

Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide Iwaki Suppoper Festivals 2015

Time Out

Iwaki's Tanabata festival was held for three days between the 6th and 8th of August. Tanabata is usually held in July, but in Iwaki and the rest of Tohoku, it is held on a later date based on the old lunar calendar. There were many stands lined across the street, many offering all of the typical Japanese festival foods such as *Yakisoba*, *Takoyaki* and *Kushiyaki* (skewered barbeque meat). Large paper-mache ornaments were also draped across the main streets of several blocks around Iwaki station.



The Iwaki Odori was held on the 8th of August and drew many spectators and participants along the main road opposite of Iwaki station. There were many different groups of dancers from all sorts of organisations including Iwaki City Hall, groups of Hula Girls, Hula Oji-san mascots and even the Mayor of Iwaki participated. The IIA also had its own group of dancers with 51 participants from nine countries, with many new JETs joining in the mid-Summer dance for the first time. Thanks to all those who participated and we hope you will enjoy it with us again next year



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Festivals & Events

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

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1st-**16**th **September: Nakoso Records and Memories of the Great East Japan Earthquake Archive Photo Collection @** Yamada Kominkan Community Centre, Nakoso. Exhibition open 9am-5pm weekdays and weekends, Iwaki Meisei University Archive Room has collected photos of the Great East Japan earthquake from the Nakoso area in order to pass on the memories of the earthquake to future generations. Entry fee required. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki Community Reconstruction Centre: TEL 0246-38-7132

5th September: Iwaki Waku-Waku Shokuiku (Food Education) Fest @ Iwaki General Health and Welfare Centre. 12-4pm. Owner of Hagi French Cuisine restaurant Hagi Harutomo offers lessons in Food Education where people can learn about healthy eating habits whilst having fun in the process. Free entry. For inquiries, please contact the Community Health Division of the Health and Welfare Centre: TEL 0246-27-8594

6th September: Traditional Bosasara Dance @ Shinsui Terrace, La La Mew Onahama. From 1:30pm. A traditional dance to pray for a good harvest. For inquiries please contact La La Mew: TEL 0246-92-3701.

13th September: Sanma (Mackerel) Festival @ West Side Plaza of La La Mew. From 11am. Experience grilling your own Sanma (mackerel) for free. Purchase any item at La La Mew and present it so you can receive a free whole mackerel (one for each person) and enjoy cooking and eating it. For inquiries please contact Iwaki La La Mew: TEL 0246-92-3701.

21st September: Alios Children's Theatre Autumn 2015 - *Tabi to Aisatsu to Ohime-sama* (Journeys, Greetings, and a **Princess**) @ Main Theatre, Alios Performing Arts Centre. From 3pm (doors open at 2:30pm). Tickets prices are 1500 yen for general admission, 1000 yen for high school students and 500 yen for primary school students. For inquiries please contact Alios Performing Arts Centre. TEL 0246-22-8111. Alios Ticket Centre: TEL 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays). Website http://iwaki-alios.jp/cd/app/?C=event

14th-15th September: Yabusame (Mounted Archery) @ Iino Hachimanguu Shrine, Taira, September 14 to 15. A traditional event involving mounted archers galloping down the street and firing at targets. Other events are included. For more details contact Iino Hachimanguu Shrine TEL: 0246-21-2444. Website <u>http://www.noteplan.net/8man/</u> (Japanese)

In the surrounding areas

19th September-18th October: Kochia Carnival @ Hitachi Seaside Park, Hitachinaka, Ibaraki. See the colourful contrast of the Kochia (Summer Cypress) flowers turn the Miharashi hills from green to crimson against the blue sky and ocean. Parking and admission fees apply. For inquiries contact Hitachi Seaside Park Office: TEL 029-265-9001. Website http://en.hitachikaihin.jp/ (English)

From the Editor 🔵 🔵 🔵

Aloha! My name is Benjamin McMullen and I am the new Coordinator of International Relations for the Iwaki City Government. I too am one of many Iwaki CIRs from Australia. However I come from Newcastle, a city roughly the same in population as Iwaki, located 160km north of Sydney. My hometown shares a few common points with Iwaki, and I hope I get the chance to introduce you to my hometown sometime.

The mid-summer heat seems to have finally waned somewhat and it's hard to believe it will soon be Autumn. I have only been in lwaki for a month, but I have already met so many wonderful people, and been shown around so many different events and festivals. I have already seen the lwaki Fireworks Festival in Onahama, the Hula Girls Show at Spa Resort Hawaiians and was able to participate in this year's lwaki Odori. There's not enough space to describe how fun and amazing all of the things I've seen and experienced in my first month, but I hope I get to enjoy the sights of the Tanabata ornaments draped over the main roads and the tastes of festival stand *Kushiyaki* and *Okonomiyaki* again.

I also would like to acknowledge that we are approaching the fifth year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. I have been impressed by how far Iwaki has revitalised itself from the disaster, but I know a lot more needs to be done, not just in rebuilding the roads and houses, but in rebuilding people's lives, and promoting and encouraging visitors to see this wonderful place. Therefore, I hope I can help as much as possible in these ongoing efforts.

On a brighter note, I hope the ALTs enjoyed their summer break, especially since things will get busy with the new term starting soon. Please let me know if you have any comments or suggestions for future Time Out editions. I look forward to meeting even more lwakians and joining in many more festivals and events in the months and seasons ahead





The information board is a bulletin board limited to IIA members. You can post anything as long as it is not associated with any profit organisation, religion or political-based. (does not apply to businesses with IIA membership) Please send us your posts by the 20th of each month. We look forward to hearing from you.



Volunteers required! Intercultural Understandi

The IIA is still looking for volunteers for the Intercultural Understanding Lecture. If you would like to teach children about your country, culture and language please contact the IIA so we can sign you up. Anyone is warmly welcomed. We would really appreciate your help

30th October (Fri) Tsuzura Primary School (Uchigo) 6th Nov (Fri) Takasaka Primary School (Uchigo) 13th (Fri), 20th (Fri) Nov Oura Primary School (Yotsukura)

Time: held in the morning Please contact the IIA if you can volunteer for a 1-2 hour workshop. TEL: 0246-22-7409; Fax: 0246-22-7609 E-mail: info@iia-fukushima.or.ip





Applications have now closed for the Autumn & Winter term of IIA Japanese language courses, which will start on the of September. 30^t

Speaking Course: Δ. October 1 to December 3 - Thursdays, 10am-12pm Writing Course: в. October 1 to December 3 - Thursdays, 1pm-3pm C Reading Course: September 30 to December 2 - Wednesdays, 10am-12pm Japanese Culture Course: D. September 30 to December 2 - Wednesdays, 1pm-3pm

Participants: 15 people per class Number of Classes: 10 classes per course Class Fee: Free Course Materials: Textbooks will need to be purchased. Venue: Lifelong Learning Plaza (Shogai Gakushu Plaza), Washington Hotel (4th floor) Lecturers: Volunteer teachers from IIA members

Please contact the IIA for more information about the classes. The content of the classes will be adjusted to the level of the students. If you are a first-timer to the IIA classes, please take the placement test to check your Japanese language level.

OU Daily Life Information Seminar and Consultations

Have you ever come close to being caught in an accident when walking on the street or when driving your car? Are you regularly mindful of traffic rules, so that you don't have an accident? Supposing you were to be involved in an accident, it is important for you to act without panic. Let's keep safe by learning about traffic safety and traffic accidents. After the seminar in the first session, we will provide individual consultations during the second session. Date: September 15 (Tuesday) Iwaki Lifelong Learning Plaza (Shogai Gakushu Plaza), Large Conference Room 2 (4th floor) Venue:

Content:

First session Daily Life Information Seminar 10am-12 noon

1About Traffic Safety Section Chief Hideaki Yoshida from the Iwaki Central Police Station, 1st Traffic Division (2) "What if you were in an accident?"

Kazunari Sato Head of the Office for Mutual Aid for Automobiles, Iwaki Private Automobile Association (General Incorporated Association)

Second session Consultations on Everyday Life (held individually, for foreign residents only) 12 noon-2pm (reservation required)

- Foreign residents or citizens interested in the theme. (Consultations are for foreign residents only.) Participants: Free (Both the seminar and consultations) Fee:
- IIA consultants for multiculturalism Kumi Kanoda and Yiping Sato Consultants:

If the heat of s	summer has you feeling tired, nate yourself with some spicy	Last year's Sp enormously we will once aga Spanish home	anish Cooking Class was ell-received. This year, we ain hold a class making cooking using ingredients hat dishes does the teacher his time round?
Time:	10am-1pm	Date:	October 3 (Saturday)
Venue:	Iwaki City Cultural Centre (Bunka Centre),	Time:	10am-1pm
	cooking room (2 nd floor)	Venue:	Iwaki City Cultural Centre (Bunka Centre),
Participants:	Anyone is free to participate		cooking room (2 nd floor)
Fee:	IIA members 1,500 yen,	Participants:	Anyone is free to participate
	non-members 2,000 yen	Fee:	IIA members 1,500 yen,
Capacity:	30 people (first come, first served)		non-members 2,000 yen
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Zen Café

Why not come and experience zazen? You can relax amongst the stillness of a Zen temple, reflecting on yourself while adjusting your posture and breathing. You will also be able to reflect on your everyday life through conversing with the chief priest, as well as speak freely with the other participants. You may find some new realisations about yourself or some hints that could help you in your everyday life.

Date:	September 25 (Friday) 2015	Ρ
Time:	10am-12 noon	С
Venue:	lohji Temple, Iwaki-shi Taira Kamiarakawa	Ρ
Content:	Aza Gorouchi 157	Α
Instructor:	Experience zazen at a Zen temple and speak	d
Participants:	with the chief priest	
•	Mr Tokue Murakami, chief priest of Iohii	
	Temple	
	Foreign residents or anyone interested in	
	the theme	

Participation fee: Capacity: Parking: Application deadline: Free 30 people Iohji Temple car park September 15 (Tuesday)



Lecture in Understanding Energy



We experienced the Great East Japan Earthquake and realised the importance of energy. Please come to our lecture where we will think about natural energy while making solar power panels by hand.

Date:	October 18 (Sunday)				
Time:	10am-4pm (please bring your own lunch)				
Venue:	Higashi Nippon International University, classroom 101				
Lecturer:	Director General Morihiko Shimamura of the Iwaki Otento Sun Business Union				
Participants:	General citizens including students				
Fee:	IIA members, 1,000 yen, non-members 2,000 yen, foreign residents free				
Capacity:	24 people (first come, first served)				



Practical English Proficiency or people with corresponding English ability / holders of N2 or above in the Japanese Language Proficiency Test (JLPT) or people with corresponding Japanese ability.
 Fee: IIA members 1,000 yen, non-members 4,000 yen

Fee:IIA members 1,000 yen, non-members 4,000 yenCapacity:20 people (first come, first served)



We will be holding a Chinese language course (beginners) for people who have studied Chinese before. We will be aiming to improve speaking ability.

Date:	September 29; October 6, 13, 20, 27 (Tuesdays, 5 classes in total)
Time:	6:30pm-8:30pm
Venue:	lwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza (Shogai Gakushu Plaza), conference room (current plan)
Lecturer:	Guiqin Xu
Participants:	People who have studied Chinese before
Fee:	IIA members 1,000 yen,
	non-members 4,000 yen
Capacity:	15 people (first come, first served)
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JPLT Applications now open 回本語能力試験

It's nearly time again for the Japanese Language and Proficiency test.

Applications for the December JLPT are now open throughout September.

Application methods:

Online: You can apply online at: http://info.jees-jlpt.jp/ after creating a MyJLPT account.

Mail: You can also apply via mail. You will need to purchase an Application Guide to apply by mail. These are available at major bookstores for 500 yen.

Applications made via mail must be postmarked by 30th September.

Application Period: 1st September (Tue) to 30th September (Wed) 5pm.

Test Date: 6th December 2015 (Sun)

Test Fee: 5,500 yen (consumption tax included)

The test room opens from 12:00pm and the test starts at 12:30pm.

Inquiries: please visit the website: http://www.jlpt.jp/e/index.html or contact the JLPT Application Centre TEL: 03-6686-2974.

Applications for participants and volunteers for the 7th Annual Iwaki Sunshine Marathon

Application method for participants (excerpt taken from official website)

Although it's only September, perhaps now is the time to start training for the seventh annual Iwaki Sunshine Marathon which will be held on the 14th February 2016. There are a range of events including a full marathon, 10km, 5km, 2km runs and 2km parent-child pair running events. If you wish to join in the event, please don't forget to apply soon.

Entry Fees:

Full Marathon: 7500 yen; 10km run: 1500-3500 yen; 5km run: 1000-3500 yen; 2km run: 1000 yen (primary school 3rd to 6th grade only); 2km parent-child pair run: 3000 yen (children of 1st or 2nd grade primary school). Categories and fees differ according to various age groups. Please check the website (Japanese) for details: <u>http://www.iwaki-marathon.jp</u> (<u>http://www.iwaki-marathon.jp</u>/i/index.html for mobile devices)

Application forms can be obtained online via the Iwaki Sunshine Marathon website or from Iwaki City Hall, Iwaki City Branch Offices and the Citizen Service Centre. Money transfer forms can be submitted over the counter at your local post office. **Application period:** 1st September (Tue) to 16th October (Fri). However, applications via money transfer close on 2nd October (Fri).

Application method for volunteers (excerpt from website):

If you wish to volunteer in organising the course (making space for pedestrians, guiding traffic etc.), working at the water stations, handing out participation/completion awards etc. you must be at least 15 years or older and be free to attend the information session for volunteers scheduled to be held in December this year. Only the first 2000 applicants will be accepted so please apply as soon as possible.

Volunteer application period: 3rd August (Mon) ~ 30th October (Fri)

For details and further inquiries please contact the Iwaki Sunshine Marathon Executive Committee.

Iwaki Sunshine Marathon Executive Committee Office TEL: 0246-22-7607 FAX: 22-7581 Email: info@iwaki-marathon.jp









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

and early October

September Guide

Sunday, 6 September

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Taira Area Taira Area Taira Area Taira Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Taira Area Sunday, 13 Sept	Takahashi Clinic Yamaguchi lin Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology) Shiga Seikeigeka-Geka (orthopaedics & surgery) Yamaguchi Seikeigeka (orthopaedic surgery) Kureha General Hospital Tokiwakai Joban Hospital Fukuda Shonika lin (paediatrics) ember	9-12, 2-5 9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 9-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	46-1231 24-1811 25-3788 23-5050 29-7000 63-2181 43-4175 22-4272			
Taira Area Taira Area Uchigo Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Joban Area Sunday, 20 Sept	Takahashi Clinic Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology) Suda lin Iwaki Central Hospital Fuzoku Shinryojo Kojima Jiai Hospital Iwaki Yumoto Hospital Muramatsu Shonika paediatrics) ember	9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 8:30-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	46-1231 25-3788 27-6060 53-3511 63-5141 42-3188 72-0707			
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Uchigo Area Onahama Area Nakoso Joban Area	Suda lin Ishii Noshinkei Geka Ganka Hospital (neurosurgery and opthamology) Matsuzaki Naika (internal medicine) Hatano Ganka (opthamology)	8:30-12 9-5 9-5 9-5	27-6060 58-3121 63-3358 42-2040			
Tuesday, 22 Sep Taira Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area	Hasegawa Seikeigeka Iin (orthopaedic surgery) Kashima Hospital Yokogi Naika Ichoka Clinic (internal medicine and gastrology) Soeda Iin	8:30-11:30 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5	25-5691 58-8010 65-1111 68-6155			
Wednesday, 23	September					
Taira Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area	Yoshida Seikeigeka lin (orthopaedic surgery) Onahama Seikyo Hospital Sukegawa Naika Clinic (internal medicine) Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-12, 2-5 9-5 9-5 9-5	22-6030 53-4374 77-0710 28-1145			
Sunday, 27 Sept	ember					
Taira Area Taira Area Taira Area Uchigo Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic Sakamoto Seikeigeka Iin (orthopaedic surgery) Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology) Suda Iin Muraoka Sanfujinka (obstetrics and gynaecology) Nakoso Hospital Katayose Clinic Sanka Fujinka (obstetrics and gynaecology) Wakamatsu Iin (paediatrics)	9-12, 2-5 9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 8:30-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	46-1231 38-2830 25-3788 27-6060 92-4578 65-7755 42-4135 22-3838			

October Guide

Sunday, 4 October

Taira Area Taira Area Taira Area Taira Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic Yamaguchi lin Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology) Shiga Seikeigeka-Geka (orthopaedics & surgery) Izumi Central Clinic Kushida Hospital Tokiwakai Joban Hospital Watanabe Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12, 2-5 9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 9-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	46-1231 24-1811 25-3788 23-5050 56-6677 63-3202 43-4175 25-1170					
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Uchigo Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Onahama Area	Suda Iin Kashima Ladies Clinic Sato Maternity Clinic (obstetrics) Nemoto Naika Ichoka Iin (internal and gastroenterology) Konnai Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	8:30-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	27-6060 58-8577 65-6900 43-4100 73-8815					



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. 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 Service for Foreigners

Yorisoi 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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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	IIA Custom-made Plans
	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2 IIA Japanese Course Placement Test	Sep 3 <u> </u> Yu no Hanakai	Sep 4	Sep 5 Discussion group for Natives of China	Très bien – Inquiries to Yamazaki-san 090-1934-0506 Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san 0246-42-2135 Wa – Inquiries to Cho-san 070-6493-2859
2	6	7	8	9 Volunteer Interpreter Training Workshop I	10 Yu no Hanakai	11 Thai Cooking Class	12	For more information on any of the IIA events, please contact Suko-san 22-7409 Legal Consultations: Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal
EMBER 2015	13	14 Yabusame (Mo	15 unted Archery)	Japanese Classes – Special Course Free Legal Consultations (City Hall) 16 Volunteer	17	18	19	 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),
SER			Daily Life Information Seminar Consultations on Everyday Life	Interpreter Training Workshop II Très bien Free Legal Consultations (City Hall)	Yu no Hanakai			please contact 0246-23-3320.
VEN	20	21 Respect for the Aged Day	22 Citizens' Holiday	23 Autumnal Equinox Day	24	25 Zen Cafe	26	
SEP	27	28	29 Chinese Course I	30 Volunteer Interpreter Training Workshop III IIA Japanese Reading Class I IIA Japanese Culture Class I JPLT Applications Close	Oct 1 IIA Japanese Speaking Class I IIA Japanese Writing Class I Structure Yu no Hanakai	Oct 2	Oct 3	