

# KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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## Announcement of 'KUMA PAY'

### A reward's campaign for up 5 % from 'KUMA PAY' will start soon.

During the coverage period, you will receive 5 % of the amount paid from e-money connected to 'Kuma PAY'.

**Coverage period** Monday July 1 - Wednesday, July 31

**Maximum amount of cashback** ¥1,000 / a user during the coverage period

—The campaign will end as soon as the budget limit is reached.

—Both smartphone and card payments are eligible.

—There will be no regular 1 % rewards during the period.

—The date on which the money will be returned is scheduled on Friday, August 30.

—Please note that some shops are excluded.



## Japanese National Pension Premium Exemption System

For those who have financial difficulties in paying the National Pension premium, you can be exempted from paying if you apply and receive approval.

### Application

Applications for the fiscal year of 2024 will start from Mon. July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please scan the code below and check for more details.

- ◆ Health Insurance and Pension Section TEL Ext. 277
- ◆ Citizen Affairs Section at each administrative center
- ◆ Kumagaya Pension Office

TEL 048-522-5012

(Press No. 2 when you are prompted by the voice guidance system, and then press No. 2 one more time.)



### Japanese National Pension System

### 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 June 1st, 2024): 192,130**

**Foreign resident population: 4,996**

