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Events

Takaoka Station Opening Events
Date: March 29 (Sat), 30 (Sun)
◇Curun Takaoka Special Stage Events
Mar. 29 … Fushiki Rensei-kan baton twirling, Doraemon character show
30 … Magic show
29 & 30 … Local idol group “Vienolossi” new single release live show
Hula dance performance, Kids dance stage show

◇Curun Takaoka Underground Shopping Mall Stage Events
Mar. 29 … Shima Kaori live show
30 … Ikehata Shinobu talk show, Fashion show, Acoustic live show
29 & 30 … Hip-hop dance stage show, Screening of the films voluntarily produced by Toyama Univ. students

◇Photo Exhibition –History of Takaoka Station & its Surroundings –
Date: March 1 (Sat) ~ 30 (Sun)
Venue: Manyo Road

◇Quiz Rally Around Curun
Participants go around the following four locations for the quiz rally.
4. Curun Takaoka Underground Shopping Mall

◇Associated Events
Contents: Display of Gran Class seats of Hokuriku Shinkansen, Hands-on work experience as a railwayman, Display of Doraemon tram & Related item sales
Inquiries: Commercial Employment Section ☎20-1289
**Event to Mark One Year to Go until the Opening of Hokuriku Shinkansen**

– Teku-Teku Toshinaga Walk –

Participants walk between Takaoka Station and Shin-Takaoka Station while enjoying quizzes and attractions.

**When**: March 30 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. ~ 1:00 p.m.

**Where**: Takaoka Station, Shin-Takaoka Station, Zuiryu-ji Temple, Tomb of Toshinaga Maeda, etc

**Participation fee**: Free

**Capacity**: 200 pairs (decided by lot)

**Application**: Fill out the application form and send it to “Shinkansen Machi-zukuri Suishin Takaoka Shimin Kaigi” by fax or mail until March 14 (Fri).

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**FAX** 20-1103

An application form can be obtained at Takaoka Station Area Development Project Section/Shinkansen Countermeasures Section or can be downloaded from the city’s website.

**Associate Events**

**Venue**: Lifelong Learning Center

◇**Keynote Speech & Talk Show**

Lecturers: JR Kyushu Executive Director Hongo Yuzuru

Actor Sawamura Kazuki

**Date/time**: March 29 (Sat) 1:30 p.m.

◇**Shinkansen “Monozukuri” Forum**

**Date/time**: March 30 (Sun) 2:00 p.m.

**Contents**: Local Manufacturers’ case presentations about “Monozukuri” related with Shinkansen.

◇**Exhibition & On-Site Sale**

**Date/time**: March 29 (Sat), 30 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

**Contents**: Gourmet food from the regions along the line, Display and On-Site Sale of towns’ superb products,

Exhibition of the paintings of Shinkansen by elementary and junior high schoolers

**Inquiries**: Shinkansen Town Development Promotion Takaoka Citizens Secretariat ☎20-1102

Takaoka Station Area Development Project Section/Shinkansen Countermeasures Section ☎30-6505
Call for Participants in Visit to Cruise Ship “Diamond Princess”

Date/Time: April 29 (Tue) 2:00 p.m. ~ 3:30 p.m.
Venue: Fushiki Manyo Wharf
Eligibility: People who have a valid passport
Capacity: 50 people (Successful applicants will be decided by lot.)
Participation fee: Free
Application: Send a self-addressed postcard to Minato Promotion Section until March 14 (Fri) as indicated by the postmark on the envelope.
   Write addresses, names, birthdays, passport numbers, and phone numbers (of members wishing to participate) on the request portion as well as your name and address on the reply portion. (max 2 people per postcard)
   (〒933-0103 Takaoka City Fushiki Chuo Machi 6-1)
Inquiries: Minato Promotion Section ☎44-0484

Agricultural Products Cooking Classes
1. Father’s Cooking
   Date: March 12 (Wed), 13 (Thu), April 9 (Wed), 10 (Thu)
2. Parent-and-Child Picnic Lunch Cooking
   Date: March 15 (Sat)
3. Sekihan and Ohagi Making
   (Red bean rice & rice ball coated with bean jam, etc)
   Date: March 19 (Wed), 20 (Thu)
4. Delicious Japanese Meal
   Date: April 3 (Thu), 4 (Fri)
5. Boiled Gyoza Instructed by a Chinese
   (incl. gyoza skin making)
   Date: April 5 (Sat)

■ For each class mentioned above

Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon
Capacity: 20 people (on a first-come basis)
Cost of ingredients: 1,000 yen
What to bring: Apron, Bandana, Something to write with
Application: Apply to Agriculture Center from Mar.6 (Thu)
Where/Inquiries: Agriculture Center ☎63-1818
Geibun Gallery Special Exhibition
◇ NO WHERE Exhibition (Painting Exhibition by Toyama Univ. Graduates)
Date: March 6 (Thu) ~ 16 (Sun)
◇ “Kamaboko” University (Kamaboko-themed Exhibition)
Date: March 19 (Wed) ~ April 6 (Sun)
■ For each exhibition mentioned above
Hours: 11:00 a.m. ~ 7:00 p.m.
Inquiries: Geibun Gallery ☎ 25-6078, Commercial Employment Section ☎ 20-1592

Manyo Line Ai-Tram 10th Anniversary Event
Date/Time: Mar. 29 (Sat), 30 (Sun) 11:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Venue: East Side Square In Front of the Station
Contents: Mini Ai-tram service, On-site sale of Manyo-sen goods
※ Please use Manyo Line when you come to the event venue.
Inquiries: Manyo-sen Co. Ltd. ☎ 25-4139, Regional Safety Section ☎ 20-1139

Doll Festival (Hina-matsuri) at Yamacho
When: March 8 (Sat) 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
9 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
◇ Lecture Meeting “Cool Japan and Hina-Matsuri”
Date/time: March 8 (Sat) 2:00 p.m. ~
Venue: Ota Residence
◇ Hina-matsuri Tea Ceremony
Date/time: March 8 (Sat), 9 (Sun) 10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Venue: Earthen Storehouse Museum
Tea tickets: 500 yen (Today’s tickets: 600 yen)
Ticket agents: Beauty Yasobu, Super Moriyama-machi Shop, Wakamori Pawn Shop, Ohno-ya, Maruwa
■ Inquiries: Machishu Salon ☎ 20-0555, Commercial Employment Section ☎ 20-1591
◆ Associated Events
※ Collaboration of Children’s Dance & Hina Dolls (Dance Experience Event)
Date/time: March 9 (Sun) 1:00 p.m. ~ 2:00 p.m.
Venue: Yamacho Disaster Prevention Facility
Capacity: 10 elementary school girls (on a first-come basis)
Applications: Apply to the Cultural Creation Promotion Office from March 6 (Thu).
◇ Jazz & Cafe Concert
Date/time: March 9 (Sun) 3:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Place: Yamacho Disaster Prevention Facility
Capacity: 50 people (on a first-come basis)
Admission fee: 1,000 yen (one drink service)
■ Inquiries: Cultural Creation Promotion Office ☎ 20-1255
Concert to Mark One Year Prior to Opening of Hokuriku Shinkansen
“Endless Music & Railway”
Date/time: March 15 (Sat) 1:00 p.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.
Venue: Lifelong Learning Center
Admission fee: Free
Inquiries: Takaoka Municipal Festival Hall ☎ 20-1560

Salon Concert “Mixed Chorus Heralding Spring”
Date/time: March 16 (Sun) 1:30 p.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.
Performers: Imizu Mixed Chorus
Admission fee: Free
Venue/Inquiries: Takaoka Municipal Festival Hall ☎ 20-1560

Graduation Work Exhibition of Traditional Craftsmen Training School
Date/time: March 19 (Wed) ~ 23 (Sun) 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
(Mar.19 starting from 1:00 p.m., Mar. 23 closed at 4:00 p.m.)
Venue: Takaoka Regional Industrial Center
Inquiries: Takaoka Design & Craft Center ☎ 62-0520

Living
Manyo Line Tram Stations to Change Names in April
Old name→New name: Takaoka·Eki·Mae→Takaoka·Eki
Honmaru·Kaikan·Mae→Kyukan·Iryo·Center·Mae
Inquiries: Manyo-sen Co., Ltd. ☎ 25-4139, Regional Safety Section ☎ 20-1139

Financial Assistance for School-Related Expenses
City Hall supports the guardians having difficulties to let their child go to elementary or junior high schools by paying some part of the necessary fee for school-related expenses.
Eligibility: • Guardians who don't receive welfare benefits but have financial difficulties due to the long term medical treatment, unemployment or the like.
• Guardians who receive reduction/exemption of Municipal Tax, National Health Insurance Tax, National Pension Premiums or the like.
• Guardians who receive Child Support Allowance (Jido Fuyou Teate)
Description of assistance: • School supplies expenses • School excursion costs (6th and 9th graders), Expense of extracurricular activities • School lunch expenses, 
• Physical education equipment costs (judo gear, kendo gear, ski rental )
• Medical expenses (diseases designated by school) • Others
Where to apply: Your child’s school
Inquiries: Your child’s school or School Education Section ☎ 20-1451
Holiday Carry-in Service for Household Waste (on a chargeable basis)

When you need to dispose of a large quantity of household waste due to moving house, etc, you can bring it directly to the disposal plants on Sundays and holidays (in March and April) as follows.

Date: March 21 (Fri), March 30 (Sun), April 6 (Sun)
※Free carried-in recyclables will not be acceptable at the Environmental Clean Plant and Fukuoka Recycling Center during the period.

What/Where to bring:
- Burnable waste, Oversized waste, Recyclable waste, Polymeric waste, etc
  - Environmental Clean Plant
- Landfill waste
  - Takaoka Non-burnable Waste Plant

※Landfill waste will be acceptable only on March 20 (Thu).

Opening hours: 8:30 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

Charges:
- Burnable waste, Oversized waste, Recyclable waste, Polymeric waste, etc
  - 500 yen up to 100 kg (100 yen for every 20 kg over 100 kg)
- Landfill waste
  - 250 yen per 100 kg (250 yen within less than 100 kg)

※Regarding the carry-in waste service plan for May 2014 to March 2015, please refer to the garbage collection calendar.
※In accordance with the revision of the Consumption Tax Act, there will be new charges from Apr. 1.

Inquiries: Environmental Service Section ☎ 22-2144, Environmental Clean Plant ☎ 23-7653
Non-burnable Waste Plant ☎ 31-3822

Legal Consultation with Lawyer

Date/Place: March 13 (Thu), 20 (Thu), 27 (Thu), City Hall 7F
Time: 1:30 p.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.
Capacity: 6 people per day (on a first-come basis)
Eligibility: New applicants
How to apply: Reservations by phone will be accepted starting Mar.7 (Fri).
Application/Inquiries: Civil Cooperation Section ☎ 20-1327

Legal Consultation with Female Lawyer

Date/Time: March 28 (Fri) 2:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.
Place: Consultation Room, Wing-Wing Takaoka 6F
Capacity: 4 people (on a first-come basis)
How to apply: Reservations by phone will be accepted starting at 12:30 p.m., Mar.7 (Fri).
Application/Inquiries: Gender Equality Promotion Center, Consultation Room ☎ 20-1811
Welfare

Joining National Pension System
When retiring from company and satisfying the following requirements, you need to subscribe for the National Pension Plan.

- Person under 60 years old
- Person who has quit subscribing for a welfare pension or mutual aid pension program
- Person who is no longer dependent as the spouse of a subscriber for a welfare pension or mutual aid pension program

Notification: Insurance & Pension Section, Citizen’s Affairs (Fukuoka General Administration Center) Fushiki, Toide and Nakada Branches, Takaoka Pension Office
Inquiries: Takaoka Pension Office ☎ 21-0057, Insurance & Pension Section ☎ 20-1362

Health

Health Consultation for the Elderly
When/ where:
Mar. 6 (Thu) Fushiki Elderly Welfare Center
Mar. 12 (Wed) Manyo Social Welfare Center
Mar. 13 (Thu) Sports Health Center
Mar. 18 (Tue) Seibu Elderly Welfare Center
Mar. 19 (Wed) Makino Elderly Welfare Center
Mar. 26 (Wed) Tobu Elderly Welfare Center

Contents: Lifestyle-related diseases, Preventive health care, etc

Hours: 9:30 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m.
Inquiries: Elderly Care Section ☎ 20-1165

Vaccination Week for Children – Mar. 1 (Sat) ~ 7 (Fri) –
Some of medical institutions will extend reception hours for vaccination.
For more information on the cooperative medical institutions, visit our homepage.
Inquiries: Health Promotion Section ☎ 20-1349
**Ai ♥ Ai Time**  
(Exercises, Hand Games, Hand-Made Toys, No Reservations)  
**Date/Place:**  
- March 11 (Tue)  Nomura Children Center  
- March 18 (Tue)  Seibu Children Center, Toide Children Center  
- April 8 (Tue)  Fushiki Jido-Kan, Nomura Children Center  
**Hours:** 10:30 a.m. ~ 11:30 a.m.  
**Eligibility:** Infants aged between 0 and 3 years  
**Inquiry:** Takaoka Childcare Support Center ☏28-4114

**Niko-Niko Babies’ Meeting**  
(Free Conversation, Hand Games, Hand-Made Toys, Talk of Accident Prevention)  
**Date/Time/Place:**  
- March 6 (Thu)  10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. Fukuta Public Hall  
- March 12 (Wed) 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. Futatsuka Nursery School, Sano Public Hall  
- March 13 (Thu) 10:00 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. Toide Community Center  
**Eligibility:** Infants & Guardians, Pregnant women  
**What to bring:** Maternal and Child Health Handbook, bath towel  
**Inquiry:** Health Promotion Section ☏20-1344

**Health Promotion for Parents and Children**  
◇Checkup for 3-Month-Old Infants  
**Date/Eligibility:**  
- Mar. 13 (Thu) Infants born between Nov. 5 and Nov. 17, 2013  
- Mar. 20 (Thu) Infants born between Nov. 18 and Dec. 4, 2013  
**Hours:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
(1:20 p.m.  Lecture by Pediatrician)  
**Where:** Health Center  
**What to bring:** Maternal & Child Health Handbook, Questionnaire  
◇Checkup for 18-Month-Old Infants  
**Date/Eligibility:**  
- Mar. 11 (Tue) Infants born between Aug. 8 and Aug 17, 2012  
- Mar. 18 (Tue) Infants born between Aug. 18 and Aug. 31, 2012  
**Hours:** 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
※Fluoride Treatment Available to Applicants  
**Where:** Health Center  
**What to bring:** Maternal & Child Health Handbook, Questionnaire,  
Fluoride Treatment Fee (200 yen)
◇Checkup for 3-Year-Old Infants (3 and a half years old)

Date/Eligibility:
Mar. 12 (Wed) Infants born between Aug. 22 and Aug. 31, 2010
Hours: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
※Fluoride treatment available to applicants
Where: Health Center
What to bring: Maternal & Child Health Handbook, Questionnaire,
                    Medical interview sheet, Fluoride treatment fee (200 yen)

For each checkup
Inquiries: Health Promotion Section ☎ 20-1315