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Population of HIRO
 at the end of Mar.
 (in comparison to Feb.)
 Population 44,070 (-140)
 ●M E N 21,395 (-81)
 ●WOMEN 22,675 (-59)



You must not abandon the determination to achieve your goal, which you have decided upon, due to a single defeat.
 Those who laugh at people's wounds are those who have never felt the pain of wounds. A fool thinks he is wise, but a wise man knows he is a fool. Take other people's words with good intentions.
 That's five times smarter. *Shakespeare*

Let's have a hobby!

"Tsu" means "rainy season" in Japanese. It is written as "梅雨" and pronounced as "tsu-yu". The word's origin comes from the fact that it coincides with the season of plums ripening. It is also written as "露雨" and pronounced as "tsu-yu-u". The word's origin comes from the fact that dew forms on plants during this season. Thanks to the rainy season, rich nature is nurtured around us.

Hydrangeas are famous as the flowers of the rainy season, but other flowers such as **azaleas**, **tsutsuji**, **kakitsubata** and **iris** also bloom. In addition, even in our everyday life, we can feel the change of seasons such as the chorus of frogs.

Well then, because it is a rainy season, it is a good opportunity to start hobbies that can be enjoyed at home such as reading books, watching movies, handicrafts and cooking. By taking courses at the Hiro C. D. C. or participating in voluntary circle activities, you may be able to interact with local people, meet new people, and make new discoveries.

If you access on our center's homepage, you can check "Short-term courses currently being accepted and future courses to be accepted," "Hiro C.D.C. / Regular courses," and "Hiro C.D.C. / Self-Organized Circles".

Director T.Hosokawa

Let's ask Hiro Community Development Center!

Q : I attend regular courses, but I want you to reduce the parking fee. Also, sometimes the parking lot gets crowded, so can you do something about it?

A : Hiro C.D.C is a complex facility, and it is used by people who use various facilities other than Hiro C.D.C. Based on the policy of Kure Civic Center, it is free for up to one hour, and ¥100 will be charged every 30 minutes thereafter, but this is also true for other city Community Development Center with paid parking lots. We will inform you in advance on our website on days when vaccination and large events are expected to cause congestion in the parking lot. Please check and use it.

☞ If you have any opinions, requests or questions about Hiro C.D.C, please let us know by email.

☞ hirokom@city.kure.lg.jp

Information from Hiro C.D.C. Registration starts on June 20th (Tue.) Summer Vacation Children's Painting Class

~How to draw Posters and Landscape~

Participant: Elementary school students

※Children 1st & 2nd graders must be accompanied.

Date and Time: ① Sun. Aug. 6th 13:00~16:00
 ② Mon. Aug. 7th 13:00~16:00

Participation cost: ¥500

※Accompanying parents ☞ Free

Seating Capacity: 15 (first come, first served)

one day

FOR KIDS

Handmade Bread Course

~Let's make Rolled Up Wiener Bread~

Participant: Elementary school students ※Children 1st / 2nd / 3rd graders must be accompanied.

Date and Time: Mon. July 31st 10:30~13:30

Participation cost: ¥1,400

※Accompanying parents ☞ Free

Seating Capacity: 12 (first come, first served)

Hiro-Bunren Spring Cultural Festival

This year's "Spring Cultural Festival" was held in a lively atmosphere for the first time in a long time, as efforts to combat the new coronavirus were relaxed. In the stage presentations, I felt the weight of Japan's traditional culture, such as Japanese music, percussion instruments, Japanese dance and folk songs, which have become distant from our daily lives. In Western dance, the children were full of energy and I was overwhelmed by the dynamism of their dance. The exhibition was held for the first time in four years. Although there were still few works exhibited, they were all wonderful masterpieces. The cultural festival is an opportunity for everyone who performs or exhibits to present their achievements, but at the same time, I think it is a great opportunity for those who watch to think about culture. We hope that more people will participate next year than this year.

Director T.Hosokawa



Information from Hiro Library

【Opening Time】 from 9:30 to 20:00

【Closing Days】 Thursdays and National Holidays

Closed days in June : June 1 (Thu), June 8 (Thu), June 15 (Thu), June 22 (Thu), June 29 (Thu)

* **Babar's Toddling Picture Book Meeting**

Date and time: June 17th (Sat) 10:30-11:00

Location: 6th floor Japanese-style room (604) of Hiro Civic Center

* Advance registration is required to participate.



Introduction of Regular Courses of Hiro C.D.C.

② Easy Dressmaking (women's course)

The course I visited this time is "Easy Dressmaking (women's course)". The instructor is Ms. **Shihomi Hamaguchi**.

Ms. **Hamaguchi** was born into a family of proprietors of a dressmaking school that was founded first and closed last in Kure City. She was destined to take over the school from a young age. However, Ms. **Hamaguchi** majored in "literature," which had nothing to do with dressmaking, at university. The turning point in her life came when she was a freshman in college. Her father passed away. While continuing her studies in literature, she learned dressmaking from her mother.



There were many difficult things about running the school, such as when the neighborhood caught fire or when suspicious people appeared because it was an all-female school. On the other hand, there are many pleasant memories of going on trips and outings with students.

The reason why Ms. **Hamaguchi** is where she is now is because she had a strong will to "always be in front to protect her students." She has been teaching at this center for 8 years. Since the previous teacher had to quit due to family circumstances, she has continued to teach since then. All students are active and friendly with each other. There is also mutual teaching among students. It's a very good atmosphere. According to Ms. **Hamaguchi**, this course is based on "everyone getting along and having fun together." If you can make clothes that you like, that's all that matters. Because we don't want to do anything difficult, having fun is the most important thing. We deepen our relationships while chatting. Because it takes a considerable amount of time to finish one piece, participation in the Educational Festival is planned once every two years. This is in line with Ms. **Hamaguchi**'s idea of "making one piece of clothing in a world that is comfortable to wear for a long time and that suits your body at your own pace while having fun."



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Our office is normally closed on 4th Monday
June Monday 26th

Information from HIRO Sports Association

54th Hiro Town Suburban Open Table Tennis Tournament

Date & Time: Monday, July 17th, starting at 10:00

Venue: Kure City General Gymnasium
(Shishinyo Oak Arena) Main Arena

Qualifications for Participation:

- (1) Those who reside in Hiro district and adjacent areas (**Aga/Gohara/Nigata** district)
- (2) Those who work at companies, schools, government offices, shops, etc. in Hiro district
- (3) **Hiro/Aga/Gohara/Nigata** Community Development Center table tennis class students and instructors
- (4) Students and pupils enrolled in schools in Hiro district and adjacent areas (**Aga/Gohara/Nigata** district)

Participation Fee: General section ¥500, Junior high school students and below section ¥200 (Collected at reception on the day. If you cancel on the day of the event, you will be charged a participation fee.)

Application Destination: Hiro C.D. C.

☆Hiro Sports Association Secretariat

☞ Submit the prescribed application form.

☎71-2151 FAX 73-5034

Application Deadline: Sunday, June 18th, 2023, 17:00

☆Deadline strictly observed!

- * We ask for your cooperation in managing your physical condition to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- * This year's event will be the first one held after being cancelled due to the spread of COVID-19 and will **only have individual matches** as it overlaps with other table tennis events making it difficult to secure staff."



Information from HIRO Collaboration Center

"I'm interested in volunteering and community activities, but I don't know much about them. I want to know more about what kind of volunteer work there is. I can't do it right now, but I want to try it someday..."

Let's chat about what you think and what you're curious about in your daily life! Feel free to join us.

*Tea Service and Kids Corner are suspended.

Date and time: June 23rd (Fri.), 2023 10:00 to 12:00

Capacity: No limit **Target:** Those who live in **Kure City**

Participation fee: Free **Application:** Not required

Location: **Hiro** Collaboration Center
(**Hiro** Civic Center 4F)

*Our center is closed every Wednesday.

*You can come and go as you please, feel free to come. *The event may be cancelled depending on the situation.



Rainbow Café



How about Walking with us?

◎**Date:** Thursday, June 15th, 2023 **RAIN OUT!**

◎**Meeting place:** JR Kure Port Pia Station

◎**Meeting time:** 9:30 AM

Ten-ou Hydrangea Road Walking 6km
Course:

Kure Port Pia Station → Sailor Fountain Pen Side
→ Hydrangea Road → **Kamijo** Park (Disband) →
Yoshiura Station



[JR] **Hiro** Station: 8:40 → **Shin-Hiro** Station 8:45

☞ **Kure Port Pia** Station 9:07 (arrival)

※ The course may be canceled or changed due to weather or other circumstances.

* Inquiries ☞ Hori: 080-1919-6088

* Please sign up at the reception desk for recreational insurance.



Information from "Hiro Hiro-Ba"

Course of IKEDAN by "Hiro Hiro-Ba"

We are holding a course to support "Cool Men" who want to enjoy parenting and family time.

Target: Men who have or will have children aged 0-2 years old, or grandfathers

Date: June 10th, 2023 (Sat) 10:00-11:30

Place: Hiro Civic Center 3rd floor
"Hirohiro-ba" training room

Content: Let's learn how to interact with children by playing with sounds with the Singing Big Brother!

Fee: Free

Application: Please apply from the two-dimensional code.

Contact: "Hirohiro Ba" (Child Care Support Center)

Phone: 76-1616 **Email:** kosodate@key.ocn.ne.jp



Editorial Note About Hydrangeas

When you think of June, you think of "hydrangeas".

What look like flowers are actually not flowers but bracts, which are leaf-like structures. The tiny dots in the center are the real flowers.

The reason why they are written as "紫陽花(hydrangeas)" in KANJI is that the origin is the word "紫陽花" that appears in the "白氏文集(haku-shi-mon-ju)". It was written by a poet 白樂天(Bai Letian) in the Tang Dynasty.

The word has a beautiful meaning of "Purple Flowers Shining in the Sun".

