## **JANUARY EVENTS!**

The Taste of Kamogawa!

When: January 21st, 10:00AM-1:00PM

Where: Welfare Hall (Fureai Center)

This is a class to learn how to cook foods local to Kamogawa, Let's make "the flavor of Kamogawa" using locally gathered hijiki seaweed, red snapper, Nagasa Mai rice, and bonito flakes! It is 800 yen to participate in this wonderful opporuntiy.

Apply with Takiguchi-san, Project Kamogawa Aji no Hakobune at 090 (5806) 2517

#### Let's Make Steammed Buns!

When: January 20th 10:00AM - 2:00 PM

Where: Bunri-Kaisei High School

Take this chance to learn more about Chinese culture while making steammed buns with exchange students. After making the buns, the students will show off some skills and perform Japanese speeches. The fee is 500 yen to join. Please bring your own apron and headband. Up to 20 people.

Apply by January 15th with KIRA 7093 (5931)

### Disaster Prevention Bus Hike for Foreigners!

When: January 27th 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Where: Western Chiba Disaster Prevention Center

Join this tour to get a thorough look at how to protect yourself from natural disasters. The tour includes earthquake and typhoon simulators as well as an afternoon trip to the Makuhari AEON Mall.

To APPLY or Questions? KIRA (7093) 5931 or kira@city.kamogawa.chiba.jp

\*Space is limited so please apply soon\*

# **IMPORTANT BULLETINS**



Public Buildings will be closed over the New Year Holiday.

From Saturday December 29th ot Thursday January 3rd

For business at the city hall, there will be a help desk open on the first floor from 8:30 to 5:15PM during the holiday hours. For family registers and other identification documents please make a reservation by December 28th at (7093)7831 with the Citizen Affairs Division, for tax documents please call the Tax Division at (7093)7832 for your reservation.

Certificate of Death paperwork will still be processed during this time, but cremation services will not occur on the 1st and the 3rd.

Birth and Marriage Certification will continue throughout the holiday hours.

### **BE CAREFUL OF NOROVIRUS!**

Norovirus is a very infectious digestive virus which is especially prominent in the winter season. It is not only a food-borne virus as the infection can also be passed from person to person, as an air-borne infection. It can even spread and grow into a strong infection from a small exposure. Those with weaker immune systems, like children and the elderly, may develop a serious illness if infected.

As there is no vaccine against the virus, it is important to prevent contracting it.

### How to prevent Norovirus:

Wash your hands with soap and water

Be careful when dealing with human waste

Human waste is one of the most easily transferable places for
norovirus. Be especially careful when dealing with another person's
human waste, for example a child, as it can be transferred through
the air. Be sure to thoroughly sanitize bathroom spaces and take
precaution.

Sterilize your food by thoroughly cooking it Make sure your food is cooked at between 80 and 90 C for over 90 seconds to kill off any norovirus that may be in the food. Maligayang bagong Taon! iFeliz Año Nuevo! 새해 복 많이 받으세요! 新年快樂! Chúc mừng năm mới! Bonne Année! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tips to help your New Year's Resolution;

-For a healthier new year: Try joining in a local club (Mama Volleyball, etc.) or excercise classes offered in Kamogawa!

-For a more oragnized new year: Take your extra things to a recycle shop (like Magical Space), or donate them with a charity (like Unicef).

-For a more involved new year: Other than sports teams, try joining culture/hobby classes, or even start your own! (check the Koho for updates or if you want to advertise!)

Whatever you do, have a great start to 2019!

### **CELEBRATING NEW YEARS IN KAMOGWA!**

"Hatsumode" or the "First Temple Visit of the Year" is a tradation in Japan. A great place to do this is at **Amatsu Shinmeigu**, you will be able to literally "ring" in the new year by clanging the bell there.

Head over to Seichoji Temple in Kiyosumi

to see the earliest sunrise of the new year anywhere in Japan!