ISD Newsletter 2025 JANUARY

Hello, this is ISD. This is a monthly newsletter to provide useful information and updates on recent events for international students.

Extension of "Satisfaction Survey for International Students" (*Re-Print)

The "Satisfaction Survey for International Students" collects valuable opinions to improve the student life of international students. The survey period has been extended to January 20th. If you haven't responded yet, please do so. Respondents will be given a small gift (Special sticker of Nishi, Ino & Matsu) at the ISD counter on each campus.

Survey URL: https://rossa.realone-inc.com/chibauniv2024/

Login ID and initial password: "Student ID number"

Recruitment for "Chiba-kun Global Partners" (*Re-Print)

(ISD Deadline: Feb 3)

Chiba Prefecture is promoting a multicultural society where everyone can live and thrive together, regardless of nationality or cultural background. To incorporate diverse perspectives into prefectural policies, they are recruiting international students to be "Chiba-kun Global Partners". Applicants will participate in opinion exchange meetings and events by Chiba Prefecture, as well as actively share information about Chiba on social media. The International Student Division will be the recommender, so if you are interested, please submit your application form to ISD.

Find out more from flyer: chirashi.pdf (chiba.lg.jp)

Application form: Excel ouboyoushi.xlsx (live.com) PDF ouboyoushi.pdf (chiba.lg.jp)

[Important!] Registration for Scholarships from Private Foundations for the First Semester of 2025

The scholarship registration, which was conducted in late January every year, will now be held from <u>April 1st to April 15th</u>. Please mark your calendars (smartphones etc.) so you will not forget!

Also, those who registered in January previously did not need to register in October, but from now on, registration will be required every six months. If you registered in April and wish to apply for the scholarship for the second semester, please register again in October. The registration for the second semester is scheduled from October 1st to October 15th.

Join Our Bus Tour for International Students (for free)!

The tour will visit Tateyama Castle Museum and Ichihara Historical Museum as well as give you the opportunity to try on Yukatas (summer kimonos).

It is a day tour on Feb 5 (wed). See details and apply from flyer: 国際理解 G チラシポスターバス見学 2025.2 月(英語版 Ver.1) 館山城と市原歴史博物館.pdf (chiba-u.ac.jp)

National Health Insurance Fee Reduction Application

In Chiba City, new payment slips for health insurance premiums are sent out every June. The amount is determined based on the previous year's income, so applying for a reduction may lower your premiums. The application period is from <u>January to May</u>. If you have not yet completed the procedure, the reduction papers are at ISD. Please fill out and submit to the ward office (scholarships are not considered as income).

Notice from Immigration Services Agency of Japan

After graduating or completing your studies, you must promptly return your residence card at the airport and return to your home country. If you plan to work at a company or continue job hunting, you need to change your residence status from "Student" to another appropriate status.

For those who take a leave of absence, withdraw from school, or do not attend classes for three months, returning to your home country is the general rule. Please return your residence card at the airport upon returning to your home country.