

# Update NEWSLETTER 3

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## Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots

### Tadamoto Park / 忠元公園

Harada, Isa city  
Tel: 0995-23-1311

People have enjoyed cherry blossom viewing since a long time ago here. The center of the park is *Tadamoto* shrine in which the lord of *Okuchi*, *Tadamoto Niro Musashimori* is enshrined. The street lined with cherry trees for 2km is gorgeous.

Tadamoto Park Cherry Blossom Festival is held at this season every year.

At night, they light Japanese lanterns on the street and the flowers look glorious!

About 20 street stalls will be open during the season.

Good time to see: March 24 (Sat) ~ April 8 (Sun)

\*During the period, the trees are lit up.

Variety: Yoshino cherry trees

Facilities: Toilet

Entrance fee: Free

Lit up: 18:30~22:00



#### Tadamono Park Cherry Blossom Festival (ただもところえんさくらまつり)

A tea ceremony, a special products sale, flea market and other things will be held.

Date: April 1 (Sun)

### Kotsuki River Side / 甲突川河畔

Kotsuki river side (From Korai river to Tenpozan river),  
Kagoshima city  
Tel: 099-216-1366

Popular cherry blossom viewing spot. In the season the riverside is colored in pink with 600 cherry trees. People enjoy eating, drinking, talking and singing until 22:00.

(The lights go out at 22:00, so please prepare to leave before that time.)

Good time to see: The end of March ~ The start of April

Variety:

Yoshino cherry trees, Double flowering cherry trees

Facilities: Toilet / Entrance fee: Free

Lit up: Until 22:00 / Party or BBQ: OK



### Chiran Peace Park /

#### 知覧平和公園

Kori, Chiran town, Minami-kyushu city  
Tel: 0993-83-2511

This park is the memorial of the *Kamikaze* special attack corps. The path of the entrance is covered by the cherry blossoms. Flowers are lit up at night time. The atmosphere is nice and mysterious. Cherry blossoms look more white and beautiful in the lights.

Good time to see: the end of March ~ the start of April

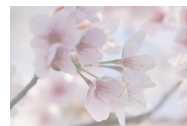
Variety: Yoshino cherry trees

Facility: Toilet, Shop, *Onsen*

Entrance fee: Free

Night time: OK

Party or BBQ: OK



### Lake Imuta /

#### 蘭牟田池

Imuta, Kedoin town, Satsuma-sandai city  
Tel: 0996-56-0370

Swans and the other birds visit this lake. Swans are really friendly. You can feed them with chopsticks. The reflection of cherry blossoms on the surface of the lake is gorgeous.

Good time to see:

the middle of March ~  
the middle of April

Variety: Yoshino cherry trees,  
hill cherry trees

Facilities: Toilet, Shop,  
Restaurant

Entrance fee: Free

Lit up: Until 22:00

Party or BBQ: OK



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National Holiday

March

20 (Tue) Shunbun-no-hi

春分の日

The Vernal Equinox



# Events

## SATSUMA-no HINA-MATSURI

### (SATSUMA DOLL'S FESTIVAL)

(さつまの ひなまつり / 薩摩のひなまつり)

map → A

An annual exhibition of dolls displayed on the Girl's Festival Day. When *Takehime*, the daughter of the 5th *Shougun*, *Tokugawa Tsunayoshi*, married Lord *Shimazu* of *Satsuma*, she brought about 550 dolls with her. Of these 550 dolls, there were 98 different kinds.

Iso garden is full of flowers of Japanese apricot, Taiwan cherries, camellias, azaleas.

Date: February 4 (Sat) ~ April 26 (Thu)

Time: 8:30 ~ 17:30

Place: Sengan-en (Iso garden), Kagoshima city

\* You need to pay an entrance fee.

Entrance fee:

Garden only: Adults 1000 yen /

Elementary & J.H.S.Students 500 yen

The garden and inside the castle tour:

Adults 1500 yen /

E. & J.H.S.Students 750 yen

Info: Sengan-en (Iso Garden) / 099-247-1551

## TERUHI JINJA HARU-MATSURI

map → B

### (TERUHI SHRINE SPRING FESTIVAL)

(てるひ じんじや はるまつり / 照日神社春まつり)

It is an annual spring festival of the shrine which is famous for matching men and women. A *kendo* competition and *Ko-oni kagura* (sacred music and dancing performed at shrines) and other events will be held on the day. There will also be a plant market and some stalls.

Date: March 11 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~

Place: Teruhi shrine, Osaki town, So county

Info: Teruhi shrine / 099-243-5700

## HARU-no KI-ICHI (SPRING PLANT MARKET)

(はるのきいち / 春の木市)

map → C

The annual event which is alive with lots of visitors, and stalls selling plants, seedlings, vegetables, pets and other things.

Some events such as gardening classes on 20th (Tue) of March and 29th (Sun) of April, 10:30-12:00, a gardening course by Satomi Shiba on the 31st (Sat) of March, 11:00-12:00 and other events will be held.

Date: March 15 (Thu) ~ May 6 (Sun)

Place: Banks of Kotsuki river, Kagoshima city

(Near Takamibashi tram stop)

Info: Kagoshima city / 099-216-1340

## HAYAUMA-SAI (HAYAUMA FESTIVAL)

(はやうまい / 早馬祭)

map → D

This is a festival to invoke good crops and good health for horses and cows. Horses decorated with colorful cloth, flowers and many bells around their necks dance to the sound of *shamisen* and drums.

Date: March 20 (Tue) \*national holiday

Time: 9:30 ~ 14:00

Place: Nitta shrine, Satsuma-sendai city

Info: Nitta shrine / 0996-22-4722

## TAKAONO "CHU-NO ICHI"

(たかおの「ちゅうのいち」 / 高尾野「中の市」)

map → E

One of the 3 biggest markets in the prefecture. People used to cook *soba* noodles on this day, so it is also called "*Soba-ichi* (*Soba* Market)".

Around *Takaono* station will be turned into a pedestrian precinct both days and about 300 stalls will sell foods, seedlings, flowering trees, miscellaneous articles and other things.

Many events will also be held.

Date: March 20 (Tue) & 21 (Wed)

Place: Takaono town shopping district, Izumi city

Time: 20 (Tue) 7:00 ~ 19:00

21 (Wed) 8:30 ~ 19:00

Info: Tsuru-no Machi Shoko-kai 0996-82-1065

## KIRISHIMA ART-na TABI CAMPAIGN

### KICK OFF EVENT

(「きりしま あーとな たび きゃんぺーん」きっくおふ い

べんと /

「霧島アートな旅キャンペーン」キックオフイベント)

"Kirishima Art-na Tabi Campaign" is an event which is you can enjoy art, music, onsen, experience programs and food in Kirishima area from March 20 (Tue / national holiday) to June 30 (Sat). The kick off event will be held on the 20th of March at Kirishima Art-no Mori and JR Kurino Station. Opening attraction and performing arts will be held at Kirishima Art-no Mori. Chain saw arts, an art market and art gallery will be held at JR Kurino Station. A free shuttle bus service between Kirishima Art-no Mori and JR Kurino station will be available on the day.

Date: March 20 (Tue) \*national holiday

Time: 10:00 ~ 16:00

Place: [Main site] Kirishima Art-no Mori, Yusui town, Aira county

[Sub site] JR Kurino Station,

Yusui town, Aira county

Info: [Main site] Kirishima Art-no Mori 099-286-3008

[Sub site] JR Kurino Station 0995-74-3111

# Sports

## RYOMA HONEYMOON WALK in KIRISHIMA

(りょうま はねむーん うおーく in きりしま / 龍馬ハネムーンウォーク in 霧島)

map → G

Historically famous *Ryoma Sakamoto* and his wife *Oryo* had the first ever honeymoon in Japan. You can trace where *Ryoma* and *Oryo* visited in *Kirishima*.

On the 17th, 12km *Hana-wa Kirishima Nanohana* Course and 20km *Hayato / Amori-gawa* Course walk will be held. On the 18th, 10km *Kirishima Onsen* Course and 23km *Inukai / Nakatsugawa* Course walk will be held. Walk in the early spring air thinking about *Ryoma* and *Oryo*.

You can enter on the day as well.

Date: March 17 (Sat) - 18 (Sun)

Time: Entry 17h 8:30 ~ / 18h 8:00 ~

\*If you want to enter on the day, please enter at least 30 minutes before the race start.

Place: Honeymoon Road, Kirishima city

\*Start and finish points are different depending on the course, so please ask for details from the executive.

Participation fee: Adult 2000 yen  
J.H.S & H.S.Student 1000 yen  
E.S.Student 500 yen

\*Advance application fee is cheaper than the fee above.

Deadline: February 10 (Fri)  
or when the applicants reach the fixed number

(400 ~ 1,000 people, depending on the course)

Info: Executive (Ryoma Honeymoon Walk Jikko

linkai) / 0995-57-4072

URL: <http://www.ryoma-walk.com/index.html>

## 50M DASH-OU SENSHUKEN

### (50M KING DASH)

(50めーとる だっしゅおう せんしゅけん / 50メートルダッシュ王選手権)

map → H

An annual spring sprint race will be held this year, too. It is categorized by age group and gender. People run 50 meters twice and the result is decided by the total time. A raffle will be held, too.

Date: March 25 (Sun)

Time: Entry 8:30 ~ / Race 9:30 ~ 16:00

Place: Kamoike Undo Koen Rikujo-kyogijo, Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Registration Fee: 1,500 yen

Deadline: March 17 (Sat)

Info: Executive (SCC Jimukyoku) / 099-229-4222

URL:

<http://www.10bai.com/scc/event/dash2012/index.html>

## 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)

map → I

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.

participants need to be high school students and above, they also need to prove they can swim in 30 minutes for 1,000 meters and aiming to goal in 2 and half hour for the race.

A manager meeting will be held on the 6th of August, and it is an important meeting.

Date: August 7 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 14:00

Place: Start Koike beach, Sakurajima

Goal Iso beach, Kagoshima city

Deadline: April 20 (Wed)

\*Apply through internet or by mail (Mail has to reach the executive no

later than April 20).

\*In case of too many participants,

determine by lot.

Info: Executive (SCC Jimukyoku) / 099-229-4222

URL: <http://www.10bai.com/enei/index.html>

## MINAMI-NIHON CROSS-COUNTRY RACE IN KIHOKU

(みなみにほん ころすかんとりー たいかい IN きほく / 南日本クロスカントリー大会 IN きほく)

map → J

Enjoy running on the hill where you can see Sakurajima and Kinko bay. There are 8km for adults, 5km for H.S.boys, 3km for adults, H.S.Students, J.H.boys, 2km for J.H.girls, group and family courses.

Date: May 12 (Sat)

Time: Entry 8:00 ~ 12:00

Place: Kihoku Uwaba Park, Kihoku town, Kanoya city

Registration Fee: Adults 2,000 yen

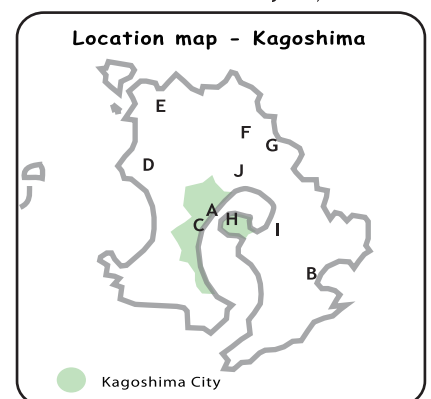
H.S.Students & J.H.S.Students

1,000 yen

Group & Family 200 yen / person

Deadline: April 13 (Fri)

Info: Executive (Minami-nihon Cross-country Taikai Jimukyoku) / 099-486-1196





## Antique & Flea Markets

### KYUSHU KOTTOU MATSURI (SATSUMA ANTIQUE FAIR)

(きゅうしゅう ことうまつり / 九州骨董祭)  
About 50 antique shops sell their antique items such as armor, Japanese swords, pictures, calligraphy, ceramics, pottery, old cloth, western antiques and other things. You will enjoy the variety.

Date: March 24 (Sat) & 25 (Sun)

Time: 8:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Sky Road Mizobe, Mizobe town, Kirishima city  
(a few minutes drive from the airport)

Info: 090-8411-3336

### KAGOSHIMA MAMMOTH FLEA MARKET 2012

(かごしま まんもす ふりま 2012 はる / かごしまマンモスフリマ2012春)

One of the biggest annual flea markets in Kyushu held by Minami-nihon Living. Clothes, shoes, books, dishes, sundry goods and other things will be sold. You might find your favorites!

It is also a good chance to clear your house up.

Date: April 28 (Sat) & 29 (Sun)

\*In case of rain, it will be postponed until April 30 (Mon / national holiday).

Time: 9:00 ~ 16:00

Place: Water Front Park, Kagoshima city  
(the sea side of Dolphin Port)

\*Application for booths has been closed.

Info: Minami-nihon Living 099-222-7290

## Stage

80th Anniversary of the establishment of Zenshinza public performance

### KENUKI - MIZUSAWA-no ICHIYA

(ぜんしんざそうりつはちじゅうねんきねんこう えん けぬき・さわのいちや / 前進座創立80周年記念公演 毛抜・水沢の一夜)

Zenshinza is a kabuki theatrical company in Tokyo.

Date: March 6 (Tue)

Time: 14:00 / 18:30

Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center), Yamashita cho, Kagoshima city

Advance Ticket: S seat 6,500 yen

A seat 5,500 yen

B seat 4,500 yen

C seat 3,000 yen

Info: Executive (Zenshinza 80 syunen

Kagoshima Koen Jikko linkai) 099-286-1115

### SAMURAI FIRST SESSION ~SOSEIKI~

(SAMURAI ふぁーすと せっしょん ~そうせいき~ / SAMURAI ファーストセッション ~創世記~)

This is a new musical performed by a performance & music group "SAMURAI Rock Orchestra". It is produced by Naoki Iketani, former olympic gymnast. The members are originally Muscle Musical members, dancers and musicians. Enjoy a totally new musical!

Date: March 30 (Fri)

Time: 19:00

Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,800 yen

Info: MJ Entertainment 03-4577-9095

Tetsuya Kumakawa K-ballet Company

### Spring Tour 2012 "LE CORSAIRE"

(くまがわ てつや Kばれえ かんぱにー Spring Tour 2012 「かいぞく」 / 熊川哲也Kバレエカンパニー Spring Tour 2012 「海賊」)

Tetsuya Kumakawa, Japanese most famous ballet dancer's ballet company will perform "Le Corsaire".

Date: June 2 (Sat)

Time: 14:00

Place: Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: S seat 17,000 yen / A seat 14,000 yen

B seat 10,000 yen / C seat 8,000 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo 099-226-3465

## Kyushu Events

### FUKUOKA

#### MOJIKO RETRO "FUGU-to AKARI-to

#### HINAMATSURI

#### (MOJI PORT RETRO "PUFFER FISH AND LIGHTS AND DOLL'S FESTIVAL)

(もんじこう れとろ 「ふぶと あかりと ひなまつり」 / 門司港レトロ「ふぐと灯りとひなまつり」)

Mojiko used to be one of the biggest trading ports in the Meiji, The Taisho and the beginning of the Showa period. Elegant western buildings still stand in rows in the town. This is one of the biggest events in Moji. During the period, they illuminate trees and buildings at Mojiko retro area. The shopping center is lit with the soft lights of Japanese lanterns shaped like puffer fish.

Hina dolls which are made in the Meiji, Taisho and Showa periods will also be decorated all over the town during this festival.

Date: February 4 (Sat) - March 25 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 17:00

Place: Moji area, Kita-kyushu city  
(about 10minutes from Moji IC.)

Info: Mojiko Retro Club 093-332-0106

URL: <http://www.retro-mojiko.jp/?p=1114>

#### (YANAGAWA HINAMATSURI SAGEMON MEGURI)

#### YANAGAWA DOLLS FESTIVAL SAGEMON TOUR

(やながわ ひなまつり さげもん めぐり / 柳川雛祭りさげもんめぐり)

Dolls festival is a Japanese traditional festival to invoke the happiness and growth of girls. People decorate gorgeous dolls for the day of March 3rd.

In Yanagawa, people also decorate "sagemon" which is the decoration of cranes, rabbits and other good luck symbols sewn on vertical threads. Yanagawa special Dolls Festival decorations are at some places including the houses which celebrate their daughters first Dolls festival, and you can join the tour to see the places which have the decorations (sagemon) on March 10 (Sat), 11 (Sun), 26 (Sat) and 24 (Sat) and 25 (Sun). The tour starts at 9:30 from Yanagawa city tourist information center (Yanagawa-shi Kanko Annaijo). "first come, first served (1,000 yen).

"Hina festival parade (Ohina-sama Hajime-kai) will be held on February 11 (Sat). "Hina doll water parade (ohina-sama suiyo parade)" will be held on March 18 (Sun) from 11:00 to 12:20. Date: February 11 (Sat) - April 3 (Tue)

\*February 11th is a national holiday. Place: Yanagawa shopping district and around Okinohata, Yanagawa city

Info: Yanagawa Tourism Association

0944-73-2145

URL: <http://www.yanagawa-net.com/new.php>

\* In case of rain, "Hina doll water parade" will be postponed until March 20 (Tue / national holiday).

## SAGA

### ARITA HIINA-no YAKIMONO MATSURI (ARITA DOLLS CHINAWARE FESTIVAL)

(ありたひなの やきもの まつり / 有田雛のやきものまつり)

The chinaware town, Arita will hold a festival! Chinaware hina-dolls will be decorated at potteries and shops in the town. Special hina-dolls made by Arita ware potteries, Meissen in Germany and Lladro in Spain will be exhibited.

Date: February 11 (Sat) ~ March 20 (Tue)

Place: Arita town, Nishi-matsuura county

Info: Arita Tourism Information Center

0955-43-2121

## KUMAMOTO

### ASO-no HI-MATSURI

### ASO FIRE FESTIVAL

(あその ひまつり阿蘇の火祭り)

The spring festival invoking good crops. It starts with ignition at Aso shrine. During the period, many towns and villages hold various events such as Minami-aso Sakura Ueki Festival (March 17th Sat ~ April 8th Sun), Tsuete Osen Koinobori Matsuri (Tsuete Spa Carp Shaped Streamer Festival) from 1st of April (Sun) to 6th of May (Sun), Aso-no Hiburi (Ritual of Sacred Fire) on the 24th of March (Sat) 18:00 ~ 20:00 and other things will be held. Daimonji-yaki (Making a huge Chinese character "火" on a slope of Aso mountain with torchlights) will be held on the 10th of March (Sat) from 18:30- and a fireworks display will also be held from 19:20 on this day.

Date: February 11 (Sat) ~ End of May

Place: Various places in Aso city

Info: Hana Asobi 0967-32-1960

## MIYAZAKI

### "HANATABI MIYAZAKI 2012" STARTING EVENT

(「はなたびみやざき2012」すたーてぃんぐいべんと / 「花旅みやざき2012」スターティングイベント)

Enjoy Spring in Miyazaki!

"Miyazaki Flower Festa" is renewed and it's called "Hanatabi Miyazaki" from this year and it will be held all year.

The starting event for "Hanatabi Miyazaki" will be held at Miyazaki-ken Sogo Bunka Koen.

Do not miss beautiful pictures made with flower petals "L'Infiorata" and the "One Night Flower Festival" in which you can enjoy 3D images on walls.

Date: March 23 (Fri) ~ March 25 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 17:00

\*9:00 ~ 21:00 on the 24th.

Place: Miyazaki-ken Sogo Bunka Park,

Miyazaki city

Info: Miyazaki Kanko Convention Kyokai

0985-26-6100 213

### 2012 MAKIBA-no SAKURA MATSURI

### (CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL at A MEADOW 2012)

(まきばの さくら まつり / まきばの桜まつり)

There are about 1,000 cherry trees lined along the street and it looks like a cherry blossom tunnel!

"Sakura Market" where you can buy tasty products and stage performances will be held.

A fireworks display will be beautiful in the dark night through lit up cherry blossoms!

Date: March 31 (sat) ~ April 1 (Sun)

Time: Fireworks display 19:00 ~ 20:00 (March 31)

Place: Hosono, Kobayashi city

Info: Makiba-no Sakura Matsuri Jikko linkai

0984-22-8684



# More Events for Joyful Spring!

Spring! The season for outings. It's getting warmer and people feel more upbeat. Flowers are beautiful, hills are colorful and the air is soft. It is the season for nice events, too. Check below and enjoy spring!

Enjoy a Traditional Japanese Spring in Iso Garden

## SATSUMA-no HINA-MATSURI (SATSUMA DOLL'S FESTIVAL)

### NINGYO-to HINA DOUGU TEN (CHINA DOLLS AND MATERIALS EXHIBITION)

(にんぎょうと ひなどうぐてん / 人形と雛道具展)



An annual exhibition of dolls displayed on the Girl's Festival Day. About 98 kinds, 550 dolls and materials were brought by *Takehime*, the daughter of the 5th Shogun Tokugawa Tsunayoshi, when she married Shimazu, the lord of Satsuma.

Date: January 31 (Sat) - April 23 (Thu)

Time: 8:30 - 17:20

Place: Sengan-en (Iso garden), Kagoshima city

Info: 099-247-1551

Entrance fee:

Only for the garden: Adult 1000 yen /  
Elementary & J.H.S.Student 500 yen

The garden and inside the castle tour: Adult 1500 yen /  
E. & J.H.S.Student 750 yen

### NAGASHI-BINA (FLOATING HINA DOLLS DOWN A RIVER)

(ながしびな / 流し雛)

Nagashi-bina (floating hina dolls down a river) is an event which is said to be the origin of the Dolls' Festival. This ceremony is still held in various regions as a folk custom which represents the removal of participants' impurities by throwing them into a river, in the same way as *harai-hitogata* (purification with a paper doll).

Sengan-en holds the events every year. People purify themselves by putting a pair of tiny hina dolls which are placed in a bamboo shaped boat into the river and praying for good health and happiness for the year.

Date: March 220 (Tue / national holiday)

Time: 13:00 ~ 14:00

Place: Sengan-en (Iso garden), Kagoshima city

Info: 099-247-1551

Tickets to experience Nagashi-bina: 3,000 yen / person

\*Reservation required.

Ladies only.

Admission fee: free



Photo: Kagoshima Prefectural Visitors Bureau

### KYOKUSUI-no EN (PROVIDING POEMS IN FRONT OF STREAM)

(きょくすいのえん / 曲水の宴)

"*Kyokusui no En*" is originally a Chinese traditional event. It was held among nobles about AD 600 ~ 900 in Spring. People sit beside a little stream in which a *sake* cup is floating. Before the sake cup floats through in front of the person, he / she has to compose a poem. This annual event had started in Japan before the *Nara* era (about AD 700). Here in *Iso* garden, the 21st Shimazu lord made the *kyokusui* garden about 1736, and copied Chinese "*Rantei*".

You can see this traditional graceful event in *Iso* garden. People dressed like characters in "*The Tales of Genji*" sit along a little stream and compose poems. You would feel like you have travelled in time to the *Heian* era.

Date: April 8 (Sun)

Time: 13:00 ~

Place: Sengan-en (Iso garden),  
Kagoshima city

Info: 099-247-1551

Admission ticket: Adult 2000 yen /  
Elementary & J.H.S.Student 1000 yen

\* You need to buy an entrance ticket as well.



## Picnic Market

Spend a beautiful day at a huge park and converse with nature!

At the market, sundries, secondhand articles, handcrafted articles, woodworks, vintage buttons, and sweets are sold.

A flea market will be open as well. You can sell things, too (clothes, handmade articles / participation fee 1,000 yen).

There is a playground, *ashiyu* and west Japan's biggest athletic course in the park. You can enjoy yourself all day!



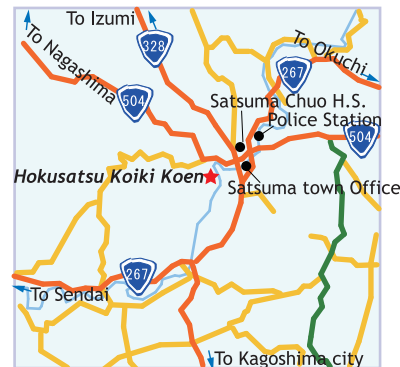
Date: March 25 (Sun)

Time: 10:00 ~ 16:00

Place: Hokusatsu Koiki Koen, Satsuma town,  
Satsuma county

E-mail: [picnicmarket329@yahoo.co.jp](mailto:picnicmarket329@yahoo.co.jp)

URL: <http://picnicmarket.chesuto.jp/>



## Umibe de marche

In a pine tree forest at Shigetomi Beach, a market will be held. More than 15 various shops such as a coffee shop, antique shops, vegetable shops and other shops in Aira town will sell their nice items.

A Satoko Kojima live performance will also be held in the afternoon.

Please bring your shopping bags.

Date: March 17 (Sat)

Time: 11:00 ~ 15:00

Place: Shigetomi Beach,  
Wakimoto, Aira town, Aira city

Info: Kusunoki Shizen-kan 0995-55-5666





# Changes to the Basic Resident Registration Law

## ~ Foreign residents will be subject to the Basic Resident Registration Law ~

Quotation from Portal Site on Policies for Foreign Residents by Cabinet Office, Government of Japan

<http://www8.cao.go.jp/teiju-portal/eng/policy/index.html> (English)

<http://www8.cao.go.jp/teiju-portal/port/index.html> (Português)

<http://www8.cao.go.jp/teiju-portal/espa/index.html> (Español)

### Foreign residents will be listed on the Basic Resident Registration

The Basic Resident Registration Law which currently does not apply to foreign nationals will be revised, making it applicable to foreign nationals. Consequently, foreign residents will be listed on the Basic Resident Registration along with Japanese residents. The Basic Resident Registration is the compiled residence records arranged by household.

### More convenient for foreign residents

◦This revision enables municipalities to have a better grasp of the members of multinational households (family composed of Japanese and non-Japanese individuals), compared with the current two-tier system that list Japanese members and non-Japanese members of the same family in two separate registrations (Basic Resident Registration and Alien Registration). Municipalities will also be able to issue certified copies of the residence record ("juminhyo") listing all members of such household.

◦The Basic Resident Registration is the basis for the provision of various public services. Therefore when a foreign resident moves to another municipality, he/she can continue receiving necessary services such as national health insurance just by completing the registration ("move-in notice") at the new municipal office. No extra application necessary.

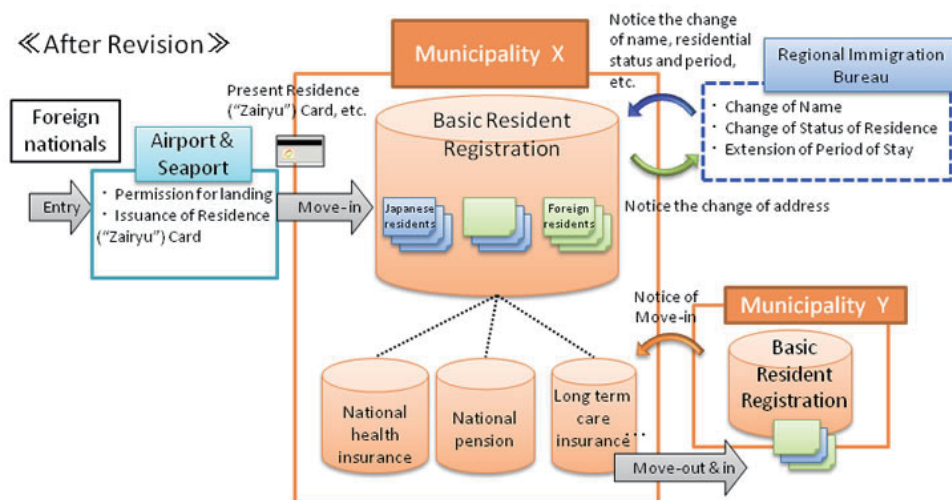
◦Justice Ministry (Regional Immigration Bureau) and municipalities will be collaborating in exchanging personal information of foreign residents, which will lighten the work of foreign residents by avoiding overlapped notices to both of those organizations.

With the soaring number of foreign nationals entering and residing in Japan each year, the establishment of a legal system by which municipalities can provide basic public services to both foreign and Japanese residents has become an urgent concern.

In order to address such concern, the law for partial amendments to the Basic Resident Registration Law was enacted at the 171st session of Diet and promulgated on July 15, 2009. This will make the Basic Resident Registration Law applicable to foreign residents and help improve their convenience and streamline municipalities' operations. This amendment will come into effect within three years after the promulgation date (exact date is to be determined by the Cabinet).

In addition, the bill to abolish the Alien Registration Act and revise \*concerned immigration laws was passed and enacted at the 171st Diet session. This will replace a certificate of alien registration with a new form of identification, called residence ("zairyu") card which will be issued at the airport to foreign nationals with legal status of residence.

\*The law Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act and the Special Act on the Immigration Control of, Inter Alia, Those who have Lost Japanese Nationality Pursuant to the Treaty of Peace with Japan



## The basic philosophy of Satsuma

### Jissinko Iroha-uta (日新公いろは歌) vol.25

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 twenty-fifth poem (starting with the letter “ゐ”):

亥にふして寅には起くとゆふ露の 身をいたづらにあらせじがため  
(I-ni Fushite Tora-niwa Okuto lu Tsuyu-no  
Mi-wo Itazura-ni Arasejiga Tame)

Scholars down the ages have studied hard by sleeping at ten (the hour of the mouse) and rising at four (the hour of the tiger).

Don't waste your fragile life on idle pastimes.



やよい  
弥生 (Yayoi)

Japanese has a different name for each month. We call March, “*Sangatsu*” usually, but we also have another name “*Yayoi*”. It means the season that plants grow thickly. Actually, it is a good season for wild flowers such as cherry blossoms and rape flowers.

## Yayoi calen-

### 啓蟄 (Keichitsu)

March 5 (Mon)

From this day to the Vernal Equinox Day is called “*Keichitsu*”. The ground warms up, so hibernating insects come out around this time. The first thunder after the first day of spring by the old calendar which is 4th of February is called “the thunder of taking insects out”. It could be that the thunder wakes insects up with a big bang!

### ホワイトデー (White Day)

March 14 (Wed)

In Japan, men give women sweets in return for the Valentine's Day chocolates. In 1978, The Japan Candy Industrial Cooperative chose the 14th of March as “the day of presenting candies”. White day has become a popular event since then. Now, people choose marshmallows and biscuits as well.

### 春の彼岸

### (Haru-no higan)

March 17 (Sat) - 23 (Fri)

It is the period of three days before and after the Vernal Equinox Day. It becomes warmer around *higan*. “*Higan*” means another world. It originally means spiritual enlightenment in Buddhism, but “*higan*” as a custom is traditionally Japanese. People go to their ancestor's graves and put rice cakes covered with bean jam, dumplings and other things on their household shrine.

### 春分の日

### (Shunbun-no hi)

March 20 (Tue)

The Vernal Equinox Day. In Japan, this day is a holiday for “the day to praise nature and love creatures”. It is also the middle day of the equinoctial week, in which people visit graves of ancestors and visit temples. They also put *bota-mochi* (rice cake covered with *adzuki* bean paste) in front of household shrines.



\* The dates above depend on the lunar calendar, so they change every year.



The 3rd of March is the girl's festival. People decorate *Hina* dolls and invoke their daughter's good health and growth.

But, originally this event was not for girls. It originated in China. Around AD 300, An event “*Joshi-setsu*” was begun. “*Joshi (Jomi)*” means the day of the Snake (the sixth of the twelve signs of the Chinese zodiac) early in March. People used to think that devils tend to come inside of houses or their bodies when the seasons change, so they used to purify themselves at the waterside.

Japanese envoys to China during the Tang Dynasty brought this custom back to Japan. Japanese people had a custom of purifying themselves with water before that, and these two customs were joined.

Later, people started to hold “*Kyokusui-no En* (providing poems in front of a stream)” as an event to purify *Joshi*. They also started another custom which they remove their uncleanness and bad luck into dolls made with paper, straw and grass (*tachi-bina*), and float them away.

This custom spread throughout the *samurai* class, and the Tokugawa shogunate established “*Joshi-no Sekku* (the seasonal festival of *Joshi*)” as one of five seasonal festivals. Then, this day became “The Girl's Festival” as opposed to “The Boy's Festival” which is held on the 5th of May.

They also used to make dolls to keep evil spirits away from their children.

The Girl's Festival is also called “*Momo-no Sekku* (a seasonal festival of peach blossom)”. This is not only the season of peach blossom, but people used to think that peach trees were holy trees which remove devils.

On the other hand, in the *Heian* period, the noble class girls used to play with paper dolls (*Hina / Hiina asobi*). “*Hina*” means small and cute things.

Later, people begun to make a pair of man and woman dolls to remove people's bad luck on them. Doll making skill had progressed, and gorgeous dolls started to be made. People started to decorate the dolls rather than float them away. Upper-class people started to give gorgeous *hina* dolls as one of a bride's household effects, and people liked the dolls in wedding costumes and wedding items.

*Hina* dolls became a symbol of the financial power of the family.

Thus people started to buy *hina* dolls to remove baby girl's bad luck, and to celebrate the girls' festival invoking girls good health and growth.

## Fortune-telling

March 1 ~ March 31



### January Birthday:

You are aiming to improve something, aren't you. It is the month you can improve a lot. If you practice more you will find more of your improvement. Yes, you can feel your improvement directly from practicing.

### February Birthday:

You might be busy this month. You might want to give up those many things to do. But, do your best. Everything is for you to step up. If you try hard this month, you'll get a return for it.

### March Birthday:

Enjoy your life full of fun! Setting out your favorite ornaments or coordinating the color of your room with your favorite color makes your life happy.

### April 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.

### May Birthday:

Listening to music is a lucky action for you this month. You might find a hint for solutions to your problems through music. Music also makes you happy and relax.

### June Birthday:

When you feel stress, remember to breathe deeply. It calms you down and makes your mind clear.

### July Birthday:

In the new life, 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.

### August Birthday:

Think again about what you really want to do or what you really like. Take your time and think over about yourself, then you'll find the right path.

### September Birthday:

Time passes quickly, but it is important to review the study which you've learnt on the day. It will bear fruits.

### October Birthday:

Forgiving people makes yourself calm and happy. It also makes you improve. Using the right side of your brain is also good: paint pictures, sing songs or dance.

### November Birthday:

Do things carefully and take your time. Your faithful work makes other people trust you.

### December Birthday:

When your efforts don't bear fruit, resign it with good grace. Then you can see the new start line.



# Movie Guide

★ Foreign movie ☆ Japanese movie

<b>TOHO Cinemas Yojiro</b> 東宝シネマズ与次郎 Phone: 099-206-6544	★ <i>Tramps Like Us</i> / きみはペット (Korean) (January 21 -) ☆ DOCUMENTARY of AKB48 Show must go on 少女たちは傷つきながら、夢を見る (January 27 -) ☆ <i>Kirin-no Tsubasa</i> / 麒麟の翼 (January 28 -) ★ The Girl with the Dragon Tatoo (February 10 -) ☆ <i>Gyakuten Saiban</i> / 逆転裁判 (February 11 -) ☆ <i>Hayabusa Harukanaru Kikan</i> / はやぶさ 遙かなる帰還 (February 11 -) ★ In Time (February 17 -) ★ Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (February 18 -) ★ UNDERWORLD AWAKENING (February 24 -) ★ The Twilight: Saga Breaking Dawn Part1 (February 25 -) ★ WAR HORSE (March 2 -) ☆ <i>Doraemon</i> / 映画ドラえもん のび太と奇跡の島 アニマル アドベンチャー	☆ <i>LIAR GAME</i> / ライアーゲーム 再生 (March 3 -) ☆ <i>Okaeri Hayabusa</i> / おかえり、はやぶさ (March 10 -) ★ SHERLOCK HOLMES : A GAME OF SHADOWS (March 10 -) ★ STAR WARS EPISODE 1: THE PHANTOM MENACE 3D (March 16 -) ★ THE IRON LADY (March 16 -) ★ PUSS IN BOOTS (March 17 -) ☆ <i>Bokura-ga Ita</i> (the first part ) / 僕等がいた 前篇 (March 17 -) ☆ <i>Ouran High School Host Club</i> / 桜蘭高校ホスト部 (March 17 -) ☆ <i>Bokutachi Kyuko A-ressha-de Ikou</i> / 僕達急行 A列車で行こう (March 24 -) ☆ Ultraman Saga / ウルトラマンサーガ (March 24 -) ★ my week with MARILYN (March 24 -) ☆ <i>POV Norowareta Film</i> / POV～呪われたフィルム～ (March 24 -)
<b>Mitte 10 ミッテ 10</b> Phone: 099-812-6662 (Amu Plaza 6F)	☆ <i>ROBO-G</i> / ロボジー (January 14 -) ☆ DOCUMENTARY of AKB48 Show must go on 少女たちは傷つきながら、夢を見る (January 27 -) ☆ <i>Kirin-no Tsubasa</i> / 麒麟の翼 (January 28 -) ★ Tower Heist (February 3 -) ☆ <i>Berserk</i> / ベルセルク 黄金時代篇I 覇王の卵 (February 4 -) ★ The Girl with the Dragon Tatoo (February 10 -) ☆ <i>Gyakuten Saiban</i> / 逆転裁判 (February 11 -) ☆ <i>Hayabusa Harukanaru Kikan</i> / はやぶさ 遙かなる帰還 (February 11 -) ★ In Time (February 17 -) ☆ <Cinema Kabuki> <i>Kaijin Besso</i> / 海神別荘 (February 18 -) ★ Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (February 18 -) ★ The Twilight: Saga Breaking Dawn Part1 (February 25 -) ★ The Double (February 25 -) ☆ <i>Yubiwa-wo Hametai</i> / 指輪をはめたい (February 25 -) ★ PAUL (February 25 -)	★ HUGO (March 1 -) ★ WAR HORSE (March 2 -) ☆ <i>Doraemon</i> / 映画ドラえもん のび太と奇跡の島 アニマル アドベンチャー ☆ <i>LIAR GAME</i> / ライアーゲーム 再生 (March 3 -) ☆ <i>Okaeri Hayabusa</i> / おかえり、はやぶさ (March 10 -) ★ SHERLOCK HOLMES : A GAME OF SHADOWS (March 10 -) ★ STAR WARS EPISODE 1: THE PHANTOM MENACE 3D (March 16 -) ★ THE IRON LADY (March 16 -) ★ PUSS IN BOOTS (March 17 -) ☆ <i>Bokura-ga Ita</i> (the first part ) / 僕等がいた 前篇 (March 17 -) ☆ <i>Pre-cure All Stars</i> / 映画 ブリキアオールスターズ New Stage みらいのともだち (March 17 -) ☆ <Cinema Kabuki> <i>Koyahijiri</i> / シネマ歌舞伎 高野聖 (March 17 -) ☆ <i>Bokutachi Kyuko A-ressha-de Ikou</i> / 僕達急行 A列車で行こう (March 24 -) ☆ Ultraman Saga / ウルトラマンサーガ (March 24 -) ★ my week with MARILYN (March 24 -)
<b>Gardens Cinema</b> ガーデンズ シネマ 099-222-8746 (Maruya Gardens 7F)	★ <i>Rompecabezas</i> / Puzzle (Spanish) (Febuary 18 ~ March 9 / It's off on March 3) ★ <i>Sedmikrásky</i> / Daisies (Czech) (Only on March 3) ★ 孔子 / Confucius (Chinese) (March 4 ~ March 23)	☆ <i>Ending Note</i> / エンディングノート (March 4 ~ March 30) ☆ <i>Andante ~Ine-no Senritsu~</i> / アンダンテ ～稲の旋律～ (March 10 ~ March 23) ★ <i>Incendies</i> (French, Arabic) (March 24 -)
<b>Rena Theater Kanoya</b> リナシアター Phone: 0994-35-1001 (Rena city Kanoya 3F)	☆ <i>Isoroku</i> / 聯合艦隊司令長官 山本五十六 (March 3 ~ March 23)	

## Movies on TV

### March

4	14:00	BS-N	The Stranger
	19:00	BS-N	Second in Command
	21:00	KKB	Transporter 3 / Le Transporteur 3 (English, French)
5	13:00	BS-P	Cleopatra
	21:00	BS-J	Crank
	22:00	BS-P	Breakfast at Tiffany's
	23:00	BS11	It's a Free World...
6	13:00	BS-P	The Poseidon Adventure
	21:00	BS-J	Mother (Korean)
	22:00	BS-P	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
7	13:00	BS-P	Grand Hotel
	22:00	BS-P	Mrs. Doubtfire
	22:00	BS-T	Crash
8	13:00	BS-P	La dolce vita (Italy)
9	13:00	BS-P	Grand Prix
	21:00	KYT	Fantastic Four
10	00:00	BS-P	The Abyss Special Edition
	21:00	BS-A	Miss Congeniality
11	14:00	BS-N	Try to Remember
	19:00	BS-N	All the King's Men
12	13:00	BS-P	Stalag 17
	21:00	BS-J	A Good Woman (English, Italy)
	22:00	BS-P	My Fair Lady
13	13:00	BS-P	The Lost Weekend
	21:00	BS-J	Life as a House
14	13:00	BS-P	Mr. Smith Goes to Washington
	19:00	TwIV	My Blueberry Nights
	22:00	BS-T	Six Days Seven Nights

15	13:00	BS-P	Harvey
	19:00	TwIV	Coffee and Cigarettes
16	13:00	BS-P	Dersu Uzala (Russian)
	21:00	KYT	District 9
17	18:30	BS-T	The Way We Were
	21:00	BS-A	Working Girl
18	19:00	BS-N	Tobruk (Czech, Slovak)
	19:00	KKB	Sherlock Holmes
	20:00	BS11	Bombon: El Perro (Spanish)
19	13:00	BS-P	墨攻 / A Battle of Wits (Mandarin)
	21:00	BS-P	Vicky Cristina Barcelona (English, Spanish)
	23:00	BS11	Meduzot / Jellyfish (Hebrew, English)
20	13:00	BS-P	Mongol (Mongolian, Mandarin)
21	13:00	BS-P	Paycheck
	19:00	TwIV	Into the World
22	13:00	BS-P	The Three Musketeers
	19:00	TwIV	L'odeur de la papaye verte (Vietnamese)
23	13:00	BS-P	Zathura
24	19:00	BS-P	WALL. E
	21:00	BS-A	Around the World in 80 Days
26	21:00	BS-P	The Pursuit of Happyness
	23:00	BS11	Standing in the Shadows of Mortown
27	13:00	BS-P	Blindsight
	21:00	BS-J	The Invasion
28	13:00	BS-P	El espíritu de la colmena (Spanish)
29	13:00	BS-P	Offret (Swedish, English, French)
30	13:00	BS-P	Je ne suis pas là pour être aimé (French)
31	00:00	BS-P	Fast Times at ridhemont High
	19:00	BS-T	The Wrestler

\* Schedules are subject to change without notice.

\*\* This information is as of February 29.

KKB = Digital 5  
KTS = Digital 8  
KYT = Digital 4

BS-P= BS Premium  
BS11 =BS 11  
BS-A = BS Asahi  
BS-J = BS Japan  
BS-N = BS Nittele  
BS-T = BS TBS  
TwIV = TwellV  
NHKE= NHK Etele

# Music

**BIGMAMA** - Rock, Emo  
 Date: March 9 (Fri)  
 Time: 19:00  
 Place: SR Hall, Tenmonkan,  
 Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 3,500 yen (+ 1 Drink)  
 Info: BEA 092-712-4221

**coba** - Accordion  
 Date: March 10 (Sat)  
 Time: 17:30  
 Place: CAPARVO Hall, Tenmonkan,  
 Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 5,500 ~ 6,000 yen (+ 1 Drink)  
 Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

**Toyohiko Satoh Lute Recital**  
 (佐藤豊彦リユート・リサイタル) - Lute  
 Date: March 10 (Sat)  
 Time: 14:00  
 Place: Miyama Conseru, Kirishima city  
 Ticket: Free  
 Info: Miyama Conseru 0995-78-8000

**Yuya Matsushita** (松下優也) - R&B, J-Pop  
 Date: March 11 (Sun)  
 Time: 18:00  
 Place: CAPARVO Hall, Tenmonkan,  
 Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 5,000 yen (+ 1 Drink)  
 Info: Kyodo Nishi-nihon 092-714-0159

**Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra**  
 (ウィーン放送交響楽団) - Orchestra  
 Date: March 15 (Thu)  
 Time: 19:00  
 Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center),  
 Yamashita town, Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 5,000 ~ 11,000 yen  
 Info: RO JON Classic-no Kai  
 099-223-8426

**Chikako Sawada** (沢田知可子) - J-Pop  
 Date: March 15 (Thu)  
 Time: 19:00  
 Place: Sendai Bunaka Hall,  
 Satsuma-sendai city  
 Ticket: 5,500 yen  
 Info: MIN-ON Sendai 0996-23-8739

**Chikako Sawada** (沢田知可子) - J-Pop  
 Date: March 17 (Sun)  
 Time: 19:00  
 Place: Kirishima Shimin Kaikan,  
 Kokubu, Kirishima city  
 Ticket: 5,500 yen  
 Info: MIN-ON Kirishima 0995-62-2357

CRYSTAL GEYSER Presents  
**STARDUST REVUE** - J-POP  
 Date: March 17 (Sat)  
 Time: 17:30  
 Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center),  
 Yamashita town, Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 6,500 yen  
 Info: RO JON Comrade 099-223-8426

**Tsuyoshi Nagabuchi** (長瀬 剛)  
 - J-POP, Rock  
 Date: June 25 (Mon) & 26 (Tue)  
 Time: 18:30  
 Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1,  
 Yojiro, Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 9,450 yen  
 Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

**Kosuke Atari** - Shimauta, J-Pop  
 (中孝介コンサートツアー2011-2012)  
 Date: March 25 (Sun)  
 Time: 16:30  
 Place: Kimotsuki-cho Bunka Center,  
 Kimotsuki town, Kimotsuki county  
 Ticket: 4,500 yen  
 Info: Kimotsuki-cho Bunka Center  
 0994-65-2594

**PE'Z** - Jazz, Instrumental  
 Date: April 1 (Sun)  
 Time: 17:30  
 Place: SR Hall, Tenmonkan,  
 Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 4,000 yen (+ 1 Drink)  
 Info: BEA 092-712-4221

**ET-KING** - J-POP  
 Date: April 14 (Sat)  
 Time: 18:00  
 Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center),  
 Yamashita town, Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 4,800 yen  
 Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

**IKIMONOGAKARI** (いきものがかり)  
 - J-POP, Rock  
 Date: April 24 (Tue)  
 Time: 18:30  
 Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1,  
 Yojiro, Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 5,500 ~ 5,800 yen  
 \*Tickets will be on sale from March 17 (Sat).  
 Info: BEA 092-712-4221

**Ayaka Hirahara** (平原綾香) - J-POP  
 Date: June 24 (Sun)  
 Time: 17:30  
 Place: Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center),  
 Yamashita town, Kagoshima city  
 Ticket: 6,500 yen  
 \*Tickets will be on sale from March 24 (Sat).  
 Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

# Art

**KAGOSHIMA CITY MUSEUM OF ART**  
 4-36 Shiroyama cho, Kagoshima city  
 099-224-3400 / 9:30 ~ 18:00 / Closed Mondays  
 Entrance fee: Adults 300 yen  
**KAGOSHIMA'S MODERN JAPANESE PAINTING EXHIBITION**  
 (鹿児島近代日本画展) - Japanese Paintings  
 February 9 (Thu) ~ March 28 (Wed)

STORE PRODUCT EXHIBITION OF EARLY SPRING  
 (早春の所蔵品展)  
 January 24 (Tue) ~ March 18 (Sun)

**NAGASHIMA MUSEUM**  
 3-42-18 Take, Kagoshima city  
 099-250-5400 / 9:00-17:00  
 Entrance fee: Adults 1,000 yen  
 Lunch: 1890 yen (week days only)  
 2100 yen - 3150 yen (others)  
**EBIHARA KINOSUKE EXHIBITION** (海老原喜之助展)  
 - Paintings  
 January 22 (Sun) ~ April 8 (Sun)

**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)  
**ASSOCIATION OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS (DOKURITSU BIJUTSU KYOKAI) MEMBERS' EXHIBITION**  
 (独立美術協会員の作品展) - Paintings  
 January 5 (Thu) ~ March 27 (Tue)

**KODAMA ART MUSEUM**  
 8251-1 Shimo-fukumoto cho, Kagoshima city  
 099-262-0050 / 10:00 - 16:00 / Closed Mondays  
 Admission fee: Adults 500 yen  
**THE ART EXHIBITION OF REIZO OTAKE & HIS FELLOWS**  
 (大岡禮造と先輩や仲間たち展) - Paintings  
 January 4 (Wed) ~ March 31 (Sat)

**WHITE GALLERY**  
 25-7 Shimotatsuo-cho, Kagoshima city  
 099-248-3904 / 11:00 ~ 18:00 / Closed Mondays  
 Lunch: 11:30 - 14:00 / 1050 yen or 1260 yen and cafe muu  
**BAN ROM SAI EXHIBITION** (バーンロムサイ展)  
 - Clothes and other things made with homespun cloth  
 Ban Rom Sai is an orphanage for children, who have lost their parents to due AIDS or have contracted HIV from a parent. (URL: <http://www.banromsai.org/>)  
 You can support the children through buying their products.  
 March 3 (Sat) ~ March 15 (Thu)

**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  
**- PRINTS GROUP SHOW -**  
**Rieko Hidaka, Mio Kaneda, Kazuhito Sahara**  
 (- 版画グループ展 -  
 日高理恵子 ・ 金田実生 ・ 佐原和人)  
 February 5 (Sun) ~ April 8 (Sun)

## VISITOR CENTER

## Update



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