

The Citizen's Charter of Utsunomiya

Blessed by rich natural resources and a long history, with Futaara no Mori <The Futaara Forest> at its center, Utsunomiya is a thriving town. Taking pride in this hometown of ours, the citizens have laid down the Citizen's Charter of Utsunomiya in hopes of building a prosperous future with everyone's effort.

1. We will build a healthy and happy town where heart-to-heart communication is felt.
2. We will make an orderly town filled with life.
3. We will make a beautiful town rich in culture, where learning is highly valued.

Miyakko Oath

We, the "Utsunomiyakko" that stand firm in the middle of Northern Kanto, advance toward a bright future together.

1. We, the "Miyakko" respect others and rules.
2. We, the "Miyakko" have sympathy towards elderly and sick people.
3. We, the "Miyakko" admire nature, arts and someone's efforts.
4. We, the "Miyakko" pursue our dreams.

Utsunomiya Song

Commentary

The "Utsunomiya Song" was created as a result of growing tendency to develop the community through songs, by creating a song that would be endeared to the citizens to commemorate the 60th year anniversary of the municipal system in 1956.

The structure of the lyrics is as follows: The first verse is about Utsunomiya City overall, the second verse is about the center of Utsunomiya City,

This program was designed by a new adult.



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Designer's comment

I have incorporated patterns into my kimono design which come to mind when we think of Utsunomiya, such as Kibuna and Satsuki.

I hope you enjoy looking for the various special products and other items in my design.

新成人
愉快だ
宇都宮
UTSUNOMIYA

Utsunomiya Coming of Age Ceremony Program (English)

Date: Sunday, January 9, 2022
Venue: Various Coming of Age Ceremony venues

Morning session:

- ◆ Ceremony : 10:00AM-
- ◆ Regional Social Exchange:
After ceremony ends-12:00PM

Afternoon session:

- ◆ Ceremony : 2:00PM-
- ◆ Regional Social Exchange:
After ceremony ends-4:00PM

The ending time for the ceremony will vary depending on the venue.

Utsunomiya City
Utsunomiya City Board of Education

Program

◆ Ceremony

1. Opening Ceremony
2. National anthem
(listen to performance)
3. Utsunomiya Song
(listen to performance)
4. Words of Encouragement
5. Words of Celebration
6. Introduction of Guests
7. Oath
(New Adult Representative)
8. Closing Ceremony

◆ Presentation of bouquets to teachers , taking photos, etc.
(There will be no eating, drinking, or chatting at the 2022 Coming of Age Ceremony for the purpose of infectious disease countermeasures.)

Coming of Age Ceremony

The second Monday in January is a “national holiday” known as “Coming of Age Day.” Under the present Japanese law, a person is considered to be an adult when they turn 20-years-old. Many cities, towns, and villages invite these new adults to participate in a “Coming of Age Ceremony” before or after “Coming of Age Day,” which is held to provide encouragement and celebrate those that became an adult. In general, new adults participate in the “Coming of Age Ceremony” that is held in the region in which they grew up. There are not strict rules about what they wear, practically some new adults, especially women tend to wear kimono (there are two types of kimono, “Hakama” for men and “Furisode” for women), and it is a special opportunity for young people to wear kimono, the traditional clothing of Japan.

In Utsunomiya City, “Coming of Age Ceremonies” are held at hotels and wedding chapels in 25 different venues, divided amongst the junior high school districts. At the ritual “ceremony,” first the Utsunomiya City Mayor or Utsunomiya City Council Chairman gives a message of encouragement, and the new adults say an oath as an adult.

The Utsunomiya City Coming of Age Ceremonies are carried out throughout the city to celebrate and encourage those that became 20 years old, as well as to serve as opportunities for young people to have a “sense of being a member of the community” and “feel thankful for the community that raised them” . We also provide chances for young generations to learn from the people of the community and to make a connection to the community.

Please cooperate in making this a “non-infection”
Coming of Age Ceremony.

- Please wear a well-fitting mask that covers your nose and mouth while inside the venue.
- Please avoid conversation in close proximity with other attendees.
- Please wash and disinfect your hands often .
- Please take infectious disease preventive measures after the Coming of Age Ceremony as well.
- If you become infected with COVID-19 within two weeks after the Coming of Age Ceremony, please be sure to call the Lifelong Learning Division (*Shogai Gakushu-ka*) (028-632-2677).
- You may be contacted at your emergency contact number if an attendee of the ceremony should have a positive COVID-19 test result.
- Please be sure to follow the instructions given by the staff.
- Persons who do not follow the instructions may be asked to leave the venue.

Please cooperate with all
COVID-19 infectious
disease preventive
measures.

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Please fill in your phone number in the emergency contact information space on the event invitation. If you forget to fill it in ahead of time, please do so at the venue.

2

Persons with a fever of 37.5° or higher or other symptoms cannot enter the venue.

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Starting December 27, 2021, persons testing positive for COVID-19 and persons who have been in direct contact with someone testing positive cannot enter the venue.