

# KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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## Local electronic money "Kuma PAY"

◆Commerce & Tourism Section

The local electronic money "Kuma PAY", one of the Kumagaya Smart City related projects, is a cashless payment system with a smartphone that will be available at member stores in Kumagaya City from March 2024.

For those who do not have a smartphone, a card type is also available. Even those who are not good at using smartphones can also choose \*the ways how to use it.

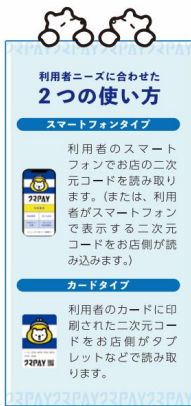
The unit of currency is called "money" and can be used from 1 money as 1 yen.

Shopping in Kumagaya City by any way such as Kuma Pay or by the "Machi-Genki" Kumagaya City gift certificates (paper form) will help local business and boost the economy, which will also lead to make a sustainable society.

### Lottery applications for Kuma PAY with Premium will begin in September

The regular Kuma PAY will be on sale in March 2024. It can be recharged and used in the same way as general cashless payment. Prior to this, the Kuma PAY with Premium will be sold exclusively to citizens so that it can be used by a large number of citizens.

The lottery applications for the premium Kuma PAY will begin in September, and sales and use will begin in November for the winners only.



### \*Two ways which meet your needs

#### Smartphone Type

Users read the store's 2D code or the stores read yours.

#### Card Type

Stores read the 2D code on your card with their tablets.

## Japanese Speech Contest by International Residents

Please come and watch the speech contest. 18 contestants will deliver speeches on topics such as their opinions regarding Japanese life and their experiences in Japan.

The admission fee is free.

**Time** : Sunday, September 10th  
1:00~5:00 pm

**Venue** : Kumagaya Cultural Center Cultural Hall  
(address: 2-33-2 Sakuragicho Kumagaya)

Please send all inquiries to [info@k-ifa.jp](mailto:info@k-ifa.jp)

## ☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



## Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese class will now require you to book a seat in advance.

For further information, please call us using the phone number below or check out our website.

### Office Information

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**City population (As of August 1st, 2023): 192,451**

**Foreign resident population: 4,433**

