



June is Environment Month.

Why not use it as an opportunity for once more doing some thinking and taking action for the environment?

A group observing nature in Tsuzuki Chuo Park (Tsuzuki Ward)

Streaming Koho Yokohama.

Koho Yokohama Hiroi-Yomi streams recommended articles from Koho Yokohama.

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Steady efforts, a little at a time, build the future



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Mayor of Yokohama

When the season for putting away winter clothes arrives, I fondly recall how houses would be prepared for summer, in ways that one cannot see any more. I am thinking of things such as the reed screens set up in front of the house and the straw mats laid on tatami floors to make lounging around the living room a little more comfortable.

In the process of taking steps for more comfort in the particular season, we felt closer to nature. These days, air conditioning has made life easier, but we are apt to forget about learning from nature and applying its lessons. To protect the global environment as well, it is vital for us to be aware of the need for living at harmony with nature in our daily life.

Even Yokohama's children are getting involved, through the Children's Eco-Katsu Campaign! project. This project includes steps such as rigorous conservation of energy and planting of green curtains, to be taken during summer vacation every year. Last year, the challenges of all sorts of environmental action were taken up by about 40,000 children in 226 of the schools in the city. These steady environment-friendly efforts by each and every one of us will lead to a precious future in which all can have a fulfilling life.

Last month, Yokohama welcomed the participants of 50th Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting, who numbered about 5,000 and came from 67 different countries and regions. These persons of prominence in Asia also had high ratings of the approaches being made in Yokohama as the FutureCity of beautiful flowers and greenery.

Let's all continue to pull together in unflagging efforts to protect the environment and pass it on to future generations!

Oh no! Heavy rains!

Being always prepared for torrential rains will help you to prevent disasters and stay composed in taking action and evacuating.

Know the terrain around your house and in your community

Are you living in an apartment? A condominium? A detached dwelling?
Is there a river nearby? Many slopes? A cliff?
What are the features of the terrain in your community?

You can begin preparing for torrential rains by checking the area around you.

Hazard maps prepared for different types of disaster can help you to ascertain the kind of damage your area of residence could possibly incur.

You can check these hazard maps on the city website.

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Check the kind of risks your area faces on the hazard maps.

Hazard maps enable residents to check the kind of damage anticipated to be caused by landslides and overflow from rivers and sewerage on maps of the districts in each ward. There are three hazard maps related to torrential rains. Each shows the degree of danger in the event of damage.

- ◎ **Landslide hazard map**
- ◎ **Flood hazard map**
(inundation along rivers etc.)
- ◎ **Inner water hazard map**
(inundation occurring along sewer pipes and water conduits, caused by heavy rains in urbanized districts)

To prevent damage from inundation and landslides

To prevent or mitigate damage from inundation, it is important to take action to be constantly ready and improve cliffs etc. in advance, by making use of provisions for subsidies.

Cleaning of stormwater inlets

When stormwater inlets are clogged, it is harder to drain stormwater in the event of torrential rains, and this poses the risk of inundation. Please try to clean gutters and stormwater inlets on a routine basis in order to prevent clogging.

Contact: Sewage Works Management Division, Environmental Planning Bureau
Tel: 045-671-2840 Fax: 045-664-0571



Program of subsidies for cliff improvement work

Yokohama offers subsidies for part of the cost of construction work performed by landowners etc. for improvement of natural or man-made cliffs where landslides are anticipated to occur or cliffs where landslides could cause secondary destruction.

Contact: Architecture Disaster Prevention Division, Housing and Architecture Bureau
Tel: 045-671-2948 Fax: 045-663-3255



Take note of signs for evacuation in emergencies

Make an advance confirmation of the action to be taken for evacuation, based on evacuation information and meteorological information.

- **Check of crisis management information**
(on risk of river inundation & landslides, evacuation, meteorological conditions, etc.)
- **Inundation from sewerage, water conduits, etc.**
- **Phenomena preceding landslides**
(falling pebbles, gushing of water from slopes, appearance of cracks on slopes, etc.)

Contact: Crisis Management Division, General Affairs Bureau
Tel: 045-671-2012 Fax: 045-641-1677

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When the following evacuation information is released...

<Evacuation preparations & start of evacuation of elderly etc.>

Start taking evacuation action first for the elderly, children, disabled, and other people who need more time to evacuate.

<Evacuation recommendation>

Evacuate to a safe place.

<Evacuation order (urgent)>

All people who have not yet taken evacuation action should evacuate immediately.

Start of the Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center Academy in July

The Yokohama Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center holds classes for citizens on preparations for torrential rains and other initiatives for disaster risk reduction. Please see its website for details.

Contact: Yokohama Disaster Risk Reduction Learning Center
Tel: 045-411-0119 Fax: 045-312-0386

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Action in the event that a ballistic missile falls in Japan

Contact: Crisis Management Division, General Affairs Bureau
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If a ballistic missile has been launched and there is a risk that it will fall to earth in Japan, emergency information will be provided through bulletin e-mail, TV, radio, and other means. When such emergency information is released, promptly take evacuation action and swiftly collect accurate information.

The information released by the City Government can also be checked by means of disaster-prevention information e-mail and disaster prevention bulletins sent by Yahoo! We urge you to use these means.

	Correct action	If a missile falls nearby
When outside	If possible, take shelter in a sturdy building or underground (underground malls, subway stations, and other underground facilities).	Cover your mouth and nose with a handkerchief, immediately leave the area, and take shelter in a building that is tightly sealed from the outside or a place upwind of where the missile fell.
When there is no building around	Hide behind some structure or lay face-down on the ground and protect your head.	
When inside	Keep away from windows or move to a room without windows.	Turn off the ventilation fan, close the windows, and seal off the room with weather-stripping.

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More convenient living with Maina Portal

Maina Portal, an online service whose operation is led by the national government, will become available for use beginning in July. Citizens will be able to use the service from their own computers or other information terminals.



Main services available for use beginning in July

■ Display of information on yourself

You can retrieve and check personal information on yourself in the possession of administrative organizations etc. from procedures using your My Number (personal number).

■ Display of the record of information provision etc. (history of exchange)

You can check the history of exchange of personal information on yourself between administrative organizations using the My Number system.

*Besides the My Number card, use of the Maina Portal service requires a computer or other such terminal, an IC card reader-writer, account registration, and other preparations.

In addition to the above, there are plans to have the service enable citizens to search for administrative services adapted to their age, household membership, etc. and to receive notifications from administrative organizations.

Contact: My Number toll-free dial (national government)

Tel: 0120-95-0178 Fax: 0120-601-785 (only for those with impaired hearing)

Use of Maina Portal requires a My Number card.

You can apply for a My Number card by mailing the application form attached to the notification card or through the Internet.

Contact: City Call Center Tel: 045-664-2525 (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.) Fax: 045-664-2828

Holding of a drawing for determination of pools for the Rugby World Cup 2019™!

The Rugby World Cup is a spectacle that decides which country has the No. 1 national rugby squad. In the 2019 Rugby World Cup, the 9th in the series, International Stadium Yokohama will be the site of the final match, and 11 other stadiums in Japan will host other matches.

Looking ahead to the event, a drawing to decide the match-ups for the pool (preliminary) matches was held at the Kyoto State Guest House on May 10. The Japanese team was placed in Pool A, which also contains the teams of Ireland and Scotland. The opponents have therefore been decided, and preparations for the Rugby World Cup 2019 are getting under way in earnest. Let all of us in Yokohama lead the way in efforts to ensure the success of this tournament, which commands worldwide attention.

Contact: Rugby World Cup and Olympics & Paralympics Promotion Division, Civic Affairs Bureau
Tel: 045-671-3589 Fax: 045-664-0669



Mayor Hayashi also took part in the drawing as a presenter.

At left is Bill Beaumont, the chairman of World Rugby.