

KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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Consumer Advice

Be careful of unexpectedly high coin parking fees!

We have received many inquiries regarding coin parking. For example, higher bills are required than expected as a result of misunderstanding how parking fees are calculated. This is due to complicated signboard explanation or not noticing special fees written on signboards.

Consumer Guidance

- Before entering the parking lot, check not only the prominent signage but also the detailed instructions near the entrance and payment machines. Key points to check include whether the rates are weekday or weekend rates, special rates for events, maximum rates, standard rates, and whether there is a limit on the number of times the maximum rate applies.
- To prepare for any issues, take photos of the signage and detailed instructions or keep the receipt.

Inquiry

Consumer Affairs Center (at the Citizen Consultation Office on the 1st floor of Kumagaya City Hall)

☎ 048-524-7321 (direct line)

Reception Hours:

Monday to Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (excluding holidays)

The 31st Annual Foreigners' Japanese Speech Contest

Hosted by Kumagaya International Friendship Association

Time and date: 1:00-4:30 pm Sunday, October 26th, 2025

Venue: Kumagaya Cultural Center (Tel. 048-525-4553)

Application deadline: Thursday, September 4th

Eligible participants: Foreign residents 15 years of age or older on the date of the competition who have lived in Japan for less than 5 years, and Japanese residents who are not native in Japanese.

Inquiries: Kumagaya City Public Relations Section

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Website: <https://www.k-ifa.jp>

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Application can be made in person at the Kumagaya City PR Section, or online by downloading the application form from the website.

☆ 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: 8:45 am to 5 pm

Location: Public Relations Section, Kumagaya City Hall

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City population (As of August 1st, 2025):

190,364

Foreign resident population: 5,809

