



## Good luck to the Newcomers!!

In April, temperatures rise, and expectations for new encounters grow. Somehow, you start feeling uplifted, don't you? When we think of April, we often associate it with solemn ceremonies like entrance ceremonies. However, lately, perhaps due to global warming, cherry blossoms have been in full bloom by the end of March, so it's quite disappointing when they've already fallen by the time of the entrance ceremonies. We naturally think of solemn ceremonies like "School entrance ceremonies and Kindergarten • Nursery school entrance ceremonies" held in a dignified atmosphere. Recently, perhaps due to global warming, cherry blossoms have been in full bloom by the end of March, and by the time of the entrance ceremony, they may have turned into cherry blossoms with leaves, which is unfortunate.

In foreign countries, it seems that there are often no entrance ceremonies for elementary, junior high, high school, and university, unlike in Japan. In the United States, for example, children ride school buses and go to school on their own from the first day. In the UK, parents individually accompany their children to their classrooms and then leave. In Japan, entrance ceremonies are events held in April, from a global perspective, having ceremonies in April, like in India, Pakistan, and Nepal, is a minority practice.

In countries like the United States, the United Kingdom, and China, overwhelmingly, entrance ceremonies are predominantly held in September. South Korea has entrance ceremonies in March. The reason for September admission is said to be that spring to summer is a busy time with activities such as wheat harvesting and livestock births, so it became possible to start school in calm autumn.

In Japan, the Meiji Restoration led to the introduction of Western educational systems by the government, marking the beginning of "September Admission." However, in the 19th year of the Meiji era (1886), the government adopted the fiscal year of the United Kingdom (April 1st to the next year's March 31st), resulting in a shift in the admission period to April.

April is a season filled with new beginnings and hope. To all who have embarked on a new journey towards the future, including the new working members of society, the staff at the Community Development Center sincerely wish that your futures will be bright with new dreams and goals. Let's grow together. **Director Hosokawa**



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Population of HIRO (at the end of Jan.)  
 (in comparison to Dec.)  
 Population 43,353(-42)  
 ● M E N 21,025(-32)  
 ● WOMEN 22,328(-10)



I can see this world as my own. It's because, just like the full moon tonight, there's not a single thing missing. I believe this world exists for me. The moon may wane eventually, but just like tonight's full moon, there's not a single thing missing for me.  
*Fujiwara no Michinaga*

## Information from Hiro C.D.C. Registration for Regular Courses 2024

The Regular Courses that began accepting applications on March 1st (Friday) will close enrollment once the maximum capacity for each course is reached.

Courses with vacancies currently will continue to accept applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please note that courses with fewer than 8 registrations as of March 20th (Wednesday) will not be offered.

### Regarding the issuance of permission slips after the lottery

Regarding the permission slips for the use of Nijimura Park/ Hiro-Tagaya Multipurpose Ground on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, it was previously stated that they would be issued "after the 7th of each month" following the lottery. However, we have changed it to "after the day following the lottery date (after the 3rd of each month (6th for Jan))." The winning groups are requested to come to Hiro Community Development Center's office to pick them up. Please note that there is no change in the issuance of permission slips for Weekday Use (acceptance based on adjustment). Permission slips should be picked up "after the 7th of each month (10th for Jan.)."

## Information from HIRO Collaboration Center

### Notice of Poster Exhibition Introducing Activities of Citizen Groups

We will hold a Poster Exhibition introducing the activities of citizen public interest groups (volunteer groups) registered in Kure City. Please take this opportunity to see what kind of activities they are engaged in.

**Exhibition period:** May 13<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) to May 27<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)

**Location:** Hiro Civic Center 1<sup>st</sup> Floor,  
 Citizen Gallery

**Inquiries:** Hiro Collaboration Center

**Phone:** 71-0321 (\*Closed on Wednesdays)



## Guidance from the Federation of Cultural Organizations Hiro District Spring Cultural Festival

### Stage Presentation <3rd Floor Hall>

#### April 13th (Sat)

12:00-12:40 Japan Music **Zuifukai / Tatsumeikai**  
 12:40-13:20 Percussion **Ondo Kiyomori Taikokai**  
 13:20-14:00 Japanese Folk Song **Nene no Kai**  
 14:00-14:10 Japanese Dance **Yojiro no Kai**  
 14:10-14:20 Japanese Dance **Oho no Kai**  
 14:20-15:00 Japanese Dance **Rihokai**  
 15:00-15:10 Japanese Dance **Shijufuku no Kai**

#### April 14th (Sun)

11:00-11:50 Western Dance **STUDIO E.M.I**  
 11:50-12:30 Japanese Dance **Shoseikai**  
 12:30-13:10 Japanese Dance **Rishokai**  
 13:10-13:40 Western Dance **Kyushu Hawaiian**  
**Kyokai Hiroshima**  
 13:40-14:10 Handicrafts **Enjoy Kimono Dokokai**  
 14:10-15:10 Western Dance **WORKOUT STUDIO**

### Exhibition <5th Floor Room 501>

<Day 1> April 13th (Sat) 10:00-17:00

<Day 2> April 14th (Sun) 10:00-16:00

#### Ikebana (Flower Arrangement)

**Sogetsuryu / Sagagoryu Hirobikai / Shokoryu /  
 Senchadou Sankitei Baicharyu**

#### Tea Ceremony <Tea Ticket ¥500>

**Senchadou Sankitei Baisaryu**

We welcome you with heartfelt hospitality.

Please feel free to visit.

※ April 14th (Sun) 10:00-15:00 1F Gallery





## Introduction of Short Courses of Hiro C.D.C.

### ④ Let's Make Pizza for Christmas!

We had the Popular Bread-Making Class for Children, with instructor **Mayumi Kudo** and **Miho Hino**.

The class took place on a Sunday, and many parents attended, making it a lively event for the kids.

Some children, expressing their desire to do it again the next one soon, showed impressive skill in kneading the dough, surprising even us adults. Despite the small hands and small power0 challenges of limited strength in

younger children, the tools provided by the teacher quickly transformed the dough.

After fermenting the dough, the children worked together to flatten it into a round shape like a pizza, spread pizza sauce, and add their favorite toppings. The rest was just baking it in the oven.

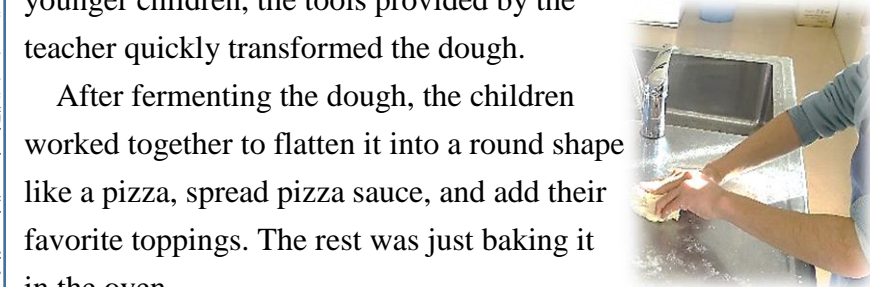
Eating the finished pizzas together, it was a special experience, especially since they were made with friends. I hope they continue to take on various challenges and gain valuable experiences.

Considering the high interest in Bread and Sweets-Making from the kids, we are thinking of organizing similar workshops near the future.

Please look forward to our short courses for kids in 2024. Thank you for your continued support.



**Our office is normally closed on 4<sup>th</sup> Monday**  
**Next : Mon. 22<sup>nd</sup> Apr.**



## From Hiro Sports Association (Acknowledgment)

### Schedule of Hiro Sports Association 2024

#### 1. Town People Athletic Meet

- 〈1〉 **66th HIRO Town People OB Softball-Tournament**  
Sun. May 12th, 8:30~ Nijimura Park Multipurpose Ground
- 〈2〉 **43rd HIRO Town People Grand Golf Competition**  
Tue. May 14th, 8:30~ Hiro Park Ground
- 〈3〉 **55th HIRO & Suburbs Town People Table Tennis Match**  
Mon. July 15th, 10:00~ SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA
- 〈4〉 **55th HIRO Town People Junior Soft-Tennis Match**  
Sat. Aug. 10th, 9:00~ Tennis court of Kure Natl. Coll. of Technology
- 〈5〉 **56th HIRO Town People & Hiro Suburbs People Women' Volleyball Match 2024**  
Sun. Aug. 18th, 9:00~ SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA

- 〈6〉 **30th HIRO Town People Japanese Archery Match**  
Sun. Aug. 18th, 9:00~ Kure Municipal Kyudo Court
- 〈7〉 **36th HIRO Town People Badminton Match**  
Sun. Aug. 25th, 9:00~ SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA
- 〈8〉 **65rd HIRO Town People Softball-Match**  
Sun. Oct. 6th, 8:30~ Nijimura Ball Park
- 〈9〉 **44th HIRO Town People Ground Golf Match**  
Wed. Oct. 30th, 8:30~ Hiro Park Multipurpose Ground
- 〈10〉 **59th Hiroshima-Prf. Soft-Tennis Match**  
Sun. Dec. 8th, 9:00~ Tennis court of Kure Natl. Coll. of Technology
- 〈11〉 **9th HIRO & Suburbs Town People Soft Volleyball Exchange Match**  
Thu. Mar. 20th, 9:00~ SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA

#### 2. 76<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Project of Educational Festival in Hiro

- 〈1〉 **22th HIRO Town People Mini-Basketball Match**  
Sst. Nov. 2nd, 9:00~ SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA
- 〈2〉 **70th HIRO Town People Road Race**  
Sun. Nov. 10th, 8:45~ around H.I.U.
- 〈3〉 **65rd HIRO Town People Martial Arts Kendo Match**  
Sun. Nov. 24th, 9:30~, SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA Sub Arena
- 〈4〉 **65th HIRO Town People Martial Arts Judo Match**  
Sun. Nov. 24th, 10:00~, SHISHINYO OAK-ARINA Martial Arts Room

#### 3. Sport Lectures ☞ Details Undecided

#### 4. 71<sup>st</sup> Kure Sports Festival

Sun. Oct. 27th, Mitsutoyo Sports Park Ground & other

#### 5. Awards Ceremony

Commendation Physical Education Achievement Award

Sat. Nov. 23rd at Hiro Community Development Center

Certificate of appreciation presentation ceremony

Fri. Dec. 6th at Hiro Station Hotel.

Contact: HIRO Sport Association ☎ 71-2151

## Information from Hiro Library

Opening Hours: 9:30 AM to 8:00 PM

☞ Closed on Thursdays and Public Holidays

**April Closed Dates:** April 4<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 11<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 18<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 25<sup>th</sup> (Thu), 29<sup>th</sup> (Mon, \*Showa Day)

☆ **Babar's Toddler Storybook Event**

**Date:** April 23rd (Tue) 10:30 AM to 11:10 AM

**Location:** 6F Room 604 of Hiro Civic Center

**Inquiries:** Hiro Library ☎ 71-7470



## How about Walking with us?

◎ **Event Date:** Tue. Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024

◎ **Meeting Place:** Hiro Civic Center

◎ **Meeting Time:** 9:00AM

**Course:** Marino Ohashi Round Walk 5 km

Hiro Civic Center ~ Nijimura Ohashi Bridge ~ Marino Ohashi Bridge ~ Hiro Civic Center

※The event may be canceled or the course may change due to.

※Sign up at the registration desk for recreation insurance.

**Contact:** Hori ☞ ☎ 080-1919-6088



\*Hosted by Hiro District Health Exercise Promotion Council & Kure City Health Center East Health Center

\*Co-hosted by Hiro District Community Association & Hiro District Social Welfare Council

## Editorial Note **Why do people born on April 1<sup>st</sup> advance to 1 upper grade?**

People born on April 1<sup>st</sup> and those born on April 2<sup>nd</sup> enter different school grades. According to the law, a person's age increases at the moment (midnight) when the day before their birthday ends. For someone born on April 1, their age increases at midnight on March 31. It would be fine even on actual the Birthday, but the reason it doesn't happen that way seems to be consideration for those born on February 29. If someone born on a leap year's February 29 ages up at midnight February 28, there won't be any issues. I think it's best to have a birthday party on the actual day, whether you're celebrating or being celebrated.

