New Year Message from Mayor of Abiko, Junichiro Hoshino

I would like to offer my hearty wishes for your happiness in the New Year. Last year was marked with remarkable achievements in sports by young people who hold the future of Abiko city. Members of a junior high school sports club in Abiko ran in the national competition of long distance relay race. Chuo Gakuin High School could successfully take part in both the spring and the summer championships of the national high school baseball at Koshien. Furthermore, Chuo Gakuin University was seeded in the 2019 Hakone Ekiden. The city offered various supports to these impressive achievements which gave dreams and sensation to citizens. The city also released the information on the official web site and others.

This year, we will continue to make efforts to make Abiko a more livable city to all citizens, coping with issues, such as dwindling population, declining of birth rate, and increasing in aging population. We will also continue to increase attractiveness and energy of the city.

Concerning the child care support program, we will stick to the program of “No children in the waiting list” which we have had for the past 32 years. In addition, we will improve the environment for child raising, specifically refurbishing old nursery schools. We will also improve the environment of Lake Teganuma, renovating “the Jabu-Jabu Ike (water playing spot)” at the Teganuma Aquatic Parks more attractively, where families with children let their kids share joy with other kids.

We will keep on working the flood prevention measures which are crucially important to secure safety and security of citizens. We will relocate the Kohoku Substation of the Fire Department and construct the new Clean Center. The Kohoku Fire Substation will be reconstructed to a new one annexing an integrated training facility, the first such a facility in Abiko. We will map out an actual design for installing elevators at JR Abiko Station to enhance accessibility of train users.
These tasks will be conducted based on the 9th Implementation Plan. I would like to conclude my address by asking all citizens for further understanding and cooperation to us.

**Message from Chairman of Abiko City Council, Yukio Shiina**

A Happy New Year to all citizens and I wish you a joyous holiday season!

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all citizens for having extended cooperation and support to the activities of the city council members last year. With declining birthrate and aging population, local governments in this country are facing various issues. Abiko, one of them, is trying hard to resolve the various difficulties. However, it is expected to be forced to tackle these matters under stringent administrative and financial management.

In order to stave off this harsh circumstances and to make Abiko a more attractive and livable city to all citizens utilizing the rich nature and history, the city council members have to listen to the voices of citizens carefully and discuss them with the administrative office to overcome these challenges. This is the role and mission expected for the council members.

We have been holding public hearings and briefing sessions to citizens to let them recognize how open the council is as a decision-making body under the council basic regulation. The council will maintain this attitude and continue to reform the city council further, hoping that citizens will feel the council closer to them.

May this year be a very happy year and best wishes to all citizens.

**The Election for Mayor is scheduled on January 20**

On the expiration of term of office, the election for mayor will be held on January 20. The election campaign will start on January 13. Those who have Japanese nationality and meet the requirements for the election can vote. The election returns will be updated every 30 minutes, starting at 22:30 on the official web site and the mail service (to those registered for the service). The City Gymnasium will be closed on January 20 because the place will be used as a ballot-counting office.

**New Year’s Fire-Brigade Review called “Shobo-Dezomeshiki”**

Date & Time: 9:30 ~ 12:00, Saturday, January 12

Place: the City Gymnasium

The time table: 9:30 the ceremony, 10:45 a mini brass-band concert by Kohoku junior high. brass band, 11:00 fire performance by kindergarten children, 11:30
Advisory Service - January 2019

* reservation required

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Training class by Abiko City Public Hall

Petit Nobi-nobi child & parent class (3 time-course)
Date: Feb 5th(Tue),19th(Tue),26th(Tue) 10:00am～11:30am
Place: Fusa Branch of Abiko City Library
Contents: Handicraft, Rhythmics, Child & parent interaction exercise
Eligibility & capacity: 2 or 3 year-old infant and parent, First 10 pairs (to be chosen by lot if more applicants come)* Newcomers in Nobi-nobi child & parent class and/or people living in the city may be given a priority.
Expense: ¥300.
Application: by Jan 16th (Wed) by postal card, fax, Chiba electronic application service
Stating name of class, address, names of child & parent, date of birth and sex of the child, telephone number

full-scale water spray by fire fighters
Public Health Care Center Programs – January, 2019  Tel: 04-7185-1126

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1. Sudden illness at night or on Holidays - Introduction of Hospital

Call Fire Station at 7184-0119. They will advise you an appropriate holiday/night emergency hospital or pediatrician. Before going there, talk with the hospital through telephone about your sickness or injury. For emergency, call 119 for an ambulance.

2. Child's Sudden Illness at Night - Telephone consultation by Nurses

Call #8000 or 043-242-9939 Hours: 19:00-6:00/next day, A nurse will advise you about the care to be taken for your infant/child.

3. Sudden Illness at Night and Holidays - Telephone consultation by Nurses

Call #7009 or 03-6735-8305 Hours: week days and Saturdays 18:00-23:00
Sundays, Holidays and Year End holidays: 9:00-23:00

4. Getting Sick or toothache on Holidays (Contact: Holiday Clinic at 7187-7020)

(1) Dentist: 9:00-11:30 (2) Internal Medicine & Pediatrician: 9:00-11:30, 13:00-16:30

Note: Holidays: Sundays, National holidays, Year End/New Year holidays

Please do not hesitate to call for an ambulance in case of serious injury or acute illness.

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