



# General Information



## Japanese Phone System

To call Yokota from off-base nearby, dial 552-2511 for the operator (or dial 552-2510 to bypass the operator message). If you call from outside the local area, add area code 042 to dial 042-552-2511.

## Public Telephones

There are different color-coded public telephones in Japan. The yellow telephones accept both ¥10 and ¥100 coins, allowing you to call long distance. Insert one or more ¥10 coins to connect, and then insert one or more ¥100 coins if you think it will be a long call.

The green and digital telephones accept both coins and prepaid telephone cards that can be bought at train station kiosks and some stores for between ¥500 and ¥5,000. Local, long distance and international calls can be made from the green phones.

For information in English, dial the NTT Information Service in Tokyo at 03-5295-1010 (0900-1700 Mon-Fri, 0900-1200 Sat; 3 minutes costs ¥10).

For assistance in Japanese, dial 104.

Overseas Calls (operator assisted): 0051

Telegrams: 03-3344-5151

## English Telephone Directory

A valuable resource is the TOWNPAGE English Telephone Directory published by NTT. Consisting of both white and yellow page listings for Japanese and foreign governments and businesses plus general information for foreigners, this helpful reference is available at the library, Family Support Center, and USO. An English online version is available at <http://english.itp.ne.jp/>. There is also a site called Tokyo Doko at <http://www.tokyodoko.com>.

## Off-Base Emergencies

<b>Ambulance</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Fire</b>	<b>119</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>110</b>

## USFJ: Base Numbers

(if in local area, do not dial area code)

Camp Fuji	(0550) 89-1062
Camp Courtney	(098) 972-6700
Iwakuni MCAS	(0827) 21-4171
Kadena AB	(098) 938-1111
Misawa AB	(0176) 53-5181
New Sanno	(03) 440-7871
Sasebo NB	(0956) 24-6111
Yokosuka NB	(0468) 26-1911
Camp Zama	(0462) 51-1520

## Helpful numbers for Tokyo:

The Japan Travel-Phone can be reached at 0120-44-4800 or 0088-22-4800 toll free for information from 0900-1700 hours any day. When calling from within Tokyo proper, dial 03-3201-3331.

For news on current shows and festivals, try the Teletourist taped service at 03-3201-2911.

Info on the Japan Railways system, call 03-3423-0111.

Tokyo Life Line: 9am-4pm & 7-11pm 03-5721-4347

Japan Helpline (24 hrs/day): 0120-46-1997

## Information Centers outside Tokyo:

Kyoto Tourist Center: 075-371-5649

Yokohama Intl. Tourist Assoc.: 045-641-4759

Nagoya Information Center: 052-581-5678

## Do You Want a Cell Phone?

There are two major competitors for cell phones in Japan, DoCoMo and J-Phone. Both are fairly equivalent and have the programs explained in English, so you can go in and see what they offer.

**1) J-Phone:** Go straight out the Fussa Gate. When you get to the "Y" at the first light, bear right. At the second light (Yanagi Dori) you'll see the store on the far left corner.

**2) DoCoMo:** Turn right out the Terminal Gate. It will be on the left just after the bowling alley and before the first light.

Brian Marriott



## Useful Information

### English Speaking Telephone Numbers to Call...

- For questions about JR Trains
  - ◆ **JR Infoline:** 03-34230111
  
- For questions about what is going on in/around Tokyo
  - ◆ **Telephone Tourist Service:** 03-3201-2911 (tape-recorded)
  - ◆ **Telephone Tourist Service:** 03-3201-3331 (operator)
  
- Any Travel Information & Language Problem while Traveling in Japan
  - ◆ **Japan Travel-Phone:** 03-3201-3331 (Tokyo)
  - ◆ **Japan Travel-Phone:** 075-371-5649 (Kyoto)
  - ◆ **Japan Travel-Phone:** 0120-444-800 (except Tokyo and Kyoto)
  
- For questions about telephone call in Japan (Off Base)
  - ◆ **NTT English Information:** 0120-364-463
  
- Any First Aid Information or Language Problem while Traveling in Japan
  - ◆ **Medical Treatment Service:** 03-5285-8181 (weekdays only: 9:00am - 8:00pm)
    - ◆ (You can ask which hospitals have foreign languages attending)
  
  - ◆ **First Aid Translation Service:** 03-5285-8185
    - ◆ (weekdays: 5:00pm - 8:00pm)
    - ◆ (weekends, Japanese holidays: 9:00am - 8:00pm)
    - ◆ (If you have a language problem in the hospital, they can assist you)
  
- “0120 Number” - Toll Free!
  - ◆ When using a public phone, insert a 10 Yen coin or a phone card first. The coin will be returned to you when you finish the call.

Information courtesy of Yujo Community Center



## American Embassy

To reach the American Embassy, take the Ome Line to Tachikawa and change to the Chuo Line for Tokyo. Get off at Kanda Station and exit by the middle staircase. Look for the orange Ginza Subway Line, and take it toward Ginza and Shibuya. Get off at Toranomom, 3 stops after Ginza. Take Exit #3 out of Toranomom Station. Look for the Mitsui Building. To the left of the Mitsui Building is a wonderful temple and garden in the midst of all the skyscrapers. You will see Alitalia and Lufthansa offices on your left. When you see the NCR sign, turn left and cross the street. You will see the U.S. Embassy straight ahead with its flag outside a bronze building (opposite the Hotel Okura).

Carol Davis

Embassy Office Hours:  
Monday - Friday 8:30AM - 5:30PM.  
Closed Saturday, Sunday, and holidays.

Embassy Operator (off-base) 03-3224-5000  
Embassy Operator (DSN) 224-5000  
Passports 224-5170  
Visas 224-5125

## The Japanese Postal Service

The red, double-crossed capital T is the symbol of the postal service. It is found anywhere there is any connection with the post office, and is used on maps to indicate the location of post offices. It is also displayed at places where stamps are sold.



## Non-Deliverable Mail Notice

If you receive a registered or parcel post item through the Japanese mail addressed to your PSC Box, a Non-Deliverable Notice postcard will mailed to you. Just take the notice to the Fussa Post Office or to the office written on the notice. See Below.

## Postal Dimensions

The sizes of Japanese cards and envelopes are different from American standards. For delivery at the standard rate (¥50 for postcards and ¥80 for letters under 25 gms in 1996), postcard dimensions must be between 9-1 0.7cm wide x 1/4-1 5.4 cm long. Envelopes should be between 9-1/2 cm wide x 1/4-23 cm long (the ends of American business envelopes can be folded over and taped). If you send something the wrong size, you may get your posted item back with a note showing the amount of insufficient postage.

## Sending Mail Off-Base

If you send mail through the Japanese postal system, the post office on base requests you use your Japanese address, not the APO address. If you have the correct postage (available at the base post office), you can mail postcards and letters through the orange Japanese mailbox outside the post office.

## Post Offices Near Yokota

There are three Japanese post offices close to Yokota; near Higashi-Fussa station and in Matsunaka-Danchi out the East Gate.

**DIRECTIONS to main Fussa Post Office:** To get to the Fussa Main Post Office, go straight out the Fussa gate, cross the tracks, veer to the left at the Y, cross the next set of tracks and on down to Okutama Kaido. The post office is on the far right corner (there's minimal parking in the post office lot inside the walls to the right of the building on Okutama Kaido).

**DIRECTIONS to Higashi Fussa:** To get to the post office near Higashi-Fussa, make a right out the Fussa gate onto Rt. 16 and then a left at the signal for Higashi Fussa station. Cross the tracks, and about a block down you'll see the post office on the left before the intersection with the gas station. Since there are only one or two parking spaces, it may be easier to park on the side street near the intersection before the post office.

**DIRECTIONS to Matsunaka-Danchi:** Turn right out the East Gate, left at the light, then hard right at the five-way intersection. Go several blocks down the tree-lined avenue with apartment buildings on either side. There's a tiny post office on the far right corner of the second large intersection.

If you are living off-base, you can pay your electric and telephone bills at any Japanese post office. These bills are usually delivered direct to your residence. (You can also pay these bills at any 7-11 store.)

Teresa K. Negley, Chieko Brumley 12/96

## Your Japanese Address

<p><b>NAME</b> <b>PSC 78 Box #</b> <b>Yokota Air Base</b> <b>Fussa-Shi, Tokyo 197-0001</b></p>
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Use your box number to address mail using the Japanese Postal Service like the above example. For more information, call the Fussa Central Post Office at **552-3640**.

Their hours are:

Monday-Friday: 9am-7pm  
Saturday: 9am-3pm  
Sunday: Closed  
Closed on Holidays



## Tourist Information Center

The Tokyo TIC (phone number: 03-3201-3331) is the best source of travel information around with its free maps and brochures on nearly any place in Japan. It's located in the basement of the Tokyo International Forum opposite the JR Yurakucho train station (Kokusai Forum exit). The TIC is open Monday through Friday from 9am to 5pm, and 9 to noon on Saturdays. It is closed Sundays and holidays.

**DIRECTIONS:** To get there directly from Yokota, take the orange Ome/Chuo Line to its end in Tokyo, then go south one stop on the green Yamanote loop to Yurakucho.

To request information by mail, send in a self-addressed stamped envelope (if you're not sure how much in stamps is needed, call first or fax 03-3211-9009)

International Tourism Center of Japan  
Tokyo International Forum B1  
3-5-1 Marunouchi  
Chiyoda-ku Tokyo 100

## Japan Travel Updates via the Internet

There are hundreds of websites that will enhance your stay in Japan. Here are some you'll find helpful:

### Helpful Information

The Japan National Tourist Organization lists updates on its home page [www.jnto.go.jp](http://www.jnto.go.jp)

Also, check [www.city.net](http://www.city.net)

For information on U.S. bases in Japan and cultural information, etc. from a site maintained by Yokota residents, try [www.ainj.com](http://www.ainj.com)

<http://english.itp.ne.jp/> An online version of the Japanese Telephone directory in English.

<http://map.yahoo.co.jp> an online map of all of Japan. You can zoom to whatever detail you want. Note: this site is only in Japanese, but if you get used to the Kanji you may be able to look up places on it.

### Around Town

There are a number of sites that provide current news and information about what is happening around town, including festivals, concerts, special exhibits (art, photos, kimono), and more.

<http://www.japantimes.co.jp> - an online version of the Japan Times newspaper

<http://www.metropolis.co.jp> -online paper with events, cultural news, restaurant reviews, classified ads and more.

<http://www.udo.co.jp/english/index.html> - calendar of concerts coming to Tokyo, listed by artist.

### About Yokota

There are a number of useful sites about Yokota Air Base including:

<http://www.374th-services.org> The 374th Services web page - info about things to do around base.

<http://yokotalibrary.ad.umuc.edu/> The library's web page, with an online catalog and the ability to reserve and renew books via the internet.

<http://www.afrts.osd.mil/> The Air Force Radio and Television Service. Includes TV and Eagle 810 schedules.

<http://www.aafes.com> AAFES Home Page.

## More Information

Tours are conducted by the Yujo Community Center, Sekai Travel, the USO, the Officers' Spouses' Club, the Enlisted Spouses' Club, Outdoor Recreation, the Family Support Center, various sports clubs, etc.

Some are overnight trips; most are day trips. Stop by the Yujo and pick up the latest brochures on its trips and those offered by Corporate Travel. Call the USO for its offerings. Check the latest newsletters of the spouses' clubs or call the respective Tours Chairpersons for information. Check a copy of Horizons for outings offered by Outdoor Recreation. Also, don't forget any private organizations in which you might be interested. If you need more help, contact the Yokota Family Support Center at 225-8725.

