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Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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Iwaki Beaches Opening this Month!

The beach season is just about underway in Iwaki with the city's beaches opening over the period of 13 July to 15 August.

This year, four beaches will open. In addition to Yotsukura, Nakoso and Usuiso beaches, Hisanohama-Hattachi Beach will reopen for the first time in 9 years. To celebrate the start of the beach season in Iwaki, beach opening ceremonies will be held on all four beaches, with the main ceremony held at Nakoso Beach, from 10am-11am.

These beaches will have lifeguards on duty from 9:00am-4:00pm during the month-long opening period. Remember not to swim at any beaches other than the four designated bathing areas as all other beaches are not monitored by lifeguards.



Inquiries:

Tourism Projects Division of Iwaki City Hall
(TEL: 0246-22-7480)

Speech Contest for the 18th Iwaki Global Citizens' Festival

Time and Date: Sunday, 24 November 1pm-4pm

Venue: Large Hall (10F) inside Furutakiya Inn, Yumoto, Joban

Theme: "Your thoughts about living in Iwaki"

Conditions: Anyone who lives in Iwaki and who is either of foreign nationality, has non-Japanese ancestry (i.e. Anyone whose first language is not Japanese) may participate

- There are two entry categories: a general category and one for students attending higher educational institutions
- The speeches must be in Japanese
- The speeches must not be longer than 5 minutes
- The speeches can only be done individually (by 1 person only)

Judgement: The winner will be decided by a vote from the judges and audience vote. You won't be judged on how well you speak Japanese but on the contents of your speech

Prize: The first placed winners of both categories will receive a certificate and ¥20,000 prize money. There will be other various prizes available and everyone will receive a prize for participation

Applications: - Download the application form from the IIA's website (<http://www.ia-fukushima.or.jp>)

- Fill in the requirements (name, address, age, gender, nationality, number of years/months living in Japan, contact details, title of your speech and name of your school/workplace)

- Submit the application form to the IIA via email or fax by 27 August

Inquiries: The People

(TEL: 0246-52-2511 Email: the-people@email.plala.or.jp)

"Everyone Plays a Leading Role" Arts & Cultural Exchange Activities

Social Design Works regularly holds cultural exchange events, where anyone regardless of age, gender, nationality or ability can join in and play a leading role in various activities whilst making new friends along the way.

For this month's event, you can master wearing a yukata in one day before going out to enjoy a Summer Festival. Please bring your complete yukata set (including all accessories) if you own one. Otherwise you can rent a yukata set on the event day.

Time & Date: 10:00am-12:10pm, Sunday 28 July

(please arrive at venue by 9:50am)

Venue: Shoko Kanzawa Art Museum

Fee: Free (¥2700 is required to cover the cost of laundry if you are renting a Yukata)

For those without private transport, a bus service is available to the venue from Iwaki City Hall (departs at 9am) and Yumoto Station (departs at 9:15am). The bus will depart from the venue at 12:30pm and return passengers to Yumoto Station and Iwaki City Hall.



Note: Try to wear comfortable, light clothing as you will be wearing your yukata over your clothes.

Applications: To apply, please email or fax the application form and include your address, name, age, contact details, number of accompanying participants and whether or not you will use the bus service on the day. **Please apply by Monday 22 July.**

Online Form: <https://form.run/@sdws-gochamaze08>

Inquiries:

Social Design Works

TEL: 0246-84-8301

Fax: 0246-84-8302

Email: gochamaze@sdws.jp

Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

Yorisoi Hotline: Multilingual

Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.

TEL: 0120-279-226.

TELL Lifeline: English

365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.

TEL: 03-5774-0992.

Web: <http://www.telljp.com>

E-mail: admin@telljp.com

Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): Japanese

10am-6pm daily.

TEL: 0246-25-9344.



Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations on Wednesdays (excluding first Wednesday of month). 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.

Iwaki International Association (IIA)

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

TEL: 0246-22-7409 Email: info@ia-fukushima.or.jp

(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.



Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Iwaki Bread Festival	Sat 6 th Jul; 10:40am-4pm Aquamarine Park, Onahama	Iwaki's popular bakeries will showcase their delicious baked goods at this event. Five of Iwaki's famous chefs will also work together to create a special menu using ingredients from across the prefecture. Apart from the bread stalls, there will also be a stage featuring hula dance performances. The titular hero of <i>Anpanman</i> will also make an appearance.	Junior Chamber International Iwaki TEL: 0246-24-0780
Ueda Tanabata Festival	Sun 7 th Jul; 12pm-8pm Hotel Access and Ueda 2 nd Park, Nakoso	Local restaurants will band together to liven up Ueda town. This festival has a Showa-style atmosphere with games, stalls, flea markets, yosakoi and band performances.	H.P.T Executive Committee TEL: 0246-64-8347
Taiko Drum Performances and Workshop	Workshops: Sat 13 th Jul; From 1pm Hisanohama Primary School Performances: Sun 14 th Jul Hisanohama Port from 10am and Roadside Station Yotsukura Port from 1pm	Three taiko drum groups will perform in Yotsukura and Hisanohama in order to pay respects to those who lost their lives in the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Taiko workshops will be held on the day before the performance.	Mr. Sato (President of Wadaiko Shippu) TEL: 090-7362-5517
East Japan Surfing Games 2019	Sun 14 th - Mon 15 th Jul; From 5:30am Yotsukura Beach	Hundreds of surfers of all ages will compete all day on the shores of Yotsukura. Entry into the competition is closed, but you are free to watch the surfing.	Ben Surf Shop TEL: 0246-54-5912
Pacific Ocean Triathlon	Sun 14 th Jul; 8:45am-2pm Aquamarine Fukushima and surrounds, Onahama	This will be the first triathlon held in 8 years as the last one was cancelled due to the effects of the Great East Japan Earthquake. Entry into the competition is closed, but you are free to watch the triathlon.	Mr. Morisaki TEL: 090-8255-8269 Email: morisaki@kotobuki-c.net
Chigo-Dengaku and Fuyu Dances	Sun 14 th - Mon 15 th Jul; From 4pm-1:30am on the 14 th , from 10am-6pm on the 15 th Gohoden Kumano Shrine, Nakoso	The chigo-dengaku is a dance involving 8 children who perform using a peculiar percussion instrument called a <i>sasara</i> . The furyu dance performers wear lion, dragon, deer and heron masks and dance in order to pray for a plentiful harvest. Both dances are Nationally Designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties and will be performed several times over the two days.	Kumano Shrine TEL: 0246-62-2207
Plankton Collecting Activity	Mon 15 th Jul; 10am-1pm (registration closes at 9:50am) Iwaki City Ammonite Centre, Ohisa	Celebrate the Marine Day Public holiday by enjoying a seaside activity with your family. Event participation is free, but entry fee into the facility is required. Please apply via phone or directly at the facility's reception desk by 14 th July.	Iwaki City Ammonite Centre TEL: 0246-82-4561
Olympic Concert in Iwaki	Sat 20 th Jul; 5pm (doors open at 4:30pm) Main Hall, Alios, Taira	This concert aims to promote the philosophy of Olympism which blends sport with culture. Japan's top athletes will also make an appearance alongside a massive symphony orchestra. Local junior and senior high school students will also perform in the choir. Seat prices range from ¥2200 to ¥3800.	Cultural Promotion Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-22-7544 Alios Ticket Centre TEL: 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays)
Hula Town On-Stage	Sat 20 th Jul; 5pm-8:30pm Footbaths near Joban Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall	Held once every month between May and August, this festival combines Iwaki's unique culture of the Yumoto Hot Springs and hula. The main performances of this event are the hula-style dance performances by the landladies of Yumoto's ryokan inns.	Joban Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-43-2111
Kodama Dam Tour	Sun 21 st Jul; 9am-3pm Kodama Dam, Ogawa	This tour offers a rare chance to explore inside a dam facility corridors and ride a dam inspector's patrol boat. The tour is free and you don't need to apply in advance.	Kodama Dam Maintenance Office TEL: 0246-83-2861
Beach Volleyball Yotsukura Tournament	Sun 28 th Jul; From 7:30am Yotsukura Beach	Enjoy the summer by joining a beach volleyball tournament. Anyone of junior high school age or older can form a team of 4-6 members. Entry fee for the whole team is ¥3000. You must register your team by 20 th July.	Yotsukura Community Hall TEL: 0246-32-2920
Fish Hand Catching	Sun 28 th Jul; 10am-1pm Tono Auto Camping Grounds	For this family activity, you can try catching fish with your hands and then eat it freshly grilled. Participation fee is ¥1500. Please apply by 21 st July.	Tono Auto Camping Grounds TEL: 0246-74-1031

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

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