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Preparatory Measures for Dealing with Disasters

The Eastern Japan Great Earthquake (東日本大震災, Higashi Nihon Daishinsai) caused a great deal of damage to Japan. Many people saw the news and thought "It not just an affair of other people". Unfortunately, Japan is a country subject to frequent earthquakes, typhoons volcanic eruptions and tsunami. In addition to it, we need to be careful of landslides in the rainy season. In schools, students learn how to prepare measures for those things through disaster simulation drills. Let's see what Japanese people learn, and hopefully it will help you to prepare yourself.

Earthquake

- 1. If you feel an earthquake, find somewhere safe, such as under a solid table.
- 2. Wait until the shaking calms down, then check all fires are off.
- 3. Make sure you have an escape door.
- 3. While it is not shaking, go out wearing solid shoes.

 If there is a tsunami warning, go to somewhere high immediately.
- 4. Help each other, check if your neighbors are safe. Be careful with leakage of electricity or gas.
- 5. Turn the radio on, get accurate information. Try not to use the phone, as much as possible.
- 6. When you evacuate, do not use a car, especially in the cities. Don't go near walls, cliffs, riversides or bridges. (Most of the schools, community centers and fukushi-kans are designated as emergency shelters. If you don't know where to go, please ask the city hall or check this URL:

http://www.city.kagoshima.lg.jp/var/rev0/0034/3504/20113221549 58.pdf (Kagoshima city, Japanese only)

7. Prepare yourself to survive at least 3 days. *See the emergency supplies list.

Do not go into damaged houses.

storm and flood

- 1. Get information about the weather everyday during the rainy season and tyhoon season.
- 2. If a tyhoon is approaching your area, put things that might be blown around in side. If you don't have storm shutters, put masking tape on the windows, so that the windows wouldn't shatter even if something smashed into them becouse of the wind.
- 3. Before the tyhoon gets bad, go shopping and buy enough food for a few days.
- 4. Put water in the bath. (In case water supply is cut off)*Usually, tyhoons going through the west side of the prefecture are strong.
 - *The sea level goes up becouse of the influence of low pressure.
 *When a tyhoon is approaching, the atmosphere is subject to whirlwinds.
- 5. If you are outside;

You need to aware that the water level goes up very quickly. Do not go near sandbanks or riverbanks. If you are already near a river or a dam, and if you hear a siren, it means the water level is going up quickly. Listen to the local people. They know about the area very well.

6. If it starts raining very heavily;

Try not to drain water as much as you can especially in the city. Do not go near rivers.

If you live near a river, take refuge somewhere else.

Places among mountains, land developed for housing lots, alluvial fans, cliffs, steep slopes are subject to landslides.



Tsunami

As we saw on TV what happened during Eastern Japan Great Earthquake Disaster, came really quick. People in *Sanriku* where the place was hit by the terrible tsunami this time say "if a tsunami comes, don't think about your family, just go away in your own respective directions". Kagoshima was also damaged by tsunamis in the past.

- 1. If there is a tsunami warning,
 - Go away from the sea shore and take refuge on high ground.
 - *At sea the tsunami speed reaches the same speed as a jet. Near the sea shore it is 10 meters per second, so you can't escape from the tsunami after you see it.
 - *The hight of tsunami could be way more than one can imagine. Even if the tsunami warning is 1m, it could be more than a few times bigger depending on the topography of the coast.
 - *Tsunami cames even if there is no ebb tide. Depending on how the earthquake occurs or the topography of the place, there are many patterns of tsunami.
 - *Tsunami comes again and again, so until it calms dawn totaly do not go near the shore.

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HANA-SHOBU MATSURI @ HIRAKAWA ZOO (JAPANESE IRIS FESTIVAL) (はなしょうぶ まつり / 花しょうぶまつり)

Full of Japanese iris at "Hana-shobu en in Hirakawa Zoo! Nice to walk in the garden looking at the flowers. Some events will be held (details below).

☆Learn how to grow Japanese iris! (Hana shobu matsuri engei kyoshitsu /

花しょうぶまつり園芸教室) June 4 (Sat) 13:00 ~ 15:00

100 people

*a numbered ticket (given to people in the order of their arrival) required.

☆Open-air tea ceremony at the Japanese iris garden

(Nodate / 野点)

June 5 (Sun) 13:30 ~ 15:00

Fee: free 100 people

☆Gather Japanese iris

(Hana shobu-no hana-kari /

花しょうぶの花狩り)

*You can gather the flowers at the end of the season free.

June 12 (Sun) 14:00 (Until all the flowers gone)

About the Japanese Iris Festival

Date: May 21 (Sat) ~ June 12 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Japanese iris garden, Hirakawa Zoo,

HIrakawa town, Kagashima city

Entrance fee: Adults 500 yen

Elementary & J.H.S.Student 100 yen

Car park: 200 yen

Info: Hirakawa Zoo / 099-261-2326

HIROSATO ZUSHO AND THE TIME HE LIVED (企画展「調所広郷とその時代」) (map) → E

Hirosato Zusho was a chief retainer of the Satsuma clan in the Edo Era who conducted Tenpō Reforms and made the basis of Japan's first Western style industries by Nariakira Shimazu, the 28th Satsuma's feudal lord.

Date: Until August 21 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Museum of Culture REIMEIKAN Info: Reimeikan / 099-222-5100 Admission fee: Adults 300 yen

OTAUE-SAI

(RICE PLANTING FESTIVAL)

おたうえさい / お田植え祭)

A festival to invoke good crops. After the purification young men and women plant rice. People dedicate dances such as yakko (manservant) dance, stick dance and komuso (Zen priest) dance. Yakko dance and komuso dances are cultural assets of Kagoshima prefecture.

*Rice planting starts 11:00.

June 5 (Sun) Date: Time: 9:00 ~

Place: Nitta shrine, Satsuma-sendai city Nitta shrine / 0996-22-4722 Info:

YAMAGAWA MINATO MATSURI

(YAMAGAWA PORT FESTIVAL) (やまがわ みなと まつり / 山川みなと祭り) Fishing boat parades (8:30 ~ 9:30), dance parades (10:10 ~ 11:40), fireworks display (6th 20:00 ~) and other things will be held. Catching bonito with your bare hands (children only) and the dried bonito shaving race (11:00 ~ 12:00)

are especially worth joining!

Date: June 5 (Sun) Time: 8:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Around Yamagawa port, Ibusuki city

Info: Executive / 0993-34-1141

RYUMONJI WARE JIROTA POTTERY

map) → E 「りゅうもんじやき じろうたがま かまもとまつり / 龍門司焼次郎太窯窯元祭り)

One type of Jirota-gama ware has patterns with three colours. It was specified as an intangible cultural asset of Kagoshima.

During the festival they sell pottery at a special prices.

June 10 (Fri) ~ 12 (Sun) Date:

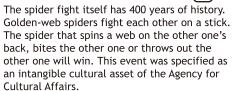
Time: 9:00 ~ 18:00

Place: Rvumonii ware Jirota-gama. Kajiki-cho Koyamada, Aira city Info: Ryumonji ware Jirota-gama /

0995-63-4267

KUMO-GASSENN TAIKAI

(SPIDER FIGHT FESTIVAL) (くもがっせんたいかい / くも合戦大会)



Special products sale and a raffle will also be

If you want to enter your golden-web spiders to fight, apply to Chiiki Shinko-ka in Kajiki shisho (0995-62-2111) by June 16 (Thu). You need to bring 3 female golden-web spiders.

Date: June 19 (Sun)

Time: 8:30 ~ 16:00

Place: Kajiki-cho Fukushi Center, Kajiki town, Aira county Kajiki town office / 0995-62-2111 Info:



Photo: Kagoshima Prefectural Visitors Bureau

KAGOSHIMA HARU-MATUSRI DAI-HANYA

(map)

2011 (かごしま はるまつり だいはんや2011 / かごしま春祭大ハ (map) → G

Hanya-bushi is a Japanese traditional festival dance thought to have roots in the dance Amami Roku-cho. About 2,000 people from in and out of Kagoshima prefecture dance Hanva-bushi

This event will be held at 13 places in Kagoshima city. You will want to join them if you listen to the cheerful music!

There is a food court which provides Kagoshima dishes. A raffle will also be held.

Date: June 25 (Sat) ~ 26 (Sun)

Time: 25th 10:00 ~ 20:00 / 26th 9:00 ~ 18:00 Place: Tenmonkan park, Tenmonkan, Chuo Park, East entrance square of Chuo Station, Yoshino Park and other places

Executive (Kagoshima Harumatsuri Shinkokai) /

099-225-9533

AMAMI SEA KAYAK MARATHON in KAKFROMA

(あまみ しーかやっく まらそん in かけろま / 奄美シーカヤックマラソン in 加計呂麻)

Sea kayak marathon race at Oshima Straits. Marathon race (36km), Half distance race (20km) and Ekiden race.

Date & Time: July 3 (Sun) 9:30 ~ Place: Oshima Straits, Setouchi town,

Oshima county Info: Executive / 0997-72-1115

URL: http://www.e-sports.jp/sk_kakeroma/

Entry has been closed.

KAGOSHIMA CUP KAZAN-MEGURI YACHT

RACE (鹿児島カップ火山めぐりヨットレース)

(map) → H

A big scale yacht race from Kinko bay to Southwest islands. About 60 yachts will participate. Some events such as family cruises will be held.

Date & Time: July 15 (Fri) ~ 20 (Wed) Place: Sail from Kagoshima Honko, Kagoshima city

Info: Executive / 099-216-1327

URL: http://www.kazanmeguri.com/top.html

Entry has been closed.

CROSS SAKURAJIMA KINKO BAY

LONG-DISTANCE SWIM RACE (さくらじま・きんこうわん おうだん えんえい たいかい / 桜島・錦江湾横断遠泳大会)

It is a long-distance swim race from Koike beach in Sakurajima to Iso beach which is 4.2km. 5 people in a team (1 manager and 4 swimmers). The 4 swimmers need to swim and reach the goal together.

Date August 7 (Sun) Time: 9:00 ~ 14:00

Place: Start Koike beach, Sakurajima Goal Iso beach, Kagoshima city Info: Executive / 099-229-4222

URL: http://www.10bai.com/enei/

Entry has been closed.

ROUGH WATER SWIM RACE in YORON (570+40-40)

A rough water swim race will be held here in *Yoron*, the birthplace of this race! Many repeaters participate in this race, because they love the beautiful sea!

There are 1.5 km, 3 km, 5km and relay (1km \times 3 people) sections. A party will be held after the race.

September 3 (Sat) Date: Time: 8:00 - 16:00

Place: Yoron island, Oshima county Participation fee: 4000 yen / person 9000 yen / relay team

Deadline: August 19 (Sat) Info: Executive / 0467-84-8639

URL: http://www.powersports.co.jp/rws/



Antique & Flea Markets

ECO & CHARITY FLEA MARKET

Kojo Saseru Kai (A group which is aiming to improve welfare in Kagoshima)". Miscellaneous goods, secondhand clothes, homemade goods, vegetables and flowers will be sold.

Date: June 5 (Sun) & June 12 (Sun) *In case of rain, it would be canceled.

Time: 10:00 ~ 16:00 Place: Kyoken Park

(near Kagoshima Chuo Station),

Kagoshima city

Application fee: 1500 yen / booth

Applecation Deadline:

ask the phone number below.

Info: Kagoshima-no Fukushi-wo Kojo Saseru Kai

/ 090-1162-4967

KAZAN MEGURI YACHT RACE FLEA MARKET (VOLCANO TOUR YACHT RACE FLEA MARKET)

、 (鹿児島カップ火山めぐりヨットレース 「フリーマーケット」)

More than 200 boothes will sell various things. Sell stuff you don't need and make some cash! Date: July 17 (Sun)

*In case of bad weather, it would be canceled.

Time: 9:00 ~ 16:00 Place: Water Front Park

Honkoh, Kagoshima port

(in front of Dolphin Port), Kagoshima city Application fee: 4000 yen / booth

Booth: 1.8m × 3.6m

Application Deadline: June 14 (Tue) You need to apply by postcard. Please contact the phone number below for details.

Executive (Minami-nihon Living) /

099-222-7290

TAO 2011

(TAO 2011 TOUR 浮世夢幻打楽~参の絵巻~) A Kyushu based taiko (drum) troop TAO, perform-

ing internationally comes to Kagoshima. Enjoy their powerful performance!

Date: June 25 (Sat) Time: 18:00

Place: Shimin Bunka 1, Kagoshima city Advance ticket: SS seat 7,000 yen S seat 6,000 yen A seat 4,500 yen

*At the door 500yen more expencive.

Info: TAO / 092-721-2015

TSUGARU SHAMISEN AMAMI SHAMISEN MUGEN

(津軽三味線X奄美三味線 ~六弦 (MUGEN) ~) Young shamisen players from Kagoshima hold a charity message live show. Enjoy the beautiful sound of shamisen played by Shudai Ishii who won a best Tsugaru Shamisen Award in Japan in 2008, Kazuyuki Fumoto, Yoko Higo and Amami Tsumuginchu.

Date: July 3 (Sun) Time: 14:00

Place: Kagoshima Chuo Kominkan,

Yamashita town, Kagoshima city Advance ticket: 1,500 yen

Info: Amami Tsumuginchu / 090-7537-0941



SHIKI THEATRE COMPANY

CRAZY FOR YOU

(劇団四季ミュージカル「クレイジー・フォー・ユー」)

Date: July 10 (Sun) Time: 17:30

Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall, Place:

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: SA seat 8,000 yen / SB seat 6,500 yen

A seat 5,500 yen / B seat 4,500 yen

C seat 3,000 yen

Kagoshima Onkyo / 099-226-3465 Info:

OPERA NATIONALA BUCURESTI **CARMEN**

(ブカレスト国立歌劇場「カルメン」)

Date: July 22 (Fri)

Time: 18:30

Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall, Place:

Yojiro, Kagoshima city Ticket: TokuS seat 10,000 yen /

S seat 9,000 yen / A seat 8,000 yen B seat 6,000 yen / C seat 5,000 yen Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall /

Info:

099-257-8111

Kyushu Events

FUKUOKA

MOJIKO RETRO TRAIN "SHIOKAZE-GO"

(観光トロッコ列車「潮風号」) Retro Train "Shiokaze-go (sea breeze)" runs between Retro area, Moji port and Mekari area where you can see Kanmon Straits only from March 19th to November 27th. It takes 10 minutes, and it stops at Kyushu Railway History Museum (Kyushu Tetsudo Kinen-kan) Station, Idemitsu Museum of Arts (Idemitsu Bijutsu-kan)
Station, Norfork Hiroba Station and Kanmon
Straits Mekari Station. A bus service "Mekari
Zekkai Bus (Mekari Superb View Bus) from Kanmon Straits Mekari Station is a 25 minute trip and runs around Mekari area. In the tour it stops at Mekari Dai2 Tenbojo where you can enjoy the great view of Kanmon Straits.

Date: Only Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays from March 19 (Sat) to November 27 (Sun).

*It runs everyday during the summer holidays. (July 21st to August 31st)

Place: Moji area, Kita-kyushu city Info: Heisei Chikuho Tetsudo Moji-ko Jimusyo /

093-331-1065

HERB FESTA in HARAZURU

(ハーブフェスタin 原鶴)

It is an event full of flowers and nice scents! Some events such as a making herb soap class, a hanging basket class and other things will be

During the period, they sell "Yu-yu-ken (湯遊券) in which you can enjoy original curry, onsen, and going on a boat.
They have free ashi-yu (foot spa) and te-yu

(hand spa), too.

Date: June 10 (Fri) ~ 12 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Harazuru Onsen Herb-en, Asakura city Info: Harazuru Onsen Ryokan Kyodo Kumiai

0946-62-0001

URL http://www.harazuru.jp/

NAGASAKI

OHMURA HANA-MATSURI

(OHMURA FLOWER FESTIVAL) (大村花まつり) Ohmura park, famous as a flower park is holding a flower festival. Many kinds of flowers are in The restract Mary Kinds of Itowers are their full glory, and they are lit up at night. Date: March 25 (Fri) ~ June 20 (Mon)
Place: Omura Park, Omura city
Info: Ohmura city hall / 0957-53-4111

SAGA

MIKAERI-no-TAKI AJISAI MATSURI (HYDRANGEA FESTIVAL AT MIKAERI WATERFALL)

(見帰りの滝あじさいまつり) 50 kinds, about 40,000 hydrangea are in their full glory! A hydrangea exhibition, 3 on 3 basketball, Hydrangea photo contest and other things will be held. During the festival, the flowers will be lit up at night.

Date: June 1 (Wed) ~ June 30 (Thu)

Place: around Mikaeri-no-Taki, Ikisa,

Ouchi town, Karatsu city Beautification cooperation fee: 200 yen Info: Karatsu Kankoh Kyokai / 0955-51-8312 URL http://ouchi.fhl.ne.jp/



Hydrangea

SECRET KILN OKAWAUCHIYAMA "WIND BELL FESTIVAL"

(OKAWAUCHIYAMA "FURIN MATSURI")

、 (大川内山風鈴祭り)

Potteries in Okawauchiyama make wind bells and hang them in front of the houses.

During the period many events will be held. On June 18th (Sat) "Wankin Concert (碗琴コンサー ト)" in which a player taps ceramic bowls like a xylophone and plays music) will be held. *Imari* ware lamps are very popular and sell out every year. The sale of *Imari* ware lamps will be held on July 16th (Sat) from 13:00.

"Boshi Toro Matsuri (Firebrick lantern festival)" is also worth seeing. It will be held on July 16th

If you are thinking about buying ceramics for summer, you should go to "Natsu-no Utsuwa ten (Summer ceramics exhibition)" which will be held from July 10th (Sat) to August 31st (Tue)

Date: June 18 (Sat) - August 31 (Wed) Place: Okawauchi town, Imari city

Info: Executive (Furin Matsuri Jikko linkai) / 0995-23-7293

http://www.imari-ookawachiyama.com

KUMAMOTO

TAKASE URAKAWA HANA SHOUBU MATSURI (TAKASE URAKAWA JAPANESE IRIS FESTI-

VAL) (高瀬裏川花しょうぶまつり) About 66,000 irises in full bloom in front of old stone walls and the stone bridges. The flowers are lit up until 22:00. The main event will be held from 18:30 on the 4th of June, and a

concert, an open-air tea ceremony and other

things will be held. Date: May 27 (Fri) ~ June 11 (Sat) Place: Takase Uragawa Mizugiwa Ryokuchi Park,

Tamana city
Info: Tamana Turism Association / 0968-72-5313

HANASHINOBU CONCERT

(はなしのぶコンサート) *Hanashinobu* is the flower which grows wild in the rainy season at *Aso* (Polemoniaceae / Jacob's-ladder or phlox family). People who love these flowers hold an annual open-air concert. You can enjoy the beautiful flowers and the sound of mandolins. 10:30 ~ 12:00

Date: June 26 (Sun)

Place: Kyukamura Minami-aso, Takamori-machi,

Aso county Kyukamura Minami-aso / 0967-62-2111

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Dangerous signs; Sign of landslides

Water gushes out of cliffs
Cracks in cliffs
Pebbles fall from cliffs
Strange sights such as tree roots cut off from cliffs
Water of wells or streams get muddy
Cracks on roads
Cracks on walls of a house or retaining walls
leaning of house, retaining walls, trees or utility poles

Sign of debris flows

Rumbling of mountains
Water level drops inspite of it raining
River water gets muddy or floating driftwood
Rotten smell of soil

When you evacuate in a flood;

The depth you can walk

The depth you can walk is up to 70cm for men, 50cm for women (if the water is not running). If the water is deeper than around your hip, you shouldn't walk in it. Just go somewhere high and wait for the rescue.

Shoes

Do not walk in the water barefoot or in boots. sports shoes with shoelaces are the best.

Tied together with a rope

If possible, tie people onto a rope and walk together in a line.

urn arm

Pay attention your steps

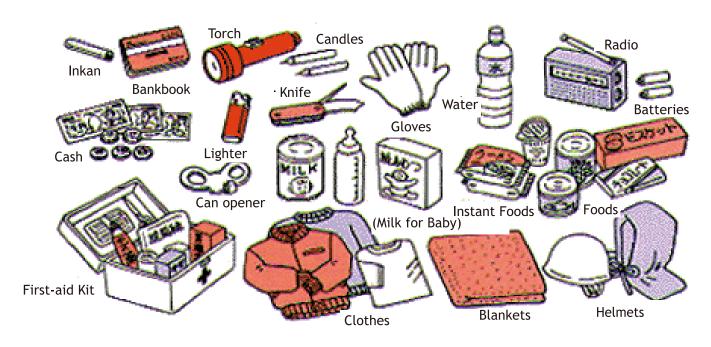
You never know what's in the water. Get a long stick and check the safety where you walk.

Emergency Supplies

The Fire Defense Agency recommends those things below as emergency supplies.

If you wear glasses or contact lenses, they also need to be in your emergency supply bag.

If you buy those things, you need to make sure you know how to use them before you put them in the bag, and put the bag somewhere easy to get at. You also need to regularly check expiration dates of foods, water, batteries, medicines and baby milk (if you need).



Related Web Sites

The Cabinet Office, government of Japan; "Portal Site on Policies for Foreign Residents". It has information in Japanese, English, Portuguese and Spanish. You can find many links about the earthquake there.

http://www8.cao.go.jp/teiju-portal/eng/index.html

Japan Earthquake How to Protect Yourself; now in 43 languages

http://nip0.wordpress.com/

The Meteorological Agency; Weather, Climate & Earthquake Information in English

http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/indexe.html

Facebook; Earthquake Updates for Foreigners in Japan

http://www.facebook.com/earthquakeinfo.foreigner

American Psychological Association; Managing your distress about the earthquake from afar

http://www.apa.org/helpcenter/distress-earthquake.aspx





In the Children's Day article last issue we explained "Shobu-yu" as "iris-root bath". It is actually "sweet-flag bath". Sweet-flag and iris are defferent plants. Sweet-flag is the arum family of plants and iris is the iridaceae family o plants.

Public Facilities for Rainy Days

Rain..., Wet and not much fun? Check this out and learn where you can find places for some fun! There are many public facilities in the city where you can enjoy yourself and learn about the history of Kagoshima, see beautiful works by various artists, enjoy the world of books, science, craft works and other things!

■ Reimeikan (黎明館)

Kagoshima Prefectural Museum of Culture.

It was established in 1983, to commemorate the 100th year since the Meiji period started.

This museum introduces you to Kagoshima's history, archaeology, folklore, arts and crafts.

Tsurumaru castle used to be here. You can see remains of the castle, such as the moat, the stone wall and the bridges.

On the 3rd floor, there is a free zone, where you can play Japanese traditional toys and try Japanese armor and take pictures free! You also can see beautiful kimonos, a basket palanquin, toys, folding fans, good luck charms and other things which were used in Last year's NHK drama "Atsu-hime", all free.

Place: 7-2 Shiroyama cho, Kagoshima city

Tel: 099-222-5100 Open: 9:00 ~ 17:00

Closed: Monday, 25th every Month (except Saturday & Sunday)

and 31st of December ~ 2nd of January

Kagoshima Municipal Science Hall (鹿児島市立科学館)

It is built aiming to cultivate people's sence of science and creative power. The exhibits mainly concern volcanos and rockets, which are famaous in Kagoshima and the law of the natural world, science technology, space and other things. They also have a space theater. You can enjoy planetarium and omnimax theater there.

Place: 2-31-18 Kamoike, Kagoshima city

Tel: 099-250-8511 Open: 9:30 ~ 18:00

Closed: Tuesday (if Tuesday is a holiday, the next day will be

closed instead),

and 29st o December ~ 1st of January Entrance fee: H.S.Student and up 400 yen E.S.& J.H.S.Student 150 yen

*You need to pay admission fee for the space theater.

(H.S.Student 500 yen / E.S.& J.H.S.Student 200 yen) http://www.synapse.ne.jp/kmsh-science/index_01.html

Entrance fee: Adult 300 yen

🖸 Kagoshima Aquarium (いおワールドかごしま水族館) About 5000 kinds of the 30000 creatures which live in the sea around Kagoshima and South west islands are exhibited.

The huge tank, Kuroshio (Black Stream) tank is wonderful! a Big Whale Shark and large rays are swimming gracefully. You also can enjoy the Touch Pool where you can touch the creatures such as starfish, sea cucumbers and other things. There are arapaimas at the Aqua gallary.



Place: 3-1 Honko-shinmachi, Kagoshima city

Tel: 099-226-2233 Open: 9:00 ~ 17:00 Closed: Around new year Entrance fee: Adult 1500 yen

It is located along the Kotsuki river.

It's a historical tourist facility, focused on the Meiji Restoration. At the 1st floor, they introduce Satsuma in the closing days of the Tokugawa shogunate, goju kyoiku (education in the Satsuma Clan) and the history of Satsuma.

🔞 Museum of the Meiji Restoration (維新ふるさと館)

At the basement floor, sounds, lights and robots show you the Meiji Restoration. You can learn how Saigo and Okubo led Japan to be a modern nation.

Atsuhime-kan which used to be in Dolphin Port has moved to this building. They exhibit the beautiful kimonos, rooms and other things which were used in the popular NHK drama "Atsu-hime"

Place: 23-1 Kajiya cho, Kagoshima city

Tel: 099-239-7700 Open: 9:00 ~ 17:00

Closed: open every day of the year Entrance fee: H.S.Student and up 300 yen

E.S.& J.H.S.Student 150 yen Infant free

URL: http://www.ishinfurusatokan.info/

🔞 Kagoshima Culture Craft Village (かごしま文化工芸村)

Relax and enjoy making pottery, craft, woodworks, bamboo works and other things in nature!

They have various classes which you need to apply for in advance, but you can also make what you want if you just go and have a try.

Place: 2758 Nishi-beppu cho, Kagoshima city

Tel: 099-281-7175 Open: 9:30 ~ 18:00

Closed: Tuesday (If it is a holiday, the next day will be closed instead),

and 28th of December ~ 4th of January

Fee: Adult 200 yen / Child 100 yen



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The basic philosophy of Satsuma

Jissinko Iroha-uta (日新公いろは歌) vol.16

Iroha-uta is originally a Japanese short poem. It is a perfect pangram, containing each character of the Japanese syllabary (hiragana) exactly once. Jissinko iroha-uta are 47 poems each of which begin, respectively, with the original iroha poems first syllabary.

They also became the spirit of Goju kyoiku (郷中教育: The Satsuma education system).

The fifteenth poem (starting with the letter "7="):

種子となる心の水にまかせずば 道より外に 名も流れまじ

(Tane-to Naru Kokoro-no Mizu-ni Makasezuba Michi-yori Hoka-ni Na-mo Nagaremaji)

If you don't surrender yourself to greed, which is the origin of sins, a bad reputation of immoral behavior will be averted.



LATEST INFO

More hot events are coming! Check them out and join in!

Yokohama Chinatown Exhibition and Asian Sundries Bazaar



Chinese snacks from Chinatown

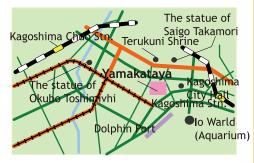
Great opportunity to taste sweets from Yokohama and real Chinese snacks from Chinatwon. Asian Sundries Bazaar will also be held. Traditional excellent articles, industrial art objects and sundries will be sold.

Date: June 23 (Thu) ~ June 29 (Wed) Time: 10:00 ~ 20:00 (until 17:00 on the 29th) Place: Yamakataya 1gokan 6F, Kagoshima city Info: Yamakataya / 099-227:6327





Sweets from Yokohama and Asian Sundries



みなづき **水無月**(minazuki)

Japanese has a different name for each month. We call June, "Rokugatsu" usually, but we also have another name "Minazuki". It means the month there is no water after the rainy season. Some people also say that it's the month you need say that it is the month there is no water left in the sky, because of the rainy season.

Minazuki Calender

衣替え (Koromo Gae)

June 1 (Wed)

The day of changing clothes.

This custom, which started in the Heian era. followed a Chinese custom. The date of changing clothes was decided as the 1st of April and the 1st of October.

From the Edo era the date changed to the 1st of June and 1st of October.

Now, government offices, business offices and schools follow this custom in spite of the hot weather

芒種 (Boshu)

June 6 (Mon)

The day of seeding for rice, wheat and other cereals. Now, the seeding is earlier than this.

入梅(Nyubai)

The day marking the start of the rainy season. Plums (ume) turn yellow, and it tells you that the rainy season is coming. (It is different from the actual start of the rainy season.)



父の日 (Chichi no Hi)

June 19 (Sun)

This day follows American Father's day. It started to be known during the 1950's among Japanese people. In Japan, Mother's day is the bigger event, but many people buy presents for their fathers. Some children also give yellow roses.

夏至 (Geshi)

The summer solstice. Compared with the winter solstice, the daytime is 4 hours longer on this day. In Japan, the old calender says that this day is the middle of summer. It is in the middle of the rainy season, also the busiest time of the year for farmers.

夏越しの大祓

(Great Purification of Summer)

June 30 (Thu)

It is an annual event which is held on the 30th of June.

People absolve their sins and impurities at shrines.

Some of the dates above depend on the lunar calendar, so they change every year.

Fortune-telling June 1 ~ June 30



January Birthday:

Are you stressed? Relax is this month's key word. Fill the bath up, put in a few drops of aroma oil, and enjoy relaxing. You also need to try to get enough sleep.

February Birthday:

Mistakes and hardships make you grow. Try to understand what you are learning through those experiences.

March Birthday:

Your head is clear this month. Avoid places and people which you feel are not on your wavelength.

April Birthday:

School trip, business trip or going on holiday; it is good to go somewhere this month. You'll have no trouble and will enjoy traveling a lot. Buying a little present for your friends is also a lucky action.

May Birthday:

Avoid noises, watcing violent programs, talking of negative things or gossip. Comfortable music and positive talk makes your life happier.

June Birthday:

Your environment might change a lot this month. You might be worried or feel lonely. But, it is the month of movement for you and the month of preparation for the future. So accept the new environment and try to get used to it.

July Birthday:

Set your aim higher and do your very best. Imagine your great success. It will come true.

August Birthday:

When you feel stress, remember to breathe deeply. It calms you down. Meditation before you go to bed is also good.

September Birthday:

You might have an opportunity to become a leader. Do not hesitate. You might have difficult time, but people trust you can do it. And at the end of this year you'll find you've leant so much and you've grown mentally.

October Birthday:

Talk about your dreams or things you like with your friends who have same interest as you. You can find a path to make your dream come true through it.

November Birthday:

You'll meet many people, and more people than you imagine might need your help. Helping these people is not for them in the end, but for yourself. Everything returns to you in the end. Do not expect things in return from them. Show them your sincerity, then rewards will come back to you.

December Birthday:

Do not worry about having a hard time. Heaven is always watching you. Everything you do returns back to you. Keep doing good things and forget about people who annoy you, then all the good things will return to yourself.

Movie Guide

★ Foreign movie ☆ Japanese movie

MOAIC		* Foreign movie * Japanese movie
TOHO Cinemas Yojiro 東宝シネマズ与次郎 Phone: 099-206-6544	☆ Meitantei Conan / 名探偵コナン 沈黙の15分 (April 16~) ☆ Gants Perfect Answer (April 23~) ☆ Yokame-no Semi / 八日目の蝉 (April 29~) ☆ Gaku/ 岳 -ガクー (May 7~) ★ Black Swan (May 11~) ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D (May 20~) ★ The Adjustment Bureau (May 27^) ☆ Princess Toyotomi (May 28~) ☆ Buddha / 手塚治虫のブッダー赤い砂漠よ!美しくー (May 28~) ★ <10AM Cinema Festival> Edward Scissorhands (May 7~)	☆ Kiseki / 奇跡 (June 4 ~) ☆ Paradise Kiss / パラダイス・キス (June 4 ~) ★ <10AM Cinema Festival> Breaking Away (June 4 ~) ☆ Saya Zamurai / さや侍 (June 11 ~) ★ X-men First Class (June 11 ~) ☆ Hoshi Mamoru Inu / 星守る犬 (June 11 ~) ★ <10AM Cinema Festival> La Strada (June 11 ~) ★ Skyline (June 18 ~) ★ <10AM Cinema Festival> La Dolce Vita (June 18 ~) ★ Super 8 (June 24 ~)
	☆ Moshi Koko-yakyu-no Joshi Manager-ga Drucker-no "Management"-wo Yondara / もし高校野球の女子マネージャーカ	☆ Andalucia Megami-no Hofuku / アンダルシア 女神の報復 (June 25 ~)
	Management -wo fondard / もと高校野球の女子マネージャー/ドラッカーの『マネジメント』を読んだら (June 4 -	
Mitte 10 ミッテ10 Phone: 099-812-6662 (Amu Plaza 6F)	☆ Meitantei Conan / 名探偵コナン 沈黙の15分 (April 16 ~) ☆ Gants Perfect Answer (April 23 ~) ☆ Yokame-no Semi / 八日目の蝉 (April 29 ~) ☆ Gaku/ 岳 -ガクー (May 7 ~) ★ Black Swan (May 11 ~) ☆ KOKAKU KIDOTAI STAND ALONE COMPLEX 3D / 攻殻機動隊 STAND ALONE COMPLEX 3D (May 11 ~) ☆ TOMIE - UNLIMITED / 富江-アンリミテッド (May 11 ~) ★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides 3D (May 20 ~) ★ The Adjustment Bureau (May 27 ~) ☆ Princess Toyotomi (May 28 ~) ☆ Buddha / 手塚治虫のブッダー赤い砂漠よ!美しく (May 28 ~)	☆ Gokaiger Goseiger Super Sentai 199 Hero Dai-kessen / ゴーカイジャー ゴセイジャー スーパー戦隊199ヒーロー大決戦 (June 11 ~) ★ Skyline (June 18 ~) ★ <cine響kyo> MAESTRO 6 Gustavo Adolfo Dudamel Ramírez & Orquesta de la Juventud Venezolana Simón Bolívar (June 18 ~)</cine響kyo>
	★ <livespire> World Classics @ Cinema: Swan Lake (May 28 ~) ☆ <i>Kiseki</i> / 奇跡 (June 4 ~) ☆ Paradise Kiss / パラダイス・キス (June 4 ~)</livespire>	★ Super 8 (June 24 ~) ☆ Andalucia Megami-no Hofuku / アンダルシア 女神の報復 (June 25~) ☆ <geki cine="" ×=""> Bara-to Samurai / 薔薇とサムライ (June 25~)</geki>
Gardens Cinema ガーデンズ シネマ 099-222-8746	★ The White Ribbon (German) (May 21 ~ June 10) ☆ Tsumetai Nettaigyo / 冷たい熱帯魚 (May 21 ~ June 10) ☆ After Life / ワンダフルライフ (June 11 ~ June 17)	☆ Maboroshi-no Hikari / 幻の光 (June 11 ~ June 17) ★ Certified Copy (June 18 ~ July 8) ★ Au Revoir Taipei (June 18 ~ July 8)
Rena Theater Kanoya リナシアター Phone: 0994-35-1001	☆ Saibancho! Koko-wa Choeki 4nen-de Dodesuka / 裁判長 ここは ☆ Wasao / わさお (June 18 ~)	

TV

* Schedules are subject to change without notice, so please confirm with the cinema.

Movies	0	n T	V		
June				Day 211 au	
Julie	1	13:00		Papillon	
		19:00		Driving Miss Daisy	
	_	22:00		Timeline	
	2	13:00		The Cincinnati Kid	
	3	13:00	BS-P	Bullitt	
	4	18:30	BS-T	Mar Adentro / The Sea Inside (Sp.	anish)
	5	21:00	KKB	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World	d's End
	6	13:00	BS-P	Tony Arzenta / Big Guns (Italian)	
		22:00	BS-P	Rain Man	
	7	13:00	BS-P	Le Gang (French)	
		21:00	BS-J	The Italian Job	
		22:00	BS-P	La Mome / La Vie en Rose (Frenc	h)
	8	13:00	BS-P	Mort d'un Pourri (French)	
		22:00		The Green Mile	KKB = Digital 5
	9	13:00		The Sting	KTS = Digital 8 KYT = Digital 4
		13:00		The Color of Money	KII - Digitat 4
		21:00		No Reservations	BS-P=BS Premium
,	11	21:00		Transporter 3 (French)	BS11=BS 11
		13:00		Mary Poppins	BS-A = BS Asahi
	13				BS-J = BS Japan
		21:00		A Movie is a Movie (Korean)	BS-N = BS Nittele
		22:00		Bombon: El Perro (Spanish)	BS-T = BS TBS TwlV = TwellV
		13:00		Singin' in the Rain	IWIV = IWellV
•	15	13:00		The Wizard of Oz	
		20:00	BS11	Throw Down / 柔道龍虎房 (Yue C	Chinese)

16 13:00 BS-P An American in Paris

21:00 BS-A Fro Love of the Game

17 13:00 BS-P Hairspray 18 14:00 TwlV Klute

19	13:45	BS-P	Batman
	20:00	BS11	Hors de prix / Priceless (French)
	21:00	KKB	X-Men
20	21:00	BS-J	Color of Night
	22:00	BS-P	Batman Returns
	23:00	BS11	Meduzot/Jellyfish (Hebrew)
21	22:00	BS-P	Batman Forever
22	20:00	BS11	Heaven's Prisoners
	22:00	BS-P	Batman & Robin
	23:00	BS-N	Taipei 24H (1st half) / 台北異想 (Taiwanese Hokkien)
24	13:00	BS-P	200 Pounds Beauty (Korean)
	21:00	KYT	The Matrix
25	14:00	BS-N	The Thomas Crown Affair
			La Curee (French)
	21:00	BS-A	The Cassandra Crossing (French, English)
26	19:00	BS-N	Sa-rang / A Love (Korean)
	21:00	KKB	I, Robbot
27	13:00	BS-P	Bacheha-Ye Aseman (Persian)
	21:00	BS-J	The Nanny Diaries
	22:00	BS-P	Batman Begins
	23:00	BS11	Standing in the Shadows of Motown
28	13:00	BS-P	Song of Tibet / 益西卓瑪 (Chinese)
	21:00	BS-J	Vicky Cristina Barcelona (English / Spanish)
	22:00	BS-P	The Dark Knight
29	17:00	BS-T	Michael Jackson Commemorated
	21:00		
			Taipei 24H (2nd half) / 台北異想 (Taiwanese Hokkien)
30	13:00	BS-P	Die Hohle des gelben Hundes /
			The Cave of the Yellow Dog (German)

^{*}The above movies & TV programs are subject to change without notice. **This information is as of May 31.

SING LIKE TALKING Date: June 5 (Sun) Time: 18:00

Shimin Bunka Hall 2 Place:

ticket: 6,000 yen

Info: K&M Corporation / 099-223-7710

BASE BALL BEAR Date: June 9 (Thu)

Time: 19:00 Place: SR Hall

Ticket: 4,000 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon / 092-714-0159

RYUUN NAGAI (永井龍雲) - Pop

Date: June 11 (Sat) Time: 17:30

Place: Shimin Bunka Hall, Shimin Hall

Advence ticket: 4,500 yen At the door: 5,000 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo / 099-226-3465

TRIBAL ARIVALL - Rock, Pop

Date: June 14 (Tue) Time: 18:00 Place: CAPARVO Hall Ticket: 3,900 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon / 092-714-0159

SHINJI TANIMURA(谷村新司) - Folk

Date: June 23 (Thu) Time: 18:30

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center)

Ticket: 5,500 yen

Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon / 092-714-0159

2011 Tōhoku Earthquake and Tsunami

Charity Recital

SUGURU YONEZAWA (TENOR) AND **ETSUKO YONEZAWA (SOPRANO)**

(東北関東大震災被災者支援 天賦のテノール沢傑・ソプラノ米沢悦子ジョイントリサイタル)

Date: June 24 (Fri)

Time: 19:00

Place: Kagoshima Kenmin Koryu Center,

Kenmin Hall

2,000 yen Advence ticket: Adults

H.S.Students and below 1,000 yen

Info: Art Ongaku / 099-223-2323

DEEP - R&B

Date: June 28 (Tue)

Time: 19:00

CAPARVO Hall Place: Ticket: 4,500 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon / 092-714-0159

GEZA AND THE 5 DEVILS - Gipsy music

(ゲザ&ザ・5 デヴィルズ ジプシー楽団)

Date: July 8 (Fri) Time: 19:00

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center)

Ticket: 5,000 ~ 5,800 yen RO-ON / 099-223-8426 Info:

AYAKA HIRAHARA (平原綾香) - Pop

Date: July 9 (Sat) Time: 18:00

- Rock

- Rock

Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center) Place:

Ticket: 6,500 yen

Info: K&M Corporation / 099-223-7710

HiGE - Rock

Date: July 9 (Sat) Time: 18:00 SR Hall Place:

Ticket: 3,800 yen (+ 1 Drink) Info: BEA / 092-712-4221

CHISAKO TAKASHIMA (高嶋ちさ子)

Date: July 10 (Sun)

Time: 14:00

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center)

Ticket: 4,500 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo / 099-226-3465

SEIKO MATSUDA (松田聖子) - Pop

Date: July 15 (Fri) & 16 (Sat) Time: 15th 18:30 / 16th 17:00 Place: Shimin Bunka Hall 1 ticket: 8,400 ~ 21,000 yen

*21,000 yen ticket is a special present

- classic / violin

included.

*On sale from June 18 (Sat). Info: K&M Corporation / 099-223-7710

LYNCH. - Rock

Date: July 23 (Sat) Time: 18:00 Place: SR Hall

Ticket: 3,000 yen (+ 1 Drink) Info: BEA / 092-712-4221

DUKE ELLINGTON ORCHESTRA

Date: July 24 (Sun) Time: 14:00

Place: Sendai Bunka Hall,

Satsuma-sendai city Ticket: 4,500 ~ 5,500 yen

Info: Sendai Machi-zukuri Kosha /

0996-20-7570

HIDEAKI TOKUNAGA (徳永英明) - Pop

Date: August 28 (Sun)

Time: 16:00

Place: Shimin Bunka Hall 1

ticket: 7,500 yen

Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon / 092-714-0159

YUMI MATSUTOYA (松任谷由実) - Pop

Date: October 4 (Tue)

Time: 18:30

Place: Shimin Bunka Hall 1

ticket: 8,400 yen

*On sale from June 25 (Sat). Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon / 092-714-0159

KAGOSHIMA CITY ART GALLERY

4-36 Shiroyama cho, Kagoshima city 099-224-3400 / 9:30 ~ 18:00 / Closed Mondays

Admission fee: Adults 200 yen

EARLY SUMMER STORE PRODUCT EXHIBITION

~TANGEN KIMURA SPECIAL~

(初夏の所蔵品展 ~特集~木村探元) May 24 (Tue) ~ July 24 (Sun)

NAGASHIMA MUSEUM

3-42-18 Take, Kagoshima city 099-250-5400 / 9:00~17:00 Entrance fee: Adults 1,000 yen Lunch: 1,890 yen (weekdays only) 2,100 yen - 3,150 yen (others)

GORGEOUS AND FLOWERY GLASSWORKS

- THE WORLD OF ART NOUVEAU -

(華やかな花のガラス展 ーアール・ヌーヴォーの世界-)

March 12 (Sat) ~ June 30 (Thu)

MIYAKE MUSEUM

1-4319-4 Taniyama-chuo, Kagoshima city

099-266-0066 / 10:00 - 16:30 / Closed Wednesdays

Entrance fee: Adults 300 yen

Lunch: 11:00 - 14:00 / 750 yen - 1100 yen

Tea Time: 14:00 -18:00

Dinner: 18:00- (Bookings are required)

THE SIGHTS OF KAGOSHIMA IN PAINTINGS

(描かれた鹿児島の名所展) April 2 (Sat) ~ July 17 (Sun)

KODAMA ART MUSEUM

8251-1 Shimo-fukumoto cho, Kagoshima city 099-262-0050 / 10:00 - 16:00 / Closed Mondays

Admission fee: Adults 500 yen

SKETCHES BY ARTISTS FROM KAGOSHIMA

- Kinosuke Ebihara, Reizo Otake, Mitsushi (Sanshi) Iwashita, Michio Yamashita And Takao Kinoshita -(郷土作家のデッサン展 -海老原喜之助・大嵩禮造・岩下三

四•山下三千夫•木下貴雄-) June (Tue) ~ July 4 (Sun)

MIZUHO OSHIRO GALLERY

6-51-25 Murasakibaru, Kagoshima city

099-813-5460 / 11:00~21:00 / Closed Wednesdays

Entrance fee: free Hanasakan cafe 11:00 - 21:00 TOMOKO NAGAI EXHIBITION

(長井朋子 展 「6月の発表会」) June 12 (Sun) ~ August 7 (Sun)

WHITE GALLERY

25-7 Shimotatsuo-cho, Kagoshima city 099-248-3904 / 11:00 ~ 18:00 / Closed Mondays Lunch: 11:30 - 14:00 / 1,050 yen or 1,260 yen Cafe: 11:00 ~ 18:00

COLORS AND SHAPES - woodblock prints

SHU KUROKI EXIBITION (黒木 周 版画展) May 28 (Sat) ~ June 8 (Wed)

AGOPAN EXHIBITION (あごぱん 絵画展) - paintings

June 11 (Sat) ~ June 23 (Thu)



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