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Thoughts at the start of 2018



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Mayor of Yokohama

Happy New Year, everyone! My best wishes for all at the start of this new year.

Last year, we hosted the 33rd National Urban Greenery Fair Yokohama, a festival of flowers and greenery, which was a resounding success, thanks to the support of many citizens, companies, and organizations. The year also saw our hosting of the 50th Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting and Yokohama Triennale 2017, and advancement by the Yokohama DeNA BayStars into the Japan Series. These and other events greatly added to Yokohama's vibrancy, and the supportive feelings of all concerned gave Yokohama a big push in 2017.

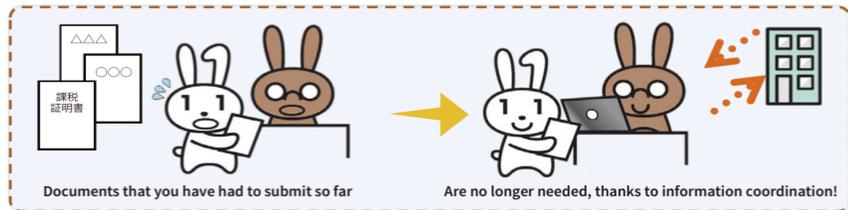
This year, too, is going to raise Yokohama's appeal and vibrancy even higher as the city hosts events including Dance Dance Dance @ YOKOHAMA 2018 and the ITU World Triathlon Yokohama. Meanwhile, we have formulated a new medium-term four-year plan and are going to steadily implement the initiatives for the first year of it. We also plan to make fuller provisions for childcare and education as well as welfare and medical measures to support the lives of our citizens, and energize Yokohama's economy as well. Similarly, we are firmly taking steps to improve the international competitiveness of the Port of Yokohama, bolster the functions of the central waterfront district, enhance the vitality of suburban districts, promote initiatives to prevent disasters, and improve the urban infrastructure. We are going to make a citywide effort toward the sustained growth of Yokohama and assurance of the safety and security of the lives of its citizens into the future.

We are also making solid preparations for the 2019 Seventh Tokyo International Conference on African Development and the Rugby World Cup 2019™, and the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games in the succeeding year. Let us all join hands again this year in an all-Yokohama effort to assure the heightened degree of vitality imbuing Yokohama we have achieved so far and link it to the future. I am counting on your cooperation!

Check the requisite documents before performing procedures

- Start of information coordination under the My Number system

In procedures etc. for child allowances and exemption from the cost of vaccines for the aged, the My Number system has in some cases eliminated the need for submission of taxation certifications and other requisite documents.



- Depending on the administrative work, officials may still request submission of certain documents.
- Check information on the individual administrative procedure in question.

For your own personal information, you can check the record of information coordination (history of exchange) by administrative authorities and learn what information was shared among them at Myna Portal*, an online service provided by the Japanese government.

- * Besides the My Number card, use of this service requires a computer or other such terminal, an IC card reader/writer, and registration of an account.
- * If you have a My Number card but do not have a computer or other such terminal, you can use the tablet terminals for Myna Portal at the Yokohama City Government Citizen Information Center, the Management of Administration and Information Division in the General Affairs Bureau, and the Public Relations Section of each ward office.

For the My Number card application procedure:

■Myna Portal

Contact: My Number toll-free dial (national government) Tel: 0120-95-0178
(Monday – Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, 9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.; excluding January 1 – 3)

■City administrative procedures

Contact: City Call Center Tel: 045-664-2525 Fax: 045-664-2828

Start of an at-home breastfeeding consultation service

Applications accepted beginning on January 31 (Wed.)

Midwives visit the homes of mothers who have recently given birth for whom it is difficult to leave home, for the purpose of breast massage and consultation on specific matters, in order to resolve breastfeeding trouble that is liable to occur in the period shortly following childbirth, and worries and lack of confidence about childcare.

Eligible persons

Mothers (together with their children) who gave birth less than four months ago and meet all of the following conditions

- Lack confidence about breastfeeding and childcare as a whole
- Find it hard to leave home and need support at home
- Do not need any medical act

Cost

4,000 yen per visit. *The service can be used up to three times per birth (each time takes about 90 minutes).

Application

Call the city midwives group to arrange a schedule, and then post your completed application form (available at the Children and Families Support Division of each ward office or on the website) to the breastfeeding consultation group in the Child and Family Division of the Child and Youth Bureau (1-1 Minato-cho, Naka Ward, Yokohama, 231-0017).



Contact: City midwives group Tel: 045-374-5376 Fax: 045-374-5379

Contact: Child and Family Division, Child and Youth Bureau Tel: 045-671-2455 Fax: 045-681-0925

Notice from the national health insurance system

The national health insurance system is going to be revised effective April 2018, for operation of national health insurance by the governments of prefectures, cities, towns, and villages. The authorities intend to announce insurance premium rates for fiscal 2018 in May and to notify each household of its premium amount by a written notification of national health insurance premium amount determination to be mailed out in June. The Health Insurance and Pension Division at the ward office in your ward of residence will continue to be the office to contact with inquiries about various notifications, application for insurance benefits, and payment of premiums.

Contact: Health Insurance and Pension Division, Health and Social Welfare Bureau

Tel: 045-671-2421 Fax: 045-664-0403

Notice concerning municipal tax payment deadlines, tax return consultation, etc.

■Deadlines for various FY2017 taxes etc.

Subjects	Payment deadline and submission deadline/term	Place for submission
Personal municipal tax (ordinary collection), 4th term	No later than January 31	
Salary payment statement		Corporate Taxation Division, Finance Bureau (Special Collection Center)
Depreciable property statement		Depreciable Property Division, Finance Bureau (Depreciable Property Center)
Income tax and special income tax for reconstruction	February 16 – March 15	Tax office in the ward of your residence
Gift tax	February 1 – March 15	
Individual business consumption tax & local consumption tax	No later than April 2	

■Free tax statement consultation by licensed tax accountants

Eligible groups:

A: Small-scale taxpayers, pensioners, and salaried employees

B: Pensioners and salaried employees filing returns for tax refunds

- Acceptances for requests may be terminated if the site is too crowded. Persons who only want to submit tax statements etc. are asked to submit them (they may also be mailed) directly to the competent tax office.
- It is not allowed to come to consultation sites by car.

Tsurumi Ward (jurisdiction of the Tsurumi Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A	January 29 – February 2, February 5 – 8	Tsurumi Ward Office	9:15 – 11:30 a.m., 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.
B	February 9		9:30

Naka and Nishi Wards (jurisdiction of the Yokohama-naka Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A	January 29 & 30, February 5 & 6	Naka Ward: Honmoku Chiku Center	9:30 a.m. – 12 noon 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	January 25 & 26	Nishi Ward: Nishi Ward Office	
	January 31, February 1 & 6	Nishi Ward: Fujidana Chiku Center	
B	February 7	Zeirishi Kaikan (Nishi Ward)	10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Asahi, Seya, and Hodogaya Wards (jurisdiction of the Hodogaya Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A • B	January 30 – February 1	Asahi Public Hall	9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	February 2	Hodogaya Public Hall	
	February 6 – 8	Seya Public Hall	

Isogo, Kanazawa, Konan, and Minami Wards (jurisdiction of the Yokohama-Minami Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A	February 1 & 2, & 5 – 8	Willing Yokohama (Konan Ward)	9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
B	February 9		1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Kanagawa and Kohoku Wards (jurisdiction of the Kanagawa Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A	February 2, 5, & 6	Kanagawa Ward Office	9:30 a.m. – 12 noon
	February 7 – 9	Kyosei-kan, Hiyoshi Campus, Keio University (Kohoku Ward)	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
B	February 14	Shin Yokohama Grace Hotel (Kohoku Ward)	10:00 a.m. – 12 noon 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Sakae, Izumi, and Totsuka Wards (jurisdiction of the Totsuka Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A	January 24 – 26	Izumi Public Hall	9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
	January 31 – February 2	Sakae Public Hall	
	February 6	Totsuka Ward: Taisho Chiku Center	
B	February 8	Totsuka Hojin Kaikan	9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Aoba, Tsuzuki, and Midori Wards (jurisdiction of the Midori Tax Office)

Group	Consultation days	Place	Consultation hours
A	January 30 & 31	Aoba Ward: Yamauchi Chiku Center	9:30 a.m. – 12 noon 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
	February 1 & 2	Midori Public Hall	
	February 6 & 7	Tsuzuki Public Hall	
B	February 7 & 8	Yokohama-Kita Branch Hall, Kanagawa Real Estate Transaction Association (Tsuzuki Ward)	10:00 a.m. – 12 noon 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

■There is no need to submit receipts for medical cost deduction.

Beginning with the filing of tax returns for 2017, taxpayers must attach an itemized statement for a medical cost deduction in place of submission of receipts. For details, see the website of the National Tax Agency.

* When filing income tax returns for the years 2017 – 2019, taxpayers may also attach or present receipts for medical costs.

* Please note that the notification of medical costs for 2017 sent from the city national health insurance system and the Kanagawa Prefectural latter-stage elderly medical care system (Medical Cost Notification) cannot be used as a document attached to the itemized statement when filing for a medical cost deduction.

■ Payment deadlines

Contact: Depreciable Property Division, Finance Bureau (Depreciable Property Center) Tel: 045-671-2253 Fax: 045-641-2775

■ Salary payment statements

Contact: Corporate Taxation Division, Finance Bureau (Special Collection Center) Tel: 045-671-4471 Fax: 045-210-0480

■ Depreciable property statements

Contact: Depreciable Property Division, Finance Bureau (Depreciable Property Center) Tel: 045-671-4384 Fax: 045-663-9347

For more detailed information on consultation on tax returns etc., see the website of the National Tax Agency.