by Area)	March							April							May							Paper and Recyclables (Every Wednesday)		
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat			
1st Week	Bottles						1												1	2	3	1st Week	Cardboard	
2nd Week	Other nonburnable garbage	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2nd Week	Magazines, flyers and other papers
3rd Week	Cans	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	3rd Week	PET bottles
4th Week	Other nonburnable garbage	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	4th Week	Newspapers, paper cartons
5th Week	Bottles	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	5th Week	Cardboard
6th Week	Bottles	30	31																					

\* Make sure to dispose of garbage according to type and on designated days and times.

**Garbage Collection Schedule by Area**

Inquiry: Refuse Disposal Center (Collection Subsection) Tel: 22-2155 Fax: 32-6247

Type of Garbage	Time	Days	Area
Burnable	By 8:30 a.m.	Monday & Thursday	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Okuyama, Sanjo, Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Yamate, Higashi-ashiya, Higashiyama, Sanjo-minami, Nishi-ashiya, Tsukiwaka, Matsunouchi, Funado, Ohara, Shimizu, Maeda, Tsuji, Kawanishi, Kimmitsu, Omasu, Chayano, Miyazuka, Hirata-kita, Seido, Miyagawa, Hirata, Hama-ashiya, Matsuhama, Takezono, Ise, Kurekawa
		Tuesday & Friday	Rokurokuso, Asahigaoka, Iwazono, Shinnozuka, Midorigaoka, Kusunoki, Narihira, Kami-miyagawa, Uchide-kozuchi, Kasuga, Wakamiya, Uchide, Nishikura, Hama, Nangu, Daito, Suzukaze, Minamihama(part), Takahama 10 to 20
Nonburnable	By 12:30 p.m.	Mondays	Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Midorigaoka, Miyagawa, Seido, Kasuga, Uchide-kozuchi, Uchide, Wakamiya, Takahama 10 to 20
		Tuesdays	Sanjo, Okuyama, Yamate, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Maeda, Shimizu, Kawanishi, Tsuji, Hirata, Hirata-kita
		Wednesdays	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya, Funado, Matsunouchi, Nangu, Daito, Hama, Nishikura, Yoko, Kaiyo
		Thursdays	Asahigaoka, Kusunoki, Miyazuka, Chayano, Omasu, Kimmitsu, Kami-miyagawa, Narihira, Shiomi, Midori, Minamihama, Suzukaze
		Fridays	Rokurokuso, Iwazono, Shinnozuka, Ohara, Takezono, Hama-ashiya, Kurekawa, Ise, Matsuhama, Niihama, Hamakaze
Paper recyclables and others	By 8:30 a.m.	Wednesdays	Throughout the city

**Refer to the chart below for Takahama-cho 1 to 9 & Wakaba-cho**

	Other nonburnable garbage	Cans	Bottles	PET bottles
Time	By 12:30 p.m.	By 12:30 p.m.	Anytime	By 8:30 a.m.
Takahama 1 to 9	2nd & 4th Monday	Every Monday	To containers	1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Thursday
Wakaba	2nd & 4th Tuesday	Every Tuesday	To containers	1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Thursday

**Notification from the Taxation Section****[Municipal Taxes Due in March]**

Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year January 31)

Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel. 38-2015

Deadline for filing and payment: March 31 (Mon.)

**[Municipal Taxes Due in April]**

Fixed Assets & City Planning Taxes (1st period)

Contact: Taxation Section Fixed Assets Tax Subsection, Tel. 38-2017

Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year February 29)

Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel. 38-2015

Deadline for filing and payment: April 30 (Wed.)

**[Municipal Taxes Due in May]**

Light Vehicle Tax

Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel. 38-2015

Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year March 31)

Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel. 38-2015

Deadline for filing and payment: June 2 (Mon.)

**[Municipal Taxes Due in June]**

Individual City and Prefecture Resident Tax (1st period)

Contact: Taxation Section Resident Tax Subsection, Tel. 38-2016

Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing their fiscal year April 30)

Contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel. 38-2015

Deadline for filing and payment: June 30 (Mon.)

**City Taxes due before leaving Japan**

Individual city/prefecture resident taxes are assessed every year on individuals who were living in Ashiya City as of January 1, and a fixed assets tax and a city planning tax are levied every year on those who owned fixed property (land, buildings or depreciable properties) as of January 1. If you are planning to leave Japan, please contact the office below to find out how to arrange for a representative to handle your tax payments in your absence.

Individual city/prefecture resident tax: Taxation Section Resident Tax Subsection, Tel: 38-2016

Fixed asset tax: Taxation Section, Fixed Assets Subsection, Tel: 38-2017

Tax filing consultation: Tax Collection Section, Tel: 38-2014

Information on account transfers: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015

**Light Vehicle Taxes**

Every year a light vehicle tax is assessed on people who own a light vehicle (including motorbikes) as of April 1. If you no longer possess a vehicle due to disposal, title transfer or theft, you must update the registration to avoid being taxed. If you move out of Ashiya, you need to withdraw your registration to avoid being taxed. If you move out of Ashiya, you need to withdraw your registration in Ashiya and then register the vehicle in your new

location. You must also report disposal if you plan to leave Japan. Please bring the required documentation to the office below to complete the applicable procedures.

Please note that even if you file the disposal record in the middle of the year, you will still be responsible for paying the entire tax, as there is no refund for the remainder of the year.

Category	Where to process
Motorbikes (less than 125cc) & Special Light Vehicles	Taxation Section Management Subsection, Ashiya City Office (Counter #13)7-6 Seido-cho, Ashiya 659-8501 Tel: 0797-38-2015
Two-wheeled Vehicles over 125 cc	Hyogo Land Transportation Dept. Kobe Transportation Bureau Branch Office34-2 Uozaki Hama-cho, Higashinada-ku, Kobe 658-0024 Tel: 050-5540-2066
3 and 4-wheeled Light Vehicles	Japan Light Motor Vehicles Inspection Organization Hyogo Branch 67-7 Isumi Aza-Magota, Tamatsu-cho, Nishi-ku, Kobe 651-2145 Tel: 078-927-3648

**Taxpayer Examination of Fixed Assets Tax Ledger**

Records in the fiscal year 2008 fixed assets tax ledger will be open to examination as follows. Period: April 1 (Tue.) to April 30 (Wed.), excluding Saturdays, Sundays and National holidays.

Time: 9:00 to 17:15

Place: Ashiya City Hall South Wing 1F,

Taxation Office, South Conference

Room(Picture to the right)

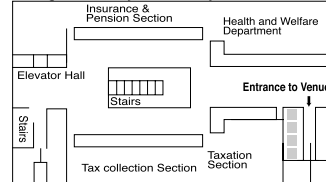
Eligibility: In principle, limited to the owner of the fixed assets or a representative.

Bring: For identification purposes, bring last year's tax notice, your driver's license,

health insurance certificate or another form

of identification. Representatives must also present a power of attorney.

Inquiries: Taxation Section Fixed Assets Tax Subsection, Tel: 38-2017

**Review of Amounts in Fixed Assets Tax Ledger**

If you disagree with the figure contained in the fixed assets tax ledger, you may request a review. Requests need to be submitted in writing to the Ashiya City Fixed Assets Assessment Examination Committee from April 1 (Tue.) to the 60th day following receipt of your tax notice.

Inquiries: Ashiya City Fixed Assets Assessment Examination Committee (South Wing 2F), Tel: 38-2010

**City Taxes can be paid via bank or post office!**

Fill out and submit the forms for account transfer found at any banking institution or post office.

Types of tax that can be paid by this method: individual city tax, prefecture resident tax, fixed assets tax, city planning tax, light vehicle tax.

For inquiries contact: Taxation Section Management Subsection, Tel: 38-2015

**Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office Program Schedule (Tel. 32-0707) (On Route 2, 150m east of Narihira-bashi Bridge)**

Program name		Day / Hour	March
Infant Development Consultations		4th Fri., 13:30-14:30	28
Psychological Consultations		2nd Wed., 13:30-14:30	12
Clinic: (General Health Consultations & Workplace Checkups), HIV, HCV, HBs, and syphilis check	Clinic Test Dates	1st & 3rd Fri., 13:00-13:30 (HIV, HCV, HBs, syphilis check: 14:00-14:30)	7
	Post Clinic Test Guidance Dates	2nd & 4th Fri., 14:00-14:30 (HCV, HBs, and syphilis check results are available 2 weeks after Test Day)	14
Families of Alcoholics Program		2nd Fri., 10:00-12:00	14
Families of Elderly Persons with Senile Dementia ("Ajsai Hydrangea Club") * (Place: Welfare Hall)		3rd Mon., 13:30-15:30	17
Specialized Nutritional Consultations		1st & 2nd Tue., 10:00- 12:00	4
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**Ashiya Health Center Tel: 31-1586 Fax: 31-1018**

Program	Hours	Place	Age, Fee and Others		March	April	May	June
BCG vaccinations	13:15 - 14:15	Ashiya Health Center	From 3 to 5 months old. Items to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo), application form and thermometer	BCG	10	14	14	9
Expectant parents' classes (reservation required)	From 13:30	Ashiya Health Center	1,000 yen fee for expectant mothers 5 months pregnant or less; Free for expectant mothers 6 months pregnant or more	1st Period	12·26	2·16		
			Bathing classes (with fathers)	2nd Period		19		21
Health consultation for pregnant women	13:30 - 15:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with maternity nurse		17	21	19	16
Home visits to newborn babies	Any time	Ashiya Health Center	For applicants only		Any time			
Child-rearing consultations	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Physical measurement, child-rearing consultation (free of charge); Item to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo)		19	17	15	19
Mogumogu baby food classes	9:45 - 11:30	Kami-miyagawa Cultural Center	Free of charge from 6 to 7 months old; Item to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo)		24	28	26	23
Health checkups for 4-month-olds	13:00 - 13:45	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		4·25	8·22	13·27	10·24
Health checkups for 10-month-olds	Any time	Designated medical facilities	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		All year			
Health checkups for 18-month-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		13·27	10·24	8·22	12·26
Health checkups for 3-year-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		6	3·17	1·15	5·19
Allergy checkups	13:00 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with pediatric doctor (free of charge)		18	16	20	18
Allergy consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation about atopic dermatitis (eczema) and more		3	7	12	2
Periodontal disease prevention class	13:00 - 14:30	Dentist Association Hall	Free of charge		19	2·16	7·21	4·18
Home visits to people to prevent their becoming bedridden	Any time	Apply to Ashiya Health Center	Patients over 40 years old (free of charge)		Any time			
Home visits for dental care of the bedridden			Patients over 60 years old (bedridden or in a similar situation) (free of charge)					
Citizens' health checkups (lung cancer tests for those aged 40 to 64 years old) (asbestos checkup are also provided)	9:30 - 10:30 Applicants must not eat nor drink 4 hours before blood test.	Ashiya Health Center	16 to 39 years old: Chest X-ray, blood pressure check and urine analysis (free of charge); 40 to 64 years old: Chest X-ray, blood pressure check, urine analysis, ECG and blood test at 800 yen. Expectant mother: Urine analysis, blood pressure check and blood test (appointment required)		11			13·16 17·21
Anemia tests			16 years old and over, at 130 yen					
Hepatitis tests			For 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years old at 1,000 yen					
Prostate cancer tests			For males 50 years old and over at 1,000 yen					
Health checkups (appointment required)	From 9:15	Ashiya Health Center	For individuals 35 years old and over (11 tests for prevention of Lifestyle-related Diseases, at 9,000 yen)		3·4·7	4·7·8	2·12	2·3·6
Osteoporosis checkups (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:00	Ashiya Health Center	20 years old and over, at 1,000 yen (checked by ultrasound)		21	25	20	27
Nutritional consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 11:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a nutritionist for adults (free of charge)		18	15	13	17
Health consultations (appointment required)	13:00 - 15:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a doctor for adults (free of charge)		4	8	13	3
Stomach cancer tests (appointment required)	9:15 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	35 years old and above, at 3,500 yen		Mondays and Thursdays			
Cancer of the large intestine test	Submit sample in the morning	Ashiya Health Center	Any time; individuals over 40 years old at 800 yen		Tuesday mornings			
Physical fitness checkup	9:00 - 11:30	Medical Association Medical Center	20 years old and over; 5 types of measurement of physical fitness (grip strength, etc.); results by computer		28	—	23	
Uterine (cervical) cancer check	Any time	Medical facilities (mornings)	For residents 20 years old and over (1,000 yen)		Any time			
Breast cancer check (interview, clinical examination)	Any time	Medical facilities (mornings)	30 years old and over (400 yen); from April, from 30 to 39 years old		Any time			
Breast cancer check (screening mammography); appointment required	Every Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Ashiya Municipal Hospital, 39-1 Asahigaoka-cho (Tel: 31-2156) (Fax: 22-3319)	Residents over 40 years old and over, at 2,800 yen; apply at Ashiya Municipal Hospital by telephone or fax, stating the desired date, your address, phone number, and birthdate; Individuals with a pacemaker or breast implant are not eligible; It cannot be taken 2 years in a row.		Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (maximum of 6 persons per day)			

**Clinics Open for Emergency on Holidays (Dentists)****9:00 a.m. – 12 noon**

Date	Day	Clinic	Address	Phone
March 9	Sun.	Tsuji Dental Clinic	3-29 Yoko-cho	35-4618
March 16	Sun.	Tsubouchi Dental Clinic	6-10-103 Seido-cho	22-1712
March 23	Sun.	Niki Dental Clinic	10-9-1 Daito-cho	32-6544
March 30	Mon.	Nishiki Dental Clinic	2-11-101 Hama-cho	23-6430
April 6	Sun.	Nosaka Dental Surgery Clinic	11-17-2F Nishiyama-cho	25-0545
April 13	Sun.	Hasegawa Dental Clinic	7-11 Miyazuka-cho	34-0212
April 20	Sun.	Nishida Dental Clinic	2-21 Narihira-cho	34-6731
April 27	Sun.	Noji Dental Clinic	6-13 Nishi-ashiya-cho	32-3386
April 29	Tue.	Hashitani Dental Clinic	10-19 Nangu-cho	23-8511
May 3	Sat.	Shintani Dental Clinic	15-2-101 Kusunoki-cho	34-1433
May 4	Sun.	Harada Dental Clinic	3-7 Maeda-cho	31-3033
May 5	Mon.	Hirose Dental Clinic	4-8-105 Nishiyama-cho	23-6420
May 6	Tue.	Fujimoto Dental Clinic	5-2 4F Ohara-cho	31-4193
May 11	Sun.	Hanaoka Dental Clinic	6-4 Takezono-cho	38-5533
May 18	Sun.	Fujita Dental Clinic	7-10-201 Kimmitsu-cho	25-0646
May 25	Sun.	Hamamoto Dental Clinic	7-1-201 Seido-cho	21-2288
June 1	Sun.	Makahata Dental Clinic	1-16 Uchide-cho	22-3233
June 8	Sun.	Masuda Dental Clinic	11-15 Shinnozuka	22-5359
June 15	Sun.	Matsuki Dental Clinic	23-8-101 Kasuga-cho	23-8811
June 22	Sun.	Seaside Mizoi Dental Clinic	7-2-105 Takahama-cho	32-1008
June 29	Sun.	Muraoka Dental Clinic	5-14-202 Higashiyama-cho	34-6430

**(Medical Doctors)**

Name: Ashiya Municipal Holiday Emergency Clinic

Location: 5-13 Kimmitsu-cho Phone: 21-2782

Departments: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

Days/ Hours: Sundays and Holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Clinics Open for Emergency at Night  
Services are available from 20:00 to 23:00**

Date	Day	Clinic	Dept.	Address	Phone
March 7	Fri.	Sawada Clinic	Internal	8-13 Kawanishi-cho	23-7117
March 14	Fri.	Fujisaki Orthopedics	Orthopedics	2-1-206 Funado-cho	38-0107
March 21	Fri.	Matsunaga Clinic	Surgery	6-22-1F Higashi-ashiya-cho	32-3399
March 28	Fri.	Yamashita Clinic	Surgery, Internal	2-35 Kawanishi-cho	22-5124
April 4	Fri.	Fukuoka Surgery	Surgery	3-12 Tsuji-cho	31-5588
April 11	Fri.	Tominaga Clinic	Internal, Pediatrics	10-20 Kimmitsu-cho	22-3823
April 18	Fri.	Nakamura Clinic	Internal	2-4 Seido-cho	23-0468
April 25	Fri.	Yoshida Internal Medicine Clinic	Internal	2-21-305 Chayano-cho	38-7210
May 2	Fri.	Kobara Pediatrics & Internal Medicine Clinic	Internal, Pediatrics	7-1 Nangu-cho	22-0338
May 9	Fri.	Suzuki Pediatrics	Pediatrics	7-2-105 Takahama-cho	34-0766
May 16	Fri.	Hayashi Orthopedics & Surgery	Orthopedics, Surgery	7-2-105 Takahama-cho	32-8880
May 23	Fri.	Omori Clinic	Internal	3-4 Hamakaze-cho	32-3997
May 30	Fri.	Yoshitaki Clinic	Surgery, Internal	7-2 Shiomi-cho	32-2855
June 6	Fri.	Ashiya Hashimoto Clinic	Internal, Dialysis	6-31 Narihira-cho	21-3131
June 13	Fri.	Kitaoaka Clinic	Internal, Pediatrics	2-10 Omasu-cho	22-3414
June 20	Fri.	Yamada Clinic	Internal	11-16 Nangu-cho	22-9351
June 27	Fri.	Kakinuma Ob-gyn	Internal, Ob-gyn	7-11 Kimmitsu-cho	31-1234

\* Please make sure to call in advance.



## EVENTS

### Junichiro Tanizaki Memorial Museum Program (Tel: 23-5852)

#### [Lobby Gallery]

Emiko Hamamoto Japanese Paper Doll Exhibit  
**Dates:** February 27 (Wed.) to March 23 (Sun.)  
 (closes at 3:00 p.m. of March 23)

**On Display:** Japanese paper doll works by Emiko Hamamoto

Masanori Katsuyama Wood-block Print Exhibit  
**Dates:** April 2 (Wed.) to 29 (Tue.)  
 (closes at 3:00 p.m. of April 29)

**On Display:** Wood-block print works by Masanori Katsuyama

Charles Fazzino 3D Art Exhibit

**Dates:** May 1 (Thu.) to 25 (Sun.)

(closes at 3:00 p.m. of May 25)

**On Display:** Three-dimensional pop art works by Charles Fazzino

Aya Yasuzawa The Tale of Genji Hakubyoga (white monochrome drawing) Exhibit

**Dates:** May 28 (Wed.) to June 29 (Sun.)  
 (closes at 3:00 p.m. of June 29)

**On Display:** Works by Japanese-style painter Aya Yasuzawa

#### [Literary Saunter]

The Roads to Asuka and Gourmet in Spring

**Date and time:** April 3 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Lecturer:** Hiroshi Oda (formerly with Ashiya City Museum of Art & History Curator's Section)

**Topic:** Spend a pleasant spring day listening to Hiroshi Oda's lively talk, which will carry you from the sprouting fields of Asuka to the olden days of Yamato period.

**Fee:** 14,000 yen

(chartered bus provided for a complete tour)

**Capacity:** 24 people

The Tale of Genji and Kikunoi Gourmet

**Date and time:** May 29 (Thu.), 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**Lecturer:** Noriko Suzuki (Professor Emeritus at Kyoto Tachibana University)

**Topic:** Original picture scrolls of the Tale of Genji(The Museum of Kyoto), explained by an expert. Lunch at Kikunoi, Kiyamachi, Kyoto.

**Fee:** 14,000 yen(chartered bus provided for a complete tour)

**Capacity:** 24 people

**[Teatime Seminar]**Man and Woman in Toshi Tatsumi Literature-Literature Course and Teatime-

**Content:** Witty depiction of men and women appearing in some masterpieces of Japanese literature (4-lecture series)

**Lecturer:** Toshi Tatsumi (Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum Assistant Director, Professor at Mukogawa Women's University Department of Literature)

**1st Lecture:** March 14 (Fri.), 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Theme:** Broken relationship-Hitomi Kanehara's "Ash Baby"

**2nd Lecture:** April 24 (Thu.), 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Theme:** Dull life / Ideal Wife and Husband-Junichiro Tanizaki's "Tade kuu Mushi" (Some Prefer Nettles)

**3rd Lecture:** May 22 (Thu.), 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Theme:** Midlife / Separate Happiness-Makiko Uchida's "Shumatsukon" (Weekend Marriage)

**4th Lecture:** June 26 (Thu.), 2:00-3:30 p.m.

**Theme:** The grass is not greener on the other side-Sawako Ariyoshi's "Fushin no Toki" (Time of Distrust)

**Place:** Tanizaki Junichiro Memorial Museum, Lecture Room

**Fee:** 2,500 yen per lecture

(8,000 yen for a prepaid complete 4-lecture series)

**Capacity:** 30 people

### Human Rights Theater (Tel. 22-9229)

**Title:** "Yukie"1997, Japan (no English subtitles)

**Playwright:** Kaneto Shindo

**Director:** Hisako Matsui

**Starring:** Mitsuko Baisho, Bo Svenson

The movie depicts the deep love of husband and wife

**Date and time:** March 15 (Sat.)

1st showing: 10:30 - 12:03

2nd showing: 13:30 - 15:03

**Place:** Ashiya City Kami-miyagawa Cultural Center, 3F Hall (10-5 Kami-miyagawa-cho)

**Capacity:** 100 people (First-come basis)

**Admission:** Free

### Ashiya Kirakuen Gallery Events Schedule (Tel. 34-9287)

For You the Warmth of Working with One's Hands-Part IV

**Date and time:** March 1st (Sat.) to 7th (Fri.)

Ashiya Kirakuen Tanka Poetry Society Works Exhibit

**Date and time:** March 8th (Sat.) to 14th (Fri.)

Keiko Inoue-Japanese Painting Exhibit

**Date and time:** March 16th (Sun.) to 31st (Mon.)

Things Dear to Me Exhibit Part II Kirakuen Friends

**Date and time:** April 1st (Tue.) to 7th (Mon.)

Nobuko Furukawa-Japanese Dolls Exhibit

**Date and time:** April 8th (Tue.) to 14th (Mon.)

Takahiko Nagakari

-Travel Photo Collection Part 4-This is my life

**Date and time:** April 16th (Wed.) to 30th (Wed.)

Ubiko Torisu Works Exhibit-Little Friends

**Date and time:** May 2nd (Fri.) to 15th (Thu.)

Chinese Rural Painting Exhibition-Mother Earth Ballad

**Date and time:** May 17th (Sat.) to 30th (Fri.)

Takako Komura-Macrame Lacework Exhibit

**Date and time:** June 17th (Tue.) to 30th (Mon.)

### Hina Girls' Festival Doll Exhibit

Yodoko Guest House Exhibit of Ceremonial Girls' Festival Dolls Works by Heizo Oki, third-generation master craftsman

**Date and time:** Feb. 9-April 6

(Open on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and holidays)

**Hours:** 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

(last admission at 3:30 p.m.)

**Place&Inquiries:** Yodoko Guest House, Designated National Important Cultural Asset (Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright)

3-10 Yamate-cho, Ashiya 659-0096, Tel. 38-1720

### Friday Cinema Salon

**Starting Time:** 1:30 p.m. (Doors open at 1:15 p.m.)

**Place:** Ashiya Municipal Library, 2F Meeting Room

**Inquiries:** 31-2301

Note: Japanese movies do not carry English subtitles

**March 7: "The Five Pennies"**(Itsutsu no Doka)

1959, U.S., 1 hour 57 minutes

**Director:** Melville Shavelson

**Starring:** Danny Kaye, Barbara Bel Geddes

**Mar. 21: "The Glenn Miller Story"**

(Guren Mira Monogatari)

1954, U.S., 1 hour 52 minutes

**Director:** Anthony Mann

**Starring:** James Stewart, June Allyson

**April 4: "Sugata Sanshiro"**

1943, Japan, 1 hour 19 minutes

**Director:** Akira Kurosawa

**Starring:** Susumu Fujita, Denjiro Okochi

**April 18: "Donzoko"** (The Lower Depths)

1957, Japan, 2 hours 5 minutes

**Director:** Akira Kurosawa

**Starring:** Toshiro Mifune, Isuzu Yamada

**May 2: "Marcelino Pan y Vino"** (Kegarenaki Akugi)

1955, Spain, 1 hour 31 minutes

**Director:** Ladislao Vajda

**Starring:** Pablito Calvo, Rafael Rivelles

**May 16: "Det Sjunde Inseplet"** (Dainana no Fuin)

1956, Sweden, 1 hour 37 minutes

**Director:** Ingmar Bergman

**Starring:** Max von Sydow, Gunnar Bjornstrand

### Schedule of School Education for 2008

Inquiries: School Education Section, Tel. 38-2087

March	13th (Thu.)	Municipal junior high school graduation ceremony
	17th (Mon)	Municipal kindergarten graduation ceremony
	19th (Wed.)	Municipal elementary school graduation ceremony
	21st (Fri.)	Municipal kindergarten term closing ceremony
April	25th (Tue.)	Municipal elementary school term closing ceremony
	7th (Mon.)	Municipal elementary and junior high school opening ceremony
	8th (Tue.)	Municipal junior high school entrance ceremony
	9th (Wed.)	Municipal elementary school entrance ceremony
	11th (Fri.)	Municipal kindergarten entrance ceremony

### ACA

Events by Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association

### Groupe de Carpe Diem

**Date:** March 11 (Tue.), 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**Theme:** Tsuchida Bakusen and the Girl from Vetheuil

**Speaker:** Ms. Kayoko Kashiwagi

Professor of Kyoto City University of Arts

**Place:** ACA Large Assembly Room

**Fees:** Members 500 yen;

non-members 700 yen

**Capacity:** 40 (reservations needed)

### ACA Lobby concert

"Music Hour for Spring Evening"

**Time:** March 28 (Fri.), 6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Place:** La Mall Ashiya 1F Lobby

**Performers:** Petit a Petit Women's Ensemble

**Program:** "Four Seasons of Songs"

"Shall We Dance?", "Canzone", and more

**Fees:** Free

La Mall Ashiya 2F, 2-6-209 Ohara-cho, Tel. 34-6340, Fax: 34-6341

### The Cherry Blossom Festival [Can you help?]

ACA will hold a bazaar at the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 5 (Sat.) and 6 (Sun.).

We would greatly appreciate any articles you may donate.

Profits will be used for ACA activities.

When to bring things: March 10 (Mon.)

to April 3 (Thu.)10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where: ACA (Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association)

What: Any unneeded gift items you may have at home

(kitchenware, household goods, etc.)

Only bring food if it is more than a

month before the expiration date.

Clothes: New or of comparable quality.

Children's goods: Toys, desk supplies, etc.

Please contact the ACA Office if you

are able to help with labeling items and

selling them, etc.

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