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ASKING COOPERATION for ENERGY SAVING and ROLLING BLACKOUT A measure taken due to *TOHOKU-CHIHOU-TAIHEIYO-OKI* EARTHQUAKE

A big earthquake occurred in the northeastern part to central part of Japan on March 11th (Fri). During that earthquake, Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO) facilities have been seriously damaged. Due to that event, power supply shortage may occur within the TEPCO service area including *Hamura City*.

All TEPCO customers are asked to make as much efforts for reducing electricity usage by avoiding using unnecessary lightings and electrical appliances as possible.

According to the press-release from TEPCO, as a preventative measure against the blackout in the vast region on an unexpected timing, the "rolling blackouts" (planned blackout alternates from one area to another) are scheduled starting from March 14th. For detailed information on the rolling blackout, as well as safety tips regarding disasters by electrical causes, please refer to the following information sources.

- TEPCO Official English Website (<http://www.tepco.co.jp/en/index-e.html>)
- TEPCO Tama Region Customer Center Tall-Free Dial: 0120-995-662 (in Japanese Only)
- *Hamura City* Official Website (top page information is in Japanese only).
- Other public information mediums such as public body's official website, TV and radio broadcastings.

* *Hamura City* is included in the region group 3 of the rolling blackout timetable.

* Depending on the actual supply-demand power balance condition, the blackout starting and ending time may change, or it may occur at times other than the announced time period.

* Please be extra cautious during the blackout. Traffic lights will not operate, elevators may suddenly stop, water supply may be stopped in some buildings, etc.

City Hall Services and City Public Facilities

- *Hamura city* hall building will be open to public during the blackout, however, some services such as issuing an official certificate will not be available. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Many of the city public facilities are closed or operating on the reduced opening hours. Please check the opening hours before visiting these facilities. Information is available on the website of each facility and on the *Hamura City* Official Website.

We appreciate your patient cooperation and understanding in this challenging situation.

HAMURA FLOWERS & WATER FESTIVAL Spring 2011

March 25th (Fri) ~ April 21st (Thu)

Hosted by: Hamura-shi Kankou Kyokai ☎555-9667 Supported by: Hamura City, Hamura-shi Shoukou-kai, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands Agriculture, Nature, and Food Department

Inquiries: Hamura-shi Kankou Kyokai, Sangyou Kasseika Suishin-shitsu Nougyou Kankou Shinkou-kakari

« SAKURA FESTIVAL »

Enjoy the blooming *Sakura* (cherry blossoms) in *Tamagawa Jousui* and *Hamura-Seki* area! Night-time cherry blossoms are also beautiful! Local souvenir, bottled *Hamura-water* and post cards will be sold!

Event Period: March 25th (Fri) ~ April 10th (Sun)

Time: 10AM~8:30PM *Night Illumination is 6PM~8:30PM

Place: *Hamura-seki* area. Enjoy the *sakura* tree-lined promnade along the *Tamagawa Jousui*

- ❖ **Opening Ceremony** March 26th(Sat), 2PM~, In front of the Statue of *Tamagawa* Brothers
- ❖ **Ashiyu (Foot Bath)** Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday during *Sakura* Festival, 10AM~4PM, It will be located by the *Tamagawa Jousui Promnade* near *Hamura* Bridge
- ❖ **Nodate (Outdoor Tea Ceremony)** April 2nd(Sat), 10AM~, By the Statue of *Tamagawa* Brothers
Be among the first 200 people to try the special tee!
- ❖ **Japanese Drum Performance** April 3rd(Sun), ①1PM~ ②2:30PM~,
By the Statue of *Tamagawa* Brothers, performed by *Hamura Taiko Fukyuu Kai*
- ❖ **Sakura Festival at Hino Motors Hamura Factory**
The festival at *Hino* Motors is back!! Enjoy Character show, Trucks exhibition, and test course riding.
Date&Time: April 2nd(Sat), 11AM~3PM (Cancelled if rain) Place: *Hino* Motors *Hamura* Factory
- ❖ **Free Entry to Hamura Zoo** April 3rd(Sun), 9AM ~ 4:30PM
- ❖ **Spring Festival at Shrines in Hamura**
Night Festival... April 9th(Sat), Main Festival... April 10th(Sun)
- ❖ **Yakumo Shrine's Mikoshi Crossing River** April 10th(Sun), 11AM~, near *Sekishita* Bridge

« TULIP FESTIVAL »

Come to the famous *Hamura* Tulip Field and enjoy the 400,000 tulips of 23 different types!

Event Period & Time: April 8th (Fri) ~ 21st (Thu), 10AM~5PM

Place: *Negarami Mae Suiden* (the site turns to a rice paddy field after the tulip season)

- ❖ **Water Wheel House opens for public**
During the Tulip Festival, the water wheel house will be open to public for exhibiting the operation of the working water wheel. In addition, there will be a tea room in the same house!
Place: *Nakaguruma Suisha* (In front of the Observation Deck)
- ❖ **Tulip Owners Wanted!**
Join the ownership to support the *Hamura* Tulip Field for next year! During *Hamura* Flower & Water Festival, you can apply for the ownership at the Headquarter tent.
Share Types & Co-sponsor Fee(per share): individual ¥500, group/corporate ¥10,000

HAMURA FLOWERS & WATER FESTIVAL Spring 2011

Transportation Information

▶ Use Community Bus *Hamuran* to the events!

During the festival period, heavy traffic is expected near the event sites. To reduce the traffic problems, please cooperate and use Community Bus *Hamuran* for visiting the events.

▶ Community Bus *Hamuran* will make a temporary route change

Hamuran will not stop at *Ippouin* and *Ikoi-no-sato* on weekends during the Tulip Festival. The closest *Hamuran* bus stop to these stops will be the Festival Free-Shuttle stop by *Tamagawa Shrine*.

▶ Free Shuttle Bus to connect the Tulip Field and Rail Stations

Tulip Field ⇔ *Hamura* Rail Station West Exit / Tulip Field ⇔ *Ozaku* Rail Station East Exit

April 9th (Sat), 10th (Sun), 16th (Sat), and 17th (Sun) departs every hour between 9:45AM~5:30PM

▶ JR 'Holiday *Kaisoku Okutama*' Express Train will make a stop at *Hamura*

The express trains will make a special stop at *Hamura* Rail Station during the festivals.

April 2nd (Sat), 3rd (Sun), 9th (Sat), 10th (Sun), 16th (Sat), and 17th (Sun)

▶ Designated Event Parking ¥500/day (Site Maintenance & Service Charge)

for *Sakura* Festival --- *Jousui* Ground Temporary Parking

for Tulip Festival --- *Miyanoshita* Sports Ground Temporary Parking

* The parking space is limited. Please avoid visiting by a car if possible.

KYODOO HAKUBUTSU-KAN (Folk Museum) ☎558-2561

Folk Museum is located within the close walking distance from *Hamura* Flowers & Water Festival sites!!

< ***Nishitama's Best 47 Sites ~ Okutama Iroha Karuta~*** >

We will exhibit some Japanese game card "*Karuta*", printed about 80 years ago for the promotion of *Nishitama* area tourism. Let's make a virtual visit to the popular sites introduced in the card pictures.

Date & Time: March 19th(Sat) ~ June 19th(Sun), 9AM ~ 6PM

Place: *Kyoudo Hakubutsukan* Exhibition Corner Admission: Free *No reservation required.

< ***Series "Craftsman in Hamura" ~Vol. 5: Confectioner~*** >

Various tools that were used at Japanese confectionary shops in *Hamura* will be displayed.

Date & Time: March 19th(Sat) ~ April 17th(Sun), 9AM ~ 6PM

Place: *Kyoudo Hakubutsukan* Orientation Hall Admission: Free *No reservation required.

*Folk Museum will be closed at 5PM until March 31st(Thu). *Closed for a holiday on March 21st(Mon).

CAUTION: Handling of Pruned branches from Prunus Plants

As it was informed in the *Hamura* News February 15th Issue, *Hamura* City and the neighboring municipal governments are taking countermeasures against the Plum Pox virus spread. Due to the regulation of this virus control works, it is strictly prohibited to carry any parts of prunus plants (namely plum trees, apricot trees and peach trees), except for its fruits and nuts, to the area east of *Sangyou Douro* (The Industry Way). Pruned branches from this type of trees are not allowed for the Burnable Trash Collection or to be brought-in to Recycle Center while it is still fresh. Please let the pruned branches dry at least for a week, or as long as it is necessary for the viruses to extinct.

Inquiries: About PPV - *Sangyou Kasseika Suishin-shitsu Nougyou Kankou Shinkou-kakari*

About Disposal - *Seikatsu Kankyou-ka Seikatsu Kankyou-kakari*

For more information on plum pox virus, please refer to *Hamura* News Aug. 15 2010 (English) available on the Web.

20TH ANNIVERSARY of the CITY MUNICIPALITY OF HAMURA

Hamura local government was reorganized as a "city" municipality in 1991 as its resident population reaching approximately 53,300 people at the time. *Hamura* City, now with the increased population of nearly 57,500 people, will celebrate the 20th anniversary of city municipality implementation on November 1st 2011, on the date when *Hamura* Town was reborn as *Hamura* City.

The city is planning many commemorative events and projects in respect to the anniversary. On those occasions, we would like to express our great respect and gratitude to the factors that build our local history to this date, the immeasurable contribution of our local ancestors, as well as the unfailing conscientious daily efforts by the local residents. Let's celebrate the anniversary year together!

< City Municipality 20TH Anniversary Ceremony >

Date & Time: October 30th (Sun) 10AM~ Place: *Yutorogi* Grand Hall

< TV *Hamura* – City Municipality 20th Anniversary Special Program >

An anniversary special program will be broadcasted on TV *Hamura*.

Inquiries: *Kikaku-ka Kikaku-tantou*

CATEGORIZATION of OVERSIZED TRASH

When you discard a household/industrial appliance or especially heavy-weight item that measures less than 50cm, please check the item's disposal categorization before you put it out for the trash collection. Regardless of the size, items that are difficult to be processed in the crusher machine must be discarded as Oversized Trash.

Inquiry: *Seikatsu Kankyou-ka Seikatsu Kankyou-kakari*

TRASH DISPOSAL OPTIONS BEFORE MOVING

If you are moving and trying to discard trash other than burnable waste, but there is no scheduled collection for the category of your trash before the moving date, please consider the following disposal options. You can discard your trash in these ways only if you are moving out of *Hamura* City.

*Please contact the following facilities for their service hours and holiday opening.

Home Collection: Make an appointment with *Hamura* City Oversized Trash Center ☎570-7733

¥200 Oversized trash sticker is required for handling each bag of trash (any size).

Direct Carry-in: Bring your trash to *Hamura* City Recycle Center ☎578-1211. No appointment needed.

¥100 per 5kg unit is required as handling fee.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE ELDERLY MEMBER CARD

The plan for increasing the National Health Insurance Self-pay Percentage for elderly residents at age 70~74, from current 10% to 20%, which was to take effect from April, is now to be postponed for at least a year. In response to this revision, new National Health Insurance Elderly Member Card (国民健康保険高齢受給者証) will be issued with validity from April 1st ~ July 31st 2011 and mailed to the applicable insured members. It is recommended to discard or return the current card to city hall *Hoken Nenkin-ka* as soon as possible after April 1st in order to avoid confusion in times of receiving a medical service.

* National Health Insurance Elderly Member Card is renewed annually on August 1st.

* Those at age 70~74 who have income at fulltime employment level are not eligible for this elderly medical insurance benefit.

Inquiries: *Hoken Nenkin-ka Hoken-kakari*

SWIMMING CENTER ☎579-3210

< Aquabics (Water Aerobics) for April ~ May >

No reservation required. To attend, please come to the swimming pool between 1:50PM~2:50PM.

Date & Time: Every Thursday between April 7th (Thu) ~ May 26th (Thu) except on holidays, 3PM~3:50PM

Place: Swimming Pool Eligibility: Anyone 16 years old or older Capacity: First 35 people

Fee(per class): Hamura residents & workers ¥400, Others ¥600 (Insurance & admission included)

Things to bring: Swimsuit, Swimming cap, Towel

SPORTS CENTER TRAINING ROOM PROGRAMS Starting April 2011

Facility Hours: 9AM~9:45PM (no entrance after 9PM) No reservation required

Facility Fee (for 4 hours): Hamura Residents & Workers... Adults¥100, Junior High Students¥50,
Others... Adults ¥150, Junior High Students ¥70

*At the Sports Center, Junior High Students are only allowed with program participation and registered usage of a studio room. They must to be accompanied by an adult after 7PM.

-- Purchase a ticket first, change into your exercise clothes then attend to your desired class.

-- Please bring indoor shoes. You will not be allowed to enter the exercise rooms without them.

-- Facility usage ticket (*Kojin Shiyou-ken*) is required for attending in a program, personal booking of a studio and using the training gym.

-- For more details, please refer to the brochure available at the training room.

Inquiries: Hamura-shi Taiiku Kyoukai (Hamura City Sports Association) ☎555-1698

■Training Room Program (starting April 2011)

Day	AM		PM	Night
Tuesday	Beginners' Aerobics 9:45~10:45AM Capacity: First 70	Aerobics 2 11~Noon Capacity : First 60	---	Step Circuit 7~8PM Capacity: First 30
Wednesday	Healthy Exercise 10~11:20AM		Step Exercise 1 2~3PM Capacity: First 30	Aerobics 2 7~8PM Capacity : First 60
Thursday	Beginners' Step & Shape 9:45~10:45AM Capacity: First 30	Step Exercise 2 11~Noon Capacity : First 25	---	---
Friday	Health Stretch Exercise 10~11:20		---	---
Saturday	Beginners' Aerobics 9:45~10:45AM Capacity: 70	Aerobics 1 11~Noon Capacity : First 70	Aerobics 2 2~3PM Capacity : First 60	---
Sunday	Health Stretch Exercise 10~11:20AM		Aerobics 3 2~3PM Capacity : First 60	---

*Tuesday's Beginners' Aerobics in May, June, September, and October will be performed at Hall 2 with unlimited participant capacity. (Except on May 3rd(Tue), will be performed at Training Room)

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION of Some Automated City Hall Services

On the National Holiday of March 21st (Mon), the automated registry machine for Resident's Registry and Personal Seal Registry, E-mail notifications from city government and *Hamura* Information E-mail Service will be temporarily suspended due to the maintenance work on the electrical system.

Telephone connection to city hall may become momentarily unavailable during the maintenance work. We apologize for the inconvenience, and appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Date & Time: March 21st (Mon) 8:30AM~1PM

Inquiries about: Electrical System Maintenance...*Keiyaku-ka Chousha Kanri-kakari* / Automated Registry Machine...*Shimin-ka Uketsuke-kakari* / E-mail communication with the city...*Jouhou Shisutemu-ka Jouhouka Suishin-kakari* / *Hamura* Information E-mail Service...*Kouhou Kouhou-ka Kouhou-kakari*

YUTOROGI (☎570-0707)

< Yutorogi Nursing Room Usage Instruction Meeting >

This is a briefing about how to apply for the usage of nursing room facility and general regulations for the usage, held for the representatives of organizations/groups who wish to use the facility.

Date & Time: March 23rd (Wed), 2PM~3PM Place: *Kouza-shitsu* 1 *No reservation required

*If you cannot attend this briefing, please come to *Yutorogi* later to pick up the brochure.

*If your group does not need the assistance of our staff during the facility use, please disregard this meeting.

HOKEN CENTER (☎555-1111)

< New-born Baby Care Class for Mothers and Fathers >

Date & Time: April 17th (Sun) ①10AM ~ Noon, ②2PM ~ 4PM Place: *Hoken* Center Fee: Free

Eligibility: Expectant Mothers living in *Hamura*, and her family Capacity: First 15 pairs (in each class)

Things to bring: *Boshi Kenkou Techou* (Maternal and Child Health Handbook), Father's Handbook, *Kosodate Ouen* Handbook (These handbooks are included within "*Haha to Kono Hoken* Bag")

How to apply: Call or visit *Hoken* Center.

◆ MEDICAL SERVICES on Sundays and Holidays ◆ Second Half of March

Date	Hospital				Dental Clinic	
	9am~5pm		5pm~10pm		9am~5pm	
20 th (Sun)	<i>Izumi</i> Clinic	555-8018	<i>Fussa-shi</i> <i>Hoken</i> Center	552-0099	<i>Watanabe</i> <i>Shika Iin</i>	570-1688
21 st (Mon) Holiday	<i>Yamaguchi</i> <i>Naika</i> Clinic	570-7661	<i>Arai</i> Clinic (<i>Mizuho-machi</i>)	557-0018	<i>Honda</i> Dental Clinic	554-4184
27 th (Sun)	<i>Nishitama</i> <i>Byouin</i>	554-0838	<i>Fussa-shi</i> <i>Hoken</i> Center	552-0099	<i>Asahi Kouen</i> <i>Douri Shika Iin</i>	555-7904

*Inquiries on medical facilities or medical system: Tokyo Health & Medical Information Center "*Himawari*"

☎03-5285-8181, in English, 9AM~8PM Daily <http://www.himawari.metro.tokyo.jp/qq/qq13enmnl.asp>