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Disaster Prevention Guide: "Sona-Fuku" Notebook

The Fukushima Prefectural Government has created the *Sona-Fuku* notebook, a new guide to help you take precautions and protect yourself from disasters.

Currently, the book is only available in Japanese, but all of the Kanji have furigana written above them and the book is filled with illustrations to help make it easier to understand. Take the time to look through the guidebook and talk with your family about how to prepare for disasters.



You can download the book online:

<https://www.pref.fukushima.lg.jp/sec/01010a/sonafukunote.html>

You can also receive a printed copy if you prefer.

Inquiries:

Citizens' Affairs Department
Iwaki Regional Promotion Bureau
Fukushima Prefectural Government
TEL: 0246-24-6203

"Full Experience of Iwaki" for Tour Guide Interpreters

This tour is designed to help participants become tour guides who will be able to introduce Iwaki's amazing sights to international visitors of this city. Apply if you would like to experience all the great things Iwaki has to offer.

Date: Saturday 27 January 2018

Time: Depart from Iwaki City Hall at 9:20am; finish at 3:20pm

Contents: Washi paper making at Iwaki Tono Auto Camping Grounds, exploring the hot springs in Joban area, tour of Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum

Fee: ¥1500

Applications: Please apply by Monday 15 January 2018

Inquiries: Mr. Fumio Yamana, representative of Iwaki Cosmopolitan Club

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Counselling Service for Foreigners

Yoriso Hotline (Helpline for Foreigners):

Consultation service available in Japanese, English, Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese and Thai. Available languages vary depending on time. Are you having a problem with your visa, nationality, family, work, everyday living, discrimination, domestic violence, confinement or human trafficking? Please call us about any problem you may have. Your privacy will be protected. Free.

TEL: 0120-279-226. Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.

TELL Lifeline:

TELL is a professional non-profit organisation that provides counselling to English-speaking foreigners all over Japan. The lifeline is staffed by highly trained volunteer phone counsellors and provides free, non-judgemental and confidential phone counselling and information 365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.

TEL: 03-5774-0992.

For more information, check out their website at <http://www.telljp.com> or e-mail them at admin@telljp.com.

Safety and Consultation Centre for Women

(Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): For consultations related to women's safety. Free.

Can only speak Japanese. 10am-6pm daily.

TEL: 0246-25-9344.

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(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.

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Iwaki Festivals and Events



Your guide to what's happening around Iwaki City this month

Event	Time & Date	Venue	Details	Inquiries
Iwaki Cherry Blossom Illumination Festival	Sat 2 nd Dec - Mon 8 th Jan 5pm-11pm	Main street in front of Iwaki Station, Taira	The trees lining the street of Taira's city centre will be lit up and appear like blooming cherry blossoms throughout December and early January. The illumination was originally inspired by the famous cherry blossom street in Yonomori, Tomioka.	Junior Chamber International Iwaki TEL: 0246-24-0780
New Year Cruise	Monday 1 st Jan Ferry departs at 6:15am	Ferry Terminal of La La Mew, Onahama	Catch the spectacular sight of the first sunrise for the New Year over the Pacific Ocean. Fare prices are ¥7000 for adults and ¥3000 for children 3 years old up to primary school age (free for children under 3 years old). Reservation is required to ride the ferry and seats may fill quickly.	Iwaki Day Cruise TEL: 0246-54-7600
Hashigonori Ladder Stunts by Firefighters	Saturday 6 th Jan Times vary according to location	Taira Central Park Alios and various other locations around Taira and Uchigo	Held on the first Saturday of the year, firefighters perform acrobatic stunts on a 5.5m ladder in a traditional event dating back to the Edo Period to celebrate the Iwaki Fire Service's New Year's Ceremony. Inquire with the Iwaki Fire Services to confirm when and where performances will be held in your local area.	General Affairs Division, Iwaki Fire Service Headquarters TEL: 0246-24-3940
Daruma Markets	Sunday 7 th Jan From 10am	Shopping area in front of Himawari Shinkin Bank, 2-Chome, Taira	These outdoor markets will be selling Iwaki daruma dolls from ¥1200. If you purchase a daruma doll, you can go in a raffle to win a ¥10000 gift voucher.	Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/iwaki.ekimae/photos/a.1454242758141419.1073741831.1440336926198669/2042938012605221/
Okunitama Festival	Monday 8 th Jan From 6am Chigo and Yamato dances from 9am-11am	Okunitama Shrine, Taira	Held on the Coming of Age Day public holiday, this annual festival is dedicated to Daikoku-sama, the main god of Okunitama Shrine. Prayers for prosperous businesses as well as household peace will be made. The Yamato dance and Chigo dance, both designated as Intangible Folk Culture Assets in Iwaki City, will also be performed.	Okunitama Shrine TEL: 0246-34-0092 Website: http://ookunitama.jp/
Numanouchi Water Festival	Monday 8 th Jan Scheduled for one hour sometime during the day (TBC)	Numanouchi Community Hall, Taira	In this roughly 400-year-old festival, newlywed local men wearing only a yukata have cold water poured on them three times. It is quite common for the bucket carrier to "accidentally" spill cold water on the spectators, so you may want to be prepared to get wet when attending the festival. Inquire with the event sponsor to confirm when water pouring will commence.	Iwaki Tourism and City Planning Bureau TEL: 0246-44-6545
Konpira-sama Festival	Wednesday 10 th Jan	Kotohira Shrine and surrounds, Yumoto	This festival is held shortly after every New Year on the 10 th of January where up to several hundred thousand people come and pray for a happy and trouble-free year. An incredible 400 stalls will line the street from Yumoto Station all the way to the shrine.	Kotohira Shrine TEL: 0246-43-1001 Website: http://kotohira-iwaki.jp/

*The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.



Iwaki Hospital Guide

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The following is a guide to hospitals open on Sundays and public holidays in Iwaki City during January and early February

January Guide

Monday 1 January

Onahama Area	Onahama Seikyo Hospital	9-5	53-4374
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Nakoso Area	Sukegawa Internal Clinic	9-5	77-0710
Joban Area	Haruyama Doctor's Office	9-5	44-4011

Tuesday 2 January

Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Nakoso Area	Yokogi Internal & Gastroenterology Clinic	9-5	65-1111
Joban Area	Oriuchi Doctor's Office	9-5	44-1133

Wednesday 3 January

Onahama Area	Iwaki Central Clinic	9-5	53-3511
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Nakoso Area	Sato Maternity Clinic	9-5	65-6900
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175

Sunday 7 January

Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Onahama Area	Clinic Abe	9-5	85-5801
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Katayose Clinic Obstetrics & Gynaecology	9-5	42-4135
Onahama Area	Shiga Children's Clinic	9-12	58-5505

Monday 8 January

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Sasaki Internal & Gastroenterology	9-5	73-0345
Nakoso Area	Hanada Internal Clinic	9-5	62-5000
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-5	28-1145

Sunday 14 January

Taira Area	Hasegawa Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	8:30-11:30	25-5691
Onahama Area	Ochiai Internal & Gastroenterology Clinic	9-5	73-1171
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Taira Area	Wakamatsu Doctor's Office (paediatrics)	9-12	22-3838

Sunday 21 January

Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Takagi Internist's Office	9-5	92-3435
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Nemoto Internal & Gastroenterology Doctor's Office	9-5	43-4100
Taira Area	Fukuda Paediatrician's Office	9-12	22-4272

Sunday 28 January

Taira Area	Sakamoto Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	9-5	38-2830
Onahama Area	Kashimura Gynaecology Clinic	9-5	56-2289
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Hisa Doctor's Office	9-5	43-2313
Nakoso Area	Ohara Children's Clinic	9-12	63-0001

February Guide

Sunday 4 February

Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Onahama Area	Suminoya Rheumatology & Orthopaedic Doctor's Office	9-5	58-1154
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Kato Internal Clinic	9-5	72-0072
Nakoso Area	Mori Children's Clinic	9-12	38-7227

Sunday 11 February

Taira Area	Hasegawa Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	8:30-11:30	25-5691
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Iwaki Central Clinic	9-5	53-3511
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	28-1145

Monday 12 February

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Ohara Children's Clinic	9-5	63-0001
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175

Emergencies

Emergency Dental Care

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre** (*Sogo Hoken Fukushima Senta*) in Uchigo.

This centre is open on Sundays and all national holidays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. The reception closes at 3:30pm.

For more information please contact the centre on 27-8620.

*The centre will also be open 2nd-3rd Jan with the same hours as above

After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre (For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics)

(Located in the **General Health and Welfare Centre** as of 1 June 2017)

If you need to see a doctor urgently in the evening or on a weekend or public holiday, the **After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre** is open at the following times:

Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.

Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).

Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Public Holidays, *2nd-3rd Jan:

9am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

TEL: 27-1208

Please make sure whenever possible to bring a Japanese-speaker with you when visiting the hospital in Iwaki.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Police: 110

Fire & Ambulance: 119

Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultations

The Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (*Fukushima-ken Kodomo Kyukyu Denwa Sodan*) is a free telephone service that provides professional advice when your child has become sick during the night. This telephone service is available in Japanese only.

TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000


From 7pm to 8am (next day).

*Other hospitals and clinics apart from the above may be open on Sundays and public holidays. Inquire with your regular doctor or visit Iwaki City's website to confirm which other medical facilities are open.







*How to check hospital information on Iwaki City's website:

Go to Foreign Languages and select English > Living & Area > In times of emergency > Sudden illness > Doctors on duty (daytime on Sundays and public holidays).

Event Calendar for January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  HAVE A GREAT YEAR!	2	3 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">The following facilities are closed from 29 December to 3 January: City Offices and IIA; Alios; Iwaki City Libraries (the Iwaki City Library in Latov is only closed on New Year's Day) Iwaki City Cultural Centre and Lifelong Learning Plaza and most other public facilities. Please inquire with other facilities to confirm which days are closed.</div>	4	5	6 Hashigonori Ladder Stunts 
7 	8 Coming of Age Day Numanouchi Water Festival 	9 Primary and JHS Opening Ceremonies 	10 	11 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Inquire with the Iwaki Fire Service Headquarters to confirm locations and times of each performance (see p.2).</div>	12	13
14  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Onahama Marine Bridge Walk Open 9am-4pm every Sunday until March 2018 (last entry at 3:30pm). Inquiries: Onahama Port Office TEL: 0246-53-7121</div>	15	16 	17 	18	19	20
21 	22	23 	24 	25 	26	27
28 	29	30	31 			

IIA Custom Made Plans

-  Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san 0246-42-2135
-  Lac lăm Thai - Inquiries to Aizawa-san 090-6629-7225
-  Interpreters in the Making – Inquiries to Nishiyama-san 090-7197-1913
-  Medaka no Kai – Inquiries to Ishikawa-san 080-1659-6637
-  Cape Town – Inquiries to Kashiwabara-san 090-9320-5177
-  Parang-Sae – Inquiries to Takagi-san 090-2364-4970

#Please confirm the event date with the relevant representative if you're participating for the first time



Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations. Scheduled days are as listed on the calendar; however these are subject to change. Please contact **City Hall (Hometown Revitalisation Division TEL 0246-22-7438)** and confirm the date, time and place. Reservations are required for consultations.
For Iwaki City Council of Social Welfare consultations (held at the **Social Welfare Centre**), please contact 0246-23-3320.

Other Legal Support for Foreign Residents

Japan Legal Support Centre (Houterasu)

Futaba Sub-branch Office (Iwaki within this jurisdiction) – 050-3381-3805

Fukushima District Office – 050-3383-5540

Fukushima Bar Association Iwaki Branch Office – 0246-22-1320