

# Nara City Information for Residents

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Public Health Center (4F, Hagukumi Center), Chubu Kominkan, Seibu Kominkan,  
Hokubu Kaikan, Chuo Library, Seibu Library, Kintetsu Nara Station,  
Nara City Tourist Information Center (by JR Nara Station), Nara Chuo Post Office  
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## Let's Start Reducing Waste

### Why Waste Reduction Is Needed Now

- 1) to reduce the burden on the environment
- 2) to maintain the current incinerators
- 3) to lower waste disposal costs

Waste reduction eases the burden on the environment and incinerators while improving the quality of other public services.

### Turn "Miscellaneous Paper" into Resources!

Approximately 20% of burnable garbage consists of newspapers, magazines, cardboard, and other recyclable paper items known as "miscellaneous paper". Collecting and recycling this paper together turns it into a renewable resource and significantly reduces waste.

#### Note:

- 1) Miscellaneous paper collection boxes have been installed at 31 locations throughout Nara City, including the City Hall, Shutcho-sho (branch offices of the City Hall), and administrative centers.
- 2) The following items are not considered "miscellaneous paper":
  - photographs
  - photo printing paper
  - laminated postcards
  - paper stuffed inside shoes or bags
  - waterproof items like paper cups
- 3) Paper with odors, such as soap boxes, or stained with food or oil cannot be disposed of as "miscellaneous paper".

Inquiries: Haikibutsu-Taisaku-Ka (Waste Management Section) Tel. 0742-71-3001

### --- Prepare for emergencies ---

### How to protect your family during a disaster

#### 3 steps when an earthquake strikes

1. Ensure objects won't fall or topple over.
2. Wait until the shaking stops.
3. Turn off the main gas valve and circuit breaker after the shaking stops.

Prepare portable toilets or emergency toilet kits.

Take measures to prevent furniture from tipping over.

Check the hazard map.

Inquiries: Kiki-Kanri-Ka (Crisis Management Section) Tel. 0742-34-4930

## Garbage Collection

### Pruned branches are collected as bulky household waste

Pruned branches should be cut into pieces less than 5cm in diameter and 30cm in length. Please apply to dispose of them using bulky household waste pickup, or as carry-in waste.

### Please notify us in advance when you purchase or replace a refuse collection box

Depending on its shape and other factors, garbage may not be able to be collected easily or properly. Please be sure to contact us before buying and installing a new one. We would also like to ask you to cover all the costs.

## Garbage Collection Dates and Areas in February

Area	A, F	B, E	C, H	D, G
<b>Burnable Garbage</b>	Mon. & Thurs.		Tues. & Fri.	
<b>Unburnable Garbage</b>	4, 18 (Wed.)		11, 25 (Wed.)	

\* Garbage will be collected on February 11 and 23 (both holidays) as usual. Areas A-D are covered by Nara City, and areas E-H are covered by City Seiji-Kosha & Co. Ltd or Takeda Environment Co. & Yamato Seiso JV.

The garbage collection dates may be different in some areas. Please check the Nara City website.

**Inquiries:** Shushu-Ka (Collection Section) Tel. 0742-71-3012

City Seibi Kosha Tel. 0742-33-8782

Takeda Environment Co. Ltd. and Yamato Seiso JV Tel. 0742-63-2552

## Medical Checkups for Babies and Children

Checkup Name	Date	Place
4-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in November 2025)	From 4-month birthday until the day before turning 5 months old	Designated medical facilities in Nara City
10-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in May 2025)	From 10-month birthday until the day before turning 11 months old	
19-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in July 2024)	March 5, 12, 19 (Thurs.)	Chuo Hoken Center (Central Health Center) (Hagukumi Center 2F)
3-1/2-year-old Children Checkup (Born in August 2022)	March 3, 10, 17 (Tues.)	

**Things to bring:** The questionnaire and *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*. \*The questionnaire will be sent in February. Those who moved to Nara City after February 1 and have not received one by the checkup day should contact Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section).

**Inquiries:** Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section) Tel. 0742-34-1978

## Parent-child Bonding Program “Baby is Here!”

**Date & Time:** February 20 (Fri.), 27 (Fri.), March 6 (Fri.), 13 (Fri.) 13:30-15:30: 4 times in total

**Place:** Kita-Fukushi Center 2F (Ukyo 1-chome)

**Those Eligible:** 12 first-born children born from August 21 to December 20 in 2025 and their mothers

**Fee:** 1000 yen (free for the text)

**Application:** By phone, or write your address, guardian's name, age, child's name, gender, date of birth, and telephone number in a fax or e-mail and send it to the child-rearing plaza “Sorairo” by February 10 (Tues.)

**Tel./Fax.** 0742-93-9029    **E-mail:** sorairo.msnet@gmail.com

\*Excess Application will be decided by lottery.

## Vaccination Notices

Japanese encephalitis vaccinations will start. (for those born in February 2023)

Preliminary Examination Leaflets for Vaccinations were sent in late January.

(for those born in December 2025)

**Inquiries:** Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) Tel. 0742-34-5129

## Workshop for Pregnant Women & Babies and Dental Checkup (Phone Reservation)

### **Ha-pika Class for One-year-old Babies**

Tooth decay prevention class for first-born children born in Feb. 2025  
**Date:** Feb. 17 (Tues.)

### **Paku-Paku Class for Five-month-old Babies**

Baby food class for children born in Sept. 2025  
**Date:** Feb. 18 (Wed.)

### **Maternity "Happy" Check**

For women 16 to 32 weeks pregnant on the day  
**Date:** Feb. 19 (Thurs.)

### **Fluoride Coating for Tooth Decay Prevention**

For children born in Feb. 2024  
**Date:** Feb. 20 (Fri.)

### **Papa-Mama Salon**

For women between 22 and 32 weeks of their first pregnancy on the day and their partners  
**Date:** March 13 (Fri.)

**Inquiries:** Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section) Tel. 0742-34-1978

## **Waku-waku (Exciting and fun) Festa For children**

**Date & Time:** February 28 (Sat.) 9:30 - 12:15

**Place:** Yokoi Jido-kan (Yokoi Children Center) (Yokoi 5 cho-me, Nara City)

**Contents:** Performance by brass band club of Tonan Junior high school, Magic show, Sport challenge corner, Festival booth, Craft booth, Childcare booth, etc.,

\*Some booths have age restriction.

**Inquiries:** Yokoi Jido-kan (Yokoi Children Center) Tel. 0742-62-0307

## **Maternal and Infant Health Care Consultation**

### **Hagukumi Center 3F**

Consultation by phone or face to face with public health nurses or midwives  
(appointment required).

**Date & Time:** 9:00-17:00 on weekdays

**Inquiries:** Boshi-Hoken Ka (Mother's and Child's Health Section) Tel. 0742-34-1978

### **Tsuge Hoken Center**

Consultation by phone or face to face with public health nurses or nutritionists

**Date & Time:** 9:00-17:00 on weekdays

**Inquiries:** Tsuge Hoken Center Tel. 0743-82-0341

### **Tsukigase Health Consultation Room**

Consultations by phone or face to face (with public health nurses: appointment is required)

**Date & Time:** 9:45-16:00 on weekdays

**Inquiries:** Tsukigase Health Consultation Room Tel. 0743-92-0480

## **Cancer Examinations (March)**

Please apply to Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) by phone, or via the Nara City website. Free of charge for those receiving public assistance or belonging to households exempt from municipal resident tax. Please inform us of such when you apply.

**Application Period:** February 2 (Mon.) - 20 (Fri.) from 9:00 to 17:00 (except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

## Stomach and Lung Cancer Examinations

Date & Reception Time		Place	Capacity
March 9 (Mon.)	9:15-10:15	Seibu Shogai Sports Center Club House	27
March 10 (Tues.)	9:00-10:00	Hagukumi Center	30 each
March 18 (Wed.)			
March 11 (Wed.)	9:15-10:15	Kita-Fukushi Center	26
March 12 (Thurs.)	9:45-10:45	Seibu Toshokan (Library)	20
March 13 (Fri.)	9:15-10:15	Co-op Oshikuma	27
March 19 (Thurs.)	9:15-10:15	Tomio-Minami Kominkan	27
March 24 (Tues.)	9:30-10:30	Tomigaoka Kominkan	26
March 25 (Wed.)	9:15-10:15	Tomio Kominkan	27
March 26 (Thurs.)	9:30-10:30	Tobu Shutcho-sho (Branch Office)	24
March 27 (Fri.)	9:15-10:15	Nambu Kominkan	27

## Lung Cancer Examination

Date & Reception Time		Place	Capacity
March 13 (Fri.)	14:00 ~ 15:00	Hagukumi Center	60

**Stomach Cancer Examination:** Gastric X-ray (barium will be used) QR code for details

**Lung Cancer Examination:** Chest X-ray (including tuberculosis check)

**Fee:** 1,500 yen (1,000 yen for stomach cancer examination only; 500 yen for lung cancer examination only)

\* An additional 600 yen will be charged for a sputum test, depending on the results of the medical interview for lung cancer examination. (postage fees may apply)

**Those Eligible:** 40 years old and over, who are registered as Nara City residents on the examination day, except for the following:

- pregnant women;
- those currently under treatment for stomach, lung, or intestinal diseases, or who have had surgery for these conditions within the past 5 years;
- those who have had problems with barium or aspiration before (lung cancer examination is possible);
- those who underwent stomach cancer endoscopy provided by Nara City in fiscal year 2024 or 2025 (lung cancer examination is possible);
- those who underwent low-dose CT screening for lung cancer provided by Nara City in fiscal year 2025 (stomach cancer examination is possible);

### Others:

If you are breastfeeding, please inform us when you apply.

The examination is available once per fiscal year. You may not be able to have the examination depending on your physical condition or the medical interview on the day.

**Inquiries:** Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) Tel. 0742-34-5129

## Mottainai Tableware Market

**Date & Time:** February 28 (Sat.) 9:00-13:00 \* Will be held, rain or shine.

**Place:** Eisei-Joka Center (Daianji-nishi 2-chome)

**Event Details:** Collection of ceramic and glass tableware that you don't use or want at home.

**Inquiries:** Haikibutsu-Taisaku-Ka (Waste Management Section) Tel. 0742-71-3001

## Naramachi Nigiwai-no-ie

5 Nakanoshinya-cho 630-8333 Tel. 0742-20-1917

**Let's Get Closer to Traditional Japanese Music: The World of the *Shamisen* (a three-stringed, guitar-like instrument)**

**Date & Time:** Feb. 23 (Holiday) 14:00-15:30

**Content:** a storytelling performance with *shamisen* accompaniment and a hands-on instrument experience

**Speakers:** Kiyomoto Noburyushu and others

## My Photo *Tanka* (a Japanese 31-syllable poem with a long history)

**Date & Time:** Feb. 5 (Thurs.)-March 1 (Sun.) 9:00-17:00

## Shiryo Hozon Kan (Historical Materials Preservation House)

1-1 Wakido-cho 630-8337 Tel. 0742-27-0169

### Special Exhibition “Exploring Old Naramachi through the *Nara Meisho Zenzu*”

*Nara Meisho Zenzu* is a sightseeing map first published about 100 years ago and revised many times.

**Date:** Feb. 10 (Tues.)-March 31 (Tues.)

**Closed:** Mondays (except holidays), Feb. 12 (Thurs.), Feb. 24 (Tues.)

## Enjoy Sports Festival 2026

**Date:** Feb. 11 (holiday)

**Place:** Rohto Arena Nara (Horensahoyama 4-chome)

**Program:** Fan partnership festival with Top Sports City Nara partner team

**Inquiries:** Sports Shinko-Ka (Sports Promotion Section) Tel. 0742-34-5376

## March 8 is International Women's Day

International Women's Day was established in 1975 to create a world in which women can fully demonstrate their abilities in all areas of society and participate on an equal basis.

### Panel Exhibition

**Date & Time:** Feb. 28 (Sat.) - March 6 (Fri.) 9:00-17:00

**Place:** Lifelong Learning Center (Surugamachi)

\*until 16:00 on the last day

**Date & Time:** March 2 (Mon.)-6 (Fri.) 8:30-17:15

**Place:** Passageway on the first floor of Nara City Hall

\*until 16:00 on the last day

**Inquiries:** Danjo-Kyodo-Sankaku-Center (Gender Equality Office) Tel. 0742-23-3111

## Clean-up Walk in Rohto Nara Konoike Park

**Date & Time:** February 28 (Sat.) 9:00-10:30 (Reception time: 8:30)

**Meeting place:** In front of Rohto Field Nara (Horen Sahoyama 4-chome)

**Things to bring:** *Gunten* (cotton work gloves), fire tongs\*, etc. \* Bring tongs, if you have them.

**Inquiries:** Sports Promotion Section Tel. 0742-34-5376

## Hagukumi Concert

**Date & Time:** February 18 (Wed.) 12:20-12:50

**Place:** Hagukumi Center, 1st floor

**Performers:** Joyo Japanese Music Association, consisting of members of the Nara City International Music Exchange Community

**Inquiries:** Health Center and Education Comprehensive Center, Administration Office

Tel. 0742-34-2303

## City Hall *Fureai* Concert

**Date & Time:** February 20 (Fri.) 12:20-12:50

**Place:** City Hall 1st Floor Entrance Hall

**Performers:** Consolare Ensemble

**Inquiries:** Cultural Promotion Section Tel. 0742-34-4942

## **Nara Art Space “Michi - A Life Devoted to Nara” Exhibition**

**Date & Time:** Feb. 16 (Mon.) - 19 (Thurs.) 9:00-17:00

**Place:** Entrance Hall of Nara City Hall (1-1, Nijo-minamioji 1-chome)

**Inquiries:** Bunka-Shinko-Ka (Cultural Promotion Section) Tel. 0742-34-4942

## **Naramachi Center**

38 Higashi Terabayashi-cho 630-8362 Tel. 0742-27-1151 (Closed on Mondays)

### **Relaxing Piano Room ④**

**Date & Time:** Feb. 14 (Sat.) 13:00

**Contents:** A radio-style performance themed “*A Heart-Warming Winter Afternoon*”

**Performer:** Yuriko Tsuji (Piano)

### **Entrance Concert**

**Date & Time:** Feb. 21 (Sat.) 13:00

**Contents:** Celtic and Nordic melodies performed on piano

**Performer:** Aki (Piano)

### **Kousuke Sasaki “Principles of Photography”: Exhibiton of Project Results**

**Date & Time:** Feb. 26 (Thurs.) - March 15 (Sun.)

## **Nara Centennial Hall**

7-1 Sanjo-Miyamae-cho Tel. 0742-34-0100 (Closed on Tuesdays)

### **Nara 100 Traditional Performing Arts Children’s Cultural Festival**

**Date & Time:** March 8 (Sun.) 13:00

**Performer:** Participating groups from the Nara Children’s Traditional Culture Association;

Asuka Village Traditional Performing Arts Preservation Society;

Ōji Traditional Culture & Kimono Etiquette Children’s Class; and others

**Note:** The facility will be closed on Feb. 9 (Mon.) and open exceptionally on Feb. 10 (Tues.).

## **Nara City Museum of Art**

3-1 Nijo-Oji Minami 1-Chome, on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of Mi-Nara 630-8012

Tel. 0742-30-1510, Fax 0742-35-7160 Closed on Mondays

### **Exhibition of Seeing Nara “Masterpieces that Became Calendars”**

**Date & Time:** February 28 (Sat.)-March 22 (Sun.) 10:00-17:30 (Admission until 17:00)

## **Onjokan**

32-1 Narukawa-cho 630-8335 Tel. 0742-27-7700

### **Machikado Piano**

**Date & Time:** February 11 (Holiday), March 7 (Sat.) 14:00-16:00

### **Records Speak!**

**Date & Time:** February 28 (Sat.), March 20 (Holiday) 14:00-15:00

**Content:** Listen to records that participants bring with them

## **Nara City Museum of Calligraphy in Honor of Kason Sugioka**

3 Wakido-cho 630-8337 Tel. 0742-24-4111

### **Brush-Writing Experience Corner**

**Date & Time:** February 21 (Sat.)-February 23 (Holiday) 9:00-17:00

## Exhibition “Kason’s Calligraphy Standing in Abundance”

**Date:** January 24 (Sat.)–March 22 (Sun.)

**Contents:** Introducing Kason Sugioka’s vertical half-scroll work from the museum’s collection.

**Fee:** 300 yen for individuals, 240 yen for (additional charge required) for groups (over 20 people). Free of charge for those under 16 years old, high school students, those over 70 years old, and challenged people (certificate needed) and their caregivers.

## Tsukigase Baikei Plum Festival

**Date:** Feb. 14 (Sat.)–March 29 (Sun.)

**Exhibition of works, exhibition of materials about Tsukigase Baikei scenic spot, exhibition of photos Tsukigase Baikei, panel exhibition of *Nara Zarashi* (hemp Cloth)**

**Place:** Tsukigase Plum Museum (Tsukigase Nagahiki)

**Others:** During this period, the Tsukigase Baikei Early Spring Marathon and the Sencha Festival will also be held.

**Inquiries:** Tsukigase Kanko Kyokai (Tourist Association) Tel. 0743-92-0300

## Kids’ Dream Festival

**Date & Time:** Feb. 28 (Sat.) 11:00

**Place:** North Community Center ISTA Habataki (Ikoma City)

**Inquiries:** *Kodomo Yume Hiroba* Tel. 090-7555-1179

## Science Experience Festival in Keihanna 2026

**Date & Time:** March 7 (Sat.) 10:00-12:30 & 13:30-16:00

**Place:** Keihanna Plaza (Seika-cho, Souraku-gun, Kyoto)

**Capacity:** 200 elementary school students for each time

**Application:** Apply from K-Scan (<https://kscan.jp/>) by Feb. 18 (Wed.)

**Inquiries:** Seika-cho Kikaku Chosei-Ka (Planning and Coordination Division) Tel. 0774-95-1900

## *Eki-mae* (station-front) Craft “*Nara-no-Sora-Kara*” (An exhibition market of contemporary crafts)

**Date & Time:** March 8 (Sun.) 10:00-18:00

**Place:** Station Square on the east side of JR Nara Station (Sanjo-Honmachi)

**Inquiries:** The Executive Committee Tel. 0743-59-1355

## KOMINKAN

### Asuka Kominkan

984 Kideracho 630-8306 Tel./Fax 0742-23-2804

Event Name	Contents, Date & Time	Application
Exhibition in Spring	Exhibition of arts, calligraphy, and photos by self-study groups Feb. 28 (Sat.) 9:00-16:30 March 1 (Sun.) 9:00-14:00	Not necessary

### Lifelong Learning Center

23 Surugamachi 630-8357 Tel. 0742-26-8811 Fax. 0742-26-8813

Event Name	Contents, Date & Time	Application
Salon Concert “The Melodious Sound of the Taisho-Koto Harp”	Taisho-Koto Concert by Mao-no-Kai Feb. 21 (Sat.) 14:00-14:30	Not necessary

## Seibu Kominkan

1-5 Gakuen-minami 3-chome 631-0034 Tel. 0742-44-0101 /Fax 0742-44-0103

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
<b>Voluntary Group Meeting for International Exchange</b>	Exchange meeting with foreign residents and international students March 1 (Sun.) 13:30-16:00 Senior high-school students and over. (Those who work or study in Nara City can join.) * Free entry	Not necessary

## Tsukigase Kominkan

2815 Tsukigase-Oyama 630-2302 Tel. /Fax 0743-92-0346

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
<b>Tsukigase Photo Exhibition</b>	Photos of Tsukigase's landscape and ume (plum) blossoms will be exhibited. Feb.10 (Sat.)-March 22 (Sun.) 9:00- 19:00 Excluding days closed: Mondays, Feb. 24 (Tue.), and March 20. (National holiday) * Free entry	Not necessary

## Tomigaoka Kominkan

4162-81 Nakatomigaoka 3-Chome 631-0003 Tel. /Fax 0742-43-7431

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
<b>Experience Activities Held at Tomigaoka Kominkan</b>	You can try activities held by voluntary groups Feb. 15 (Sun.) – 28 (Sat.) 9:00- 21:00 * Free entry Excluding days closed: Mondays and Feb. 26 (Thurs.) Some classes may require a material fee. Call the Kominkan for details.	Not necessary

## Heijo Nishi Kominkan

25 Jingu 4-chome 631-0804 Tel. & Fax 0742-71-5711

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
<b>Children's Festival Let's get together!</b>	Full of children's smiles and a lot of events, will make you happy. <b>March 1 (Sun.) 10:00-12:00</b> Let's play to the rhythm (10:30~) Handcrafts, picture books, superball scooping, play-corners, etc. Eligibility: Kids from babies to elementary school students and their guardians (Elementary school students can attend by themselves).	Not necessary Free entry

## Nanbu Kominkan

27-1 Yama-cho 630-8434 Tel. & Fax 0742-62-5931

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
<b>Nanbu Kominkan Matsuri (Festival)</b>	Voluntary groups doing activities at Nanbu Kominkan present what they have learned. <b>March 7 (Sat.) 10:00-16:00</b> <b>March 8 (Sun.) 10:00-14:00</b> Opening The brass band club of Tonan Junior High School (only March 7) Performances: Ocarina, chorus, rhythm exercise, tai-chi Trial Classes: Putting on a <i>kimono</i> , physical exercise, workshop, etc. Bazaar: Bread, coffee, accessories, <i>onigiri</i> , pork soup, etc. Exhibition: Paintings, Buddhist paintings, handmade fabric items, haiku, hand-made-knitting, etc. *Please call us for details.	Not necessary Free entry

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
<b>Soothing Handbell Concert</b>	Please enjoy the beautiful sound and performance <b>February 21 (Sat.) 14:00-15:00</b>	Not necessary Free entry
<b>Let's play and learn happily with college students</b>	Foreign-language card games, sample course workshop, sign language classes, craft activities for <i>Hina-Matsuri</i> , etc. <b>February 22 (Sun.) 13:30-15:30</b> Eligibility: Children from approximately 4-years old to junior high school students younger than elementary school 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade students must be accompanied by their guardian.	Not necessary Free entry

### Education Center KIDS LEARNING FLOOR

Class Name	Date	Time	Application Deadline
<b>Kids Planetarium: "Nijiro and Seasonal Starry Sky; A Story about the Great Dog"</b> Capacity: 40 seats each session	Every Saturday, Sunday and holiday in February	1.10:30-10:50 2.13:30-14:00	
<b>Night Planetarium: "Whimsical Planetarium Show; Enjoy seasonal stars"</b> Capacity: 40 seats *Mainly for upper elementary school students through adults. Adults may participate without children.	February 27 (Fri.)	18:30-19:10	Same-day registration
<b>Movie Screening: "Manga Japanese Folk Tales, <i>Dandara-bocchi / Mukade no tsukai</i>"</b> Capacity: 190 seats	March 1 (Sun.)	13:00-13:30	
<b>Storytelling Session: "Sanbiki no Kuma no hanashi" and others</b>		11:00-11:30	
<b>Robot Workshop (for beginners): "Make and Move a Bus-shaped Robot"</b> Capacity: 12 participants per session, ages 5 and above *You cannot take the robot home.	March 7 (Sat.)	1.10:00-11:30 2.13:30-15:00	February 16 (Mon.)
<b>Science Experiment Workshop: "Let's Play with Electricity!"</b> Capacity: 15 participants first grade and above in elementary school	March 8 (Sun.)	10:00-11:30	
<b>Hands-on Craft Workshop: "Your First Collage, Create Your Own Landscape"</b> Capacity: 15 participants per session, ages 5 and above	March 14 (Sat.)	1.9:30-10:30 2.11:00-12:00	
<b>Science Experiment Workshop: "Make a Motor Using Enamel Wire and Magnets"</b> Capacity: 18 participants second grade and above in elementary school per session		1.13:00-14:00 2.14:30-15:30	February 23 (Holiday)
<b>Programming Workshop (intermediate / advanced): "Challenge Course! Create a Scrolling Game with Scratch"</b> Capacity: 12 participants from third grade and above in elementary school	March 15 (Sun.)	9:30-12:10	

<b>Science Experiment Workshop: "Miracle! Kagakuru! : The Secrets of Polystyrene, Shrink Plastic &amp; Relief Art"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 participants first grade and above in elementary school per session	March 20 (Holiday)	1.10:30-11:30 2.13:30-14:30	March 2 (Mon.)
<b>Space Workshop: "Launch a PET Bottle Rocket!"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 18 participants first grade and above in elementary school per session	March 21 (Sat.)	1.10:00-11:30 2.13:30-15:00	
<b>Hands-on Craft Workshop: "Korokorosouchi wo tsukurou!" (Make a Rolling Mechanism!)</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 participants per session, ages 5 and above	March 22 (Sun.)	1.10:00-11:30 2.13:30-15:00	

**Place:** Hagukumi Center 9F

**Application:** Please apply via the Nara City Website. In the event that the applications exceed capacity, a lottery will be conducted.

**Others:** Unless otherwise specified, same day registration will open 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time and will close once capacity has been reached.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.

Other programs may also be held in addition to those listed above.

Please be advised that entry will not be permitted after a planetarium program has begun.

Group use for the planetarium is available upon submission of the application in advance.

For the most current information, please consult the city's official website or contact the relevant department directly.

**Inquiries:** Kids Learning Floor (Education Support and Consultations Station) Tel. 0742-36-00401

### Special prayer under the winter lazuli lights in Nara The 17th *Shiawase Kairo* (Happiness Corridor) Nara *Rurie* Festival

**Date:** Feb. 8 (Sun.)-Feb. 14 (Sat.) **Light-up Time:** 18:00-21:00

The World Heritage Sites Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Kofukuji Temple, and Todaiji Temple in Nara Park will form a fantastic corridor connected with sacred lapis lazuli blue light.

Let's enjoy a beautiful winter's night stroll through these corridors while experiencing the darkness and silence.

#### Opening Ceremony

**Date & Time:** Feb. 8 (Sun.) 17:30-18:00

**Venue:** In the garden of the Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka

**Contents:** Countdown event, Light-up ceremony

#### Light-up Venues and Light Objects

**Date & Time:** Feb. 8 (Sun.)-Feb. 14 (Sat.) 18:00-21:00

**Venue:** The entire Nara Park area: Kasuga Taisha Shrine's front approach (from the crossroad where deer pass to the second torii gate), Kofukuji Temple's north approach, Todaiji Temple's corridor, Nara National Museum, Ukigumo-enchi field, Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka

\* A fee is needed to enter the garden (last entry: 20:45)

#### Special Nighttime Visit and Worship

**Kasuga Taisha Shrine:** Feb. 8 (Sun.), 11 (Wed.), and 14 (Sat.)

(last admission: 20:00 gate closes at 20:30.)

\* Fee: 500 yen for adults

**Kofukuji Temple:** Nighttime Special Worship in *Tokondo* (East Golden Pavilion)  
(last entry: 19:30 closes at 20:00.)  
\* Fee: 500 yen for adults

**Todaiji Temple:** Special Gate Opening toward the *Daibutsuden* (the Great Buddha Hall) in the evening (18:00-20:00)  
\* No entry into the Great Buddha Hall is allowed.

#### **Nighttime Visits with Lanterns**

**Time:** 18:00-20:00 (Last reception time)  
**Venue:** Kasuga Taisha Shrine route, Todaiji Temple route, Kofukuji Temple route  
**Reception:** In front of Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka

#### **Rurie Market / sale of *Shiawase* (happiness) cocoa**

**Time:** 16:00-20:45  
**Venue:** In front of Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka  
\* Fees are needed for both events.

#### **Rurie Bar**

**Date:** Feb. 8 (Sun.)-Feb. 13 (Fri.)  
**Venue:** 2F of Nara Kasugano International Forum Iraka  
**Capacity:** Up to 20 people each time for up to a 30-minute stay; all guests must leave at the end of each time.  
\* Reception on the day.

#### **Nara Park Birthday Event**

**Date & Time:** Feb. 14 (Sat.) 19:00-19:30  
**Venue:** *Kasugano Enchi* Field (Cancelled in case of rain, no postponement)  
**Event Schedule:** Nara Park Birthday Event: 19:00-, Fireworks: 19:30-

The events will be held with measures against infectious disease. We ask for your cooperation in alleviating congestion before and after light-up, and on weekends.

\* The event may be cancelled or changed, depending upon the situation. Please visit Nara Rurie's webpage for details.

**Inquiries:** Administration Office of Nara Rurie Jikko Iinkai (Executive Committee)  
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## **Spring Festa, Grow & Eat Locally**

In this event, the charm of the places where fresh produce is grown and harvested will be found. There will be a market and a sample-tasting program as well as booths where you can have special dishes, using the locally-harvested produce.

**Date & Time:** March 8 (Sun.) 11:00  
**Venue:** Nara Family 1F, *Rakuda-hiroba* Square (Higashimachi, Saidaiji)  
**Inquiries:** No-Sei-Ka (Agricultural Policy Section) Tel. 0742-34-5142