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## ★ TOPIC 1 *Introducing the Individual Number System “My Number”*

### What is an Individual Number ?

An Individual Number is a 12-digit number issued by the government to every person who has an address in Japan, including foreign medium- to long-term residents. Once you have finished your residence registration procedures, a notification card will be sent to the address listed on your residence certificate.

### When to use your Individual Number

You may be asked to present your Individual Number to your employer for tax and social security purposes. An Individual Number is also required for health insurance, unemployment insurance, and when claiming employee pension benefits and welfare benefits.

### Be careful with your Individual Number !

Do not carelessly show or tell your Individual Number to others unless you are required to. No one is allowed to collect Individual Numbers unless permitted by law. Obtaining and using another person's Individual Number fraudulently is subject to punishment.

### What is an Individual Number Card ?

You can apply for an Individual Number card after the notification card arrives. This card shows your Individual Number and identity for any procedures which require your Individual Number. It can also be used as your official ID card.



**Be sure to handle your Individual Number with care !  
It is valid throughout your entire lifetime.**

**CHECK IT OUT!**

Please visit this website for more information:

<http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/otherlanguages.html>

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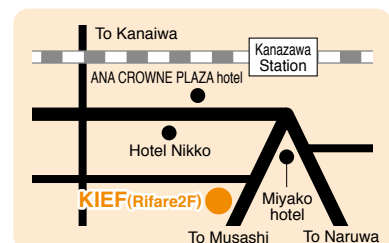
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## ★ TOPIC 2 *International Friendship Festival 2016*

The dates for this year's International Friendship Festival are out! This year we are planning for more exciting performances, activity corners, and food booths so that you can sample cultures and tastes from all around the world! As always, admission is free.



**Date: June 25th (Sat) - 26th (Sun) 10:00 - 16:00**

**Venue: Shiinoki Cultural Complex Ishi-no-Hiroba Plaza and Open Lawn Area**

## ★ TOPIC 3 *Experience Kanazawa's Traditional Culture*

Kanazawa is a city famed for its well-preserved traditional culture. Have you ever wanted to experience its cultural charms in a unique way? Here are some recommendations!

### Try on a Kaga Yuzen kimono

Kanazawa is famous for a style of kimono called Kaga Yuzen which uses dyeing techniques developed during the Edo period to create vivid designs on silk. At the Kaga-Yuzen Kimono Center, you can try on a Kaga Yuzen kimono for a mere 2,000 yen. It is a great way to appreciate firsthand the creative ingenuity and work that goes into producing each Kaga Yuzen piece.

*For more information, please go to*

▶ <http://www.kagayuzen.or.jp/english.html>



### See a geisha performance

Kanazawa is one of the few places in Japan where the arts of the geisha still live on. Geisha performances tend to be expensive and inaccessible to the average person, but luckily the Kanazawa City Tourism Association regularly holds events where for the small price of a ticket you can see a live performance and interact with real geisha!

*For more information, please go to*

▶ <http://geisha.artexinc.com/>

### Play with emotions in a Noh mask

Known for its lifelike masks and intricate costumes, Noh theater has long flourished in Kanazawa. At the Kanazawa Noh Museum, you can don a Noh mask and robe for free and try your hand at expressing a range of emotions using only body movements.

*For more information, please go to*

▶ <http://www.kanazawa-noh-museum.gr.jp/data/language/english.pdf>

