

Welcome to Toyota City! Have you already registered in your local community association (Jichiku)?



What Is Community Association (Jichiku)?

The community association is an organization set up and managed proactively by all residents in an area to improve their own life environments. Each area in Toyota City has a community association. Each association has a "head (Kucho)" to represent and coordinate the area. When you move into this city, please start your new life by getting to know the community association and the head in your area!

Community association (Jichiku) in your area:

Ask your neighbors and then contact the head (Kucho), one of the officers (Yakuin) or the section head (Kumicho). People from the association may visit you to invite you to join the association.

<Contact information for the community association (Jichiku)>



After submitting the application for change of residence at the city hall, contact the head of the community association as soon as possible.

Irrespective of nationality, length of stay in Japan or visa type, all residents should join the community association. Association members can smoothly obtain notices from the government and various information on the area in which they are living. The days of the week and locations for taking out garbage vary according to the community association. Furthermore, the associations are preparing for large scale disasters such as earthquakes.

In addition, it is important for you to positively Join in community activities such as festivals and environment beautification activities to get acquainted with your neighbors.

Each community association is divided into small sectors called "sections,(Kumi)" which consist of close neighbors. In the case of apartment housings, a section may be comprised of a "building (Tou)." Member fees are collected, and diverse information is notified via the "bulletin(Kairanban)" for each section. All members in a section or a building share rotating duties of observing trash separation and serving as section head. Please note that you will not be exempted from these duties.

Three rules to be kept by community association(Jiciku) members

1. Observe daily-life rules

Rules on noises, traffic and trash separation are the minimal forms of etiquette that everybody has to observe to live comfortably in a community. Even if you consider your own behavior as "acceptable," it may be highly annoying to your neighbors. Since residences are located very close to each other in Japan, residents take special care and strive to cooperate with their neighbors. So you should be especially careful in terms of etiquette. If you are not familiar with social rules in Japan, please ask your neighbors. You can also obtain information needed for your daily lives at the city hall.



2. Pay the specified member fee (Kuhi)

A portion of the cost needed for community association activities is born by the local residents in the form of section member fees (Kuhi). Because the amounts and payment methods of member fees vary by community association, you should check these details when joining the association and pay the required fee without fail.

3. Positively participate in community activities

Community associations conduct various activities for local residents including security activities and environment beautification activities. Moreover, they host sports events, festivals, and other events to foster acquaintance with other members in the community. Not only Japanese but also foreign people take part in these activities. You are encouraged to positively participate in these activities and get to know your neighbors. It is also very important to learn basic Japanese for this purpose. Regardless of your length of stay in Japan, participation in community activities will help you enjoy a far more substantial and joyful life in Japan.



Community associations (Jichiku) conduct the following activities:

- Setting up and maintaining garbage stations
- Environment beautification and cleanup activities
- Stocking foods for disasters
- Social gatherings for culture and recreation
- Distribution of the newsletter Koho Toyota
- Distributing bulletins on information needed for daily lives
- Traffic safety instructions
- Urban development with focus on "safety" and "security", etc.



Structure of local community association (Jichiku)

