

# KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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## 'Kuma PAY' A new service will be launched!



The local e-money from 'Kuma PAY' is a convenient cashless payment service that can only be used in Kumagaya City. You can make payments by reading the 2D code installed in the shop with your smartphone or by holding your 2D code displayed on your smartphone or card over the shop's payment terminal.

The service will be fully operational from 2024!

### 1 % of the payment amount will be returned.

You can receive a 1 % rebate on the amount you pay from the local e-money connected to 'Kuma PAY'.

#### ■ The Eligible settlement period for returns (returned 30 days after the settlement date)

Settlements until March 31<sup>st</sup> 2025 are valid.

In addition, a special campaign is planned for 2024.

### Charging/Loading e-money Service will start.

Charging/Loading can be made by credit card or at convenience stores.

You can charge in increments of 1,000 yen.

\*For more information on how to register and instructions on how to use it, please scan the code below.

◆Commerce and Tourism Section TEL Ext.449



City Website

### Saitama Information & Support (SIS)

☎ 048 - 833-3296

Telephone counseling is available in foreign languages regarding issues in daily life.

Days: Monday to Friday

(Closed on national holidays and Dec.29 to Jan.3)

Hours: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## ☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



### Japanese Language Class

Learn Japanese to use in everyday life. Please note that participation in Japanese classes will now require you to book

a seat in advance.

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

#### 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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**City population (As of April 1st, 2024): 191,360**

**Foreign resident population: 4,753**

