# **WHY DON'T YOU JOIN JICHIKAI?**

# Community Association to Create a Safe, Comfortable Neighborhood

#### **♦**What is Jichikai?

Jichikai is a voluntary community association, consisting of residents living within the same area, with the aim of fostering exchanges between members and maintaining a safe and secure living environment. In Iruma City, many citizens are involved in the activities of the Jichikai in their area and create social connection with neighbors.

Jichikai runs on jichikai-hi (membership fees) from residents. The amount of fee and fee collection system vary depending on each Jichikai. To join jichikai, ask one of your neighbors, or contact Chiiki Shinko-ka (Section for Community and Culture) in the city office (204-2964-1111, ext. 2142).

### **♦**What Are the Benefits of Joining Jichikai?

You are highly recommended to join Jichikai and get to know your neighbors. It will help you deal with everyday issues and cooperate with each other.

Also, in the case of natural disasters such as earthquakes or typhoons, or in any emergency situations, jichikai will play a most important role in mutual support in the area. It would be a good idea, in the first place, to participate in a local festival or one of city-wide events like the Citizen's Cleaning Day (in June) and the Emergency Drill (in August).

## **♦** Are There Any Jichikai in My Neighborhood?

There are predefined zonings in most cases. If you have just moved in or do not know which jichikai (or chiku (block)) your residence belongs to, contact the Chiiki Shinko-ka Section for Community and Culture)

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## **Examples of Activities of Jichikai**

unityCleaning and beautifying the area to make a comfortable environment





Warmly watching over the elderly and the socially vulnerable people in the area in a spirit of mutual aid

Sharing local information by passing around a kairanban (clip board) and distributing City Office's newsletters and other official notices





Making requests to the administrative body on behalf of the residents to solve local problems

Planning local events, such as festivals and athletic meets, to encourage exchange among the members





Organizing emergency drills and watch patrols to make a safe and secure comm

We Welcome You to Join Us as a Jichikai Member

### **Inquiries**

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