

Ginowan City Newsletter

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How Prepared Are You For Disaster? Let's Start Learning From Today

Be Aware of the Disaster Risk of Your Home

What kind of area do you live in? How many meters above sea level is it? Is there a steep slope nearby creating a risk of landslides? What is the possibility of flooding? Etc. It is very important to be aware of the disaster risk of the place that you are living in. Check the Disaster Prevention Map of Ginowan City to check your disaster risk.

You can pick up the Disaster Prevention Map of Ginowan City (Japanese version) from the City office.

Know Your Evacuation Route

Find out the location of the tsunami evacuation building in your neighborhood. Get familiar with the evacuation route by walking to the building and check how safe the route is. Are there any buildings or structures along the way that are likely to collapse? How many minutes does it take to reach the evacuation site? When a tsunami warning is issued, check the expected time when the wave is expected to reach land and its height. Take appropriate measures depending on the situation.

Helen Fok, Coordinator of International Relations, completes her tenure at Ginowan City Office

Helen Fok, Coordinator of International Relations (CIR), has completed her tenure at Ginowan City Office. Helen was the second CIR assigned to the city since August 2019. For her farewell address, Helen met Acting Representative of Ginowan City, Deputy Mayor Keigo Wada, and said, "It is my pleasure if I was able contribute even a little to the development of Ginowan City over these past five years. I will utilize what I have learned here and strive to contribute to Japanese society." We are very grateful to Helen for her tremendous contributions to the city, which included translation and interpretation, besides many other responsibilities.

Her successor, Avantika Srivastava Ganjoo, has taken over the responsibilities. Residents are encouraged to get in touch if they need help in interacting in Japanese language.

Find Out the Location of Tsunami Evacuation Sites in Your Neighborhood

When the tsunami warning was issued on April 3, there was about an hour between the warning and the expected time for the wave to reach the land. But this might not be the case every time. There might be times when tsunami can reach land within minutes. In such cases, it is important to evacuate at the earliest. Go immediately to the top of the tsunami evacuation building to reach higher ground as soon as possible. Be sure to know the location of at least three tsunami evacuation sites closest to you. You can pick up the List of Tsunami Evacuation Buildings in Ginowan City (Japanese version) from the City office.

Prepare Your Emergency Evacuation Kit

Keep an emergency kit ready so that you can evacuate quickly in the event of a disaster. Include things such as drinking water, food, batteries and chargers, medicine for chronic illnesses, etc. Pack enough for at least three days. Check the list of things to keep in an emergency evacuation kit.

You can pick up the List of Things to Pack in Emergency Kit (Japanese version) from the City office.



Ginowan City's second Coordinator of International Relations Helen Fok with Acting Representative of Ginowan City, Deputy Mayor Keigo Wada

New Child Benefit Plan from December 2024

		(Before Revision) Up to Sept 2024 (Payment to be made by Oct 10)		(After Revision) From Oct 2024 (Payments to be made from Dec 10)	
Monthly Allowance	Under 3 years old	¥15,000		¥15,000	Third child and above ¥30,000
	From age 3 to before finishing elementary school	¥10,000	Third child and above ¥15,000	¥10,000	
	Before completing junior high school	¥10,000		¥10,000	
	High school age	Nil		¥10,000	
	Special Payment	¥5,000		Abolished	
Cap on Income		Yes		No	
Eligibility for Multiple Children Allowance		Until end of first fiscal year after reaching age 18		Until end of first fiscal year after reaching age 22 * Only if there is a financial burden	
Payout Months		Thrice per year (June, October, February)		Six times per year (even-numbered months)	

► Who needs to apply (Government officials should contact their employer)

- Residents who are ineligible for special benefit as their income exceeds the upper income limit
- Residents who are raising children of high school age, but not raising children of junior high school.
- Residents who have children between age 18 - 22 (age at the end of fiscal year) are now eligible for Multiple Child Allowance.
- Welfare facilities who have newly admitted children in their facilities.
- Welfare facilities that are already eligible for child benefit and have high school-age children among the children under their care.

► Application Deadline: Friday, October 11, 2024

Applications received by this deadline will receive payments in December 2024. There is a grace period to apply for the revised child benefit plan under which applications will be accepted up to March 31, 2025, and back payments will be made up to October 2024.

First payment of the new child benefit plan will be made on December 10, 2024 (Tuesday)

Child and Family Affairs Division ☎ 098-893-4411 Ext 3232-3235

List of Medical Care Coordinators for Children Needing Medical Care in Ginowan City

Ginowan City has appointed Medical Care Coordinators for children. If you have a child who needs medical care, they will guide you about the appropriate support from a healthcare, medical or welfare institution according to the physical and mental needs of the child. Please contact the following locations on the right for consultation.

Disability Welfare Division ☎ 098-893-4131

Location	Address	Telephone
Disability Welfare Division, Ginowan	Nodake 1-1-1	098-893-4131
Okinawa Center for Independent Living Iruka	Isa 4-4-1	098-890-4890
Consultation and Support Center Care Station Pont	Nodake 1-43-11 (101)	098-917-2678



POPULATION OF GINOWAN AS OF AUGUST 2024	
Total Population	100,379 (-15)
Households	47,995 (+52)
Nationalities	56 (+1)
Foreign Residents	2,035 (+32)

