

# Minami no Kaze

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## Information from Minami Lounge

### ● Minami lounge is closed from

Monday, December 29th, 2025

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Saturday, January 3rd, 2026

### ● Minami no Kaze "Digitizes"

We plan to digitize 'Minami no Kaze' from Vol.63. Therefore please view news letters from our website. In order to eliminate the digital divide, we will continue to issue news letters for some facilities as before.

## Event information

### ● January / 28th / 2026 (Wed) For Foreign Mothers and Fathers

~About Kindergarten and nursery school (preparation for kindergarten, entrance ceremony, etc.)~

FREE application needed!

Place: Minami Citizens Activity & Multicultural Lounge

(10th floor of Urafune Fukugo Fukushi Shisetsu)  
5-min. walk from Bando-bashi st.  
10-min walk from Kogane-cho st.

For: Foreign Mothers and Fathers

Apply,  from here 

Don't worry about Japanese.  
There are interpreters!

Join us with your kids!  
There are some fun contents for  
children such as toy and  
storytelling time.

You can consult about child-  
rearing, and etc.!



## About Japan's New Year holidays

Akemashite Omedetou gozaimasu.  
Kotoshimo Yoroshiku onegaishimasu

New Year's Greetings

### ● What is the year-end culture in Japan?



• Eating **soba** at home,

Going to shrines and temples to celebrate  
New Year's Eve

There are many food stalls  
such as Yakisoba, Okonomiyaki  
and Apple candy!

• Cleaning house

Clean places that you can't usually  
clean during long vacations!

• Spending with family  
(many people go back to their home town)

### ● From Dec.31st (Wed) to Jan.4th (Sun) Garbage will not be picked up.

● Lithium battery collection started from Dec.1st  
(You can put it out in a separate bag on the day  
of burnable garbage)

### ● Multilingual living information from here

### ● Japanese New Year's day Info.

• New Year's Day is from January 1st to 3rd

The culture of giving money  
from adults to children

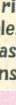
• 「Otoshidama」

• Eating **osechi cuisine, omochi, and ozoni**



• 「Hatsu hinode」

Seeing the first sunrise  
of the new year



• Going to a shrine or temple

Pray for a good  
New Year



### ● Year-end and New Year Emergencies

Call #7119

(Kanagawa Emergency Medical Service Center)

### ● Minami Ward Office will be closed Dec.28th~Jan.4th

# “Minna no ‘Wa!’ Festa 2025” has been held!

On Sunday, November 16th, we held “Minna no ‘Wa!’ Festa 2025” at Minami Lounge and Urafune Community House. On the day of the event, variety of programs were held, including Japanese speeches, world stages, various booths by registered groups and teachers, and workshops.

About 900 people attended. Thank you for the cooperation !

It was a day to enjoy interaction across generations and nationalities. Thank you for everyone who participated.

## World tea corner

Some exhibitors said, "I was happy because I had never had the opportunity to show my country to many people before."



## International Foods

There were many kinds of dishes. Such as Korean, Chinese, Taiwanese, Indonesian, Thai, and Vietnamese.



Performance of Japan lion dance by the members of “gumyouji machikoubayashi”.



## World Stage

Erhu performance, Indonesian dance, Thai dance, Playing traditional Japan instruments such as koto and shakuhachi, etc.



## Japanese Speaches

Twelve foreigners talked about the culture of their home country and life in Japan. They showed the improvement of Japanese learned in their Japanese classes.



## Activity introduction and experience corner



Participants tried Japanese kimono and traditional costumes of various countries .



## Introduction of Multicultural Volunteer (13)

My name is Pham Van Thuy. Currently, I run a Vietnamese restaurant "Vietnam Smile" near Yokohamabashi shopping street. Japan is a disciplined and safe country that gives you the opportunity to improve your various skills. Sometimes I get tired of the pressure of work and the fast speed of life, but the accumulation of those days makes me more mature. One of the activities that I find particularly meaningful is volunteering as an interpret and translate. I translate necessary information such as event flyer and living guides for the Vietnamese community living in Japan. This activity not only improves my language skills, but also provides an opportunity to connect with many people and understand and support their concerns and situations. Although it is a small contribution, Vietnamese people living in Japan can live with peace of mind and confidence, I would be happy I could help them.



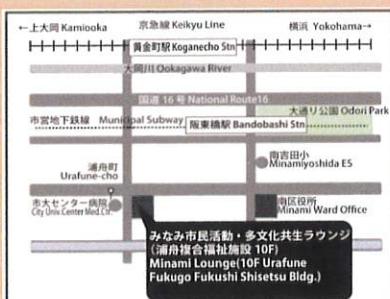
Mr. Pham Van Thuy

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① **Consultation Desk (Free of charge)** : Mon.-Sun. 9:00-17:00  
(Closed on : Every 3rd Mondays · Dec.29 to Jan.3 · National holidays)  
Tel. : (Japanese) 045-232-9544  
(Foreign Language) 045-242-0888  
※Please check below for available languages

② **Free of charge consultation** :  
Law (2nd Thurs), Visa (3rd Thurs) and Education (4th Thurs)  
※ 13:30-, 14:30- (Appointment needed. Tel.045-242-0888  
【Available languages and days】



Minami Lounge URL  
<https://tabunka.minamilounge.com/>

◀ Direction Map

Days	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
language	Japanese Chinese English	Japanese Chinese English	Japanese Chinese English	Japanese Chinese English Thai	Japanese Chinese English Vietnamese	Japanese Chinese	Japanese Chinese