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Omori Shell Mounds Garden and Oi Course

This fiscal year, we will introduce the history and culture of Shinagawa City through a series entitled Shinagawa History Tours. The first entry will be a course that takes you through historical sites around Oi. Inquiries: Cultural Assets Subsection, General Affairs Section (Tel: 03-5742-6839, Fax: 03-5742-6890)



Omori Shell Mounds Garden

This park preserves and maintains the Omori Shell Mounds, a national historic site that is considered to be the birthplace of Japanese archaeology. Shell mounds are places where ancient people discarded their trash. Many different items such as stone tools, shells, animal bones and earthenware have been found at



the Omori Shell Mounds.

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Note: Until 6:00 p.m. in July and August, and until 4:00 p.m. from November through Februarv

Location 6-21 Oi A reproduction of the shell mounds

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Kashima-Jinja Shrine

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The shrine's expansive grounds are covered with trees, including two bay trees and a

Japanese evergreen oak that are all estimated to be over 150 years old. These trees have been designated as Shinagawa City natural monuments.

Location 6-18-36 Oi





Shinagawa Historical Museum

The Shinagawa Historical Museum introduces the city's history and culture. It reopened on April 21 after major renovations. The museum's new exhibition hall presents Shinagawa's past in an easy-to-understand manner using historical documents, large dioramas and videos.

Location 6-11-1 Oi



Ito Hirobumi Gravesite



This is the final resting place of Japan's first prime minister,

Ito Hirobumi, and his wife Umeko. The gravesite is characterized by an approximately two-meterhigh cylindrical tomb and a torii gate. While usually closed to the public, the site is open to the public in early November each year, along with Shinagawa City's other Designated Cultural Properties.

Location 6-10-18 Nishi-Oi

From "Shinagawa History Tours" (in Japanese only)





About 7 minutes 🖊 0.5km Omori Shell Mounds Garden About 4 minutes 🖊 0.3km 2 Kashima-Jinja Shrine About 4 minutes 🖊 0.3km Shinagawa Historical Museum About 17 minutes 🖊 1.2km

4 Ito Hirobumi Grave Site

About 4 minutes 🖊 0.3km

Goal Nishi-Oi Station

Spouted Vessel (reproduction)

This is an exact replica of an earthenware vessel found at the Omori Shell Mounds in 1877. While spouted vessels are commonly found from Hokkaido to Tohoku, the Omori Shell Mounds is the southernmost place where

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Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (the entrance closes at 4:30 p.m.). Closed: Mondays (or the next weekday if Monday is a national holiday) and during the yearend/New Year's holidays.

Please scan here for the museum's vebsite.

Admission: ¥100

they have been discovered.

(¥50 for elementary and junior high school students) Note: Admission is free for elementary and junior high school students residing in or enrolled in a school in Shinagawa, people over the age of seventy, and people with disabilities.

Inquiries: Shinagawa Historical Museum (Tel: 03-3777-4060, Fax: 03-3778-2615)



Population As of May 1, 2024 Japanese Residents 394,674 (Men 193,046 Women 201,628) Foreign Residents 16,199 (Men 8,175 Women 8,024)

Sending out FY2024 National Health Insurance Premium Notification/Invoices

Your National Health Insurance premium notification for fiscal 2024—including five invoices for the months of June through October 2024 and one invoice for a lumpsum payment for the year-will be mailed in mid-June.

Notes:

1. Only premium notification will be mailed to households paying their premiums via account debit. If you pay using the invoices, you will be mailed five more invoices for the months of November through March of next year in mid-November.

2. For more information on how your premiums are calculated, please read the "Konnichiwa Kokuho desu" bulletin enclosed in the mail.

Calculation procedures





Calculating NHI premiums

Your annual National Health Insurance premiums (April 2024 through March 2025) are calculated based on your total income for 2023. If you have not completed an income tax report for 2023, please file one with the municipal office administering your address as of January 1, 2024. Insurance premiums cannot be reduced if even one person in the household fails to file an income tax report even if the total income for all household members is low.

New Shinagawa residents from January 2, 2024

The income you earned during 2023 at your previous address will be used as reference. If we do not receive a response from the municipal office administering your previous address before the premium calculation date,

you will be charged the per-capita amount only. As soon as we receive a response concerning your income, your insurance premiums will be recalculated and we will notify you of the adjusted premiums by mail.

Members of company health insurance plans up to age sixty-four

If you were dismissed from your job after March 31, 2021 and want to reduce your insurance premiums, you must apply for the reduction by presenting either an employment insurance eligibility certificate or a notification indicating that the reason for leaving was involuntary termination and other information.

Heads of household aged 65 to 74

If you meet all of conditions 1) through 4), you must

pay insurance premiums through a special collection from the pension you receive. However, if you would rather pay your premiums via account debit, this special collection from your pension can be stopped.

- 1) The head of household is a National Health Insurance member
- 2) All the National Health Insurance members in the household are between 65 and 74 years of age
- 3) The head of the household's annual pension amount is ¥180,000 or more
- 4) The household's total of National Health Insurance premiums and Nursing Care Insurance premiums does not exceed half of the pension amount
- Paying your National Health Insurance premiums via account debit is convenient.

Inquiries: Qualification Subsection, National Health Insurance and Pension Section (Tel: 03-5742-6676, Fax: 03-5742-6876)

Special City Resident's Tax, Metropolitan Resident's Tax and Forest **Environment Tax Collection Notifications Coming**

We will be mailing out notifications about the FY2024 special city resident's tax, metropolitan resident's tax and forest environment tax on June 10. You will then be able to obtain certificates of payment, taxation and exemptions of these taxes for FY2024.

Tax certificate issuing location	Handling fee (per copy)
Tax Section (Shinagawa City Office Hon Chosha 4F) and local community centers	¥300
Convenience stores Note: Registered residents of Shinagawa City who have a My Number card with electronic certificates can use this service.	¥200

Flat-rate tax reductions for FY2024 resident's tax

About the flat-rate tax reduction

Taxpayers will receive the following reductions of their income-based resident's tax amount for FY2024:

- Taxpayer: ¥10,000
- Deductible spouse and dependent(s) = ¥10,000 each (excluding those living abroad)

Example: A taxpayer with a deductible spouse and two dependent children will receive the following reduction: $(1 \text{ Taxpayer} + 3 \text{ Dependents}) \times \$10,000 = \$40,000$ Notes:

- 1. The amount of tax reduction is limited to the incomebased amount of resident's tax.
- 2. Taxpayers will be able to receive the resident's tax reduction for non-deductible spouses in the same household (excluding those living abroad) from FY2025.

C Eligible recipients for flat-rate tax reduction

Taxpayers with a total taxable income of ¥18,050,000 or less for the purposes of the FY2024 resident's tax

- The following individuals are ineligible for the reduction:
- · Taxpayers who were exempted from taxation or only taxed the per-capita amount of resident's tax
- Taxpayers whose income-based resident's tax amount was reduced to ¥0 by tax deductions
- Nonresident dependents

Payment methods

- O Please pay your tax at a convenience store, financial institution, the Shinagawa City Office Tax Section or the service counter of your local community center.
- You can also pay your tax using online banking, ATMs, mobile payment apps, and credit cards ("mobile regi credit" or "net-de mobile regi").
- O Please make use of the convenient and worry-free account debit/automatic payment service.

Inquiries: Tax Section (Hon Chosha 4F) Tax calculations and flat-rate tax reduction: Unit in charge of Taxation

(Tel: 03-5742-6663 to 6666, Fax: 03-5742-7108)

Payment: Collection Administration Subsection (Tel: 03-5742-6669, Fax: 03-3777-1292)

Payment consultations: Unit in charge of Tax Payment Consultation

(Tel: 03-5742-6671 to 6673, Fax: 03-3777-1292)





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Inquiries: Strategy Public Relations Section (Tel: 03-5742-6612, Fax: 03-5742-6870)

Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts Shinagawa Info, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:

Mondays: Chinese and Japanese **Tuesdays:** Korean and Japanese Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese Thursdays: English and Japanese Fridays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency. You can also check the broadcast content via the website.

Website: https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/

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