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EVENTS & NOTICE

■ Aihara Area Map

At last, the Machida City Tourism and Convention Bureau published the Aihara Area Map. It is only available in Japanese, but it will give you tips on what-to-do in the district.

■ Machida Tourist Gallery

The City's official visitor's center is located in the Poppo Machida Bldg.



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Rose Yard's Peak Bloom in Late May Affected by Cold Weather



In Machida City, there are many gardens for tourists, but a Rose Garden at the Nozuta Park has not yet attained the recognition it deserves.

According to the staff, they expect to have the peak bloom in late May this year.

The cold weather did affect the growth of the roses, but many buds were seen instead. The staff expects full bloom later.

This year's brochure for the Rose Yard has now arrived.

The brochures are available at the Nozuta park administration office and at the Machida Tourist Gallery (in Poppo Machida Building). It may be a good idea to learn about roses with the brochure before visiting the yard.

Also, the update on the flower status information is posted on the notice board at the Machida Tourist Gallery. It will be a good indicator to see when is the best time to visit the yard.

The Rose Yard is one of many secret sightseeing gems for you to enjoy a little bit of happiness.

Four Seasons of the German & Austrian Lifestyle-Culture Center

Mrs. Tokoro attracts customers to her exquisite café surrounded by nature.

Yuriko Tokoro, the director of the café, welcomes customers to the world of Germany and Austria.

There is a European house adjacent to the Serigaya park, which is bursting with nature. The billboard in front says "German and Austrian Lifestyle-Culture Center -Hansel and Gretel". The name of the café's boss is Mrs. Yuriko Tokoro.

On May 8th, a photobook about Mrs. Tokoro entitled "Four Seasons of the German and Austrian Lifestyle-Culture Center" was published. It is full color with 144 pages.

The book is sold not only at the café, but also at Hisamido and other bookstores in Machida City for 3000 yen.

The photographs are taken by Shoichi Sato. He displays the charm of the café and Mrs. Tokoro, and also the beauty of the surrounding *Serigaya* area. It is beyond the level of an ordinary photobook.

Mrs. Tokoro left for Germany 35 years ago, due to her husband's work transfer. There, she was enchanted by German life and devoted herself to study of the language and culture.

As the place to introduce the lifestyle to Japanese people, she chose land right next to the park.

Her first visit occurred 35 years ago, and this year is the Center's 15th anniversary.



When at the center, you feel as if you have stepped into another world. "This is Germany," smiles Mrs. Tokoro. She welcomes everyone in this way.

"In Germany, when they go for a walk, they don't just take a walk. They find great joy in visiting cafes on the way. Similarly, I aim to create a "rich" time and atmosphere. The richness of spirit is the key," Mrs. Tokoro explains.

With the park as the background, Mrs. Tokoro's wonderful garden blooms at this time of year. Once a customer shows interest, she kindly expounds about her garden.

View breathtaking scenery and have tea and her hand-made sweets - it indeed is the most luxurious way to spend your time.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Machida City Tourism and Convention Bureau raised 16,382 yen through fundraising, and donated the money to the Japan Red Cross Society. Thank you very much for your cooperation. We are always sending thoughts to the people in the Tohoku area.

