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It would be much appreciated if you have someone who can communicate in Japanese to assist you contact each reference.

SAKATA's Pickup !

I work as a "multicultural coordinator" at Shibata city hall. I interviewed a person from abroad who live in Shibata city this month.



Mr. Agho Omononye Timothy

From **Federal Republic of Nigeria**



I came to Japan in 1993 and have lived in Shibata city for 16 years.



—What kind of job do you do?

I teach English as an ALT (Assistant Language Teacher) in elementary schools in Shibata City. The job is fulfilling and rewarding. I enjoy teaching and I also learn a lot from my students.

—What is your impression of Japan?

I have a good impression of Japan. Especially the Japanese people's way of life. Their hospitality, sense of responsibility, love and respect for nature, and the way they cherish everything. I felt these things while living among the Japanese people and I'm grateful for the wonderful experience.

—How did you learn Japanese?

I learned how to speak Japanese by not being afraid of making mistakes. And I made a lot of

mistakes during my learning days, and I'm still learning the language. To survive I had to speak Japanese and that motivated me. I echoed a lot of the Japanese I heard from Japanese people, radio, TV, etc. And I made lots of mistakes, but I never gave up. I love watching TV, and the TV was and is still my Japanese language teacher.

—What surprised you when you came to Japan?

One of the things that surprised me is the way Japanese people have their parties. In my country, Nigeria, we listen to music, eat, drink and dance together. But in Japan, everyone just sits down, eats, and talks over a drink. I was surprised when I attended my first party in Japan. Now, I enjoy going to parties with friends and co-workers.

—**There are many foreigners in Shibata City, but some are in trouble because they cannot speak Japanese or have no friends. Do you have a message for those people?**

I would like to share my own experience. We foreigners that come to Japan and those of us that live in Shibata, come here with different dreams and aspirations. And we live in different environments. In my case, having a family here in Shibata and my wife being Japanese and a native of Shibata, helped me a lot in quickly settling down. I accepted the way of life here, and I also fully and sincerely engaged the community to the best of my ability while staying true to myself. So, I have been able to connect with people and live a happier and productive life here in Shibata.



Inoculation of Novel Coronavirus vaccine will be started for people whose age from 12 years old to 64years old in Shibata city.

Inoculation ticket will be delivered from July 5th. Please check the “Guide book for inoculation of Novel Coronavirus vaccine” which is included together with the ticket for the detail information. An adult or a child’s parent can decide whether you’ll have it or not. Inoculation is not compulsory.

[How to make a reservation]

For general people (Not applicable below 1~4)

	Place (address)	How to make a reservation
Big venues	Como plaza special venue (3 Funairi-cho)	You can make a reservation by telephone from July 26th 9am. Internet reservation will be applicable from August 2nd 9am.
	City health center (4-16-83 Honcho)	
Places where is near your house	Lifelong learning center (5-8-47 Chuo-cho)	Please write the postcard for application for vaccination by each region which is included together with ticket and send it until August 15 th by post.
	Saruhashi community center (1-7-17 Sumiyoshi-cho)	
	Sasaki community center (956-1 Norikiyo)	
	Toyoura area public hall health center (26-2 Otoji)	
	Kawahigashi community center (1908 Shimohanezu)	
	Nanaha community center (862 Mikkaichi)	
	Nanaku community center (3-4-26 Daiei-cho)	
	Ijimino community center (4930-1 Ijimino)	
	Kenko plaza shiunji (3331-5 Manoharasoto)	
Kajikawa area gymnasium (547-1 Sumida)		
	Hospitals	Please check the “Guide book for inoculation of Novel Coronavirus vaccine” which is included in the ticket.

1. **People with chronic illness.** (Heart disease, Kidney disease, Liver disease, Blood disease, Developmental disability)
 - a. For those who wish to receive at mass inoculation site.
Please make a reservation, you can call from 9am July 19th (TEL0570-666426).
You can also make a reservation online from 9am on August 2nd.
 - b. For those who want to inoculate with their family doctor.
Please make a reservation directly when you go to the hospital.
2. **For Students.**
 - a. For those who attend Junior High School 1st to 3rd grade in the city, High School 1st to 3rd grade in the city and for College Students too.
Please answer as you will be asked at school whether you will be vaccinated or not.
 - b. For those who attend junior high school, high school, vocation school, university, etc. outside the city.
Please check the new Corona Vaccination Guide that comes with your vaccination ticket.
 - c. For those who 6th grade elementary school students born in April /May 2010.
Please call the city call center (TEL0254-20-7771).

3. **People who work for companies in the city.**

Please check with the company.

4. **For those who do not want to be vaccinated.**

Please write the postcard that comes with the vaccination ticket and Send it by mail by August 31st.

If you want to get an inoculation after sending a postcard, please call Health Promotion Division (Tel.0254-28-9210).



[Contact window]

Designated reservation dial Tel 0570-666-426

City designated call center Tel 0254-20-7771

*Both applicable 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays.

If you do not understand Japanese, please contact the city Shimin-Machitsukuri-Shienka (Tel 0254-28-9640).

Event

Cancellation Announcement of Shibata Summer Festival in July and August for this year 2021.

In order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, Shibata Festival will be cancelled this year.



Ikunesu Cinema July

Title: Drunken Master

Date/time: July 18th (Sun) 10:00am ~ (Japanese subtitles)
2:00pm ~ (Japanese subtitles)

Place: Ikunesu Shibata Multipurpose room 4・5

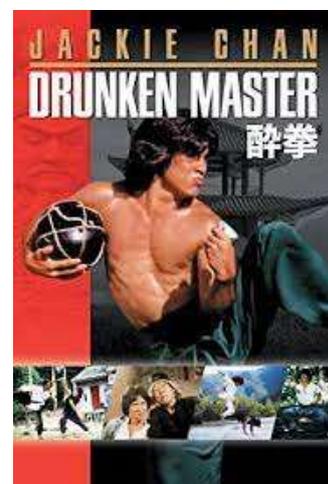
Contents: Kung-fu Action

Capacity: 30 people in the morning/ 30 people in the afternoon

※The numbered tickets (a piece of paper to know your turn) Distributed an hour prior to the movie

Others: Please wear a mask.

For more information: Shibata station complex Kikaku somu gakari Tel : 0254-28-9950



Shibata Japanese Class

Shibata Japanese class helps foreign people who wants learn Japanese for beginners & for business purposes.
 2nd term is held from September to December and 3rd term is held from January to March.
 For more information and inquiry: Noriko Takahashi Tel (0254-22-6441)

Class	Wednesday Daytime	Thursday Daytime	Thursday Night	J school	
For	Adults	Adults	Adults	Elementary and Junior high school students	
Day	Wednesday	Thursday	Thursday	Saturday	
Time	10:00a.m. ~11:30a.m.	10:00a.m. ~11:30a.m.	19:00p.m. ~20:30p.m.	13:30p.m. ~15:00p.m.	
Place	Shimin Bunkakaikan Koudo	Shogai Gakushu Center Kensyushitsu 2 or Kenko chojyu akutibu kouryu center Kouryushitsu(★)	Kenko chojyu akutibu kouryu center Okunai hiroba or Kouryushitsu(★)	Kenko chojyu akutibu kouryu center Okunai hiroba or Kouryushitsu(★)	
Address	4-11-7 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	5-8-7 Chuo-cho, Shibata City 3-13-2 Chuo-cho, Shibata City(★)	3-13-2 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	3-13-2 Chuo-cho, Shibata City	
Fee	¥ 2,000 / 1st term: April~July ※Fee for textbook is not included.	¥ 2,000 / 1st term: April~July ※Fee for textbook is not included.	¥ 2,000 / 1st term: April~July ※Fee for textbook is not included.	¥ 1,000 / month	
Date	Apr.	end			
	May.	end			
	Jun.	end			
	Jul.	7, 14	1, 8, 15	1, 8, 15	3, 10(★), 17(★), 24(★)
	Aug.	Summer vacation			"Summer School"
	Sep.	1, 8, 15	2, 9, 16, 30	2, 9, 16, 30	4, 11(★), 18(★), 25(★)
	Oct.	6, 13, 20, 27	7, 14, 21, 28	7, 14, 21, 28	2(★), 9(★), 16(★), 23(★)
	Nov.	10, 17, 24	4, 11(★), 18, 25(★)	4, 11, 18, 25	6, 13(★), 20(★), 27(★)
	Dec.	1, 8, 15	2, 9, 16	2, 9, 16	4, 11(★), 18(★)
	Jan.	5, 12, 19, 26	6, 13, 20, 27	6, 13, 20, 27	8, 15(★), 22(★), 29(★)
	Feb.	2, 9, 16	3, 10, 17, 24(★)	3, 10, 17, 24	5, 12(★), 19(★), 26(★)
	Mar.	2, 9, 16	3(★), 10, 17,	3, 10, 17	5, 12(★), 19(★)

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Thanks this month to: Ms. 光 Honma, Ms. Imata, Ms. Kimura, Ms. Ogawa and Ms. Monica.