

KOHO JOETSU



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Other facilities will start or have started their services

Joetsu Kiyosato Furusato kan(Joetsu City Kiyosato Planetarium)

Marking its 25th anniversary, *Furusato kan* has started new planetarium programs that were digitalized last year. For this year's opening event, stargazing parties will be held until 10 pm on April 1st, 2nd and 4th.

- ▶Hours ... 10 am through 5 pm from April 1st (Sun) to November 30th (Fri), and it will extend its hours to 10 pm on Fridays and Saturdays except in April, July and November.
- ▶Closed ... Tuesdays, but it will be open from July 25th(Wed) to August 31st(Fri)
- ▶Admission including planetarium
 - ... 600 yen for high school children, and 400 yen for Junior high school children and younger.
- ▶Inquiries ... *Joetsu Kiyosato Furusato kan*(Joetsu City Kiyosato Planetarium)(☎ 025-528-7227)

Kuwadori Shimin no Mori (Joetsu Kuwadori Community Forest)

Just after opening day you can enjoy watching early spring plants that start to sprout or bloom only at this time of year.

- ▼Hours ...
 - 9 am through 5 pm (closed on Mondays or if a national holiday falls on Monday, it is closed the next day) from April 28th(Sat) to November 14th (Wed)
- ▼Inquiries ...
 - Kuwadori Shimin no mori*(Joetsu Kuwadori Community Forest) (☎090-5775-1208)

Go-kart track in Kotsu Koen (Traffic park)

Elementary school children in second grade or lower must ride with another passenger who is junior high school age or older, and children under three are not allowed to ride.

- ▶Hours ... 9 am through 5 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and National holidays from April 1st (Sun) to November 25th (Sun) *It is open every day except Mondays from July 25th (Wed) to August 31st (Fri).
- ▶Charge per ride:
 - ... 100 yen for Junior high school children and younger, and 200 yen for general
- ▶Inquiries ... *Toshi Seibi-ka*(Urban Development Division) (☎ 025-526-5111)

Nanba kogen (Nanba Highland) Campground

From the campground, you can get a wide view of the city's urban area down to the Japan Sea, and you can also see the *Hokuriku Shinkansen's* super express trains running across the *Kubiki* plains. It has campsites and cottages as well as *Namba Sanso* (*Nanba* mountain villa) where you can stay overnight, and also *Nanba* lodge that provides dining halls and shops. If you would like to spend your time in the cottages and/or *Namba Sanso*, you need to make a reservation to do so.

- ▼Hours ... April 29th (Sun) (National Holiday) through November 3rd(Sat) Its opening day may be postponed depending on the amount of snow remaining there.
- ▼Applications and Inquiries ... *Kubikino Shinrin Kumiai* (*Kubikino* Forest Cooperatives) (☎ 025-520-6200) but after the campground opens, please contact *Namba* lodge for further info. and to make reservations. (☎ 025-524-9046)

Kaiyou Fishing Senta-(Marine Fishing Center)

You can enjoy sea fishing safely and pleasantly from a 185-meter-long pier stretching out to the Japan Sea. There is also a playground called "*Sun Beach*" that uses rocks from the shore nearby.

- ▶Hours ... 9 am through 5 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and National holidays from April 21st (Sat) to November 4th (Sun)
 - *It is open every day from April 28th (Sat) to May 6th (Sun), and from July 21st(Sat) to September 2nd (Sun).
- ▼Charge ... Admission 150 yen. rental fishing rod 200 yen, and fishing bait 250 yen.
- ▼Inquiries ... *Kankyō o sapo-to suru Kiraameki* (Environment Supporting Inc. *Kiraameki*) (☎ 0258-32-3033)

Takada Machikado Koryu kan opened on April 7th

▶Inquiries・・・Bunkashinko-ka(Culture Development Division)(☎025-526-6903)

Renovation work has finished on the former *Daishi* bank building and it was newly opened as *Takada Machikado Koryu kan*(*Takada* Community Exchange Hall). The building has become available as a recreational and event space where you can feel the essence of architectural structures unique to the *Showa* Period.

▶ On the first floor・・・A hall and exhibition rooms

※ When the hall is not being rented out, it can be used for a place to rest and dine freely.

▶ On the second floor・・・Exhibition rooms

▶ Hours・・・From 9 am through 5 pm ※Hall rental on the first floor is available until 10 pm.

▶ Closed・・・The second Wednesday of every month and the New Year period :December 29th through January 3rd

▶ Charge for using the hall・・・320 yen an hour

▶ Charge for using accessory equipment: ○A set of portable stages・・・200 yen an hour

○A set of audio equipment・・・220 yen an hour

※No charge for tables, chairs and perforated panels.

▶ Applications:・・・Accepted only in the morning and you can apply one year before your actual use ; but if you would like to use the service after 6 pm, you need to apply for it a week in advance.

Branches/pruning, small household appliances (50 items) will be collected

■Inquiries・・・Seikatsu Kankyo Division (☎025-526-5111, Ext.1655)

Pruned branches and small household appliances such as personal computers and mobile phones will be collected. Bring them directly to the sites listed below. Please unload the items by yourself at the sites. All of the sites are available free of charge. Please note that used clothes and household dishes will not be collected during this period.

■ Date and Sites

Date	Sites	Branches /Pruning	small household appliances
April 29(Sun) (National holiday) From 9 am to 11:30 am	Parking lot at <i>Ogata</i> Community Plaza	○	
	The front of <i>Ogata-ku</i> Resource Regular Collecting Station		○
May 13(Sun) From 9 am to 11:30 am	Parking lot at <i>Fukushi koryu puraza</i> (Welfare Exchange Center)	○	
	<i>Teramachi</i> Parking lot (The west side of <i>Jyokouji</i> temple)		○
May 20(Sun) From 9 am to 11:30 am	Former <i>Hokuriku</i> Regional Agricultural Administration Bureau, Joetsu Farmland Conservation Office (200 meters north from <i>Itakura-ku</i> District Office)	○	
	Staff parking lot at <i>Itakura-ku</i> District Office		○
May 27(Sun) From 9 am to 11:30 am	Parking lot at <i>Uragawara</i> Community Plaza	○	○

■ Collected items

Note: Business-related or industrial wastes are not accepted. All the collected items below are limited to those from households.

▶ Branches

・・・Shorter than 3 meters and under 1 meter in diameter (Roots, waste wood, fallen leaves, or grass/weeds are not accepted.)

*For safety reasons, when you bring the items to the site by truck, tie them up with ropes and/or cover them with sheets.

▶ Small household appliances (50 items)

Items	
Phones, fax machines	Calculators, Electronic dictionaries
Mobile phones, PHS terminals	Electronic thermometers, Electronic nanometers, Electronic pedometers
Radios, Digital TV tuners	Electric shavers, Electric toothbrushes, Electric hair clippers
Desktop electronic clocks, wristwatches	Standing game machines, Portable game machines
Digital cameras, Video cameras, Video tape recorders, DVD players/recorders, Blu-ray disc players/recorders, Projectors	Digital audio players (portable music players), CD players, MD players, IC recorders, Tape recorders
Laptop PCs, Desktop towers, Word processors	ETC units(on-board units), VICS units, Car stereo systems, Car navigation systems
Hard disk drives, USB memories, Memory cards, Flash memories	Remotes, Mouse, Keyboards, AC adapters (computer chargers), Battery chargers, Cables, Extension cords, Jacks and Plugs, Headphones and Earphones, Game controllers

* Make sure to remove batteries before putting the items out

* Monitors for PC or computers will be collected according to manufacturer.

* Items not listed above such as electric bulbs and printers, or electrical items (air conditioners, TV sets, refrigerators, washing machines and clothes dryers) specified by the Electric Appliance Recycling Law are not collected.