

# KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

"KUMAGAYA FRIENDS" is an English language newsletter for the community and friends of Kumagaya City.

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## Kumagaya Uchiwa Matsuri (Fan Festival) July 20-22 ~One of the biggest Gion Festivals in the Kanto Area~

### Special Events for this year !

#### What is Uchiwa Matsuri ?

##### ~Uchiwa Matsuri University~

You will learn about its history and shrine ritual of the festival. We invite a guest teacher from a prestige doll making company. Also you'll learn about the gorgeous dolls on each float which you can see during the Uchiwa Matsuri. Small gifts are ready.(chosen by lot)

**Date: July 9th Time : 2:00~4:30 pm**

**Venue: Culture Center (Tel. 048-525-4553)**

**Enrollment limit: 500**

**Admission fee: free**

##### ~Museum~ Display on Uchiwa Matsuri

Old days photos, Outfits of Dolls in Edo era, curtains, happi coats and Lanterns are displayed. You'll find it very interesting and fun.

**Date: July 20th~22nd Time: 1:00~5:00 pm**

**Venue: former NTT (brick building)**

**address: 2-73 Honcho Kumagaya city**



#### Feel it !

##### ~Tatakiai Musical Face-off~

On 21st, the 12 floats form up the shape of an uchiwa fan and hold musical face-off. It is special opportunity for you, because you'll be able to see this not only in night time but in daytime this year.

**Date: July 21st Time: 3:05 pm~**



#### Experience it !

##### ~Let's be a volunteer float puller.~

Anyone can join pulling the floats. If you would like to try, please put on this sticker which you can ask for the people in charge around the floats. First come first served. In case too crowded, there is the possibility you can't join. On 21st, there is also hands on experience event where you can play the matsuri music and carrying a portable shrine at Comunity Hiroba Square.



\* Please note that the road traffic will be rerouted during the event. For further information, see our website.

## ☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association

### Japanese Language Class

You can learn Japanese for your daily life. All you need to do is just turn up on the day and fill in the registration form.

Date & Hours=

2 pm-4 pm Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays

Place=Green center ( next to the Kumagaya City Hall )

Shogai Fukushi Kaikan only in July 2016

Fee= 100yen ( \*free of charge for members )

#### Office information

**Days:** Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

**Hours:** 8:30 am to 5:15 pm

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### Why don't you come and join us?

## 2016 Sports de Kokusai Koryu

☆ Anyone who are Junior High School aged and over, living in Kumagaya or in the vicinity is welcome to apply for this event.

This event is limited to 40 participants.  
(Chosen by lot)

**Date : October 16 Sun.**

**Time : 2:00 -4:00 pm**

**Venue:** Gym at Sakuragi Elementary School

**Fee:** 100 yen for member of KIFA (If you are not a member, the annual membership fee 1,000 yen is additionally required.)

**How to apply:** Please fill in an application form on our web site or give us a call by September 30th, Friday.

**Population** (As of June 1st, 2016)

**Population: 200,722**

**The number of Foreign Registrants: 2,840**

