# **GINOWAN CITY NEWSLETTER**

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## Preschool and nursery application for April 2022 entrance

For authorized daycare facilities, regional childcare facilities, and certified centres for early childhood education

#### Requirement

① Must be a resident of Ginowan City

<sup>(2)</sup> Children between 3 months of age and preschool age who are deemed to be in need of daycare services due to reasons such as both parents working full-time, etc.

#### Application forms

 distributed from October 4 (Mon) - October 22 (Fri) between 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the second floor of the city office across from the Children and Families Division

#### Submission period

• October 11 (Mon) - October 22 (Fri) between 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the second floor of the city office across from the Children and Families Division

#### **Required documents**

• MyNumber card, ID, inkan (name seal)

#### Things to note

- Application forms will not be distributed nor accepted outside of the period specified above.
- Assessment will be based on your household situation as of April. 1, 2022.
- Admittance is not granted on a first come, first served basis.
- A tentative application may be submitted for children expected to be born between now and December 31, 2021.
- For children who are already attending a nursery, requests for a transfer can also accepted during this period.

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### GINOWAN POPULATION

#### as of August

 Total population
 100,236 (+17)

 Foreign nationals
 1,593 (-3)

 Total household
 46,229 (+23)

 Total nationalities
 51 (±0)

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# Ginowan-derful shopping voucher for residents

#### Vouchers can be used at stores across the city

The city is pleased to introduce the Ginowan-derful voucher scheme to support local families and businesses. The vouchers will be mailed out to all eligible households\* between early September and early October. The total value of the vouchers ranges between ¥5,000 to ¥20,000 depending on household size. Make sure to use the vouchers by December 31, 2021!



\*Households registered on the Basic Resident Register since June 1, 2021 and continues to be registered as the voucher is being disbursed.

## Group health checkup schedule

# For specific health checkups and cancer screenings

We will limit the our hours and number of slots to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please make an appointment in advance.

| Date           | Venue                         | Slots | Time                 | Cancer<br>screening | Osteoporosis<br>screening |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 10/23<br>(Sat) | Health Consultation<br>Centre | 100   | 8:30 -<br>11:00 a.m. | 0                   | ×                         |
| 11/06 (Sat)    | Nagat Elementary School       | 140   |                      |                     |                           |
| 11/26 (Fri)    | Isa-ku Community Centre       | 60    |                      |                     |                           |
| 12/18 (Sat)    | Ginowan City Office           | 140   |                      |                     |                           |

Checkups may be cancelled in the event of a typhoon, or if the COVID-19 outbreak worsens. Those who have a fever or other cold symptoms, have traveled outside of the main island, or have had contact with a confirmed or suspected case of COVID-19 will be refused entry.

Ginowan Health Consultation Centre | 098-898-5583

### Applying for an exemption of your National Pension premiums

For those experiencing a decrease in income due to the COVID-19 outbreak

As part of a temporary special measure, those who are suffering from a decrease in income due to job loss or a decline in sales as a result of coronavirus outbreak may now be eligible to apply for an exemption of their National Pension premiums.

#### Requirement

 Your income has decreased since February 2020 due to the coronavirus outbreak or,
 Your income for the year (assessed from your income situation from February 2020 onward) is expected to drop to a level that would qualify you for the exemption program.

#### **Exemption period**

Premium payments after February 2020 are eligible for exemption. Applications are per fiscal year. FY 2019 (Feb 2019 - Jun 2020) FY 2020 (July 2020 - June 2021) FY 2021 (July 2021 - Jun 2022)

#### Where to apply

National Pension Unit at the city office or the Koza Pension Office

National Pension Unit ext. 2763, 2764

# Apply for public kindergarten and kindergarten daycare service

Eligibility: ① Must be a Ginowan resident

② Born between April 2, 2016 and April 1, 2017
③ Born between April 2, 2017 and April 2, 2019
School hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 8:15 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Tue, Thu (lunch not provided) 8:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Tuition: free (excluding miscellaneous fees)
\*It is not mandatory to enroll your child in a public kindergarten

Daycare service hours: Weekdays - until 6:30 p.m.
Summer, spring, winter break - 8:15 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Fees: free (excluding miscellaneous fees like diapers)
Other: catering service is available on days where lunch is not provided

**Application period: 10/11 (Mon) - 10/22 (Fri)** on the second floor of the city office across from the Children and Families Division