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This newsletter is a partial translation from the July 10th issue of 'Nishinomiya Municipal Bulletin.' We will be glad to help you seek further information about events or notices announced here.

#### WISH FOR PEACEFUL SOCIETY A-BOMB EXHIBITION AND SUMMER VACATION PEACE STUDY EVENT



Nishinomiya Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs, the City and others are holding peace awareness events. Now that a majority of citizens have no actual experience of war, we aim to promote irreplaceable peace by teaching citizens the awfulness of Abombs and wars and by delivering the strong messages for peace from those with actual

experience of wars, to the next generation.

[Inquiries] Human Rights Peace Promotion Division (Tel: 0798-35-3473)

#### SUMMER VACATION PEACE STUDY EVENT

[Venue] Civic Hall (limited capacity)

[Dates] From 2:00pm on August 11 (Sun.)

[Contents] Lectures on war experiences, lantern creation workshop, animation film show "Ojarumaru," and others A-BOMB EXHIBITION

#### [Venue] Central Plaza on 2F of ACTA Nishinomiya East Building

[Dates] 10:00am to 8:00pm from July 25 (Thu.) to 30 (Tue.) (to 6:00pm on July 30)

[Exhibits] The exhibits include the A-bomb artifacts borrowed from Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum and Daigo Fukuryu Maru Peace Association and panels to show the damage from radiation exposure.

#### NISHINOMIYA THEATER FOR PARENTS AND **CHILDREN**

[Venue] University Exchange Center

[Dates] From 2:00pm on July 28 (Sun.) (limited capacity) [Contents] Lecture-style study session on the theme of animals and wars

[Application] Call Nishinomiya Teachers and Staff Union (Tel: 0798-66-5588).

10:00am-to 5:00pm on weekdays (closed on weekends and holidays)

### EXHIBITION OF NISHINOMIYA DURING THE WAR

[Venue] PR Corner on 1F of the City Hall

[Dates] From 9:00am to 5.30pm until August 30 (to 4:00pm on August 30)

[Exhibits] Panels prepared based on the materials archived at Nishinomiya Peace Museum, and other war-related materials.

#### BICYCLE THEFT



Bicvcle thefts are increasing in Nishinomiya. 330 bicycles were stolen between January and May in 2024, 194 of which were not locked.

Make sure to lock your bicycle when parking to prevent bicycle theft.

#### POINTS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN USING FLOATS AT THE BEACH



Many families go swimming in the sea during summer vacation. Children use play equipment at the beach, such as swim rings and floats, but floats are especially susceptible to wind. There have been accidents in which children riding floats have been carried out to

sea while swimming. The Consumer Affairs Agency has issued a warning about such accidents.

[Accident example] A 4-year-old child was on a float and was swept out to sea by a gust of wind while the guardian was swimming nearby.

[Advice] 1) Avoid using the float on windy days.

2) Keep eyes and hands on the children on the float.

- 3) Check the target age range for float use.
- 4) Have them wear life jackets correctly.

5) Use at beaches where swimming is allowed.

6) Have them stand and sit carefully and teach them to hold on tightly to handles if there are any.

[Inquiries] Consumer Affairs Center (Tel: 0798-64-0999)

#### School Information Session

#### Nishinomiyahama Compulsory Education School



Nishinomiya Compulsory Education School, affiliated with Nishinomiya City General Education Center, offers distinctive curriculum throughout 9 years.

1) It is the only integrated public

elementary and junior high school in Nishinomiya. 2) It conducts distinctive educational activities, such as foreign language courses from 1st grade, a special activity where all-grades (from 1st to 9th) come together as one group, and so on.

3) It is acceptable for students, regardless of school district, if they live in the City and the educational policy is agreed upon.

The school will hold an information session for parents and guardians of children from new 1st graders in elementary school to current 2nd graders in junior high school.

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Date/Time	Venue	Capacity
August 17 (Sat)	Nishinomiya City Gender	45
10:00am	Equality Center, Wave	
August 18 (Sun)	Nishinomiyahama	100
10:00am	Compulsory Education School	
* Approximately 90 minutes		

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[Application] Online: July 16 (Tue) 9:00am @The City's website

\*First come first served basis on each session

\*Telephone application is also available.

[Inquiries] General School Affairs Division (Tel: 0798-35-3800)

#### Nishinomiya City Shellfish Museum



Nishinomiya City Shellfish Museum is an exclusive museum specializing in shellfish, with a collection of approximately 100,000 shellfish specimens. On exhibit is the Mini-Mermaid, the yacht belonging to Mr. Kenichi Horie who achieved the solo

non-stop sailing trip across the Pacific Ocean. Come to visit us!

[Open hours] 10:00am-5:00pm (Admission until 4:30pm)

\*Closed on Wednesdays and the new year holidays (December 29, 2024 - January 3, 2025).

\*Open every day during summer vacation (from July 20 to August 31)

[Inquiries] Nishinomiya City Shellfish Museum (Tel: 0798-33-4888)

## NISHINOMIYA CITY FOLK MUSEUM SPECIAL EXHIBITION

Footprints of Koshien - From Edagawa River and Sarugawa River to Koshien



The City Folk Museum will hold a special exhibition to mark the 100th anniversary of opening Hanshin Koshien Baseball Stadium. In the exhibition, the areas with the name "Koshien" and surrounding areas are

considered the "Koshien area". The exhibition will follow the footprints of "Koshien area" starting with the views of "Koshien area" when Edagawa and Sarugawa, which were branch rivers of Mukogawa river, once existed, abandonment of those rivers, birth of "Koshien Large Playground (Koshien Baseball Stadium)" and how it became as the sacred ground of sport and an excellent suburban residential area. Please refer to the City's website for more details.

[Date & Time] July 20 (Sat) to September 1 (Sun) 10:00am-5:00pm

Entry by 4:30pm, Closed on Mondays

#### Related projects

1) Explanation of the exhibition by a curator

[Date & Time] July 27 (Sat), August 17(Sat) 10:30am

\*Same contents for both days

[Number of maximum applicants] 20 persons for each day. First come, first served.

[Application] Start accepting 30min. before it starts

2) Special lecture from Mr. Maruyama Takeo, emeritus professor of Mukogawa Women's University

[Date & Time] August 10 (Sat) 1:30pm

[Number of maximum applicants] 50 persons. First come, first served.

[Application] Start accepting on July 14 on the City's website

#### Examples of the exhibition

1) Birds-eye view of Nishinomiya City (enlarged view of Koshien area)

It was drawn by Yoshida Hatsusaburo in 1936. It includes the Koshien area which was still outside of the City at that time and provides a detailed description of the City such as Koshien Baseball Stadium, Hanshin Park (former amusement park), Naruo Racecourse (former racecourse). 2) Picture postcard "Koshien Large Playground Opening Ceremony"

It shows Koshien Large Playground, which was completed about 5 months from the beginning of construction. On August 1, opening day, track and field competition of students living along the Hanshin line was held.

#### **Exhibition Structure**

1) Before the birth of "Koshien"

The views of Mukogawa, Edagawa and Sarugawa rivers, Koshien area in Edo era (1603-1868); previous night of the birth of the Koshien Sadium; opening of Hanshin Koshien station

2) Birth of "Koshien"

Koshien Stadium was opened on August 1 in 1924.

3) After the birth of "Koshien"

"Koshien" started to be the sacred ground of sport and amusement, and an excellent suburban residential area.

[Inquiries] Nishinomiya City Folk Museum (Tel: 0798-33-1298)

#### SCIENCE CLASS FOR CHILDREN

INTERESTING SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENTS AND CRAFTS



The City will hold the "Nishinomiya Yukawa Memorial Science Class for Children" for the purpose of encouraging them to become familiar with and interested in science by

providing them with scientific experiences. Free of charge. Many participants are expected.

[Date & Time] Aug. 22 (Fri) 10.30am-12.30pm (1st session) 1.30pm-3.30pm (2nd session)

[Venue] Frente Hall

[Target] Elementary and junior high school students

[Capacity] 100 persons per session (Drawing of names, if necessary.)

[Application] Send to the City's website on or before July 22 (HP 72184360)

#### Relationship between Dr. Yukawa & Nishinomiya

Dr. Hideki Yukawa, the first Japanese Novel Prize laureate, proposed "the meson theory" while he lived in Nishinomiya. In this association, the City has been undertaking the "Nishinomiya Yukawa Memorial Project." For details, see the City's website (HP 12468349).

[Inquiries] Community Study Promotion Division (Tel: 0798-35-5166)

#### SUMMER VACATION OF MIYATAN AND YOKAI MURA (GHOST VILLAGE)

EVENT INFORMATION BY "VISIT FROM YOKAI MURA" LEAFLET



The leaflet to introduce various events for children and families to be held around the City during the summer holiday season will be distributed from mid-July. It contains a lot of information useful for summer vacation research projects. You can get ideas for enjoyable outings during vacation.

[Distribution] at Information Desk of the 1F of the City's Main Hall as well as at nursery schools, kindergartens, elementary schools

[Terms of Events] July 19 - Sept. 1

[Inquiries] Nishinomiya Tourism Association (Tel: 0798-31-7821)