Ashiya Newsletter

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Celebrating 45 years of Sister City Ties with Montebello, California

This fall Ashiya will receive representatives of Montebello, to commemorate the 45th year of Sister City ties.

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To further cultural and industrial relations, and promote international understanding and peace, Ashiya and Montebello, California sealed "Sister City" relations at a public ceremony in May 1961. At the time, Ashiya was only the 39th city in this country to have such ties. In August of the same year the Ashiya Sister City Association was formed, to promote international exchange and English learning via student exchange programs.

Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association was established in 1993, to take over from the former Sister City Association its exchange programs, while widening the scope of activities toward an international society. With over 600 members, it acts as a bridge between Ashiya and foreign countries.

"Re-Use Festa" -Recycled Furniture Fair

Furniture collected on large rubbish days will be on display for recycling and may be picked up free of charge. People may also exchange used books at the same time.

Date & time: October 13 (Fri) through 15 (Sun), 2006, A.M.: 10:00 - 12:00, P.M.: 1:00 - 4:00 (Sun.: until 3:00)

How to apply: There is a limit to one item per household (only residents of Ashiya).

Bring a postcard and apply for the item desired.

Only one application per household; must apply in person.

Raffle: If there is more than one application received for an item, the winner will be chosen by raffle at 3:00 p.m. on the 15th.

* Winners not present will be notified by postcard.

Pick-up time: October 21 (Sat) and 22 (Sun)

Period of stay: From November 8th to 12th

Tour of Ashiya: November 9th Commemorative Ceremony / Welcoming Party: Nov. 10th (program) Contact: Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association, Tel: 34-6340





▲Members of the Citizens Visiting Delegation Ashiya-Montebello April 2006 at Ashiya Garden

Five years after establishing ties, Montebello began work on its "Ashiya Park", which was completed in 1972. In 2003 an "Ashiya Garden" was made on the grounds of Montebello City Hall. In 1973, Ashiya finished Iwagahira Park; it boasts "Heart's Desire" roses from Montebello, which grace the city with flowers every year. The same park have "Friendship Bell" and "Friendship Tree" (an elm), and is referred to fondly by the citizens of Ashiya as "Montebello Rose Park."

A.M.: 10:00 - 12:00 P.M.: 1:00 - 4:00

Winners must pick up the items on their own.

Winners who do not show up forfeit their rights to the items.

Inquiries: Ashiya City Environment Disposal Center

Tel: 0797-32-5391 or 090-3991-7514

The 18th Ashiya Autumn Festival

Procession (5 danjiri floats), children's mikoshi (portable shrines), brass band, parade, outdoor stalls and souvenir shops, rice festival, children's dance and many other events.

Date & time: Sunday, October 15, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

(A light rain will not cancel it, but stormy weather will - announced on the Ashiya City home page.)

Venue: In the area around Omasu Park, Chaya Park and Kawahigashi-sen (the Hondori shopping arcade)

- During the festival, Kawahigashi-sen will be closed to traffic between Route 2 and Naruo-Mikage-sen.

- No parking will be available; please come by other means.

Contact: Ashiya Autumn Festival Association, Tel: 38-2007 (City Office Citizens' Participation in Planning Section)

34th Senior Citizens' Sports Festival

Once again the popular Senior Citizens' Sports Festival will be held. Join us for a brisk fall workout. We look forward to a large turnout. Non-members of the Senior Citizens' Club are also welcome. **Date & time:** October 15 (Sun.) 10:00 am to 2:30 pm (canceled if it rains) **Venue:** Kawanishi Sports Field **Inquiries:** Senior Citizens' Welfare Section (Tel 38-2044)

Garbage Collection Schedule by Area

Garbage Collec	tion Schedule b	y 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
	By 12:30 p.m.	Mondays	Yama-ashiya, Nishiyama, Midorigaoka, Miyagawa, Seido, Kasuga, Uchide-kozuchi, Uchide, Wakamiya
		Tuesdays	Sanjo, Okuyama, Yamate, Tsukiwaka, Nishi-ashiya, Sanjo-minami, Maeda, Shimizu, Kawanishi, Tsuji, Hirata, Hirata-kita
Nonburnable		Wednesdays	Okuike, Okuike-minami, Higashiyama, Higashi-ashiya, Funado, Matsunouchi, Nangu, Daito, Hama, Nishikura, Yoko, Kaiyo
		Thursdays	Asahigaoka, Kusunoki, Miyazuka, Chayano, Omasu, Kimmitsu, Kmai-miyagawa, Narihira, Shiomi, Midori, Minamihama
		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

Garbage Collection Calendar / Collection Schedule for Nonburnable & Paper Recyclables

Nonburnables		October					November					December							Paper and Recyclables						
(Refer to Scl	hedule by Area)	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Su	nМ	on [·]	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	(Every Wednesday)	
1st Week			2	3	4	5	6	7				1	2	3	4							1	2	1st Week	Cardboard
2nd Week	Other nonburnable garbage	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	3	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	2nd Week	Magazines, flyers and other papers
3rd Week			16	17	18	19	20	21	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	1() 1	1	12	13	14	15	16	3rd Week	PET bottles
4th Week	Other nonburnable garbage	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	10	71	8	19	20	21	22	23	4th Week	Newspapers, paper cartons
5th Week	Bottles	29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30			24	12	25	26	27	28	29	30	5th Week	Cardboard

* Make sure to dispose of garbage according to type and on designated days and times. * Yearend/New Year's garbage collection: December 28 (Thur.) - January 5 (Fri.)

High-Rise Residential District Garbage Collection Exception

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Takahama-cho	Cans	Every week	Monday	
	PET bottles	1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th week	Thursday	
	Other nonburnable garbage	2nd and 4th week	Monday	
	Cans	Every week	Tuesday	
Wakaba-cho	PET bottles	1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th week	Thursday	
	Other nonburnable garbage	2nd and 4th week	Tuesday	

* Other burnable garbage that does not fit in the pipeline slot is collected on Thursday of the 2nd week

Municipal Taxes Due in October

Individual City/Prefecture Tax (3rd period) Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing August 31) Contact: Resident Tax Subsection, Tax Section. Tel: 38-2016 Contact: Management Subsection, Tax Section. Tel: 38-2015 Deadline for filing and payment: October 31 (Tue) Municipal Taxes Due in November

Municipal Corporate Tax / Business Facility Tax (for those closing September 30)

Contact: Management Subsection, Tax Section. Tel: 38-2015 Deadline for filing and payment: November 30 (Thur) Municipal Taxes Due in December

Fixed Assets & City Planning Taxes (3rd period) Deadline for payment: December 25 (Mon), 2006

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

Deadline for filing and payment: January 4 (Thur), 2007

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

Deadline for payment: December 25 (Mon), 2006

Contact: Management Subsection, Tax Section. Tel: 38-2015 Deadline for filing and payment: January 4 (Thur), 2007

Bulky (large-sized) and Temporary Large Amounts of Garbage: Collection by Request

Bulky Garbage: Call at Tel: 22-2166 for reservation Temporary Large Amounts of Garbage: Call at Tel: 22-2155 for reservation Office hours: Everyday except Saturdays and Sundays, 9:00 -

16:00 (Lunch break: 12:00 - 12:45)

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

Date	Day	Clinic	Dept.	Address	Phone					
Oct. 6	Fri.	Ueda Clinic	Internal	2-24 Asahigaoka-cho	34-1878					
Oct. 13	Fri.	Sujishi Clinic	Internal/ pediatrics	7-26 Iwazono-cho	23-0627					
Oct. 20	Fri.	Matsuba Clinic	Internal	1-4 Midorigaoka-cho	22-1641					
Oct. 27	Fri.	Ashiya St. Maria Hospital	Surgery / internal / orthopedics	5-20 Ohara-cho	23-1771					
Nov. 10	Fri.	Otani Orthopedics & Ophthalmology	Orthopedics / ophthalmology	11-24-216 Ohara-cho	34-7077					
Nov. 17	Fri.	Tominaga Clinic	Internal/ pediatrics	10-20 Kimmitsu-cho	22-3823					
Nov. 24	Fri.	Fujisaki Orthopedist	Orthopedics	2-1-206 Funado-cho	38-0107					
Dec. 1	Fri.	Nagamatsu Clinic	Surgery	6-22-1F Higashi-ashiya-cho	32-3399					
Dec. 8	Fri.	Yamashita Clinic	Internal/ Surgery	2-35 Kawanishi-cho	22-5124					
Dec. 15	Fri.	Fukuoka Surgery	Surgery	3-12 Tsuji-cho	31-5588					
Dec. 22	Fri.	Ogino Clinic	Internal	4-17 Kimmitsu-cho	23-6226					

Office Hours of Ashiya Municipal Health and Welfare Centers (Tel. 32-0707)

appointment needed * day will not follow the ordinary schedule on these days Day / Hours October November December Program Name Psychological Consultations for Parents and Children / 2nd Tue., 13:30-14:30 10 14 12 Women's Sukoyaka Lifelong Health Consultation Psychological Consultations 2nd Wed., 13:30-14:30 11 8 13 Clinic: (General Health consultations & Workplace Clinic test 1st & 3rd Fri., 13:00-13:30 6 1 (HIV/HCV/HBs check: 14:00-14:30) Checkups), HIV, HCV and HBs check date 20 17 15 Families of Alcoholics Program 2nd Fri., 10:00-12:00 13 10 8 "Good Luck" Consultations on Rehabilitation of Mentally 6 4 1 1st & 3rd Wed., 10:00-12:00 **Challenged Patients** 18 15 20 Mental Health Volunteers Gathering (place: Mental Support Center) *15 4th Fri., 10:00-12:00 27 24 Families of Elderly Persons with Senile Dementia 3rd Mon., 13:30-15:30 16 20 18 ("Ajisai Hydrangea Club") (Place: Welfare facilities) з 7 5 Specialized Nutritional Consultations 1st & 2nd Tue., 10:00- 12:00 12 10 14

Ashiya Health Center Tel: 31-1586 Fax: 31-1018

Program	Hours	Place	Age, Fee and Others		October	November	Decembe
BCG vaccinations	13:30 - 14:30	Ashiya Health Center	From 3 to 5 months old; Items to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo), application form and thermometer	BCG	16	20	20
			1,000 yen fee for expectant mothers 5 months pregnant or	1st Period	4,18,25		6,20,27
Expectant parents'classes (reservation required)	From 13:30	Ashiya Health Center	less;Free for expectant mothers 6 months pregnant or	2nd Period		8,22	
· · · · · ·			Bathing classes (with fathers)			11	
Health consultation for pregnant women	13:30 - 15:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with maternity nurse		16	20	18
Home visits to newborn babies	Anytime	Ashiya Health Center	For applicants only				
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	16	21
Nakayoshi Child-rearing classes	9:45 - 11:30	Ashiya Health Center	Free of charge from 6 to 7 months old; Item to bring: Maternity Passbook (Boshi Kenko Techo)		23	27	25
Health checkups for 4-month-olds	13:00 - 13:45	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		3,24	7,28	5,26
Health checkups for 10-month-olds	Anytime	Designated medical facilities	A notice wil be sent (free of charge)				
Health checkups for 18-month-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	A notice wil be sent (free of charge)		12,26	9,30	14,28
Health checkups for 3-year-olds	13:15 - 14:00	Hyogo Prefecture Health and Welfare Office	A notice will be sent (free of charge)		5,19	2,16	7,21
Allergy checkups	13:00 - 14:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with pediatric doctor (free of charge)		20	17	15
Allergy consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation about atopic dermatitis (eczema) and more		2	6	4
Periodontal disease prevention class	13:00 - 14:30	Dentist Association Hall	Free of charge		18	15	20
Home visits to people to prevent their becoming bedridden		Ashiya Health	Patients over 40 years old (free of charge)		I I		
Home visits for dental care of the bedridden	Anytime	Center	Patients over 60 years old (bedridden or in a similar situation) (free of charge)			Anytime	
Citizens' health checkups (lung cancer tests for those aged 40 or above)	13:30 - 15:00	Ashiya Health	Over 16 years old: Chest X-ray, blood pressure check and urine analysis (free of charge);Over 40 years old: Chest X-ray, blood pressure check, urine analysis, ECG and blood test at 800 yen. Applicants must not eat and drink before the test;Expectant mother: Urine analysis, blood pressure check and blood test (appointment required)				
Anemia tests Hepatitis tests Prostate cancer tests	13.30 - 15.00	Center	For 16 years old and over for 130 yen For 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 years old at 1,000 yen		2,23,24	7,10,14	1
Health checkups (appointment required)	From 9:15	Ashiya Health Center	For individuals over 35 years old (11 tests for prevention of Lifestyle-related Diseases,at 9,000 yen)		2,3,6	Oct.31,6,13	4,5,8
Osteoporosis checkups (appointment required)	9:30 - 10:00	Ashiya Health Center	Over 20 years old at 1,000 yen (checked by ultrasound)		27	24	22
Nutritional consultations (appointment required)	9:30 - 11:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a nutritionist for adults (free of charge)		17	21	19
Health consultations (appointment required)	13:00 - 15:00	Ashiya Health Center	Consultation with a doctor for adults (free of charge)		10,24	14,28	12.26
Stomach cancer tests (appointment required)	9:15 - 10:30	Ashiya Health Center	Over 35 years old at 3,500 yen			ays and Thur	,
Cancer of the large intestine test	Submit sample in the morning	Ashiya Health Center	Over 40 years old at 800 yen			, esday mornir	,
Physical fitness checkup	9:00 - 11:30	Medical Association Medical Center	Over 20 years old; measurement of physical fitness (grip strength, etc.); results by computer		27	24	22
Health classes (appointment required)	From 13:30	Ashiya Health Center	Preventing hyperlipemia (excess of fats or lipids in the blood)		13	-	8
Uterine (cervical) cancer check	Anytime	Medical facilities (mornings)	Provided in the mornings			Anytime	_
Breast cancer check (interview, clinical examination)	Anytime	Medical facilities (mornings)	Residents over 20 years old at 1,000 yen			Anytime	
Breast cancer check (screening mammography); appointment required	Every Tue., Wed. and Fri.	Ashiya Municipal Hospital, 39-1 Asahigaoka-cho (Fax: 22-8822)	Residents over 40 years old at 2,800 yen; apply by postcard or fax, stating the desired date, your address, phone number, and birthdate; * individuals with a pacemaker or breast implant are not eligible		Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays		sdays

Clinics Open for Emergency on Holidays (Dentists)

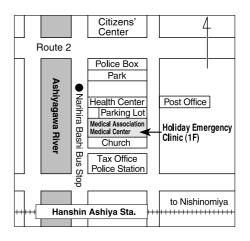
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Date	Day	Clinic	Address	Phone
Oct. 1	Sun.	Oka Dental Clinic	11-24-206 Ohara-cho	22-0139
Oct. 8	Sun.	Ono Hamakaze Dental Clinic	3-5 Hamakaze-cho	23-6474
Oct. 9	Mon.	Kinoshita Dental Clinic	2-12 Asahigaoka-cho	31-1115
Oct. 15	Sun.	Gon Dental Clinic	6-22-103 Nangu-cho	38-5577
Oct. 22	Sun.	Sakita Dental Clinic	4-1-402 Funado-cho	32-4180
Oct. 29	Sun.	Sugii Dental Clinic	1-7-3F Iwazono-cho	21-2525
Nov. 3	Fri.	Takada Dental Clinic	10-5 Hama-cho	31-2229
Nov. 5	Sun.	Koda Dental Clinic	4-2 Kasuga-cho	25-1182
Nov. 12	Sun.	Shintani Dental Clinic	15-2-101 Kusunoki-cho	34-1433
Nov. 19	Sun.	Tsuji Dental Clinic	3-29 Yoko-cho	35-4618
Nov. 23	Thur.	Nosaka Dental Surgery Clinic	11-17-2F Nishiyama-cho	25-0545
Nov. 26	Sun.	Tatara Dental Clinic	1-5-101 Higashi-ashiya-cho	32-1913
Dec. 3	Sun.	Tabata Dental Clinic	10-18 Funado-cho	21-5655
Dec. 10	Sun.	Tsubouchi Dental Clinic	6-10-103 Seido-cho	22-1712
Dec. 17	Sun.	Toshima Dental Clinic	7-13-2F Kusunoki-cho	35-2188
Dec. 23	Sat.	Niki Dental Clinic	10-9-1 Daito-cho	32-6544
Dec. 24	Sun.	Noji Dental Clinic	6-13 Nishi-ashiya-cho	32-3386
Dec. 29.	Fri.	Yoshikawa Dental Clinic	5-12-202 Kurekawa-cho	32-6178
Dec. 30	Sat.	Ikezawa Dental Clinic	3-9 Matsunouchi-cho	32-1780
Dec. 31	Sun.	Nishiki Dental Clinic	2-11-101 Hama-cho	23-6430

(Medical Doctors) Name: Ashiya City Emergency Clinic

Location: 5-13 Kimmitsu-cho

Phone: 21-2782

Departments: Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Days/ Hours: Sundays and Holidays, 9AM to 5PM Night Hours: A doctor would need to be paged from his/her home. Call the Central Fire Department (32-2345)





Matinee Concert

Time: Sunday, October 29, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Place: Ashiya City Hospital Performers: Soprano: Ms. Kaori Samori

Violin: Ms. Sachiko Tsuzuki Piano: Ms. Hiroko Yazaki

Inquiries: General Affains' section, Tel: 31-2156

Library Concert

The Life of Mozart, by a string quartet

Time: Saturday, November 18; Starting time: 6:30 pm

Place: Ashiya City Library Performers: Violin: Mr. Jun'ichi

Harada

Violin: Akiko Yamagami

Viola: Nariaki Yoshida

Cello: Ms. Yuko Noda

Inquiries: Toshokan Tomonokai, Tel: 23-1746

Hanshin Children's **Traditional Dance Class**

Date: Nov 26; Dec 3,16,24; Jan 6,13,21,27; Feb 4,10,18; Mar 3,17

Time: 9:30 - 11:00 am

Place: Ashiya Citizens' Center

Instructors: Motonori Umewaka, Kanze School (Noh) Lead Actor

Tatsushi Narita, Koh School (Noh) Shoulder Drum Player

Eligibility: Students from 3rd through 9th grade living in the Osaka-Kobe area Capacity: 15 (first come, first served) Fees: Free

Item to Bring: A Noh fan and tabi (white socks)

Contact: Hanshin Children's Traditional Dance Class Planning Committee (Sasaki) Tel. 090-1598-6782

Online Trading Class

Running into problems with securities exchange?

Aizawa Blue Trade School teaches the basics of securities investment.

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La Mall Ashiya 1F, 2-6 Ohara-cho, Ashiya 659-0092 Tel: 0797-38-9311 URL: www.aizawabtc.com Business hours: Weekdays 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Saturdays 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Bilingual (English/Japanese) Classes in Traditional **Japanese Dance**

Date: Oct 28; Nov 11,25; Dec 3,16; Jan 7,14; Feb17; Mar 4,17

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 pm Place: Ashiya Citizens' Center

Instructors: Fujima Kanso O,

Accredited Master of Fujima School of Traditional Japanese Dance

Eligibility: Students from 3rd through 9th grade living in the Osaka-Kobe area **Capacity:** 15 (first come, first served)

Fees: Free

Item to Bring: A folding fan, yukata and tabi (white socks)

Contact: Hanshin Japanese Traditional Dance Workshop Planning Committee (Sasaki)

Tel. 090-1598-6782

* Both courses are from the Traditional Culture Children's Program of the Citizens' Organization for Promotion of Traditional Culture, a foundation commissioned by the Cultural Affairs Agency

Friday Cinema Salon

Starting Time: Twice a month on Friday 1:30 P.M. (Doors open at 1:15)

Place: Ashiya City Library 2F Assembly Room

(English subtitles not provided for Japanese films)

October 6: "Hadaka no Taisho" ("The Naked General")

(1958, Japan) 92 minutes

Director: Hiromichi Horikawa

Starring: Keiju Kobayashi, Aiko Mimasu Hiromichi Horikawa's film based on Horo Nikki (A Wanderer's Diary), a partly autobiographical work by Kiyoshi Yamashita. A comic account of events that unfurled during Kiyoshi's travels.

October 20: "Bakushu" ("Early

ACA

Events by Ashiya Cosmopolitan Association (October ~ December)

Voluntary city tour with the sweets trainees of Marine Technical

Capacity: 40 seats (reservations required) **Place:** ACA Meeting Room

College Date and time: 1. Oct. 26 (Thu) 1:30 pm (Explanatory meeting) 2. Nov. 10 (Fri) 1:00 -4:00 pm (Touring the city from 2:00 to

3:30) **Venue:** 1. ACA Meeting Room 2. Marine **Technical College**

Contents: Show Marine Technical College interns (from the Philippines, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Vietnam) around the city **Capacity:** Up to 35 needed (basic English conversational ability required)

ACA Seminar

Theme: Koguryo tea ceremony An explanation of the history and etiquette, plus a chance to experience it for oneself.

Date and time: Saturday, October 28, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Instructor: Ms. Shin Ahja (Korea-Japan Tea Ceremony Society Chairperson) Fee: 500 yen, plus 850 yen for tea and Summer") (1951, Japan) 125 minutes Director: Yasujiro Ozu Starring: Setsuko Hara, Chishu Ryu A family in Kita-Kamakura is concerned about their 28-year-old daughter Noriko's marriage. Still single, Noriko doesn't seem nearly as concerned as the others.

November 10: "Ikiru" ("To Live") (1952, Japan) 143 minuntes

Director: Akira Kurosawa

Starring: Takashi Shimura, Minoru Chiaki Kanji Watanabe, a municipal worker in the Citizens' Section has never been late or missed work in 30 years of civil service. When he discovers that stomach cancer will soon take his life, he begins to think about what it really means to live

November 24: "Mata Au Hi Made" ("Until We Meet Again")

(1950, Japan) 111 minutes

Director: Tadashi Imai

Starring: Eiji Okada, Yoshiko Kuga

Tajima Saburo, a student, and Keiko Ono, a budding artist, meet on a subway platform during an air raid. A romance grows, among the meaninglessness and frustrated angers of wartime.

December 1: "The Bridge on the River Kwai"

(1957, England) 155 minutes

Director: David Lean

Actors: Alec Guiness, William Holden Burma in WWII. British POW's show their spirit in building a magnificent bridge for the Japanese. Once the bridge is finished the plot twists...

December 15: "The Third Man" (1949, England) 105 minutes

Director: Carol Reed

Actors: Joseph Cotton, Orson Welles An American writer in the ruins of postwar Vienna discovers uncomfortable information about an old friend Harry who has supposedly died recently.

Inquiries: Tel: 31-2301

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

Theme: The Beauty of Figure Skating Date and time: November 18 (Sat), 1:00 -2:30 p.m. Lecturer: Ms. Junko Hiramatsu (Japan Skating Federation Figure Skating

Committee Chief)

Fee: 500 yen

Place: ACA Meeting Room Note: Reservation required

Groupe de Carpe Diem

Date and time: November 21 (Tue), 1:00 -2:30 p.m.

Theme: The Globalization of Manners Lecturer: Mrs. Takeko Hartenbach (Wife of the Swiss Consul General) Fees: Members: 500 yen; Non-members: 700 yen

Place: ACA Meeting Room

Capacity: 40 seats (reservations required)