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Shinagawa
—A Town Where Leisurely
Strolls Are Fun

Shinagawa City Walking Map ~ My Leisurely Stroll No. 4

Ebara Shichifukujin Course

In this month's issue, "Shinagawa City Walking Map ~ My Leisurely Stroll" spotlights a New Year's tradition known as *shichifukujin meguri* (visiting the Seven Lucky Gods). According to legend, visiting the gods that bring seven types of happiness at the beginning of the New Year helps you avoid disasters and gain seven different benefits for the year. Shinagawa has *Shichifukujin* in the two districts of Tokai and Ebara. Here we describe those in Ebara.

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Oi-Zao Gongen-jinja Shrine

According to legend, the *tengu* (long-nosed guardian) of this shrine protected the local community from disaster during the Edo Period. During the Tengu Festival in April, a portable shrine bearing the *tengu's* face is carried around.

Location: 1-14-8 Oi



Fukurokuju

MAP
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Tokoji Temple

Within a hall in this temple's grounds, Ususama Daimyouou is honored as the deity named Tosu that purifies toilets. Honoring this god reportedly prevents diseases of the lower part of the body.

Location: 1-14-16 Futaba

Bishamonten

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Yogyokuin Nyoraiji Temple

This temple has five statues of Buddha known as "the Great Buddhas of Oi." The temple is popular for the beautiful natural scenery it offers during each season.

Location: 5-22-25 Nishi-Oi



Hoteison



MAP
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Kami-Shinmei Tenso-jinja Shrine (Hebikubo-jinja Shrine)

During a great drought in 1322, people prayed to Ryujin (the dragon god) for rain. This Tenso-jinja Shrine, which honors Ryujin and Shirohebi (the white snake god), was built to show their gratitude for the gift of rain they received.

Location: 4-4-12 Futaba



Benzaiten



Horenji Temple

This temple is related to the Minamoto clan, who developed the mountain during the Kamakura Period. In the neighboring area is a trace of an ancient place name remaining, "Genji-mae."

Location:
3-6-18 Hatanodai



Ebisu

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Mayaji Temple

Queen Maya, the mother of Buddha, is enshrined in Maya Hall. Many visitors also come to Mayaji Temple for its Buddha's birthday festival, which takes place every May.

Location: 7-6-9 Ebara



Jurojin



MAP
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Koyama Hachiman-jinja Shrine

Located on the only relatively high vantage point in the city (thirty-five meters above sea level), this hill is said to be the reason the area was named Koyama (small mountain). This shrine's wonderful view was selected as one of the One Hundred Views of Shinagawa. On the left of the shrine at the top of the stairs is a hall for Daikokuten, one of the Seven Lucky Gods.

Location: 7-5-14 Ebara



Daikokuten



On the back is an explanation of *Shichifukujin* and a description of the Tokai *Shichifukujin* course.

Walking Map Inquiries: Health Care Services Section (Tel: 03-5742-6746, Fax: 03-5472-6883)

Tokai Shichifukujin Course

① Shinagawa-jinja Shrine

Location: 3-7-15 Kita-Shinagawa



Daikokuten

② Yoganji Temple

Location: 2-3-12 Kita-Shinagawa



Hoteison

③ Isshinji Temple

Location: 2-4-18 Kita-Shinagawa



Jurojin

④ Ebara-jinja Shrine

Location: 2-30-28 Kita-Shinagawa



Ebisu

⑤ Honsenji Temple

Location: 3-5-17 Minami-Shinagawa



Bishamonten

⑥ Tenso Suwa-jinja Shrine

Location: 1-4-1 Minami-Oi



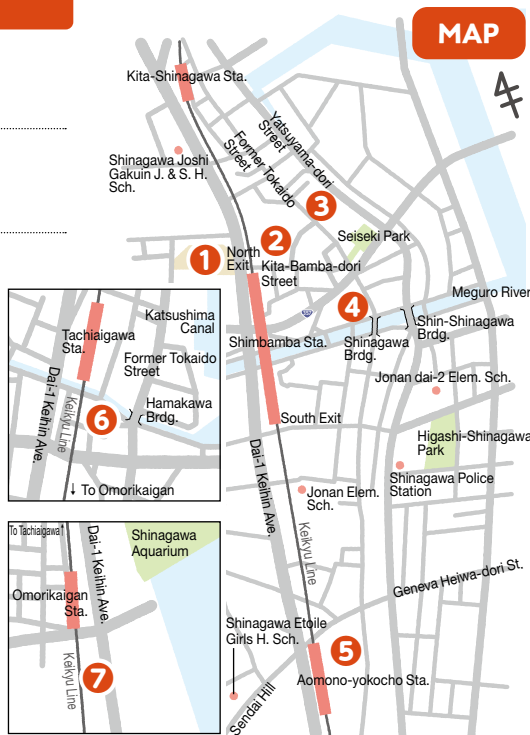
Fukurokuju

⑦ Iwai-jinja Shrine

Location: 2-20-8 Omori-Kita, Ota-ku



Benzaiten



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Shichifukujin refers to the Seven Lucky Gods: Daikokuten (god of prosperity and good luck), Bishamonten (god who repels evil and brings treasures), Ebisu (god of prosperous business), Jurojin (god of longevity and good health), Fukurokuju (god of treasures, popularity, and success in life), Benzaiten (goddess of wisdom, treasures and matchmaking), and Hoteison (god of longevity and treasures).

The 32nd “Traditional Crafts & Tastes of Shinagawa Exhibition”

Inquiries

Administration Subsection, Commerce
and Manufacturing Section
(Tel: 03-5498-6335, Fax: 03-3787-7961)

The arts and crafts on display include vivid *Edo-kiriko* (Edo cut glass), *wasai* (Japanese dressmaking), and *Tokyo tegaki yuzen* (Tokyo yuzen dyeing with hand-drawn patterns). You can see the traditions and history that developed in Shinagawa and listen to stories about these topics. Get creative at an experience corner taught by master artisans and enjoy the various events scheduled. Please come!

Date and Time: February 11 (national holiday) and 12 (Sun.), 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: Event Hall, Curian7F (in front of Oimachi Station)

Craft demonstrations

Edo-kiriko (Edo cut glass), *wasai* (Japanese dressmaking), *Tokyo kiritansu* (Tokyo paulownia wood chests of drawers), *hyogu* (picture framing), *urushi koge* (lacquerware), *tatami*, *kusakizome tebataorimono* (textile work using plants as dyes), *chochin moji* (paper lantern calligraphy), *kotto shuri* (antique repairing), *Tokyo tegaki yuzen* (Tokyo yuzen dyeing with hand-drawn patterns), *nihon shishu* (Japanese embroidery), *Edo sudare* (Edo bamboo blind), *butsuzo chokoku* (Buddhist statue sculpting), pottery, *kanaami* (metal mesh) and *ribiyo hasami* (hairdresser scissors)

Cooking demonstrations

Japanese tea, bread, Japanese sweets and rice

Shinagawa Library Global Storytelling Room

This is a storytelling event in English put on by native speakers and others. Get familiar with English while enjoying some hand games.

Date and Time: February 19 (Sun.)

- ① For three- and four-year olds: 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.
- ② For five-year olds and older: 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.

Note: The event site will open fifteen minutes before each session.

Capacity: Forty persons per session (by lottery)

Note: Parents/guardians may accompany their children.

Location/Application/Inquiries: Please apply by return-postage-paid postcard no later than January

24 (Tue.) (card must be received by this date). You can apply for up to four people with one postcard. Write “Global Storytelling Room,” the number of the desired session, the names of all participants, ages of all the children and address, and telephone number of the group’s representative, and send the card to Shinagawa Library (2-32-3 Kita-Shinagawa, 140-0001, **Tel:** 03-3471-4667, **Fax:** 03-3740-4014).

(((InterFM89.7MHz))) Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info*, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:

Mondays: Chinese and Japanese

Tuesdays: Korean and Japanese

Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese

Thursdays: English and Japanese

Fridays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency.

You can also check the broadcast content via the website.

Website: <https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/>

Tokyo Multilingual Consultation Navi

Consultation services are available for any concerns regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus and its impact on lives.

Languages: Fifteen (plain Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Hindi, Russian and Burmese)

Tel 03-6258-1227

Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

COVID-19 Omicron Variant Call Center

Consultation services are available if you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 infection, such as how to prevent the spread of the virus and what to do if symptoms appear at the contact numbers below.

Languages: Twelve (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Nepalese, Burmese, Thai, French, Portuguese and Spanish)

Tel 0570-550571 **Fax** 03-5388-1396

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

(Available on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well.)

About COVID-19 Vaccinations

(information current as of December 23)

● About Omicron-Specific Vaccinations

If you have completed the initial vaccinations (first and second injections), you can get this vaccine if three months or more have passed since your previous vaccination (second through fourth injections). Residents twelve years of age or older who have unused vaccination tickets can make a reservation.

Note: Please wear a shirt that makes it easy to expose your shoulder.

● About Vaccinations for Infants, Toddlers and Young Children

	Infants and toddlers (six-months to four-years of age)	Young children (five- through eleven-years of age)
Vaccine Type	Pfizer for infants and toddlers	Pfizer for young children
Vaccination Location	Individual medical institutions	Individual medical institutions and group vaccination sites

Note: For more information, please visit the Shinagawa City website.

What to bring: Your vaccination ticket, *Boshi Kenko Techo* (Mother and Child Health Handbook), pre-checkup slip, documentation to verify your personal ID (such as your health insurance card) and *okusuri-techo* (prescribed medicine record book).

Note: Children must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

Inquiries: Shinagawa Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center

Tel 03-6633-2433 **Fax** 03-6684-4845

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

To find out about the updated information, please visit the Shinagawa City website. The contents on the website can be read in various languages (English, Chinese and Korean), using the automated translation function.



Shinagawa City website