

Ginowan City NEWSLETTER



My Number Card Services Now Available at Three Post Offices in Ginowan! Scheduled Start: December 12

Post Offices Where Services Will be Available:

- Maehara Post Office • Ojana Post Office • Isa Post Office

Services Available :

1. Issue or renewal of electronic certificates (PIN setup)
2. PIN reset (for those who forgot their PIN or had it locked)
3. Print updated information on the card (for those who have changed their name or address but their card has not yet been updated)
4. Support for new My Number Card applications (help with filling out the application form and taking ID photos - for new applicants)

Eligible Users:

Residents of Ginowan City (Cardholder must be present. No proxies or representatives.)

What to Bring:

- For services 1-3: your My Number Card
- For service 4: bring your application form with ID number or notification card (Individual Number Notice) if available. Even if you don't have these, staff can still assist you.

Service Hours:

9:00 – 16:00 (Closed on weekends, national holidays, and year-end/New Year holidays)

Inquiries: Resident Affairs Division ☎ 098-893-4411 Ext. 2772

Orange Ribbon Campaign - Preventing Child Abuse

November is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Japan

The **Orange Ribbon Campaign** promotes activities that encourage families, schools, communities, and society as a whole to deepen their understanding and concern about child abuse.

2025 Campaign Slogan

Let's speak up — you can be the voice for that child.

by Kaho Kodama (Chiba Prefecture), Grand Prize Winner

Child abuse not only harms a child's body but also deeply wounds their heart and mind. It causes long-term suffering and can seriously affect their personality development. In some tragic cases, it even takes away a precious life.

What Is Child Abuse?

Physical Abuse

- Burning a child with a cigarette or lighter
- Locking a child outside
- Pouring boiling water on a child
- Shaking a child violently
- Hitting, kicking, or other forms of violence

Psychological Abuse

- Using violence in front of a child
- Ignoring a child
- Intense marital arguments in front of a child
- Yelling, threatening, or actions that create fear or anxiety

Neglect

- Not giving appropriate meals
- Leaving a child alone in a car
- Leaving a child home alone while going out
- Not taking a child to the hospital or dentist when needed

Discipline vs. Corporal Punishment - What is the Difference

★ **Discipline:** Guidance that helps children learn skills, develop character, and grow independently. The reason for disciplinary action should always be clearly explained so the child understands.

★ **Corporal Punishment:** Intentionally causing physical pain or discomfort. It is prohibited by law and can cause serious harm. Always consider the child's age, ability, and whether emotions are affecting your actions.

Call if you have questions or know someone who needs help on this issue.

☎ 098-893-4643 (Direct Line)

Children & Families Division (Consultation Office)
Ginowan City Hall 08:30 – 17:15 Monday – Friday

☎ 098-898-0110 Ginowan Police Station

☎ 189 (Ichi-hayaku = act quickly)
Nationwide Child Guidance Hotline

☎ Call 110 in an emergency

If it makes you think, "Could this be abuse?" — make the call. Your privacy will be protected.

Group Health Checkups (Specific Health Checkups & Cancer Screenings)

- Appointments are now being accepted for FY2025 Group Health Checkups.
- The deadline for taking the checkup is the end of the fiscal year.

By appointment only – Please call the Health Consultation Center in advance.

Date	Venue	Reception Time
November 22 (Saturday)	Nagata Elementary School	
December 6 (Saturday)	Dai-ni Futenma Elementary School	8:30–11:00
January 18 (Sunday)	City Gymnasium	
February 1 (Sunday)	Urasoe General Hospital Health Checkup Center	8:00–9:00 (Specific Health Checkup only)

*February 1 checkup at Urasoe General Hospital is for National Health Insurance members aged 40–74 only.

For Appointments and Inquiries ☎ 098-898-5598 Health Consultation Center

Population as of October

Total Population	100,255 (-8)
Total Households	48,795 (+46)
Foreign Residents	2397 (+31)
Nationalities	56 (±0)

Protecting Your Life in an Emergency:

My Number Emergency Medical Information Service (*MyNa Kyukyu*)

Starting October 1, 2025, Ginowan City Fire Department has launched the My Number Emergency Medical Information Service (*MyNa Kyukyu*).

In the event of an emergency, paramedics will be able access the patient's My Number Health Insurance Card to view relevant medical information such as past hospital visits and prescribed medications with the patient's consent.

This helps ease the strain on patients and families, allowing paramedics to provide appropriate and timely care during emergencies.

Scan to read the complete details.
(Use device translation.)



Free Dial 119 for Emergency
Fire, Ambulance, Rescue Assistance



Family Mart Food Drive

Since July 2024, we have been conducting the Family Mart Food Drive in collaboration with Okinawa Family Mart Co., Ltd. The goal of this initiative is to collect food donations from customers to support households in need, and to operate children's cafeterias.

If you see a Family Mart Food Drive Box at a nearby store, please feel free to donate. Your support is greatly appreciated!

☎ 098 893-4480 Welfare Administration Division
Ginowan City Office



Upcoming Events in Ginowan City

LIVE GINOWAN

Music festa in GINOWAN
SINCE 1994.



LIVE GINOWAN 2025

The annual music event LIVE GINOWAN 2025 is back again this year, featuring artists of all genres and age groups — from students to seasoned veterans!

Enjoy an exciting lineup of performances including bands, songs, and dances, plus a special appearance by local favorites D-51.

- ▶ Date: December 6, Saturday
- ▶ Time: 13:00 - 19:30
- ▶ Venue: Ginowan Civic Hall, Front Plaza
- ▶ Admission: Free
- ▶ Contact: Lifelong Learning Division
☎ 098-893-4435

Ginowan City New Year Gathering 2026

2026年宜野湾市

新春の集い開催



Let's welcome a bright New Year together!

The City of Ginowan will host a New Year Gathering to bring together citizens, community organizations, and businesses from both inside and outside the city.

Join us as we celebrate new beginnings and wish for the continued prosperity of "Ginowan—the City of Growth."

We look forward to your participation and welcome organizations wishing to support the event through sponsorship.

Date & Time: January 6, 2026 (Tuesday), 18:00 - 19:30

Venue: 2nd Floor, Laguna Garden Hotel

Admission: Yen 3,000 (Cash Only)

Ticket Sales

1. PR Division, 2nd Floor, Ginowan City Hall
2. Banquet Office, 3rd Floor, Laguna Garden Hotel

Tickets will also be available at the venue on the day of the event.

Names of participating groups will appear in the event booklet (Deadline: December 5).

Paid advertising space is available in the B5-size event booklet.

Full Page ¥30,000 Half Page ¥15,000 One-Third Page ¥10,000

Inquiries: 098-893-4411 Ext. 2421

Ginowan City New Year Gathering Executive Committee
PR Division, Ginowan City Hall

GINOWAN FLEA MARKET

- Date: December 13, Saturday
- Time: 9:00-12:00
- Venue: Tropical Beach, Center Field

Vendor applications also open every month!

- About 30 spaces available (4m x 4m per booth)
- ¥300 per booth
- Stall vendors and food trucks welcome
- Apply by phone or in person at the gymnasium
- Please check the guidelines before applying

*Event cancelled in case of bad weather

☎ 098-897-2751 Ginowan Seaside Park