

## Light Motor Vehicle Tax System Change

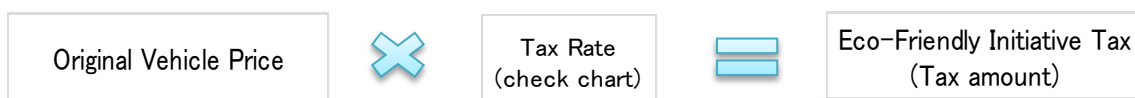
As you may know, the consumption tax rate will rise from 8% to 10%, effective October 2019. This section, we will be providing information about the tax system changes.

1. Out with the Automobile Acquisition Tax, in with the **Eco-Friendly Initiative Tax!**

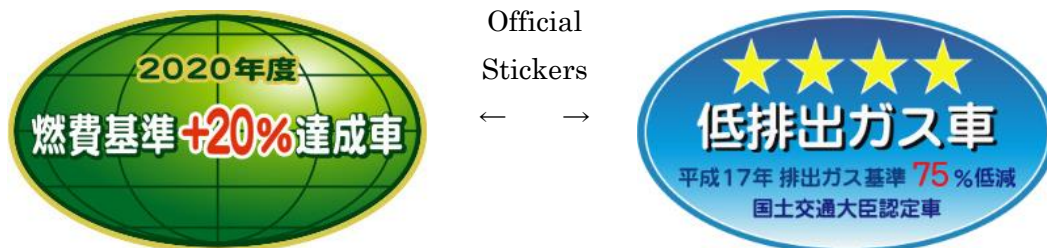
\*The application form itself will change, but the overall procedure will not.

◇ What is the “Eco-Friendly Initiative Tax”?

- New or old, if the price of the vehicle exceeds 500,000 Japanese Yen, this tax will be applied.
- This rate of tax depends on factors such as gas emissions, gas mileage, etc., in other words, the vehicle’s “eco-friendly” capabilities, to determine the final tax rating.



Eco-Friendly Capability	Tax Rate	
	Personal Use	Work Use
Electric vehicles, etc.	Tax Free	Tax Free
4-star rating for gas emissions and vehicles performing at 20% or more over the current fuel efficiency standard		
4-star rating for gas emissions and vehicles performing at 10% or more over the current fuel efficiency standard	1.00%	0.50%
4-star rating for gas emissions and vehicles performing at the current fuel efficiency standard		
4-star rating for gas emissions and vehicles performing 10% or over the fuel efficiency standard of 2015	2.00%	1.00%
Vehicles not listed		2.00%
*4-star rating refers to the following		
Vehicles that can perform at 50% or more efficiency in compliance with the Emission Standards of Heisei 30 (2018)		
Vehicles that can perform at 75% or more efficiency in compliance with the Emission Standards of Heisei 17 (2005)		



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2. Light Motor Vehicle Tax will now be divided into two combined taxes: the previously mentioned **Eco-Friendly Initiative Tax** and the **Type Tax**

✧ What is the Type Tax?

- It is simply an updated name for the old Light Motor Vehicle Tax. The name will be changed to “Light Motor Vehicle Tax (Type Tax)”.
- The Type Tax applies to all purchases on and after April 1, 2019. The tax rate above does not apply.

3. The **Eco-Friendly Initiative Tax** will be **temporarily reduced!**

For a limited time (October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020), upon purchasing a light motor vehicle (personal-use automobiles), the **Eco-Friendly Initiative Tax** will be **temporarily reduced by a flat 1%!**

- In reference to the chart above:
  - ✓ If the tax rate is 2.00%, it gets reduced to 1.00%!
  - ✓ If the tax rate is 1.00%, it is now tax free!
  - ✓ Used cars are also eligible for this tax reduction!

**Contact:**

**TEL:** Questions regarding “Type Tax”, Residence Tax Division

0776-20-5306

“Eco-Friendly Initiative Tax”, Prefectural Tax Office: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tax Department

0776-21-8274

tl;dr If you are looking to buy a car, you can get a good deal on eco-friendly cars right now. Overall, Japan is tending towards more environmentally-friendly society, so they are strongly incentivizing these types of cars...but they still want their money.

## Yokokan Garden: Autumn Light Up

**When:** Sep. 27 (Fri.) – Nov. 24 (Sun.)

Fri. thru Sun., holidays, and day before holidays from 17:00 – 21:00

\*Final admission at 20:30

**Where:** Yokokan Garden

\*Please enter from the East Gate.

**Entrance Fee:** 210 yen (220 yen from Oct. 1, 2019)

**Info:** Culture Promotion Division

**TEL:** 0776-20-5367

## The Moon on Erhu Strings

Come relax and be serenaded by erhu (Chinese 2-stringed instrument) while gazing upon the moon and starlit sky.

**When:** Oct. 5 (Sat.), 14:30 – 15:15

\*Doors open at 14:20.

**Host:** Kobayashi Hiroaki

**Participation Fee:** 600 yen

\*This event is not covered by the Year-pass.

**Capacity:** 150

**Info | Location:** Seiren Planet

**TEL:** 0776-43-1622

## Aurora Borealis Photo Exhibition

Using photographer, Nakagaki Tetsuya's photos, a special Aurora Borealis photo exhibition will be held at Seiren Planet.

**When:** Oct. 4 (Fri.) – Nov. 4 (Mon.)

\*You must pay to enter the venue.

**Info | Location:** Seiren Planet

**TEL:** 0776-43-1622

## Going Green Fukui Festival

This event is all about learning what choices you can make to help the environment.

**When:** Oct. 5 (Sat.), 10:00 – 16:00

**Where:** Happiterrace

**Activities:**

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- ✓ “Eco-Friendly Choices” session (11:00 – 11:30)
- ✓ High Schoolers “Eco-Friendly Choices” competition (12:45 – 16:00)
- ✓ AKB48 Team 8 may or may not perform a mini live
- ✓ Quiz rally!
- ✓ Introduction of eco-friendly living habits at home
- ✓ Consultation for better eco-friendly living
- ✓ Display of most recent eco-friendly cars

\*No designated parking lot. Please use public parking.

**Info:** Environmental Policy Division

**TEL:** 0776-20-5609

## Junior Classic Concert

This concert features children of all ages from small children to university students playing various instruments (piano, violin, etc.).

**When:** Oct. 5 (Sat.), 13:30~

\*Doors open at 13:00.

**Where:** Happiring Hall (Happiring, 3F)

**Info:** Machizukuri Fukui Ltd.

**TEL:** 0776-30-0330

## Museum of Natural History Events

### ◇ Astronomical Observation Gathering: The Moon and Saturn

We'll be taking a look at the moon's physical features and Saturn's rings.

**When:** Oct. 6 (Sun.), 18:30 – 20:00

\*Event will be cancelled in the event of rainy or cloudy weather.

### ◇ Lecture on Nature

#### **Let's make a fossil replica (advanced)**

We'll be making a replica of a real fossil out of plaster using a mold of the fossil. We will also be learning about fossils.

**When:** Oct. 12 (Sat.), 13:30 – 15:00

**Only For:** 4<sup>th</sup> year elementary school students and up

\*Elementary school students must be accompanied by a guardian.

**Capacity:** 10 (random selection)

**Participation Fee:** 500 yen (materials fee included)

**Application:** Double postcard must be received by Oct. 4 (Fri.).

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\*You can buy an *oufuku hagaki* (double postcard) at the post office. If you would like to know how to write one out, please do not hesitate to ask via the FCA Facebook page.

◇ **Lecture on Nature: Fossil Collecting Organization**

We will be collecting fossils from about 17,000,000-years old stratum.

**When:** Oct. 19 (Sat.), 9:00 – 12:00

\*Event will be cancelled in the event of rain.

**Meeting Location:** Ayukawa Beach Resort

**Only For:** 4<sup>th</sup> year elementary school students and up

**Capacity:** 20 (random selection)

**Participation Fee:** 100 yen

**Application:** Double postcard must be received by Nov. 11 (Fri.).

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◇ **General Information**

**Info | Application | Location:**

**Postal Code:** 918-8006

福井市足羽上町 147

自然史博物館

**TEL:** 0776-35-2844

**Email:** [sizen@city.fukui.lg.jp](mailto:sizen@city.fukui.lg.jp)

## Fukui Marketplace Festival

Find out what goes on behind the scenes at the Fukui marketplace!

**When:** Oct. 19 (Sat.), 10:00 – appx 12:30

**Where:** 中央卸売市場 (Chuuou Oroshiuri Ichiba)

**Activities:**

- Retail of fresh and processed food products
- Live tuna dissection demonstration (available for purchase)
- Fish auction
- Grape-scooping game
- Manju distribution (from 12:30~)
- Live Taiko demonstration by Matsukawa Kyogaku

◇ **Live Fish Auction**

**Only For:** Fukui City residents of elementary school age and up

\*Elementary school students must be accompanied by a guardian.

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**Capacity:** 20 (random selection)

**Application:** Must apply via phone by Oct. 11 (Fri.)

**TEL:** 0776-53-0001

## Masutani Dam Field Trip!

**When:** Oct. 26 (Sat.), 8:30 – 17:00

\*Rain or shine, we will be going.

\*\*Reception opens at 8:00.

**Meeting Place:** Fukui City Hall, Main Building, Main Entrance

**Only For:** Fukui City residents of elementary school age and up

\*Elementary school students must be accompanied by a guardian.

**Course:**

Fukui City Hall → Masutani Dam → Yaotome Tousekoku → Hinogawa  
Hydroelectricity Plant #2 → Hinogawa Water Management Office → Fukui City Hall

\*Transportation via bus

**Capacity:** appx 20 (random selection)

**Things to Bring:** Lunch, rainwear

**Application:** Contact information must be received by Oct. 4 (Fri.) via FAX.

Fukutetsu Sightseeing Company

\*Contact information includes event name, name, address, age, and phone number (age and gender not always necessary; they are only necessary when event specifies respective restrictions)

**TEL:** 0778-23-0202

**FAX:** 0778-23-0509

**Info:** Rural Areas Development Division

**TEL:** 0776-20-5440

## Fried Foods Festival

Fukui actually has the highest rate of consumption of Ganmodoki and fried tofu in all of Japan! Fukui City will be holding a festival in honor of abura-age (fried tofu)!

**When:** Oct. 12 (Sat.) and 13 (Sun.), 10:00 – 16:00

**Where:** Happiterrace

**Things to Do:**

- ✓ Eat freshly fried abura-age
- ✓ The unveiling of the great abura-age pyramid

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- ✓ Selling of abura-age, foods with tofu, and sweets
- ✓ Abura-age stage demonstration

**Info:** *NIGIWAI* Cultural Exchange Facility

**TEL:** 0776-20-2901

## Travel the World: Eco Tripper

### ◇ First Stop: Germany

We will be learning all about Germany, with a focus on the environmental advances and food! Rumor has it that you will be able to eat some authentic German sausages too!

**When:** Oct. 18 (Fri.), 18:30 – 20:00

**Where:** AOSSA 6F, Cooking Preparation Room (調理実習室)

**Host:** Fukui University associate professor, Isozaki Kentaro

**Capacity:** 20 (random selection)

**Participation Fee:** 500 yen

**Application:** Must be phoned in by Oct. 4 (Fri.)

### ◇ Second Stop: ZA WAARUDO (The World)

We will be talking about environmental breakthroughs and successes from around the world during the Fukui Global Festival! There are people of multiple different backgrounds not just in Fukui City, but all over the prefecture, and those people will be coming to the venue to share in the festivities. The information will be given by the JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency).

**When:** Oct. 27 (Sun.), 14:00 – 15:00

**Where:** Fukui International Activities Plaza

**Capacity:** 15 (random selection)

**Application:** Must be phoned in by Oct. 18 (Fri.)

### ◇ General Information

**Only For:** Those living or working in Fukui City

**TEL:** 0776-20-5609

## Shamisen at Yokokan!

The beloved short love songs, Hauta, will be performed at Yokokan. Hauta were extremely popular at the end of the Edo period.

**When:** Oct. 22 (Tue.), 11:30 – 12:00 and 15:00 – 15:30

**Where:** Yokokan Garden

**Performer:** Katagiri Ako

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\*Entrance to the event is “free”, but you must pay the separate Yokokan Garden entrance fee (220 yen from Oct. 1).

**Info:** Culture Promotion Division

**TEL:** 0776-20-5367

## Showing Fukui Some Love

Two writers, two novels written with the setting of Fukui...Come hear what these two amazing authors have to share about their thoughts about and love for Fukui! One is the writer of 「酔象の流儀」 (Suizou no Ryuugi), Akagami Ryo, and the other writer of 「おしよりん」 (Oshorin), Fujioka Yoko.

**When:** Nov. 3 (Sun.), 14:00 – 16:30

**Where:** AOSSA, Room 601

**Only For:** Middle school students and up

**Capacity:** 150 (first come, first serve)

**Application:** Reception begins Oct. 1 (Tue.) at 10:00. They take phone, email, or FAX (no one uses FAX anymore anyway).

\*If you send an email or FAX, please include your contact information. Contact information includes the following: event name, name, address, and phone number (age and gender not always necessary; they are only necessary when event specifies respective restrictions)

**Info | Application Location:** Fukui Sakuragi Library

**TEL:** 0776-20-1530

**FAX:** 0776-20-1531

**Email:** [sakuragikan@city.fukui.lg.jp](mailto:sakuragikan@city.fukui.lg.jp)