

Time Out



Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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Intercultural Understanding Lessons

I recently joined the IIA for another round of intercultural understanding workshops at a local primary school on the 17th of June. In addition, members of the Iwaki Filipino Community as well as IIA staff members Kim and Lin also took part, with workshops covering a total of four different countries: Australia, The Philippines, Korea and China.



The instructors incorporated alphabet and number lessons as well as various toys, games and language expressions into their workshops to help engage the students and teach them more about their home country's language and culture.

Whilst this was the second time I took part in the intercultural understanding lessons, I'm sure all the children learnt a lot of interesting things about all of our countries and might even want to visit someday.



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Festivals & Events



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

Iwaki

16th July-16th August: Nakoso and Yotsukura Beaches Open @ Nakoso and Yotsukura Beaches. From 9am-4pm. To celebrate the formal opening of the swimming season, there will be a ceremony at Nakoso Beach from 10-11am on the 16th July. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki City Tourism Projects Division: TEL 0246-22-7480.

16th-17th July: Summer Festival @ Iwaki City Flower Centre, Taira. From 10am-4pm. There will be a large variety of events on offer for the festival, including exhibitions, hands-on events and direct markets. Entry is free. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki City Flower Centre: TEL 0246-22-5667. Email: flowercenter@jobankaihatsu.co.jp.

17th-18th July: Chigo-Dengaku Dance and Furyu @ Kumano Shrine, Nakoso. This event is a Nationally Designated Important Tangible Cultural Asset. The Chigo-Dengaku is performed by eight children to ask for a large harvest. For inquiries, please contact Kumano Shrine: TEL 0246-62-2207.

23rd July: European Acoustic Jazz Summer Night @ Atrium Lobby, Kusano Shimpei Memorial Literature Centre, Ogawa. From 6-7pm. You can view Yuriko Kimura and Mattieu Roffe's flute and piano performance for free. For inquiries, please contact the Kusano Shimpei Memorial Literature Centre: TEL 0246-83-0005.

29th July-7th August: U-15 Baseball World Cup @ Iwaki Green Stadium (Joban), Nanbu Stadium (Nakoso) and Taira Baseball Stadium. Iwaki's first major international sports event is coming to Iwaki. 12 nations and regions, including the host nation Japan, will take part in over 50 matches during the weeklong tournament. Entry to all venues is free. For a detailed schedule including all matches and venues, visit: <http://static.wbsc.org.s3.amazonaws.com/wp-content/uploads/Official-Schedule-WBSC-U-15-Baseball-World-Cup-2016-Iwaki.pdf>. Official website in English: <http://www.wbsc.org/tournaments/2016-u15-baseball-world-cup/>.

30th July: Nakoso Summer Festival @ Samegawa River Bank (fireworks) and Ueda Patio Street (samba and Iwaki Odori). The samba parade is from 5:10pm. The Nakoso leg of the Iwaki Odori is from 6pm. The fireworks are from 8pm. For inquiries, please contact the Nakoso Summer Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-63-6521.

30th July: Yotsukura Nebuta and Iwaki Odori @ area between Yotsukura Port and in front of Yotsukura Station. From 6-9pm. The Yotsukura leg of the Iwaki Odori is from 6:30-8:30pm. Nebuta (large decorative lantern floats) parade is from 7-9pm. For inquiries, please contact the Yotsukura Summer Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-32-2900.

30th-31st July: Iwaki Taira Castle Hawaiian Festival @ Iwaki Taira Castle Ruins. From 12-7pm on the 30th July and from 10am-3pm on the 31st July. As part of Iwaki Taira Castle's Castle Restoration Project, there will be seasonal-themed events held every month until October. There will be tea, workshops and various programs each month. For details, please visit <http://tairajyou.com/event.php>.

30th-31st July: Onahama Marine Festival @ Aquamarine Park and surrounds. From 10am-4pm. This is an exciting event in the lead up to the Onahama Fireworks festival. You can ride water sleds, jet skis and other types of boats for free. There will also be a jet ski acrobatic show, stage performances and other attractions both in the water and onshore. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki Fireworks Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-53-5677. Website: http://www.iwakihanabi.com/onahama_kaiyusai/time_schedule.html.

31st July: Shitoki Dam Festival @ Shitoki Dam, Nakoso. From 9:30am-3pm. For inquiries, please contact the Shitoki Dam Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-64-7645.

4th August: Goldfish Hand Catching Contest @ Ichibancho Street, Yumoto. From 6pm-8pm. A small pool will be set up in front of Yumoto Station where you can try out catching goldfish with your hands and other events. For inquiries, please contact the Yumoto Onsen Tourism Association: TEL 0246-42-4322.

5th August: Onahama Iwaki Odori @ Kashima Highway (section between the Nissan Satio store and the Onahama Honcho intersection). From 5-8:45pm. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki Fireworks Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-53-5677.

5th August: Yappe Odori @ area around Yumoto Station. From 7-9pm. For inquiries, please contact the Yumoto Onsen Tourism Association: TEL 0246-42-4322.

6th August: Iwaki Fireworks Festival @ Aquamarine Park, Onahama. From 7-8:30pm. The Iwaki Fireworks Festival is one of the largest fireworks festivals in the Tohoku Region, with over 20,000 individual fireworks arranged alongside music. This year is expected to be on an even larger scale to coincide with Iwaki City's 50th Anniversary celebrations. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki Fireworks Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-53-5677.

6th-8th August: Taira Tanabata Festival @ Taira Shopping District. From 10am-9:30pm (until 9pm on the 8th August). The main shopping streets of Taira will be decorated with Tanabata decorations. Stalls offering food and selling festival goods will also line the streets. For inquiries, please contact the Taira Tanabata Festival Action Committee: TEL 0246-25-9151.

8th August: Iwaki Odori @ main street in front of Iwaki Station. From 4:25-8:40pm. The main leg of the Iwaki Odori attracts thousands of dancers and spectators, with people dancing along the main street in various groups. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki Odori Action Committee: TEL 0246-44-6545.

9th August: Sumo Wrestling Summer Tour @ Iwaki City General Gymnasium. From 8am-3pm. To coincide with Iwaki's 50th Anniversary celebrations, there will be a Sumo Wrestling Tournament held in Iwaki. Ringside seating from ¥13,000-¥14,000. Pair seating from ¥20,000-¥24,000 for two people. Other seating including balcony and wheelchair seating from ¥4000-¥8000. Various seating conditions also apply. To reserve a ticket, you must directly purchase at the information desk of Alios. For inquiries, please contact the TUF Project Planning Division: TEL 024-531-8815.

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

From the Editor

We're now into the full swing of summer, with the days getting hotter and more humid. Whilst some people might want to just stay in their air-conditioned homes or apartments throughout the summer, lots of people in Iwaki will be going out to enjoy the numerous festivals and events that are held annually at this time of year.

I will also be fairly active this summer as I have recently joined a local Jangara dance group. For those not familiar with Jangara, it is a traditional and unique Iwaki performance that combines taiko drums and kane bells and is usually performed during the Obon period for those who have lost loved ones during that year. However the group I have joined performs throughout the year and has the additional purpose of promoting Iwaki's Jangara not just within the city but across the country.



Over the last two months we have performed several times, including at a local ryokan (Japanese-style inn), Spa Resort Hawaiians, Washington Hotel, and most recently near Yumoto Station where I performed on the taiko for the first time.

Joining a group such as this is a great way to get involved in the community. That is why I recommend joining a local club or group in Iwaki so you can also enjoy some of Iwaki's unique culture.

Ben 弁

Supporting Kumamoto after the 2016 earthquake

Iwaki City expresses its heartfelt condolences towards those affected by the Kumamoto Earthquake which occurred on the 14th April this year. In order to assist those victims of the disaster, the city has carried out various aid initiatives.

Aid Supplies sent to Kumamoto City (21st April)

Drinking water (2L)	600 bottles
Instant rice	2500 packets
Crackers (canned)	1200 cans
Soft bread (canned)	1200 cans
Floor mats	3000 mats
Water supply bag	10000 bags

Relief money

The relief money that was donated by Iwaki citizens up until the 28th April was presented to the Tokyo Offices of Kumamoto and Oita Prefecture.

Total amount donated:

1.5 million yen for Kumamoto Prefecture.

0.3 million yen for Oita Prefecture.

All relief money donated as of the 29th April will be sent to the disaster areas through the Japan Red Cross Society.

An agreement of mutual cooperation in disaster prevention

Iwaki City entered into an agreement with the Iwaki district Fukushima branch of the Japan Disaster Prevention Experts Society. By making use of the expert knowledge, skills and experience of the disaster prevention experts; and by offering advice to voluntary disaster prevention organisations and supporting the operation of evacuation shelters, the city is aiming to further improve local disaster prevention.

Check if you're prepared for disasters

Since it is hard to predict when a natural disaster like an earthquake or storm and flood damage will occur, it is important not to panic and to prepare the following for when the time comes:

- Try and get daily information from the internet, TV or radio.
- Confirm emergency evacuation sites and contact details of family members.
- Prepare a survival kit and confirm other daily provisions.



Preparing for heavy rainfall

Heavy rain associated with the rainy season or typhoon season can cause a significant amount of flood damage. Try to keep the following in mind to prepare for heavy rain:

- **Pay attention to weather forecasts and information**
Keep an extra eye on weather updates than you normally would as heavy rain might also hit your region.
- **Emergency preparation and response**
Make sure to prepare food, valuables and a portable radio and know your nearest evacuation shelter. When there is a risk of flooding, remember to quickly respond by doing things such as moving your car or rolling up mats.

Inquiries:

Planning Management Section, Sewerage Works Division of Iwaki City Hall
TEL: 22-1195

Iwaki International Association Events

For applications and more information on IIA events, please contact the IIA.
TEL: 0246-22-7409 FAX: 0246-22-7581 Email: info@ia-fukushima.or.jp Website: www.ia-fukushima.or.jp/

Iwaki Odori

This is a notice for those who'd like to dance in this year's 35th Iwaki Odori (to be held on the 8th August):

For those who have joined in the Iwaki Odori every year as part of the IIA team, or for those who were keen to try and take part in this year's dance, unfortunately there will not be an IIA team this year. Instead, you can apply through the IIA to join in the "Hula-Ojisan and Friends Team".

Those who apply through the IIA by the date below will be registered in the "Hula-Ojisan and Friends Team". You can find out more details about the team on Hula-Ojisan's official website: <https://hula-ojisan.jp/>.



Details:

Application period: From Monday 20th June until Friday 8th July

*The IIA will only accept forms submitted via:
Fax: 0246-22-7581

Email: info@ia-fukushima.or.jp

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IwakilA>

*You can either fill in the requirements and submit the form or write an email with the same details included.

Fee: 1000 yen per person (includes cost of T-shirt which will be handed out on the day).

Schedule (TBC): 3:00pm - Meet up at the Lifelong Learning Plaza

4:30pm - Commemorative photo

4:35pm - The first round of dancing for the Iwaki Odori

5:55pm - Party (finishes at 6:30pm)

Clothing: We will all wear the same T-shirts. The T-shirt sizes are as included in the application form.

Capacity: A maximum number of 30 people registered with the IIA can participate. (In order of application. Applications will close once capacity is reached.)

Inquiries:

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Tourism Exchange Division of Iwaki City Hall

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Fax: 0246-22-7581

Email: info@ia-fukushima.or.jp

Website: <http://www.ia-fukushima.or.jp>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IwakilA>

Learn useful Japanese for times of disaster

The upcoming morning session (10am-12pm) of the IIA's Japanese Class will have a special theme on disaster prevention. You will learn useful Japanese so that you're able to find emergency evacuation sites by yourself and also be able to understand emergency announcements during times of disaster.

Even if you're not enrolled in the IIA's Japanese Classes, all foreign residents are welcome to attend this class if they have spare time.

Date: 20th July (Wed)

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Large Meeting Room 1, Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza

Applications: To apply please contact the IIA via phone, fax or email



Indonesian Cooking Class

In the lead up to Suar Agung's Alios concert in September, the IIA will hold an Indonesian Cooking Class so participants can learn more about Indonesia. Enjoy Indonesian cuisine whilst chatting with Ms. Mila (Indonesian resident of Iwaki).



Date: 28th August (Sun)

Time: 10am-1pm

Venue: Showroom ECOPE, Tobu Gas

Fee: 1500 yen for IIA members, 2000 yen for non-members

Capacity: 20 (draw will be used if there are many applicants)

Application period: 1st-31st July



Iwaki Hospital Guide



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

July Guide

Sunday 3 July

Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Taira Area	Yamaguchi lin	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Nishiyama Jibiinkoka lin (ear, nose & throat)	9-5	56-8733
Nakoso Area	Yabuki Hospital	9-5	63-1818
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175
Nakoso Area	Ohara Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	63-0001

Sunday 10 July

Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ganka (ophamology)	9-2	29-1722
Taira Area	Hirakubo Naika Clinic (internal)	9-5	23-7788
Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Taira Area	Wakamatsu lin (paediatrics)	9-12	22-3838

Sunday 17 July

Taira Area	Yamaguchi lin	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Soeda lin	9-5	68-6155
Onahama Area	Kodomo Clinic Suzuki (paediatrics)	9-12	56-6336

Monday 18 July

Taira Area	New Town Jin-Naika Clinic (internal & nephrology)	9-12	46-0606
Onahama Area	Ishii Noshinkei Geka Ganka Hospital (neurosurgery and ophamology)	9-5	58-3121
Nakoso Area	Iwaki Minami Clinic	9-5	77-1663
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-5	28-1145

Sunday 24 July

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-5	46-1231
Onahama Area	Iwaki Central Hospital Fuzoku Shinryojo	9-5	53-3511
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Katayose Clinic Sanka Fujinka (obstetrics & gynaecology)	9-5	42-4135
Joban Area	Muramatsu Shonika (paediatrics)	9-12	72-0707

Sunday 31 July

Taira Area	Sakamoto Seikeigeka lin (orthopaedic surgery)	9-5	38-2830
Onahama Area	Kobayashi Ichoka-Komonka lin (gastroenterology and proctology)	9-5	53-4466
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Nemoto Naika Ichoka lin (internal and gastroenterology)	9-5	43-4100
Onahama Area	Konnai Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	73-8815

August Guide

Sunday 7 August

Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Taira Area	Shiga Seikeigeka-Geka (orthopaedics & surgery)	9-12	23-5050
Onahama Area	Fukaya Jibiinkoka (ear, nose & throat)	9-5	58-1187
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Hisa lin	9-5	43-2313
Onahama Area	Shiga Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	58-5505

Thursday 11 August

Onahama Area	Yamaguchi Seikeigeka (orthopaedic surgery)	9-5	29-7000
Tono Area	Komatsu lin	9-5	89-2041
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175

Sunday 14 August

Onahama Area	Muraoka Sanfujinka (obstetrics and gynaecology)	9-5	92-4578
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	28-1145

Emergencies

Emergency Dental Care

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre** (*Sogo Hoken Fukushi 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.

After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre

(Located in Iwaki Kyoritsu Hospital)

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 - 12am

Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day)

Sundays: 1pm - 12am.

Public Holidays: 9am - 12am.

*Obon holidays, 13th August: 9am - 7am (next day)

14th-15th August: 9am - 12am

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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Jun 26	Jun 27	Jun 28	Jun 29 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 7 IIA Japanese Communication Class 7	Jun 30 IIA Japanese Reading Class 7 IIA Japanese Writing Class 7 Yu no Hanakai	1 Iwaki Citizen's Pool Opens (until 31 August)	2
3 JPLT Test Day	4	5	6 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 8 IIA Japanese Communication Class 8	7 IIA Japanese Reading Class 8 IIA Japanese Writing Class 8 Yu no Hanakai	8	9 Marine Festival at Iwama Beach (eve of festival)
10 Marine Festival at Iwama Beach	11	12	13 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 9 IIA Japanese Communication Class 9 Free Legal Consultations (City Hall)	14 IIA Japanese Reading Class 9 IIA Japanese Writing Class 9 Yu no Hanakai	15	16 Flower Centre Summer Festival
17 Flower Centre Summer Festival	18 Marine Day 	19	20 Onahama Citizen's Pool Opens (until 24 August) IIA Japanese Communication Class 10 (Special Class) Free Legal Consultations (City Hall)	21 IIA Japanese Reading Class 10 IIA Japanese Writing Class 10 World Cooking Classes Lac lăm Thai Yu no Hanakai	22	23 European Acoustic Jazz Summer Night (Kusano Shimpei Memorial Literature Centre)
24	25	26	27 Free Legal Consultations (City Hall) Très bien	28 Lac lăm Thai Yu no Hanakai	29 The 3 rd WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup 2016 in Iwaki	30
31 Onahama Marine Festival Shitoki Dam Festival	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6

The 3rd WBSC U-15 Baseball World Cup 2016 in Iwaki

Nakoso Summer Festival
Yotsukura Nebuta & Iwaki Odori
Art Meeting 2016 (Tabito)
Onahama Marine Festival

IIA Custom-made Plans

Très bien – Inquiries to Yamazaki-san
090-1934-0506

Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san
0246-42-2135

Nihongo no Kai – Inquiries to Suzuki-san
0246-62-3218

Lac lăm Thai - Inquiries to Nakano-san
090-2881-4433

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

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.

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.