# International Support Desk

#### Newsletter

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Hello, this is ISD. This is a monthly newsletter that provides useful information and updates on recent events for international students.

# Join the Yukata Wearing Workshop!

On June 6, 2025, the Keyaki Club will host a **Yukata Wearing Workshop** at the Center for International Education on the Nishi-Chiba Campus. Yukatas (summer kimono) are easier to wear compared to kimonos, and once you learn how to wear one yourself, you'll be ready to enjoy summer festivals and outings in style! Friendly instructors will guide you through the process. Yukata will be provided for participants, and there will also be time for photos.

The workshop is open to all genders.

**Sign up from flyer** → Yukata workshop.pdf (chiba-u.ac.jp)

Welcome Lunch Gathering held for New Undergraduate International Students

On Tuesday, April 8, a lunch gathering for new undergraduate international students was held at the Center for International Education. The gathering was aimed to make friends from other faculties and departments, as well as to connect with senior and junior students. First and second-year student participants enjoyed pizza and friendly conversations in a relaxed atmosphere.

## Japanese Language Classes for Residents in Chiba City

For those who are not taking Japanese language classes at university or who wish to study Japanese off campus, Chiba City International Association offers Japanese language classes. There are various formats available, including one-on-one lessons, online sessions, and group classes. If you're interested, please check the flyer →日本語学習チラシ.pdf (chiba-u.ac.jp)

#### Have you joined National Pension and applied for exemption?

Everyone aged 20 and above with a residence card is required to enroll in the National Pension. Students can have their pension premiums exempted or deferred by completing procedures at the ward office. The documents and application periods differ for regular students and non-regular students (research students, exchange students).

- \*New students: after joining pension, you will receive pension number. Apply for exemption using that number. Application forms are at ISD. Fill in and bring to ward office.
- \*Regular students: APRIL BLUE form (Special Payment System for Students)
- \*Non-regular students: <u>JULY</u> **ORANGE** form (Exemption or Payment Deferral)

Don't forget to complete the exemption procedure <u>every year</u>. Forms are available at ISD.

# Let's Review How to Dispose Garbage Properly

Garbage disposal rules in Japan can be quite complicated. If you're still unsure, now is a good time to review how to sort and dispose of your trash correctly.

→ https://www.chiba-u.ac.jp/international/isd/en/living/dailylife/garbage.html

## **Notice from the Immigration Services Agency**

Human trafficking, sexual violence and abuse among young people are increasing. If you suspect that you or someone else may be a victim, or if someone reaches out for help, please contact the consultation service listed on this flyer → https://www.gender.go.jp/policy/no\_violence/pdf/kagai\_eng.pdf