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New Year's Message from Mayor, HOSHINO Junichiro

I wish you a Happy New Year.

Abiko City will celebrate the 55th anniversary of its municipal government on July 1st, 2025. We will hold celebrations with the citizens so that they can have greater pride in and stronger affection for Abiko.

We will hold “Abiko Kotobuki Rakugo Story-telling Theater” on January 19th and “Abiko Hometown Comedy Live” on February 22nd,

where the hometown ambassador, Mr. Nobuyuki Hanawa, will perform a comedy, and release a map of filming locations. We are also planning a commemorative event “Sky Lantern Event”, which was presented by students from Chuo Gakuin University and won the gold award in the policy proposal presentation.

We will advance the construction of Kohoku Fire Station and the improvement of Gohonmatsu Sports Field and promote childcare-friendly policies. In order to achieve the early reconstruction of Kohoku elementary school gymnasium, we will begin its demolition and new building design.

We are committed to creating an attractive and vibrant city where people feel safe and want to live as their home. We would like to ask for your continued understanding and cooperation in the New Year.



Coming-of-age Ceremony for 20 years olds

The ceremony will be held in three parts as below.

Date: January 12 (Sun)

Venue: Keyaki Plaza

- ◇ 10:30 ~ 11:10 For those who live in the areas of Abiko and Kohokudai jr. high schools
- ◇ 12:30 ~ 13:10 For those who live in the areas of Hakusan and Fusa jr. high schools and the graduates of Abiko Special Needs Education School.
- ◇ 14:30 ~ 15:10 For those who live in the areas of Kujike and Kohoku jr. high schools

*Doors open 30 minutes before each ceremony.

Eligible people: those who were born between Apr. 2nd, 2004 and Apr. 1st, 2005

Requirement: admission card (enclosed in the invitation)

Inquiry: 04-7182-0511, Life-long-learning Section, Board of Education

Let's take photos with Unakichi-san at the photo spot for Coming-of-Age Ceremony in Abishirube, using your smart phone or camera.

Date: January 12 (Sun) 9:00 ~ 16:00, Venue and Inquiry: 04-7100-0014, Abishirube

Kids' Rice Cakes Pounding Gathering

Date: January 18th (Sat) 10:00 ~ 14:00 canceled in case of rainy weather

Venue: in front of the open deck of restaurant Maimai-tei, first floor, Mizu-no-Yakata

Content: rice cake pounding experience (10:00~, 11:20~ 12:40~), Lion dance, Oshiruko (sweetened red-bean soup) treats, sales of rice cakes with nori (laver), balloon art, etc.

Inquiry: 04-7128-7770 (9:00 ~ 17:00, on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, except holidays)

Abiko "Local production for local consumption" Promotion Council Secretariat

Fureai Awantori (Araki District Event)

Date and time: January 12 (Sun) 11:50 ~ 14:00 *rain or shine

Venue: Araki elementary school

Firing up New Year's decoration, treats of rice cakes, pork soup and sweet half sake (amazake)

Inquiry: 04-7188-2010, Araki Community Center

Health Exercise for Seniors

Date: January 26 (Sun) 13:30-15:00 Venue: Community Center Komorebi

Content: Music hoop health exercise and health rhythms

Capacity: First 40 people, Free of charge

Bring drink, indoor shoes, comfortable sportswear.

Application: 04-7183-9009, Tennodai District Council of Social Welfare by January 24th (Fri)

Individual Number Card Services on Weekends (By reservation only)

Call the Civic Section at 7185-4326 (9:00 – 17:00 on weekdays except national holidays) by one day before a reservation.

Dates and Hours	Reservation will be accepted
January 18 (Sat) 9:00 ~ 12:00	From 9:00, January 6 (Mon)
February 15 (Sat) 9:00 ~ 12:00	From 9:00 January 29 (Wed)

Location: Civic Section (Abiko City Hall, 1F)

Services: Application (reservation not required) and Issuance (reservation required) of Individual Number Cards, Renewal of electric certificate (reservation not required)

Requirements: notification card, 2 kinds of your ID (residence card, special permanent resident certificate, driver's license, health insurance card, bank passbook, etc.)

Advisory Services- January 2025

*Reservation required

Item	Date/Time	Location	Contact
Legal Advice	Jan 16,21,23, 28, and 30 9:30 ~ 15:30	Civic Consulting Room, 2F, Abiko City Hall Or by telephone	Secretarial Section * Tel: 7185-1714 Call for an appointment
Daily Life Advice	Weekdays (except national holidays) 8:30 ~ 17:00	Social Welfare Section West Annex 2F	Social Welfare Section Ext.394
Child Matters in General	Weekdays (except national holidays) 8:30 ~ 17:00	West Annex 1F	Child Consulting Section Tel: 7185-1821
Domestic Violence	Weekdays (except national holidays) 8:30 ~ 17:00	West Annex 2F	Support Office for DV Social Welfare Section Tel: 7185-1113
Consultations for Foreign Residents	Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat (except national holidays) 10:00 – 16:30	AIRA Office Abiko Civic Plaza	E-mail: info@e-aira.jp Tel: 04-7183-1231 Leave your name & phone number, and a counselor will call you back later.

Public Health Care Center Programs-January 2025 Tel:04-7185-1126*

Item	Date	Eligibility
Welcome Baby Classes	Jan 11,18 and 25 (Sat) Reservation required*	Expecting women of 20 weeks or over, and their family

Consultation for 4-month-old children	Jan 10 (Fri) and 14 (Tue)	Children born in Aug, 2024
Health Checkup for 18-month-old children	Jan 9 (Thu) and 16(Thu)	Children born between May 26 and July 1, 2023
Dental Checkup for 2-year and 8-month-old children	Jan 23 (Thu)	Children born in May, 2022
Health Checkup for 3-year-old children	Jan 9 (Thu) and 16 (Thu)	Children born between May 20 and July 8, 2021
Dental Checkup for 5-year-old children	Jan 23 (Thu)	Children born between Dec 17, 2019 and Jan 22, 2020
Baby Food Class for 4 to 6-month-old babies	Jan 31 (Fri) Reservation required*	First 30 applicants (parents)
Baby Food Class for 8 to 9-month-old babies	Jan 15 (Wed) Reservation required*	First 20 applicants. Children born in Apr, 2024

— Urgent Health Care Consultations —

1. Sudden Illness at Night or on Holidays: hospital introductions

Call Fire Station at 7184-0119. They will advise you of an appropriate holiday/night-time emergency hospital or pediatrician. Before going there, talk with the hospital on the phone about your sickness or injury. In urgent cases, call 119 for an ambulance.

2. Child's Sudden Illness at Night: telephone consultation with a nurse

Call #8000 or 043-242-9939 Hours: 19:00 ~ 8:00 next day A nurse will advise you about the care to be taken for your infant/child.

3. Sudden Illness at Night and Holidays: telephone consultation with a nurse

Call #7119 or 03-6810-1636 Hours: weekdays and Saturdays 18:00 ~ 8:00 next day
Sundays, Holidays and year-end/New Year holidays: 9:00 ~ 8:00 next day

4. Illness or Toothaches on Holidays: contact Holiday Clinic at 7187-7020

(1) Dentist: 9:00-11:30 (2) Internal Medicine & Pediatrician: 9:00-11:30,13:00-16:30

Note: Holidays: Sundays, national holidays, year-end/New Year holidays

Please do not hesitate to call for an ambulance in case of serious injury or acute illness.

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