

# Time Out



Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

## Machinaka Concert



The Machinaka Concert was held in Taira on October 18 and 19. Live music was performed at 14 indoor and outdoor stages spread throughout the city centre. The event was hosted by Alios and the Iwaki Machinaka Concert Executive Committee, which is made up of various music and business associations.

A total of 236 professional and amateur acts from inside and outside Fukushima Prefecture gathered in Taira to perform. There was a wide variety of performances and events to be enjoyed, including band and solo musical acts, yosakoi and other dance performances, taiko, an art and craft fair, a yuru-character show and a mochi pounding event. This year was the 11<sup>th</sup> year that the Machinaka Concert was held.



## Tex-Mex Party Night

Tex-Mex Party Night was held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Iwaki City Cultural Centre.

Instructor Xan (pictured middle) rallied together native English speakers to give a total of 11 foreign residents (from Australia, Canada, England, Mongolia, New Zealand and the United States) who joined in the party. All together 39 participants came to the event.

Xan's cheerfulness and enthusiasm had the venue filled with smiles from start to finish. All those present were able to enjoy the lively conversations at each table while making and eating the delicious tacos.

Thank you to everyone who participated!



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# Festivals & Events



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

## Iwaki

*\*\*Please refer to page 3 for events on at Alios and page 6 for IIA events.*

**November 8<sup>th</sup>: Iwaki Truck Festival** @ Truck Terminal, Iwaki Truck Kaikan, Izumi. From 10am to 4pm. There will be a display of heavy-duty trucks and demonstration rides. There will also be fresh vegetables for sale. Free pork miso soup, yakisoba and oden for the first 600 arrivals. There will also be performances by the Iwaki Jazz Orchestra and a local idol group. At the kids' corner there will be SuperBall and yo-yo scooping, and helium balloons. For inquiries, please contact Iwaki Trucking Cooperative Association: TEL 0246-96-6200.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>: Autumn Flea Market** @ Aratame Hospital, Taira. From 11:30am to 3pm. For inquiries, please contact Aratame Hospital: TEL 0246-28-1222.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>: Casual Clothes Tea Ceremony** @ Tearoom, Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza, Taira. From 10am to 3pm. At this event you can comfortably experience the flow of a genuine tea ceremony, while wearing casual clothes. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza: TEL 0246-37-8888.

**November 8<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>: Kōyō Light Up** @ Shiramizu Amida-do, Uchigo. From 5pm to 8pm. Entry into the temple grounds is ¥500. Shiramizu Amida-do, built in the Heian Period, is the only structure in Fukushima Prefecture to be designated a National Treasure. The beautiful autumn colours at the temple look particularly spectacular lit up at night and reflected on the water. There will be food and drink booths set up during the light up. On weekends (8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>) there will also be direct markets selling local products from 10am. For inquiries, please contact the Shiramizu Amida-do Kōyō Light Up Executive Committee: TEL 0246-27-1173.

**November 9<sup>th</sup>: Alios Park Festival** @ Taira Central Park (in front of Alios), Taira. From 11am to 4pm. This is the last Alios Park Festival until April of next year. There will be stalls selling food and drinks, works of art, and handicrafts. There is a live stage with performances including local DJs and dance performances. The event will be cancelled in rainy weather. For inquiries, please email [parkfesinfo@gmail.com](mailto:parkfesinfo@gmail.com). Website: <http://ameblo.jp/parkfes-iwaki/> (Japanese).

**November 12<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>: Iceland Aurora Photo Exhibition** @ 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Citizens' Gallery, Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama. For inquiries, please contact Iwaki La La Mew: TEL 0246-92-3701.

**November 29<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** @ 1<sup>st</sup> floor central plaza, La La Mew, Onahama. From 10:30am. There will be a choral performance by kindergarteners as well the decorating and lighting of the large Christmas tree. For inquiries, please contact Iwaki La La Mew: TEL 0246-92-3701.

**November 29<sup>th</sup>: Hope for Nakoso Salon Festival** @ Yamada Community Centre, Yamada-machi. From 10am to 2pm. There will be an exhibition of crafts, a bazaar and other events. Iwaki High School of Agriculture and Nakoso Vocational Centre will sell goods and food. There will also be an ALT-organised corner. Please bring your own slippers. For inquiries, please contact the Hope for Nakoso Salon Festival Executive Committee: TEL 0246-63-5055.

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>: Oyster Festival** @ central plaza, La La Mew, Onahama. From 9am. There will be a lottery from 9am open to people with receipts showing a total purchase of 2,000 yen at La La Mew. A limited-time oyster sale will be held from 10am. From 11am there will be oyster hot pot tasting – a free bowl of oyster hot pot is given to the first 700 arrivals who present a receipt of any value from a store in La La Mew. For inquiries, please contact Iwaki La La Mew: TEL 0246-92-3701.

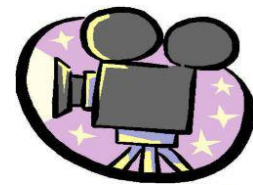
## In the surrounding areas

**October 24<sup>th</sup> to November 16<sup>th</sup>: Tsurugajo Castle Autumn Leaves Illumination** @ Tsurugajo Castle, Aizu-Wakamatsu. From sunset to 9pm. The castle grounds will be illuminated at night during the ideal period for viewing the autumn leaves. For inquiries, please contact the Aizuwakamatsu Tourism Division: TEL 0242-39-1251.

**November 8<sup>th</sup>: Sukagawa Fire Festival** かいじょうあんない @ Midorigaoka Park and Taimatsu-doori (main street in Sukagawa), Sukagawa. Please visit the website and click on 会場案内 to view a map of the locations. From 1pm to 7:30pm. This festival has a history over 400 years old and is regarded as one of the big three fire festivals of Japan. Thirty 10-metre-tall torches will be carried through the town, then erected at Midorigaoka Park and set alight. To view the full event schedule, please visit the website: <http://www.city.sukagawa.fukushima.jp/taimatsu/program.html> (Japanese). For inquiries, please contact the Sukagawa Fire Festival Executive Committee: TEL 0248-88-9144.

**November 15<sup>th</sup>: Peony Bonfire** @ Peony Garden, Sukagawa. As a service to the peony plants, which have reached the end of their lifespan, the dried peony plants are burned at this event. There will also be a gathering of haiku poets from across the country. For inquiries, please contact the Culture and Sports Division of the Sukagawa Board of Education: TEL 0248-88-9172.

# Entertainment Guide



## ON @ ALIOS



### November TV Movie Picks

Day	Movie Title	Time	Price
Mon 3	<b>Flightplan</b> Jodie Foster	BSP 9:00pm	
Tue 4	<b>Bushido Sixteen</b> (Japanese) Riko Narumi	BSP 9:00pm	
Fri 7	<b>The Long Gray Line</b> Tyrone Power	BSP 1:00pm	
Mon 10	<b>W no Higeki</b> (Japanese) Hiroko Yakushimaru	BSP 1:00pm	
Mon 10	<b>Children of Men</b> Clive Owen	BSP 9:00pm	
Tue 11	<b>Geronimo: An American Legend</b> Jason Patric	BSP 1:00pm	
Tue 11	<b>Mainichi Kaasan</b> (Japanese) Kyoko Koizumi	BSP 9:00pm	
Wed 12	<b>Kelly's Heroes</b> Clint Eastwood	BSP 1:00pm	
Fri 14	<b>Risky Business</b> Tom Cruise	BSP 1:00pm	
Fri 14	<b>War Horse</b> Jeremy Irvine	BSP 1:00pm	
Mon 17	<b>Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont</b> Joan Plowright	BSP 9:00pm	
Tue 18	<b>Konzen Tokkyu</b> (Japanese) Yuriko Yoshitaka	BSP 9:00pm	
Wed 19	<b>Niagara</b> Marilyn Monroe	BSP 1:00pm	
Fri 21	<b>Kingdom of Heaven</b> Orlando Bloom	BSP 11:45pm	
Mon 24	<b>Hayabusa</b> (Japanese) Yuko Takeuchi	BSP 8:00pm	
Tue 25	<b>Gunman's Walk</b> Van Heflin	BSP 1:00pm	
Tue 25	<b>Robo Jii</b> (Japanese) Mickey Curtis	BSP 9:00pm	
Wed 26	<b>The Red Baron</b> Matthias Schweighöfer	BSP 1:00pm	
Thu 27	<b>Whatever Works</b> Larry David	BSP 1:00pm	
Fri 28	<b>Must Love Dogs</b> Diane Lane	BSP 1:00pm	
Fri 28	<b>The Hurt Locker</b> Jeremy Renner	BSP 11:45pm	

Movie names, times and other information are believed to be correct at the time of printing. However, information changes quickly, so please confirm before making plans.

Pole Pole Cinemas are located in the Sekaikan Building near Iwaki Station. TEL: 0246-22-3394. Adults: ¥1800; university and SHS: ¥1400; seniors (sixty years and older), JHS and under: ¥1000. The first of every month is discount day: ¥1000. **Movies after 6:30pm are ¥1000.** Monday is Men's Day ¥1000, Wednesday is Student's Day ¥1000, Thursday is Couple's Day ¥2000 (per couple), and Friday is Ladies' Day ¥1000. 3D films cost an additional ¥300.

**Wed 5 T-Square Live House Tour 2014 Next**  
Small Theatre. From 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm). Tickets: ¥6,000 (University/Technical school students and under receive ¥2,000 cashback on presentation of their student ID card on the day). Children below primary school age will not be admitted.

**Sat 8 "Kotoba no Kizuna"**  
*Aphasia Documentary Film Screening*  
Small Theatre. From 11:30am and 2:30pm (doors open 30 minutes before each screening). Tickets: ¥900.

**Sun 16 Ryudo Uzaki - JUST GUITAR JUST VOCAL Cry**  
Small Theatre. From 5pm (doors open at 4:30pm). Tickets: ¥6,000. Children below primary school age will not be admitted.

**Sat 15 Daisuke Mogi's Guide to Famous Orchestral Pieces Vol. 3 Tchaikovsky Passion and melancholy from Russia**  
Main Hall. From 3pm (doors open at 2:15pm) Tickets: adults ¥3,500, SHS students ¥1,000. Children below primary school age will not be admitted.

**Fri 21 Seaside Protection Forest Symposium**  
Small Theatre. From 1pm. Free entry.

**Sun 30 Iwaki Symphony Orchestra 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert So Let Us Rejoice**  
Main Hall. From 2:00pm (doors open at 1:30pm). Tickets: ¥800 (¥1,000 yen on the day), students ¥400 (¥500 yen on the day). Children below primary school age enter free.

**Alios Ticket Centre: 0246-22-5800**

To see the full list of events at Alios, please visit the website:

<http://iwaki-alios.jp/cd/app/?A=schedule> (Japanese)

## Movies@ Pole Pole Iwaki



- Snow On The Blades** (Japanese) *Until November 7*  
Kiichi Nakai
- Lucy** (English) *Until November 7*  
Scarlett Johansson
- Maiko wa Lady** (Japanese) *Until November 7*  
Mone Kamishiraishi
- Lupin III** (Japanese) *Until November 7*  
Shun Oguri
- Stand by Me Doraemon** (3D, 2D) (Japanese) *3D until November 7, 2D until November 21*  
Wasabi Mizuta
- Hercules** (3D Japanese dub, 2D English)  
Dwayne Johnson
- Mahoro Ekimae Kyousoukyoku** (Japanese)  
Eita
- A Samurai Chronicle** (Japanese)  
Koji Yakusho
- Dawn of the Planet of the Apes** (2D English)  
Andy Serkis
- Dracula Untold** (English)  
Luke Evans
- The Expendables 3** (English)  
Sylvester Stallone
- Clover** (Japanese)  
Emi Takei
- Kamisama no Iu Tori** (Japanese) *From November 15*  
Sota Fukushi
- Miracle: Devil Claus' Love and Magic** (Japanese) *From November 22*  
Masaki Aiba
- Fury** (Languages not released at time of printing) *From November 28*  
Brad Pitt
- Parasyte** (Japanese) *From November 29*  
Sota Sometani

**Pole Pole Ticket Office: 0246-22-3394**



# Iwaki Hospital Guide



The following is a guide to hospitals open on Sundays and public holidays in Iwaki City during November.

## Sunday, November 2

Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Taira Area	Aida Seikeigeka (orthopaedic surgery)	9-12	35-0808
Onahama Area	Kumagai Naika Shinryojo (internal medicine)	9-5	56-2133
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Hakozaki Iin	9-5	42-3131
Taira Area	Wakamatsu Iin (paediatrics)	9-12	22-3838

## Monday, November 3

Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Yano Naika Ichoka (internal & gastroenterology)	9-5	62-3262
Joban Area	Oriuchi Iin	9-5	44-1133

## Sunday, November 9

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Taira Area	Shiga Seikeigeka (orthopaedic surgery)	9-12	23-5050
Onahama Area	Iwaki Central Hospital Fuzoku Shinryojo	9-5	53-3511
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Muramatsu Shonika (paediatrics)	9-12	72-0707

## Sunday, November 16

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Kobayashi Ichoka Komonka Iin (gastroenterology & proctology)	9-5	53-4466
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Seki Orthopaedic Clinic	9-5	84-9905
Taira Area	Nagai Shonika (paediatrics)	9-12	28-2535

## Sunday, November 23

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Soeda Iin	9-5	68-6155
Taira Area	Fukuda Shonika Iin (paediatrics)	9-12	22-4272

## Monday, November 24

Taira Area	Sakamoto Seikeigeka Iin (orthopaedic surgery)	9-12, 2-5	38-2830
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Onahama Seikyo Hospital	9-5	53-4374
Nakoso Area	Clinic Tabata	9-5	63-1476
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-5	28-1145

## Sunday, November 30

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Sakamoto Seikeigeka Iin (orthopaedic surgery)	9-12, 2-5	38-2830
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Yamaguchi Seikeigeka (orthopaedic surgery)	9-5	29-7000
Nakoso Area	Yabuki Hospital	9-5	63-1818
Joban Area	Kamome Clinic	9-5	28-1010
Taira Area	Watanabe Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	25-1170

## Sunday, December 7

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Muraoka Sanka Fujinka Iin (obstetrics & gynaecology)	9-5	92-4578
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175

## Sunday, December 14

Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Iin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda Iin	8:30-12	27-6060
Taira Area	Shiga Seikeigeka (orthopaedic surgery)	9-12	23-5050
Onahama Area	Izumi Chuo Clinic	9-5	56-6677
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Onahama Area	Konnai Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	73-8815

## 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.

### After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre

(Located in Iwaki Kyoritsu Hospital)

If you need to see a doctor urgently in the evening on a weekday 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.  
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.

## Counselling Services for Foreigners

**Counselling Centre for Women:** Counsellors can assist you in Japanese, Chinese, English, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Thai and Tagalog. Available languages differ each day. TEL: 050-1501-2803. Mon-Fri, 10am-5pm.

**OC NET:** Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 7pm - 9pm. TEL: 03-3730-0556. English, Chinese, Portuguese, Korean, Spanish, and Thai.

**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 phone counselling and information 365 days a year from 9am to 4pm and 7pm to 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](mailto:admin@telljp.com).

**Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box at Iwaki Train Station):** For people who have suffered from any crime-related problem or injury. Free. Can only speak Japanese. 10am-6pm daily. TEL: (0246) 23-9344.



## Information from the City Government

# Gathering to Discuss Kusano Shinpei

Kusano Shinpei was a writer from Ogawa renowned for his poetry. He also wrote novels, essays and translations, as well as producing paintings and calligraphy. Kusano wrote the lyrics for many of the school songs in Iwaki and the Iwaki City anthem. He was made an Honorary Citizen of Iwaki City in 1984 and was awarded the Japanese Order of Cultural Merit in 1987 in recognition of his contribution to poetry.

The 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting to Talk of Kusano Shinpei will be held to mark the 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death.

**Date:** November 9 (Sun)

**Time:** From 11:30am to 1:30pm.

(Reception is from 11:30am to noon at Kusano Shinpei's Birthplace.)

**Venue:** Kusano Shinpei's Birthplace (6-1 Aza Uenouchi, Kamiogawa, Ogawa-machi, Iwaki 979-3124) and the neighbouring Jokei-ji Temple.

**Participation fee:** 500 yen (to be paid at reception on the day)

**Content:**

1. Reception is at Kusano Shinpei's Birthplace from 11:30am to noon.

After reception there will be flowers and incense offerings made at Shinpei's grave in Jokei-ji Temple and incense offerings at the graves of people associated with him.

2. Rice porridge and mochi will be handed out from noon to 12:30pm.

3. Meeting to Talk of Kusano Shinpei from 12:40pm to 1:20pm.

Speaker Takumi Akimoto

4. 6<sup>th</sup> Kusano Shinpei Hometown Poetry Kerurun Kukku Recital from 1:20pm to 1:30pm

For inquiries, please contact the Kusano Shinpei Memorial Literature Centre: TEL 0246-83-0005.

# IBC Saxophone Ensemble

The autumn event "The Sound of Autumn Breeze and Wind Instruments – IBC Saxophone Ensemble" will be held as follows:

**Date:** November 16 (Sun)

**Time:** From 4:00pm.

(Reception is from 11:30am to noon at Kusano Shinpei's Birthplace.)

**Venue:** Nakoso Barrier Park Suifu-den (Nagasawa, Sekita, Nakoso, Iwaki City).

**Participation fee:** Free

For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki City Parks and Open Space Division: TEL 0246-22-7518.

## Correction

In last month's volume of Time Out (October, vol. 276), the date of the Daniel Kahl lecture was misstated due to an error. The correct date of the lecture was **November 5<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)**. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience and disappointment this has caused.

## What to Do Following a Death

Daily Life Information Seminar and Consultations

“How are funerals conducted in Japan?” “What do you want tell the people that are important to you before you die?” “What preparations can be made now?” – Have you ever thought about these sorts of questions? While it would be ideal to go on forever enjoying life, healthy and surrounded by loved ones, death eventually comes to everyone. Although it may be a little scary, we need to be brave and give it some thought. Moreover, as we only have one life, let's be sure to make the best of it.

After the Seminar we will conduct individual consultations about anything concerning your daily lives.



**Date:** December 2 (Tue) 2014

**Place:** Large conference room 2, medium conference room; floor 4 of Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza

**Part 1: Daily Life Information Seminar** 10am – 12pm

**Theme:** “What to Do Following a Death”

**Lecturer:** Funeral Advisor Mr Ryutaro Yamada

**Participants:** Foreign residents or anyone interested in the theme

**Part 2: Daily Life Consultations** 12pm – 2pm

*(Conducted individually by appointment, foreign residents only)*

**Participation/Consultation Fee:** Free

**Applications:** Please apply by phone, fax or email.

**Consultants:** Multicultural Consultants Kumi Kanoda and Yiping Sato



## Tongan Culture Class

The 7<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting “PALM7” is scheduled to be held in Iwaki in May of next year. This culture class is a great opportunity to deepen your understanding of one of the countries scheduled to participate in PALM7 – the Kingdom of Tonga, an archipelago in the South Pacific. What sort of country is the Kingdom of Tonga?

We will welcome Peseti and Nagata, both originally from Tonga, to teach about their home country through dance and cooking. Let's learn more about Tonga in anticipation of next year's summit!

**Date:** December 6 (Sat) **Time:** 10am – 1pm

**Venue:** Iwaki City Cultural Centre, Cooking room

**Fee:** 1,500 yen for IIA members,  
2,000 yen for non-members

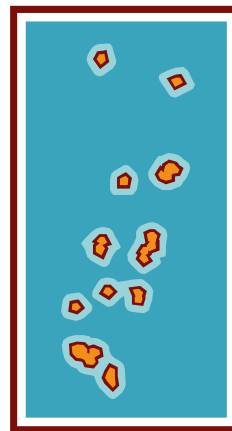
**Content:** Tongan home cooking and dancing

Vai Siaine – banana boiled in coconut cream

Lu Figota – Seafood wrapped in taro leaves (in Japan you can use cabbage leaves as a substitute)

Ota Ika – Tongan-style sashimi

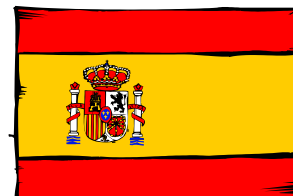
**Instructors:** Ms Lise Nagata and Mr Peseti Vega from Tonga



Applications close November 28 (Fri). Please apply by fax, email or post (postmarked by the deadline).

## Spanish Cooking Class

The final cooking class for this fiscal year will be the Spanish Cooking Class. The class will be taught by Ms Yayoi Kusano who lives in Granada. Ms Kusano will introduce some extraordinary Spanish recipes that can be made using ingredients from Iwaki.



**Date:** January 17 (Sat), 2015

**Time:** 10am – 1pm

**Venue:** Iwaki City Cultural Centre, Cooking room

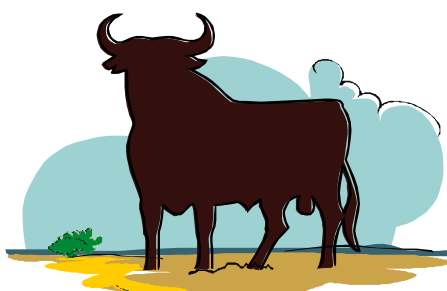
**Dishes:** Paella, Tortilla Española, Potaje de Calamares, dessert etc.

**Fee:** 1,500 yen for IIA members,  
2,000 yen for non-members

**Content:** Spanish cuisine

**Instructor:** Ms Yayoi Kusano

**Applications:** The application deadline is December 19 (Fri).  
Please apply by mail, fax or e-mail.



# Kanji Corner

## Kanji of the Year

From November 1 to December 5, the Japanese Kanji Aptitude Testing Foundation has opened a public ballot for people to vote for "Kanji of the Year" – the character that best represents 2014. The Kanji of the Year ballot was first held in 1995 and has been held every year since. The Kanji that gains the most votes is announced at Kiyomizu-dera in Kyoto on December 12 (Kanji Day). Here is a list of the previous winners:

Year	Kanji	Meaning	On Reading	Kun Reading	Events
1995	震	quake	シン	ふる(う) ふる(える)	The Great Hanshin Earthquake occurs. It was a year that "trembled" (震えた) in the wake of the Tokyo subway sarin attack and the bankruptcy of many Japanese financial institutions.
1996	食	food, eat	シヨク ジキ	く(う) く(らう) た(べる)	There are mass food-poisonings (集団食中毒) due to E. coli O157. Many children are hospitalised from eating infected lunches.
1997	倒	collapse, defeat	トウ	たお(れる) たお(す)	The Asian Financial Crisis results in bank failures and corporate bankruptcies (企業の倒産). Japan makes its first appearance in the FIFA World Cup finals after defeating (たおす) other teams in the qualification rounds for the Asian zone.
1998	毒	poison	ドク		Four people die from eating curry laced with arsenic at a festival in Wakayama City. Moreover, sixty-three people fall ill due to the poison. The incident is followed by copycat poisonings.
1999	末	extremity	マツ バツ	すえ	The year marks the end of the century (世紀末), and the millennium. This character also expresses the hope that the following year is a prosperous one (末広がりに).
2000	金	gold, money	キン コン	かね かな-	Kim Dae-jung (金大中) and Kim Jong-il (金正日) meet at the first Inter-Korean Summit. Japan wins five gold medals (金メダル) at the Sydney Olympics. A new style of ¥500 coin and the ¥2,000 note is introduced.
2001	戦	war	セン	いくさ たたか(う)	The September 11 attacks and the first use of the phrase "War on Terror" (対テロ戦争). The US-led war in Afghanistan begins.
2002	帰	homecoming, return	キ	かえ(す) かえ(る)	Five Japanese citizens that had been kidnapped by North Korea return to Japan (帰国). The Japanese economy returns to pre-bubble levels.
2003	虎	tiger	コ	とら	For the first time in 18 years, the Hanshin Tigers win the Central League pennant. The US-led war in Iraq begins. The prospect of a dispatching the Japan Self-Defense Forces to Iraq is likened "stepping on a tiger's tail" (虎の尾を踏む), an expression meaning "to take great risks".
2004	災	disaster	サイ	わざわ(い)	There are a series of natural disasters (天災) including Typhoon Tokage and the 6.8 magnitude Chuetsu Earthquake. There are also human-made disasters (人災): an accident at the Mihama Nuclear Power Plant and a scandal over the systematic cover-up of defects at Mitsubishi Motors.
2005	愛	love	アイ	いと(しい)	Princess Nori and Yoshiaki Kuroda are married. The 2005 World's fair is held in Aichi Prefecture (愛知県) under the name 愛・地球博 – the first two characters forming a homophone with the prefecture's name.
2006	命	life	メイ ミョウ	いのち みこと	Prince Hisahito, the only son of Prince and Princess Akishino, is born. Suicides of children due to bullying dominate the news media. There is an increase in the number of drunk-driving accidents.
2007	偽	falsehood, deception	ギ	いつわ(る) にせ	There are scandals involving the falsification of expiry dates on the labels of a range of expired foods. Scandals involving forged construction accounting statements come to light, and the apparent copyright infringement at Beijing Shijingshan Amusement Park.
2008	変	change, unusual	ヘン	かわ(る) かえ(る)	Barack Obama wins the American presidency; the word "change" is used as part of his campaign. There is a change of the Japanese prime minister. Rising prices trigger a change in the lives of many.
2009	新	new	シン	あたら(しい) あら(た) にい-	The new government in Japan – the Democratic Party of Japan comes to power after half a century of virtually unbroken LDP rule. There is a worldwide pandemic of swine flu (新型インフルエンザ).
2010	暑	hot	ショ	あつ(い)	Record heatwaves (猛暑) with many people suffering heatstroke. The Copiapó Mining Accident in Chile sees 33 miners trapped in the hot mine for 69 days.
2011	絆	bonds	ハン バン	きずな ほだ(す)	The Great East Japan Earthquake Disaster devastates the Tohoku region. The tragedy serves as a reminder to many of the importance of the bonds (絆) they share with their loved ones and the people around them.
2012	金	gold	キン コン	かね かな-	Japan wins seven gold medals at the London Olympics. It is also a year of many landmark achievements (金じとう): the Tokyo Skytree is completed and Shinya Yamanaka is awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine.
2013	輪	ring, wheel	リン	わ	Japan is successful in its bid to host the 2020 Summer Olympics (五輪).

Which Kanji do you think best represents 2014? You can vote for the 2014 Kanji of the Year here: <http://www.kanken.or.jp/kanji2014/> (Japanese).

## From the Editor

In Iwaki, early November is the time of year that salmon make the journey upstream to spawn.

Some of the rivers in the city where you can see them are Yoshima-gawa, Natsui-gawa and Same-gawa. Keep an eye out for salmon when you are passing by a river! Alternatively, it could make a nice outing to head out and spending some time actively trying to find some. Even if you

don't manage to spot any salmon, you can also use the time outside to enjoy the beautiful autumn foliage that can be seen in Iwaki during this time of year.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Oct 26	Oct 27 Southern Cross	Oct 28	Oct 29 IIA Japanese Reading Class 6 IIA Japanese Culture Class 6	Oct 30 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 6 IIA Japanese Writing Class 6	Oct 31 Happy Halloween	1
2	3 Culture Day	4	5 IIA Japanese Reading Class 7 IIA Japanese Culture Class 7	6 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 7 IIA Japanese Writing Class 7	7	8 Wa Panda
9	10 Southern Cross	11	12 IIA Japanese Reading Class 8 IIA Japanese Culture Class 8	13 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 8 IIA Japanese Writing Class 8	14	15 Wa
16	17 Southern Cross	18	19 IIA Japanese Reading Class 9 IIA Japanese Culture Class 9	20 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 9 IIA Japanese Writing Class 9	21	22
23 Labour Thanksgiving Day	24 Substitute Holiday	25	26 IIA Japanese Reading Class 10 IIA Japanese Culture Class 10 Très bien	27 IIA Japanese Speaking Class 10 IIA Japanese Writing Class 10	28	29
30	Dec 1	Dec 2 Daily Life Information Seminar and Consultations – What to do following a death.	Dec 3	Dec 4	Dec 5	Dec 6 Tongan Culture Class



## IIA Custom-made Plans

- German class – Inquiries to Okoshi-san 21-4854
- Très bien – Inquiries to Yamazaki-san 090-1934-0506
- Wa – Inquiries to Sho-san 070-6493-2859
- Panda – Inquiries to Zui-san 080-3140-7703
- Southern Cross – Inquiries to Hosono-san.; Sebastian: [sebastian-w@city.iwaki.fukushima.jp](mailto:sebastian-w@city.iwaki.fukushima.jp)
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## December 2014

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