http://kic-update.com/en/

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Walk Through The Sea to Chirin-ga Jima

Chirin-ga jima is an island just inside the entrance to Kinko bay near Ibusuki.

 $A{\rm n}$ 800m long sandbar appears at low tide during the flood tide or the middle tide from March to October.

It gives you a special feeling to walk across the sandbar from the Ibusuki side to the island. It takes about 20 minutes. The longest time the sandbar appears is for four hours. According to statistics of the city, for 190 days in a year it appears more than an hour, and for 86 days in a year more than two hours.

The island is known as a matchmaking island, and there are several things for people who want to cement a relationship with their partners.

Chirin's Heart: 2 different sized objects. They look like a heart shape from the side.

Chi-kai (Chi貝): Connect a shell on a chain on the island thinking about your love. Shells (200yen / each) are sold at Ibusuki city General Tourism Bureau (Ibusuki-shi Sogo Kanko Annaijo), Holiday Village Ibusuki (Kyuka-mura

Ibusuki) and Tsukimi-so.

Chirin's Bell: It is located on the hill of *Chirin-ga jima*. It is said if you ring the bell praying for happiness, your wish will be fulfilled. The view from this place is great, too.



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May 15 (Tue) 8:15~11:00 16 (Wed) 8:30 ~ 12:25 17 (Thu) 8:50~13:30 18 (Fri) 9:10~14:15 19 (Sat) 9:40~15:00 20 (Sun) 10:05~15:35 21 (Mon) 10:35~16:15 22 (Tue) 11:10~16:45 23 (Wed) 11:40~17:20 24 (Thu) 12:20~17:55 25 (Fri) 12:55~18:25 26 (Sat) 13:40~18:30 27 (Sun) 14:35 ~ 18:30 28 (Mon) 15:45~18:30 29 (Tue) 30 (Wed) 7:05~9:45 31 (Thu) 7:30~11:35



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National Holiday

May 3 (Thu) 4 (Fri) 5 (Sat) Kenpo Kinenbi Midori no Hi Kodomo no Hi 憲法記念日 みどりの日 こどもの日 Constitution Memorial Day Green Day Children's Day

HARU-no KI-ICHI (SPRING PLANT MARKET)

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

Some events will be held, too. Date: March 15 (Thu) ~ May 6 (Sun) Place: Banks of Kotsuki river,

Kagoshima city

(Near Takamibashi tram stop) Info: Kagoshima city / 099-216-1340

KANOYA BARA-MATSURI 2012 HARU (KANOYA ROSE FESTIVAL 2012

SPRING) (かのや ばらまつり 2012 はる / かのやばら祭り2012春) There are 50,000 rose trees in 80,000 square meters of park. Beautiful roses, cherry blossoms and poppies are planted, and the English Rose Garden has been renewed. The highlight of the festival is "Kanoya Rose Garden Fantasy Night" on the 26th and 27th of May, and you can enjoy roses with illumination, candles and a laser show!

You can try Rose curry, rose soft ice cream and rose shochu at the restaurant in the garden.

April 27 (Fri) ~ June 3 (Sun)

Time: 9:00 ~ 18:00

Place: Kanoya Rose Garden, Hamada town,

Kanoya city

Entrance fee: Adults 600 yen

E.S., J.H.S. & H.S. Student 100 yen Info: Kanoya Rose Garden 0994-40-2170

SHIMAZU-KE-no GOGATSU NOBORI

(SHIMAZU FAMILY'S MAY FLAG) (しまづけのごがつのぼり / 島津家の五月幟) An exhibition of flags for the Boy's Festival of

the 30th lord Tadashige Shimazu. Colorful flags wave in the salt breeze.

Date: April 28 (Sat) ~ June 3 (Sun)

Time: 8:30 ~ 17:30

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

Sengan-en / 099-247-1551 Info: Entrance fee: Adult 1000 yen

Elementary & J.H.S.Student 500 yen

FUKIAGE-HAMA SUNA-no SAITEN (map) → D (SAND and FLOWER FESTA in FUKIAGE) ふきあげはますなのさいてん / 吹上浜砂の祭典

Fukiage beach is one of Japan's 3 biggest dune systems. Here at the beach, the big annual sand festival will be held! About 90 sand sculptures will be sculpted.

Many events such as Sound and Lights Fantasy show from the 2nd to 6th of May 19:45, making sand sculpture, Satsuma Kenshi Hayato Show, bingo and other things will be held.

Art marché (hand-made works exhibition and sale) also will be held. Contact the telephone number below for details.

Date: May 2 (Wed) ~ May 13 (Sun)

Place: Sand Festival Site,

near Green Dome Kinpo, Kinpo town,

Minami-satsuma city

Tickets for the 1st stage (May 2 ~ May 6): Adults 1,000 yen / Children 500 yen * Advance tickets:

(Adult 700 yen / Child 400 yen) are available at convenience stores.

Tickets for the 2nd stage (May 7 ~ May 13)
Adults 500 yen / Children 500 yen

Executive (Fukiage-hama Suna-no Saiten Jikko linkai) / 0993-53-2111

URL: http://www.sand-minamisatsuma.jp/

HINAJO MATSURI (BABY GIRL FESTIVAL) (ひなじょまつり / ひな女祭り)

(map) → E

*This event is canceled this year

This event is held on the 8th of April by the lunar calendar, which is Buddha's birthday, at Sagata area in Akune city. It is held to invoke the healthy growth of new baby girls. Mothers put babies back to back and dance hanya-bushi.

Date: May 28 (Mon) 14:00 ~ Time:

Place: Fishing port square, Sagata, Akune city

Info: Akune city / 0996-73-1211

IBUSUKI HULA FESTIVAL

(いぶすき ふら ふぇすてぃばいぶすきフラフェスティバル)



Many events such as hula competitions (May 25th 13:00~17:30), hula exhibitions (May 26th 9:00 ~ 17:00 & 27th 10:00~17:00), street hula (machikado hula, May 26th 14:00~17:00 in front of Ibusuki station), an aloha cocktail party(May 26th 19:00~21:00 at Ibusuki Iwasaki Hotel / 3500 yen) will be held.

Some workshops also will be held. At the car park, Hawaiian goods and Hawaiian food will be sold.

Date: May 25 (Fri) ~ 27 (Sun) 25th (Fri) 13:00 ~ 19:45 Time: 26th (Sat) 9:00 ~ 21:00

27th (Sun) 9:30 ~ 17:20 Place: Ibusuki Shimin Kaikan, and other places, Ibusuki city

Entrance fee: free

Executive / 0993-22-3252 Info:

URL:

http://www.nishitetsutravel.jp/ibusukihula/ind ex.html

SEPPETOBE

Info:

Annual festival in which young men form a circle in a paddy field, are covered with mud, drink sake and sing songs invoking good crops. A dance with sticks and a Zen priest dance will be dedicated on the day.

Date: June 3 (Sun)

Shinto ritual 8:30 ~ 9:30 Seppetobe 10:00 ~ 10:30

11:00 ~ **Events**

Place: Hachiman shrine and Onimaru shrine

Hiyoshi town, Hioki city Hioki city hall / 099-292-2111



Photo: Kagoshima Prefectural Visitors Bureau

YAKUSHIMA TWO DAY MARCH



Enjoy walking in the world heritage forest. On the 12th there are 2 courses around Shiratani Unsui-kyo: 5km and 13km. On the 13th there are 3 courses: 13km (Onoma → Senpiro water fall → Onoma) and 25km (Nagata \rightarrow Oko water fall). Date & Time: May 12 (Sat) & 13 (Sun) 8:30 ~

*Starting time is different depending on the course; please ask the executive for details.

Place: Yakushima

Participation Fee: Adults 2,000 yen

H.S.Students and below 1,000 yen Family 4000 yen (for 3 people, then +1000 yen / + 1person) *Lunch is not included.

Application deadline: You can apply on the

event day.

Info: Executive (Yakushima Two Day March Jikko

Iinkai Jimukyokku) / 0997-43-5900

URL: http://www.yakushima-town.jp/two-days-

march/html/htdocs/?page_id=13

TRIATHLON in TOKUNOSHIMA

(とらいあすろんinとくのしま / トライアスロンin徳之島) An annual triathlon race. Swim 2km, bike 75km and run 21km, total 98km. There are 3 events: total class, relay class and ekiden class. Total class is the usual one person race, you need 3 people for relay class (1 person each for each section of the race) and 6 people for ekiden class (swim: 1 person

/ bike: 3 people / run: 2 people). Date & Time: June 24 (Sun) 8:00 ~ Place: Yonama beach start, Amagi town Participation Fee:

Total class: Adults 20.000 ven H.S.Students 10,000 yen Relay class: 33,000 yen / team Ekiden class: 60,000 yen / team

*Party and insurance included. Deadline: May 18 (Fri)

*You need to send a copy of your hoken-sho

(health insurance card), too.

Info: Executive (Amagi town shoko suisan-ka) / 0997-85-5149

URL: http://www.yui-

amagi.com/modules/pico/index.php?cat_id=148



Antique & Flea Markets

2012 International Cooperation Disaster **Support Festa** map "THINKING OF YOU ~ FOR TOHOKU, FOR

JAPAN, THE WISH IS THE SAME ALL OVER THE WORLD~

(2012 国際協力災害支援フェスタ Thinking of You ~ 東北のため、日本のため、世界中の想いはひとつ~) This is a charity flea market for Tohoku. Some of the fee for booths will be donated.

Date & Time: May 19 (Sat) 11:00 ~ 17:00 *If it rains, the market will be postponed to

May 19 (Sat)

Place: Chuo Park (Ten Park), Kagoshima city (In front of Hozan Hall)

Executive / 090-3669-7829 (10:00 ~ 16:00) Info:

KYUSHU KOTTOU MATSURI (KYUSHU ANTIQUE FAIR)

(きゅうしゅう こっとうまつり / 九州骨董祭り) Calligraphy, paintings, crockery, swords, tea ceremony tools, old money and other things will be sold. You might find something valuable?! Date: May 26 (Sat) - 27 (Sun) 8:00 ~ 17:00

Place: The gym at Uwatoko Park, Mizobe town, Kirishima city

Executive / 090-8411-3336 Info:

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— Spring Tour 2012 「かいぞく」 / 熊川哲也Kバレエカンパニ— Spring Tour 2012 「海賊」)

The Ballet company of Japan's most famous ballet dancer, Tetsuya Kumakawa 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

TAO 2012 HIMIKO

(TAO 2012 F

HIMIKO~ようこそ、最先端の、二千年前へ。~」) A Kyushu based taiko (drum) troop TAO, performing internationally comes to Kagoshima.

Enjoy their powerful performance!

Date: June 15 (Fri)

Time: 19:00

Place: Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: S seat 7,000 yen / S seat 6,000 yen

A seat 5,000 yen

Info: TAO Entertainment / 092-721-2015

~KIEV CLASSICAL BALLET~ TCHAIKOVSKY'S THREE BALLET HIGH-LIGHTS

(キエフ・クラシック・バレエ ~ チャイコフスキー3大バレエ・ハイライト) Tchaikovsky's three ballets, "The Nutcracker", "Swan Lake" and "Sleeping Beauty" will be

Date: July 31 (Tue)

danced.

Time: 18:30

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

Ticket: 5,500 yen

(Pair ticket 10,000 yen) RO ♪ON Rust 099-223-8426 Info:

Kyushu Events

FUKUOKA

HAPPY SPRING PARTY in SPACE WORLD Gundam World 2012 in Space World in which you can enjoy the world of "MOBILE SUIT GUNDAM" rom March 1(Thu) to May 27 (Sun). Many other events will be held during the period.

JR Kyushu has a special ticket which is called "Space World Waribiki Kippu" which includes a shinkansen round-trip ticket from Kagoshima

Chuo Station and a Space World Free Pass. It costs 22,600 yen (if you are a student it costs 21,800 yen, and 12,100 yen for a child), and you can use it for 5 days.

Date: March 1 (Tue) - June 26 (Wed)

Place: Space World, Yahata-higashiku,

Kita-kyushu city

Free pass: Adults 4,200 yen / Child 3,150 yen 4 yrs old and below 1,050 yen
Parent & kid (elementary school student only)

Info: Space World / 093-672-3600

http://www.spaceworld.co.jp
*They have an English, Korean and Chinese

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 17th (Sat) to November 25th (Sun). It 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 Dai-Ni Tenbojo where you can enjoy the great view of Kanmon Straits.

Date: Only Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays from March 17 (Sat) to November

holidays from March 17 (2007, 22)
25 (Sun).

"It runs everyday during Golden
Week (April 28 ~ May 6) and summer
holiday (July 21st to August 31st).
Place: Moji area, Kita-kyushu city
Fee: Adults: 300 yen
Children (E.S.Students) 150 yen
*Reserved-seat ticket: + 100 yen

Info: Heisei Chikuho Tetsudo Moji-ko Jimusyo Info: Heisei Chikuho Tetsudo Moji-ko Jimusyo 093-331-1065

URL: http://www.retro-line.net/



MOJI MINATO MATSURI (MOJI PORT FESTIVAL)

(門司みなと祭) Moji district will be full of festival atmosphere for 2 days. You can see selling bananas on the streets which was popular before, a performance for selling bananas, a man pounds on a stand and speaks of funny things.

Many events such as an experience of sailing in a patrol boat (numbered ticket required), a stamp rally and other things will be held. 2500 people parade makes the festival reach its climax.

Date: May 26 (Sat) ~ 27 (Sun) Place: Around JR Moji station, Moji, Kita-kyushu city

Info: Executive (Moji Minato-matsuri Kyosankai) / 093-321-2381

http://www.kitakyushucci.or.jp/mojiminato/ind

NAGASAKI

OHMURA HANA-MATSURI (OHMURA FLOWER FESTIVAL)

. (おおむら花まつり)

Ohmura park, famous as a flower park is holding a flower festival. Many kinds of flowers are in their

full glory, and they are lit up at night.

Date: March 25 (Sun) ~ June 20 (Wed)

Place: Ohmura Park, Kushima, Ohmura city
Info: Ohmura city Kanko Convention Kyokai/

OITA

6,930 yen

MUSIC FESTIVAL ARGERICH'S MEETING **POINT in BEPPU**

(別府アルゲリッチ音楽祭)

It is an annual event which is held by the worldfamous pianist Martha Argerich. World's top artists and Asian artists play music with Argerich. The concepts are "fostering", "Asia" and "creation and transmission". To cultivate young people and children, various programs will be played.

Date: May 9 (Wed) ~ May 19 (Sat)

Place: lichiko Sogo Bunka Center,

Takasago town, Oita city Info: Argerich Arts Foundation / 0977-27-2299

KUMAMOTO

MINAMI-ASO SAWAYAKA WALK in ASPECTA

(南阿蘇さわやかウォーク in アスペクタ) Enjoy the early summer walk in Aso. There are 2 courses: 5km (Satoyama Meguri Course) and 10km (Shinryoku Mankitsu Course). Some events such as a live concert, and a raffle will also be held. Date & Time: May 26 (Sat) 12:30 ~ 16:00 Place: Start & Goal Aspecta,

Minami-aso village, Aso county

Participation fee: 500 yen
(J.H.S.Students and below free)
Application deadline: May 9 (Wed)
*Apply by post card.
Info: Kumamoto Asahi Hoso / 096-359-9051

URL: http://www.aspecta-aso.net/

MIYAZAKI

EVANGELION EXHIBITION

(エヴァンゲリオン展)

Evangelion is an apocalyptic mecha action series, and it was televised in many countries. In this exhibition, many things such as animation cells, project books, copies of original pictures, a replica of Longinus's lance which is about 3.5m long, life-sized model of Evangelion Unit 01 and other things will be exhibited.

Date: April 21 (Sat) ~ May 27 (Sun)

Time: 10:00 ~ 17:30

Place: Miyazaki Art Center,

Tochibana dori Nichi Miyazaki city

Tachibana-dori Nishi, Miyazaki city Ticket: Adults 700 yen H.S.Students & below 500 yen

*200 cheaper advance tickets available at

convenience stores.

Info: Miyazaki Art Center 0985-22-3115 URL: http://miyazaki-ac.com/eva.html



New landmarks in the City

New Cinema in Tenmonkan! TENMONKAN CINEMA PARADISE (TENPARA)

A new cinema, Tenmonkan Cinema Paradise (Tenpara) has opened in the commercial facility building, LAZO Omote-sando in Tenmonkan on the 3rd of May!

The cinema is on the 3rd, 4th and 5th floor in the building. There are 7 screens, 875 seats.

There is also a outdoor shop, a variety shop, a cafe and a 100yen shop in the building, so you can enjoy shopping or tea time after or while waiting for a movie.

If you come to the cinema by car, you can park the car at sera 602 Car Park (under the chuo park). 4 hours is free if you see movies at Tenmonkan Cinema Paradise. The car park and the cinema are connected by a passage-

Chuo Koen

way.

If you become a member of the cinema (it costs 300 yen to become a member), you can get discounts to see movies. You'll also be able to get various services at many shops in Tenmonkan with the stub of the cinema ticket (Hanken Value). Please check the web site for details.

http://tenpara.com/index.html



Get a taste of Kagoshima!

Kagomma Furusato Yatai-mura

Kagoshima's great dishes is open on the 26th of April.

It is only 3 minutes walk from
Kagoshima Chuo Station East Entrance.
25 shops sell black pork and locally
raised chicken dishes, shochu and many
other Kagoshima specialty foods.
Enjoy tasty Kagoshima food and
Kagoshima dialect here!
Info: Kagoshima Gourmet

Toshi Kikaku 099-255-1588 URL: http://www.kagoshima-gourmet.

jp/index.html

(かごっまふるさと屋台村)

Kagomma Furusato Yatai-mura grand opening!

A yatai (屋台) is a small, mobile food stall in Japan typically selling ramen or other hot food.

Here in Kagoshima city, a new yatai village where you can taste



Kagoshima Italian Society Established!







Maruya Garde

Commemorating the 50th anniversary of Kagoshima city concluding a pact as sister city with Naples city, restaurants in Kagoshima city started to offer Italian food using ingredients from Kagoshima in a style which is called "Kagoshima Italian".

 $ar{I}$ talian dishes made with Kagoshima's fresh tasty ingredients are so popular and many people have tried them.

14 Restaurants and hotels which offer and approve of "Kagoshima Italian" started "The Kagoshima Italian Society".

With the aim of heading for a tastier, more delightful Kagoshima, "The Kagoshima Italian Society" will provide great food and welcoming space.





Update Newsletter will feature articles about restaurants of "The Kagoshima Italian Society" members from next month.

Don't miss it!

Annular Eclipse on the 21st of May!

An annular eclipse occurs when the Sun and Moon are exactly in line, but the apparent size of the Moon is smaller than that of the Sun. Hence the Sun appears as a very bright ring, or annulus, surrounding the outline of the Moon.

On the 21st of May, you can see the annular eclipse in Japan. The last annular eclipse in Japan was the 23rd of September, 1987 in Okinawa, and next one is the 1st of June, 2030 in Hokkaido, so it is a very rare chance to see it.

This time, Kagoshima is one of the best place to see it!

Get a pair of Eclipse Glasses, and enjoy the an unusual event! Time: The solar eclipse stars

6:12 ~ 6:13

Annular eclipse starts 7:20

Greatest eclipse

7:22 ~ 7:23

Annular eclipse ends 7:24 The solar eclipse ends 8:42



! Attention

Please do not see the sun with the naked eye!

The most easy and safe way to see it is through the proper Eclipse Glasses. Watching through a sheet of plastic is also very dangerous even if it is colored, because it allows infrared rays to get through and damage your eyes!

LATEST INFO

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

Kagoshima International Citizen's Society presents Welcome to Kagoshima! Kagoshima International Exchange

"Haru-no Tsudoi"

Kagoshima International Citizen's Society will be holding a party to welcome foreigners who came to Kagoshima this Spring. This party will also be an opportunity to interact with the multinational citizens of the city. Anybody can participate so come and join the party!

Date: May 26 (Sat) Time: 14:00~16:00

Place: Kagoshima Shimin Fukushi Plaza 5F,

Large Meeting Room

You can freely socialize and mix.

You can try your hand at Japanese culture (tea ceremony, origami, ayatori, koto, clay modelling, ikebana, kimono etc..)

<How to apply >

Please send an e-mail or fax with the following information

(1) Name (2) Age (3) Nationality (4) Address/E-mail/Tel

(5) When you arrived in Kagoshima

Deadline: May 15 (Tue)



Organized by KIA (Kagoshima International Association)

Sign up for Japanese Language & Culture Classes Starting in May 2011

These classes are organized by Kagoshima International Association for the foreign people who live in Kagoshima. The classes are offered at very reasonable prices and teachers will teach what the students need to learn the

If you are thinking about learning Japanese, this is the perfect place!

Schedule and Classes

Tuesday Morning Class

10:00-11.30 every Tuesday mornings (May 8th, 15th, 22th, 29th, June 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th, July 3rd and 10th)

Thursday Evening Class

18.30-20:00 every Thursday evenings

(May 10th, 17h, 24th, 31st, June 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, July 5th and 12th)

Place: Kagoshima Prefectural Citizens Exchange Center 1F,

14-50 Yamashita-cho, Kagoshima city

Class size: 15 students per class

Unique features:

More than 1 teacher per class (Lesson format will vary to

suit students' needs)

Lessons will be tailored according to students' requests

(e.g. teaching methods, contents)

First term: 10 classes (Fees/term: Lump sum of 1,000 yen)

For application or further enquiries contact:

Yukimi Hashimoto (Ms.)

Kagoshima International Association

Kagoshima Prefectural Citizens Exchange Centre 1F

14-50 Yamashita-cho, Kagoshima City E-mail: kia.nihongo@gmail.com

TEL: 099-221-6620

URL:

Japanese:

http://www.synapse.ne.jp/kia/international/japanese.html English:

http://www.synapse.ne.jp/kia/e/event/1205japanese.html Chinese:

http://www.synapse.ne.jp/kia/zh/event/1205japanese.html Korean:

http://www.synapse.ne.jp/kia/ko/event/1205japanese.html

Handmade Sundries! Craft Classes! Cafe! Tasty Food!

Kiire Marché The annual popular handcraft market, Kiire Marché will be held soon! This time it will be a joint event with Kiraku-ichi which is held every Sunday. Many kinds of handmade sundries, folk crafts, flowers, seedlings and imported variety goods will be sold.

Enjoy various craft classes such as a deco art class(to decorate mobile phone, pen or other small articles with beads and rhinestones), a bottled flower class and a stone art class. There are also food shops selling things such as pitas, yakisoba, chicken nanban-don, fried

chicken, crêpe, yaki-tori, curry and coffee! Spend a relaxing day here at seaside park! Date & Time: May 20 (Sun) 10:00 ~ 16:00

Place: Marinpia Kiire, Kiire town, Kagoshima city Kiire Marché Jikko linkai 090-5723-1325





The basic philosophy of Satsuma

Jissinko Iroha-uta (日新公いろは歌) vol.26

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-sixth poem (starting with the letter " \mathcal{O} "):

遁るまじがをかねて思ひきれ 時に到りて涼しかるべし

(Nogarumaji Tokoro-wo Kanete Omoikire

Toki-ni Itarite Suzushikarubeshi)

Facing a state with no question of escape, prepare yourself for death. In this way, when the time comes you will have no regrets and your mind will be at peace.

さつき 皐月(satsuki)

Japanese has a different name for each month. We call April, "Gogatsu" usually, but we also have another name "Satsuki". It means the month of planting rice for offering to gods .
"Sa" of "Satsuki" means that the rice is offered to gods. Satsuki is the season for planting.

Satsuki Calendar

八十八夜 (Hachiju hachiya)

May 1 (Tue)

The 88th day from the day of *Risshun* (New Year's Day according to the old calendar / the start day of Spring). People used to consider this the day to plant rice. Some places still have a *Shinto* ritual to celebrate the start of planting.

憲法記念日 (Kenpo Kinenbi)

May 3 (Thu) *national holiday

The day of commemoration of the Constitution of Japan and the growth of the country.

It was established to commemorate the Constitution of Japan on the 3rd of May, 1947.

The Constitution of Japan was promulgated on the 3rd of November, and this day is established as Culture Day to promote the ideals of both peace and culture.

みどりの日 (Midori-no Hi)

May 4 (Fri) *national holiday

A day to promote being fond of nature, be thankful for its benefit and cultivate an open mind.

It used to be the 29th of April until 2006, but changed to the 4th of May. April 29 was the *Showa* Emperor's Birthday.

立夏(Rikka)

May 5 (Sat)

The first day of summer according to the lunar calendar. The season of fresh green leaves.

母の日 (Haha-no Hi)

May 13 (Sun)

Mother's Day. It is the day to be considerate and thank your mother.

Mother's Day in Japan was initially commemorated during the Shōwa period as the birthday of Empress Kōjun (mother of Emperor Akihito).

Nowadays - as in other countries - the holiday is a heavily marketed concept, and people typically give flowers such as carnations and roses as gifts.

小満 (Shoman)

May 21 (Mon)

15 days after *Rikka* (the first day of summer according to the lunar calendar). "Shoman" means that the weather becomes fine and everything starts to go well.

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

Childrens' Day (こどもの日) May 5th



Koinobori flags

Children's Day (こどもの日 Kodomo-no hi) is a Japanese national holiday which takes place annually on May 5, the fifth day of the fifth month, and is part of Golden Week. It is a day set aside to respect children's personalities and to celebrate their happiness.

The day was originally called "Tango-no Sekku (端午の節句)", and was celebrated on the 5th day of the 5th moon in the lunar calendar or Chinese calendar. After Japan's switch to the Gregorian calendar, the date was moved to May 5.

"Sekku" means "a season's festival (there are five sekku per year)". "Tango-no Sekku" marks the beginning of summer or the rainy season. "Tan" means "edge" or "first" and go means "noon"

Until recently, Tango-no Sekku was known as Boys' Day (also known as Feast of Banners) while Girls' Day (Hina-matsuri) was celebrated on March 3. In 1948, the government decreed this day to be a national holiday to celebrate the happiness of all children and to express gratitude toward mothers. It was renamed "Kodomo-no Hi".

Before this day, families raise carp-shaped koinobori flags (carp because of the Chinese legend that a carp that swims upstream becomes a dragon, and the way the flags blow in the wind looks like they are swimming), one for each boy, display a Kintarō doll usually riding on a large carp, and the traditional Japanese military helmet, "kabuto". Kintarō and the kabuto are symbols of a strong and healthy boy.

Kintarō (金太郎) is the childhood name of $Sakata-no\ Kintoki$ who was a hero in the Heian period, a subordinate samurai of $Minamoto-no\ Raikou$, having been famous for his strength when he was a child. It is said that $Kintar\bar{o}$ rode a bear, instead of a horse, and played with animals in the mountains when he was a young boy.

Fortune-telling

May 1 ~ May 31



January Birthday:

You are aiming to improve something. 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:

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

March Birthday:

Listening to music is a lucky action this month. Especially calm music such as classical, healing music and easy listening are good.

April Birthday:

It is the time to have a halt and go back to basics. Check your life style. Keep regular hours, sleep enough and do some exercise.

May 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.

June 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 learnt so much and you've grown mentally.

July Birthday:

Realize things which you should be grateful for in your daily life and thank these things. Then you will be given more pleasure.

August Birthday:

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

September Birthday:

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

October Birthday:

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

November 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 you. Everything returns to you in the end. Do not expect things in return from them. Show them your sincerity, and then rewards will come back to you.

December 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.



Movie Guide

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Cinemas

Yojiro 東宝シネマズ与次郎 Phone: 099-206-6544

(Frespo Jungle Park 2F)

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Mitte 10

ミッテ10 Phone: 099-812-6662 (Amu Plaza 6F)

☆ Bokura-ga Ita (the first part) / 僕等がいた 前篇 (March 17~) ☆ Pre-cure All Stars /

映画 プリキュアオールスターズ New Stage みらいのともだち (March 17~) 🔯 Waga Haha-no Ki / わが母の記(April 28~)

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★ IO SONO L'AMORE (Italian) (April 21 ~ May 11)

★ SVET-AKE (Kyrgyz) (April 28 ~ May 11)

★ DAYS OF HEAVEN (May 5 ~ May 18)

☆ LIAR GAME ~ Saisei ~ / ライアーゲーム ~再生~ (May 3 ~)

Tenmonkan Cinema

Gardens Cinema ーデンズ シネマ 099-222-8746

(Maruva Gardens 7F)

Paradise 天文館シネマパラダイス Phone: 099-216-8833

(LAZO Omote Sando 3F)

★ Titanic 3D (May 3 ~)

★ Star Wars Episode I: The Phantom Menace 3D (May 3 ~)

☆ Afro Tanaka / アフロ田中 (May 3~)

★ Carnage (May 3 ~)

☆ Sosakan X / 捜査官X (May 3~)

★ J. Edgar (May 3 ~)

☆ Momo-eno Tegami / ももへの手紙 (April 21 ~)

☆ THERMAE ROMAE / テルマエ・ロマエ (April 28 ~)

☆ HOME Itoshi-no Zashiki-warashi / HOME 愛しの座敷わらし (April 28~)

☆ Uchu Kyodai / 宇宙兄弟 (April 28~)

★ LARRY CROWNE (May 11 ~)

☆ Sadako 3D / 貞子 3 D (May 12~)

★ KILLER ELITE (May 12 ~)

★ DARK SHADOWS (May 19 ~)

☆ Nijiiro Hotaru / 虹色ほたる ~永遠の夏休み~ (May 19~)

★ MEN IN BLACK 3 (May 25 ~)

☆ MY HOUSE (May 26 ~)

☆ GIRL / ガール (May 26~)

★ Flamenco, Flamenco (Spanish) (May 12 ~ May 25)

★ 시 (Korean) (May 12 ~ May 2)

★ Lourdes (French) (May 19 ~ June1)

★ The Hunter (May 3 ~)

☆ Tanemaku Tabibito / 種まく旅人 ~みのりのお茶~ (May 3~)

★ Catch .44 (May 3 ~)

★ Cave of Forgotten Dreams (May 12 ~)

★ The Ides of March (May 12 ~)

★ The Troll Hunter / Trolljegeren (Norwegian) (May 12 ~)

★ Midnight in Paris May 26 ~)

Rena Theater Kanoya

リナシアター Phone: 0994-35-1001 (Rena city Kanoya 3F) ☆ Doraemon / ドラえもん のび太と奇跡の島 ~アニマル アドベンチャー~ (April 28 ~ May 11)

☆ ROBO-G / ロボジー (April 28 ~ May 11)

Movies on T

May

13:00 BS-P 102 Dalmatians 22:00 BS-T Home of the Brave

23:45 BS-P The Nightmare Before Christmas 5 00:00 BS-P The Way of the Dragon / 猛龍過江

18:30 BS-T Marquise (French) 19:30 NHK WALL-E

21:00 BS-A Conan the Barbarian 21:00 BS-P April Snow (Korean) 00:45 BS-P Do the Right Thing

21:00 BS-J Collateral Damage 00:45 BS-P Roseland

10 00:25 BS-P Goodbye Bafana

11 01:00 BS-P Repentance / Monanieba (Georgian) 21:00 KYT Nausicaä of the Valley of the Wind /

風の谷のナウシカ (Japanese)

12 00:00 BS-P Body of Lies 14:00 TwlV My Blueberry Nights 13 21:00 KKB Armageddon 14 13:00 BS-P The Last Hard Men

21:00 BS-P Did You Hear About the Morgans? 21:00 BS-J My Best Friend's Wedding 15 13:00 BS-P Ride the High Country

16 13:00 BS-P A Big Hand for the Little Lady 22:00 BS-T Les maries de l'an deux (French)

17 13:00 BS-P The Culpepper Cattle Co. 19 00:00 BS-P Hachiko: A Dog's Story 14:00 BS-N **Bedtime Stories**

18:30 BS-T 'Round Midnight 20:00 BS11 The 39 Steps 21:00 BS-A The Time Machine 20 19:00 BS-N Sister Act

21 13:00 BS-P Big Wednesday 22 13:00 BS-P To Kill a Mockingbird 24 13:00 BS-P The Eddy Duchin Story 25 13:00 BS-P Dr. Strangelove or:

How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb

26 00:00 BS-P Invictus Sister Act2: Back in the Habit 14:00 BS-N 18:30 BS-T The Turnig Point 21:00 BS-A The Young Victoria 27 19:00 BS-N **Bad Company** Sense and Sensibility 28 13:00 BS-P 21:00 BS-P Sleepless in Seattle 21:30 BS-J Space Cowboys The Remains of the Day 29 13:00 BS-P

30 13:00 BS-P Far from the Madding Crowd 22:00 BS-T Crach 31 13:00 BS-P The Duchess

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

BS-F = BS Fuji

TwlV = TwellV

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Tokyo Ska Paradise Orchestra

(東京スカパラダイスオーケストラ) - Ska

Date: May 6 (Sun)

Time: 18:00

Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 2, Place:

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,250 yen

Info: Kyodo Nishi-nippon 092-714-0159

Metis Live 2012 Date: May 6 (Sun) - J-POP, Reggae

Time: 18:00

SR Hall, Tenmonkan, Place: Kagoshima city

Ticket: 4,000 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

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- J-POP, R&B, Hip hop, Ska, Punk, Rock

This is an open-air music festival.

Famous guests such as Kyary Pamyu Pamyu, Yasutaka Nakata, Hasta la vista are coming! You can enjoy all day with performances by musicians from Kagoshima prefecture, DJs, a taiko troop and a calligraphy performance

group, too!

There is a bus service for the festival from Kagoshima Chuo Station (deperture: West Entrance) to the festival site (3,000 yen / person). Booking required (Nansatsu Kanko

Tel 0993-83-2275). Date: May 13 (Sun) Time: 10:00 ~ 20:00

Place: Shinkawa river beach, Fukiage

beach, Minami-satsuma city Advance ticket: 5,000 yen

(At the door 6,000 yen)

Info: GO! SOUTH!! FES Projeect

0993-52-0808

URL: http://go-south-fes.com/

FUNKIST - Original

Date: May 17 (Thu) Time: 19:00

SR Hall, Tenmonkan, Place:

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

Masayuki Suzuki - R&B, J-Pop (鈴木雅之. Masayuki Suzuki taste of martini

tour)

Date: May 19 (Sat) Time: 18:00

Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1,

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 6,800 yen

K&M Corporation 099-223-7710 Info:

Chisako Takashima ~12 Violinists ~

(高嶋ちさ子 12人のヴァイオリニスト) - Violin

Date: May 19 (Sat)

Time: 15:00

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

Ticket: 5,500 yen

Info: Kagoshima Onkyo 099-226-3465

flumpool - Rock, J-POP

Date: May 20 (Sun) Time: 17:00

Place: Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1,

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 5,800 yen Info: BEA 092-712-4221

en-Ray Concert ~ Wings of Teresa ~

(テレサの羽根~エンレイ・コンサート)

Date: May 20 (Sun) Time: 18:30

Kanoya-shi Bunka Kaikan, Kanoya city Place:

Ticket: 5,000 yen

Info: MIN-ON Kanoya 0994-32-0622

Toshinori Yonekura(米倉利紀)

Date: May 23 (Wed)

Time: 19:00

Place: CAPARVO Hall, Tenmonkan,

Kagoshima city

Ticket: 6,300 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

Dohatsuten (怒髮天) - Rock

Date: June 3 (Sun) Time: 18:00

Place: SR Hall, Tenmonkan,

Kagoshima city Ticket: 3,500 yen (+ 1 Drink)

Info: BEA 092-712-4221

Dozan Fujiwara×SHINSUKE

(藤原道山×SHINSUKE) - Shakuhachi, Marimba

Date: June 7 (Thu)

Time: 19:00

Hozan Hall (Ken Bunka Center), Place:

Yamashita town, Kagoshima city

Advance ticket: 3,000 yen ~ 5,000 yen *At the door: 3,500 yen ~ 5,500 yen Info: Executive (ラポール・アンド・レッタ) 099-298-51223

- J-POP, R&B, Soul

ΑI - R&B, HIP-HOP

Date: June 16 (Sat) Time: 18:00

Kagoshima Shimin Bunka Hall 1, Place:

Yojiro, Kagoshima city

Ticket: 6,300 yen

Info: K&M Corporation 099-223-7710

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

STORE PRODUCT EXHIBITION OF SPRING - Prints, Paintings (春の所蔵品展)

Marino Marini Prints Special

March 20 (Tue) ~ May 20 (Sun)

ARTISTS WHO PAINTED FOREIGN COUNTRIES

(異国を描いた画家たち展) - Paintings

April 1 (Sun) ~ May 13 (Sun)

NAGASHIMA MUSEUM

3-42-18 Take, Kagoshima city 099-250-5400 / 9:00~17:00 Entrance fee: Adult 1000 yen Lunch: 1890 yen (week days only) 2100 yen - 3150 yen (others)

MARC CHAGALL ESHIBITION "CIRCUS" - Prints

(マルク・シャガール版画展「サーカス」)

April 15 (Sun) ~ July 8 (Sun)

MIYAKE MUSEUM

1-4319-4 Taniyama-chuo, Kagoshima city 099-266-0066 / 10:00 - 16:30 / Closed Wednesdays & May 3 ~ 6 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 BEAUTY OF FLOWERS AND WOMEN

(いとうるわし一花と女性の美一展) - Paintings

April 2 (Mon) ~ July 8 (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

TATSUYA ISHIODORI AND ARTISTS FROM OLD **KAGOSHIMA**

(石踊達哉と郷土の先賢の絵師たち展) - Japanese paintings April 7 (Sat) ~ May 27 (Sun)

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 AYAKA NISHI JEWELRY EXHIBITION 2

(ニューヨーク通信 西彩加 ジュエリー展 Ⅱ) Jewelrv

April 28 (St) ~ May 10 (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

TAKI NAKAZATO EXHIBITION (中里太亀展)

Potterv

May 13 (Sun) ~ June 12 (Tue)

Nissei Gallery TOH ON KAN

1879 Shimoda-cho, Kagoshima city 099-243-6277 / 10:00 ~ 17:00 / Irregular holidays

HIROMICHI KARIYAZONO GLASSWORK EXHIBITION Glasswork

(仮屋園宏道 月と虹 ガラス展) April 25 (Wed) ~ May 13 (Sun)

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