1) The following is an announcement about the minimum wages in Kanagawa Prefecture

From October 1, 2023, the minimum wage per hour in Kanagawa Prefecture will be 1,112 yen. Until now, it was 1,071 yen, so it will be an increase of 41 yen. This minimum wage applies to all people who work in Kanagawa Prefecture. For inquiries, please contact the Kanagawa Labor Bureau at 045-211-7354 or the Kanagawa Prefectural Welfare Division at 045-210-5739.

- 2) The following is a notice of scholarships for high school students Kanagawa Prefecture has a scholarship system for students who will enroll in high school next year. There is no need to repay the loan, but there are the following conditions.
- 1. Both parents and children must live in Kanagawa Prefecture.
- 2. If the parents live in Kanagawa Prefecture, it is OK if the child's school is outside Kanagawa Prefecture
- 3. A person whose parent's salary for one year is less than 9.1 million yen.

The scholarship you can receive is $10,000 \text{ yen} \sim 30,000 \text{ yen}$ per month for public high school

In the case of a private high school, it is $10,000 \text{ yen} \sim 50,000 \text{ yen}$ per month. To apply, send the following documents to Kanagawa Prefecture

- 1. Application Form
- 2. Certificate of residence of all family members
- 3. Certificate of parent's salary

The deadline to apply is January 16, 2024.

For detailed procedures, please contact the Kanagawa Prefecture Multilingual Support Center at 045-316-2770.

3) The following is an announcement of the elementary school entrance briefing session

Information sessions for students who will enter elementary school in Hiratsuka in April 2024 will be held at each elementary school in January. For the schedule, please see the Hiratsuka City website. For inquiries, please contact the Academic

Affairs Division of Hiratsuka City at 0463-35-811

4) Next is the information on the Aozora Ichiba "Sun Sun Marche" which means Blue Sky Market.

It will be held at Shona Kaigan Beach Park in Takahamadai, Hiratsuka City from 10:00 am to 2:00pm on Sunday, December 10th, 2023. Many kinds of handmade accessories and various tasty food at kitchen trucks are available. Free Parking. For further information, please call at 0463-31-7211.