



# Iwaki-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Closure of public facilities over the 10-day holiday period

Many public facilities will be closed over the 10-day holiday period from Sat 27 April – Mon 6 May 2019.

#### City Hall Offices

**City Hall:** Closed 27 April – 6 May

**Branch Offices:** Closed 27 April – 6 May

**Citizen Service Centres:** Closed 27 April – 6 May

**\*Iwaki Station Service Centre (located in LATOV 4F):** Open 10am-7pm on Sat 27 April and 10am-6pm on Sun 28 April; Closed 29 April – 6 May

#Note: City Hall and the Branch Offices in Onahama, Nakoso, Joban and Yotsukura will still accept notifications of family register matters (births, deaths, marriage and divorce etc.) 24 hours a day as always.

#### Medical Facilities

**Iwaki City Medical Centre:** Closed 27 April – 6 May

**After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre:**

Sat 27 April: 8pm-7am (next day)

Sun 28 April: 2pm-6pm, 7pm-11pm

Mon 29 April – Fri 3 May: 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm, 7pm-11pm

Sat 4 May: 9am-1pm, 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 7am (next day)

Sun 5 May – Mon 6 May: 9am-1pm, 2pm-6pm, 7pm-11pm (TEL: 27-1208)

#### **Emergency Dental Care:**

For Emergency Patients: Closed 27 April; Open 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm from 28 April to 6 May

For Persons with Disabilities: Closed 27 April – 6 May

#### Rubbish Collection

Daily collection of rubbish will proceed as scheduled. (Refer to your rubbish collection calendar for details).

Please inquire with all other facilities to confirm which days they are closed on.

*\*Please note some minor changes to the class details in red text*

### IIA Japanese Classes 日本語教室

The spring and summer terms of the Iwaki International Association's (IIA) Japanese language courses will start on 15 May. Please note that the days for holding the classes have been changed.

#### Types of Courses:

- A. **Beginners Course 1** (8 lessons)  
1pm-3:30pm on Sundays from 19 May to 14 July
- B. **Beginners Course 2** (10 lessons)  
10am-12pm on Wednesdays from 15 May to 17 July
- C. **Beginners Course 3** (8 lessons)  
1pm-3:30pm on Sundays from 19 May to 14 July
- D. **Communication Course** (10 lessons)  
1pm-3pm on Wednesdays from 15 May to 17 July

**Class Fee:** ¥2000 (plus consumption tax) for each course in addition to textbooks that will need to be purchased

**Participants:** up to 15 people per class

**Venue:** Lifelong Learning Plaza located on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Washington Hotel building.

**Teachers:** Volunteers from the IIA

If you are attending the class for the first time, please take the placement test to check your Japanese level first.

#### Japanese Proficiency Check

**Date:** 10am-12pm, Wednesday 17 April

**Venue:** Arts and Crafts Room, Lifelong Learning Plaza (5F of Washington Hotel Building)

If you are interested in taking a Japanese Language Course, please apply through the IIA by Friday, 12 April (see below for contact details).

### Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

#### **Yoriso 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
Weeping Cherry Blossoms Light-Up	During the Cherry Blossom Blooming Period; 6pm-9pm Mishima-Hachiman Shrine, Taira	Enjoy the blooming flowers of this shrine's 300 and 500 year-old weeping cherry blossom trees.	Mishima-Hachiman Shrine TEL: 0246-23-3410
Onahama Cherry Blossom Light-Up	Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Mar – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 5pm-12am Tomigaura Park, Onahama	Onahama Citizens' Congress for Town Planning TEL: 0246-52-1275	
Nakoso Barrier Cherry Blossom Festival Light-Up	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar – Tue 30 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 6pm-9pm Nakoso Barrier Park	Iwaki Green Stadium TEL: 0246-43-0033	
Weeping Cherry Blossoms Light-Up	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 6:30pm-9pm Ogawa Suwa Shrine	Enjoy the blooming flowers of this shrine's giant 500 year-old weeping cherry blossom trees. A gagaku imperial court dance will also be held at 7pm on the 6 <sup>th</sup> .	Ogawa Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-83-0178
Cherry Blossom Viewing	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 9am-9pm on the 6 <sup>th</sup> ; 9am-4pm on the 7 <sup>th</sup> Ogawa Community Hall	During the day, you can also try soba and mochi rice cake.	Ogawa Community Hall TEL: 0246-83-1111
Iwakitaira Castle Cherry Blossom Festival Events	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> and Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr; (Festival) 10am-3pm, (Light-Up) 5pm-8pm Iwakitaira Castle Ruins, Taira	A variety of performances and activities will be held over two weekends such as a taiko drum performance (from 11am on the 7 <sup>th</sup> ), tea ceremony (10am-3pm on the 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> ), flower arrangement display (10am-3pm on the 13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> ) and much more.	Taira Town Planning TEL: 0246-21-7777
Iwaki Yumoto Cherry Blossom Festivals	(Main Festival) Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 10:30am-5pm Kamiyunagaya Park, Yumoto, Joban	Apart from the festival, there will also be night-time cherry blossom light-ups at Miyukiyama Park (30 Mar – 6 May 5pm-2am) and Kannonyama Park (30 Mar – 6 May 6pm-11pm).	Iwaki Yumoto Hot Springs Association TEL: 0246-43-3017
Horuru Cherry Blossom Festival	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr; From 9:30am Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum, Joban	Celebrate the cherry blossom season with Horuru's annual springtime festival. There will be jangara and other performances as well as food stalls and craft workshops.	Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum TEL: 0246-42-3155 Email: <a href="mailto:soumu@iwaki-kankou.or.jp">soumu@iwaki-kankou.or.jp</a>
"261 Furoichi" Garage Sale	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 10am-4pm Yumoto Onsen Shrine, Joban	Anyone can open a small 2mX2m booth for free and sell their unwanted goods at this event (please contact the event sponsor in advance if you would like to hold a booth). As well as the food/DJ booths and guided tour of the shrine, this time you can also try wearing a shrine maiden costume and have your old books' price assessed.	Yumoto Flea Market Promotion Committee Email: <a href="mailto:yumotodeflema@gmail.com">yumotodeflema@gmail.com</a>
Kashima "Fure-Ai" Cherry Blossom Festival	Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 10am-4pm Northern car park and Yada River area of Everia Kashima Shopping Centre, Onahama	Enjoy a day of traditional performances including taiko drums and yosakoi as well as hula dancing and cheerleading among other performances. There will also be food stalls and a raffle competition.	Kashima Community Hall TEL: 0246-29-2250
Iwaki Balloon Festival	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> Apr; 7am-9:30am Kids play area, 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Forest Park, Joban	The first 300 people to arrive have a chance to ride in a hot air balloon. A hot air balloon night-time illumination event will be held on the Saturday night from 6:30pm to 7pm.	Iwaki Balloon Festival Executive Committee TEL: 080-2809-9716
Spring Festival	(Main Festival) Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Apr; From 9:30am Iwaki Onigajo Village, Kawamae	Apart from the festival, there will also be a night-time cherry blossom light-up on weekends from 6pm-8pm.	Iwaki Onigajo Village TEL: 0246-84-2288

\*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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