Inquiries: Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial Museum Tel: 0422-42-6233

Osamu Dazai (real name: Shuji Tsushima) was a world-renowned author of modern Japanese literature. Born in Kanagi village in the Kitatsugaru District of Aomori Prefecture (now Goshogawara, Kanagi Town) on June 19, 1909, Dazai lived in 113 Shimorenjaku of Mitaka Village for about seven and a half years from September 1939 to the time of his death in June 1948. Dazai wrote most of his 150 works at his Mitaka home and his office near Mitaka Station. Many are set in Mitaka City, leading figure in the study of Dazai’s works and life, as well as written materials that provide a glimpse into the relationships Dazai had with other literary figures such as Yasunari Kawabata and Naoya Shiga attracting attention in recent years. We hope you enjoy those insightful materials which also include unpublished work and all of Dazai’s portraits taken by Mitaka-based photographer Shigeru Tamura.

Duration: From September 21 (Sat.) to October 20 (Sun.)
Days of closure: September 24 (Tue.), 25 (Wed.), 30 (Mon.), October 7 (Mon.), 15 (Tue.) and 16 (Wed.).
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (admission 7:30 p.m.)
Admission fees: ¥500
Note: Admission is free for those with a “Tokyo Museum Grutto Pass 2019” or a Disabled Person’s Handbook, and junior high school age attendees or younger.
Location: Mitaka City Gallery of Art (Coral 5F, 3-35-1 Shimorenjaku)
Sales of Gift Certificates with Mitaka City Premium Benefits

Inquiries: The call center for Mitaka City premium benefit gift certificates, Tel: 0422-29-9618 (open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. until December 27 (Fri.), 2019); Livelihood and Economy Section, Ext. 255.

To help soften the impact of the consumption tax increase that will go into effect in October 2019 and stimulate local consumption, we will begin selling gift certificates under the Mitaka City premium benefits program to eligible residents.

Gift certificate details

- We will sell a single set worth ¥5,000 (10 sheets of ¥500) for ¥4,000.
- Persons eligible and the number of sets they can purchase
  (1) Registered residents of Mitaka City as of January 1, 2019 who were exempt from paying resident tax in the tax year of 2018* (maximum of five sets per person)
  (2) People who are not exempt from paying resident tax, and welfare recipients
- (2) Heads of households with residency in Mitaka City with children born between April 2, 2016 and September 30, 2019 (five sets × the number of applicable children [five sets maximum per child])

About the issuance of gift certificate purchase exchange coupons

- Please apply to the Mitaka City Tourism Association Office until October 29, 2019.
- The city will mail a purchase exchange coupon to the heads of households (no application necessary).

Gift certificate sales period: October 1 (Tue.), 2019 to January 31 (Fri.), 2020.

Gift certificate sales counter: All post offices in the city and Japan Agricultural Cooperative

Gift certificate validity period: October 1, 2019 to February 29 (Sat.), 2020

Mitaka Solar System Walk Stamp Rally 2019

Inquiries: Mitaka Network University, Tel: 0422-40-0313 (Official website for the event: http://www.taiyokes-walk.jp/)

More information can be found on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Notice of Organizational Changes

Inquiries: Planning Management Section, Ext. 2111 (for organizational changes), Contract and Property Management Section, Ext. 2251 (for office relocations)

To promote more functional and efficient administrative management, we made the following organizational changes on August 1:

Urban Renaissance Department (City Hall, 3F)

We have created the Urban Renaissance Department to take charge of large tasks related to Mitaka City’s development, such as ensuring that the city is prepared for disasters and the redevelopment of the area around Mitaka Station. This new department incorporates the secretariat of the Urban Renaissance Promotion Headquarters of the Planning Department and the Town Management Promotion Section of the City Improvement Department. Under a clear organizational structure, the Urban Renaissance Department should be able to tackle tasks more specifically as a result.

Organizational review

- Merged the subsections of the General Affairs Department’s Personnel Section (City Hall, 3F); merged the subsections handling salaries and welfare into the Salaries and Welfare Subsection
- Created new subsections in the Child Affairs Department’s Child Development and Care Support Subsection (City Hall, 4F)
- Under the Child Development Section, we have created the Private Schools and Kindergartens Subsection, Childcare Facilities Subsection and Administrative Support Subsection. Under the Child Care Support Section, we have established the Health and Medical Expenses Subsidies Subsection and Consultation Support Subsection.

Events of Mitaka City Sports and Culture Foundation

Mitaka City Arts Center, Tel: 0422-47-5122
Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Closed: September 2, 9, 17, 24, 25 and30
URL: https://mitaka-art.jp/ticket (in Japanese only)

A nursery service is available. (Please apply two weeks prior to each performance.)

Mitaka City Arts Center Concert Hall "Kaze"

Wien-Berlin Brass Quintet
September 16 (national holiday), from 3:00 p.m.
Tickets now on sale. All seats reserved.

Prices (tax included)

Members: S-seats: ¥5,400; A-seats: ¥3,600; Nonmembers: S-seats: ¥5,000; A-seats: ¥4,000; U-23 (23 years of age or younger, A-seats only): ¥3,000
Note: Preschoolers are not allowed into the concert venue.

Performers:
Trumpet: Gabor Tarkodi (principal player of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra); horn: Thomas Jobst (Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra); trombone: Mark Gaal (Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra), tuba: Alexander von Puttkamer (Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra)

Compositions
Johann Sebastian Bach: Preludes and Fugues in E minor; Claude Debussy: Préludes; Kosuke Horowiz, Music Hall Suite and others

Wien-Berlin Ensemble
September 29 (Sun.), from 3:00 p.m.
Tickets now on sale. All seats reserved.

Prices (tax included)

Members: S-seats: ¥5,400; A-seats: ¥4,500; Nonmembers: S-seats: ¥6,000; A-seats: ¥5,000; U-23 (23 years of age or younger, A-seats only): ¥4,000
Note: Preschoolers are not allowed into the concert venue.

Performers:
Flute: Karl-Heinz Schütz (principal player of Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra); oboe: Jonathan Kelly (principal player of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra); clarinet: Andreas Ottenammer (principal player of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra); bassoon: Richard Galler (principal player of Vienna Symphony Orchestra); horn: Stefan Dohr (principal player of Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra)

Compositions
Johannes Brahms: Three Pieces; Paul Taffanel: Woodwind Quintet in G Minor; Ludwig van Beethoven: String Quartets Op.64 (woodwind quintet version) and others

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Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest: Harvest Moon Viewing

Inquiries: Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest, Tel: 0422-39-3401, URL: www.city.mitaka.tokyo.jp/ehon/

This facility, which just celebrated its tenth anniversary on July 7, holds traditional Japanese festivals every season.

"Otsukimi" is an old tradition originated in China and brought to Asian countries including Japan. People in Japan appreciate and honor the autumn moon on the old lunar calendar date of August 15 (which falls on September 13 this year according to the modern calendar). It is known in Japanese as chusen no meigetsu (also called jogatsu, meaning “the fifteenth night”). On the day, as per the customs of old, the venue will be offering pamphlets and dango sweet rice dumplings to the moon.

Date and time: September 15 (Sun.) from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. (in case of rain, the program to be held from 5:00 p.m. onward will be canceled)

Location: Mitaka Picture Book House in the Astronomical Observatory Forest (inside the National Astronomical Observatory of Japan: 2-21-3 Osawa)

Details: Storytelling, stargazing, refreshment booths, etc.
Application: Just come to the venue.

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