

#### Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

IIA Christmas Party

Time Out

I was among 63 participants from 10 countries (US, Australia, Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand, China, Nepal, Pakistan, The Phillipines and Myanmar) who took part in the IIA Christmas Party on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> of December.

The party was held in a Japanese style building known as the old temporary Han residence located in Iwaki Taira Castle Ruins. The party began with an opening greeting from the manager Mr. Igari who talked about the building's history.

Following that was an opening performance by a group of six Thai dancers who offered a beautiful dance in traditional clothing and who received dance lessons from Thai resident Ms. Sakata.

The second performance was a Shigin show by American resident Justin, who has a strong interest in Chinese Poems. He had received lessons from Ms. Toriumi and chanted a classical Chinese Poem that expresses the importance of true friends. We were all absorbed in his sonorous voice.



Following Justin was a more relaxed and healing performance by Ms. Chie Toyoda who played the ocarina to the tune of four songs including *Kojo no Tsuki* and *Miagete goran yoru no hoshi wo*.

Finally there was a brilliant Hula Dance performance from Ms. Ikuko Tabe and Ms. Keiko Hashimoto before Justin sang White Christmas.

Participants all brought their own dishes to the party, with everyone engaging in lively conversation about the various international flavours introduced by the foreign resident participants. Everyone including the international participants also brought excitement to the party by singing Japanese Karaoke songs.

I really enjoyed seeing so many people at the IIA's final event for 2015 and I look forward to seeing everyone at future events next year.



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## Festivals & Events

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

## lwaki

**28<sup>th</sup> November-11<sup>th</sup> January: Iwaki Cherry Blossom Illumination Festival** @ main street of Iwaki Station, Taira. From 5-11pm. Taira's city centre will be lit up in a forest of sakura cherry blossom lights throughout December. There will be various other concerts and events as part of the illumination festival. For inquiries, please contact the Iwaki Youth Meeting Place Executive Office: TEL 0246-24-0780

**27<sup>th</sup> December-12<sup>th</sup> January: Aquamarine Fukushima New Year's Events** @ Aquamarine Fukushima. From 9am-5pm. Since 2016 marks the year of the Monkey according to the Chinese Zodiac, Aquamarine Fukushima will have Monkey Orchid plants which resemble monkey faces and Lesser Slow Loris primates for viewing. Other events include a giant Karuta Japanese playing cards competition between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of January and mochi scattering and games between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of January. For inquiries, please contact Aquamarine Fukushima: TEL 0246-73-2525. Email: amf@marine.fks.ed.jp

**27<sup>th</sup> December-31<sup>st</sup> January: Coloured Carp and Fukudaruma Goldfish display** (a) 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Aquamarine Fukushima. From 9am-5pm. In order to celebrate the new year, Aquamarine will have Fukudaruma Goldfish and coloured carps on display. There will also be traditionally crafted Aizu Tojin kites near the entrance to coincide with this colourful exhibition. For inquiries, please contact Aquamarine Fukushima: TEL 0246-73-2525. Email: amf@marine.fks.ed.jp

**10<sup>th</sup> January: Konpira-sama Festival** @ in and around Kotohira Shirine, Yumoto. From early morning to late at night. This festival is held shortly after every new year on the 10<sup>th</sup> of January where up to several hundred thousand people come and pray for a happy and trouble-free year. In continuation of last year, this year will also include wishes for increased revitalisation after the earthquake. For inquiries, please contact the Kotohira Shrine: TEL 0246-43-1001

**29<sup>th</sup> January: Asian Youth Jazz Orchestra Concert 2016** @ Main Hall, Alios. From 7pm (doors open at 6:15pm). Ticket prices are 1000 yen but free for those 25 years and under (must show proof of age). For inquiries, please contact the Alios Ticket Centre: TEL 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays).

Website: http://iwaki-alios.jp/cd/app/?C=event&H=default&D=01693

## In the surrounding areas

**7<sup>th</sup> January: Yanaizu Naked Man Festival** @ Enzouji, Main Temple Building, Yanaizu Town, Aizu. From 8:30pm. A traditional event held every year on the 7<sup>th</sup> of January for hundreds of years. Around 300 men wearing loincloths race each other towards Enzouji temple and climb a rope to reach a large gong at the top in order to gain a year of good fortune and health. For inquiries, please contact the Yanaizu Town Tourism Association. TEL: 0241-42-2346. Website: <u>http://aizu-yanaizu.com/</u>

# waki Info<sup>Stay up to date</sup>

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#### 16<sup>th</sup> January from 10am

An evacuation drill will be carried out in Iwaki City's five coastal districts (Taira, Onahama, Nakoso, Yotsukura and Hisanohama-Ohisa) to help people better prepare themselves during an earthquake or when a tsunami strikes.

A siren will sound at 10am from the Disaster Prevention and Administrations Radio Communication System. There will also be emergency warning emails sent out to everyone's mobile phones and emergency interruption broadcasts on FM Iwaki.

Please be careful NOT mistake this drill for an actual disaster.

For more details about the drill, please contact the Disaster Response Section of the Crisis Management Division by calling 22-1242.

Iwaki: Progressing Towards Revitalisation



Iwaki is steadily recovering from the 2011 disaster. Here are some of the projects that have been going on recently

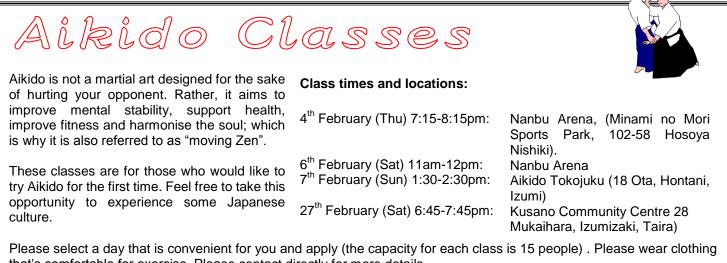
Reconstruction projects are being implemented at the same time across the five districts of Iwaki that received damaged during the tsunami: Hisanohama, Usuiso, Toyoma, Obama and Iwama. Currently work is advancing on constructing housing, and further upgrades to public facilities such as roads and waterways and other essential utilities.

Construction of housing has already been completed in Hisanohama and work is progressing in upgrading retaining walls around residential land, nearby roads, waterways and utilities.

Other recent projects include the opening of the Kitashirado estate in Taira which, in combination with the existing Nagasaki estate, currently has 1255 apartments with plans to upgrade to 1513 apartments by the end of the fiscal year. Meanwhile in Onahama construction is almost complete in adding additional lanes to the arterial road that connects Taira to Onahama Port.



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



that's comfortable for exercise. Please contact directly for more details.

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## Seching Participants for a Special Japanese Class

Nihongo no Kai will be holding special Japanese Classes. Participation is free. Please inquire with Ms. Suzuki for more information. Date and Time: Venue: Inquiries: 27<sup>th</sup> January, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March (Wednesdays) 10am-12pm Meeting room inside the Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza Ms. Yoko Suzuki TEL: 0246-62-3218 or 090-6788-0290 (mobile) Email: yohkosuz2000@yahoo.co.jp



We'd like to celebrate the Chinese New Year, a traditional Chinese Holiday, with everyone. Please come and enjoy some traditional Chinese culture with fun entertainment and delicious New Year's Gyoza. We look forward to seeing you!

Date and Time: Venue:	16 <sup>th</sup> January (Sun) 12-2pm Iwaki City Labour and Welfare Centre, Large Meeting Room (3 <sup>rd</sup>	Participants: Inquiries:	Anyone who is interested Ms. Wang Ling TEL: 090-9426-7680
Contents:	Floor) Experience the culture of a traditional Chinese New Year's Festival (Chinese short stories, dances, nursery rhymes, Chinese Koto performance, Gyoza tasting and games)	Organisers:	Fukushima "Kokoro no Hashi" Multicultural Association, Fukushima Assembly for Overseas Chinese and Ethnic Chinese, EIWAN Fukushima
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For applications and more information on IIA events, please contact the IIA. 2246-22-7409 FAX: 0246-22-7609 Email: info@iia-fukushima.or.jp Website: www.iia-fukushima.or.jp;

#### sh Conversation Seminal Cooki 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> January; 3<sup>rd</sup> February Date: The IIA is holding its first Sri Lankan Cooking Class. (Wednesdays, 3 classes in total) Time: 6:30-8:30pm 20<sup>th</sup> January (Wed) Date: Venue: Large Meeting Room 2, Iwaki City Time: 10am-1pm Lifelong Learning Plaza Iwaki City Cultural Centre, cooking Venue: 1000 yen for IIA members; 3000 yen Fee: room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) for non-members (covers all three **Participants:** Anyone is free to participate н classes) 30 people Capacity: Participants: People who can speak conversional Dishes: Sri Lankan homemade cooking English n. Fee: 1500 yen for IIA members; 2000 yen for **Contents:** Enjoying learning English non-members conversation skills Instructor: Ms. Reia Asurappulige (from Sri Lanka) " Instructor: Benjamin McMullen (from Australia),

Applications:
Please apply by 13<sup>th</sup> January (Wed).
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## SEMINAR FOR UNDERSTANDING THE JAPANESE LEGAL SYSTEM

Have you ever heard of the Japan Legal Support Centre (Houterasu)? For foreign residents, there are times in your life when you would probably like to consult a lawyer for matters too difficult to resolve on your own. But what should you do in such situations? We will explain more about the Japan Legal Support Centre in an easy to understand way and offer some advice to help solve any matters as soon as possible.

Date:	28th January (Thu)
Time:	10am-12pm
Venue:	Meeting room inside the Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza
Lecturer:	Ms. Kaori Suganami, lawyer for the Iwaki Law Office (Legal Professional Corporation)
Capacity	20 people
Fee:	500 yen for IIA members (including foreign residents), 1000 yen for non-members
Participants:	Foreign residents and people with a connection to a foreign resident

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Do you have any recommended spots in lwaki for sightseeing that not many people know about? What would you like lwaki to have or do to make it a better place? We would like to hear about your opinions so we can help create a city that's more comfortable and appealing for both tourists and residents. So let's share some ideas!

Date: Time: Venue: Contents: Lecturer: Participants: Fee: Applications: 28th January (Thu) 12:10-2pm



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Meeting room inside the Iwaki City Lifelong Learning Plaza Exchange ideas about making Iwaki more appealing Mr. Hiroaki Kobayashi, IIA Auditor

Foreign residents, people who work in the commerce and tourism industry as well as those interested in the topic Free

Please apply by 20th January via phone, fax or e-mail

## Find out more about the Japanese Caretaking System

Daily Life Information Seminar and Consultations

How much do you know about Japan's long-term care insurance and Japan's support system for caretaking? Being aware of the services available and how to access them helps lessen the worry and anxiety if you ever had to take care of someone in your family. Using real case studies, this seminar will help explain more about how the Japanese caretaking system works. After the seminar in the first session, we will provide individual consultations during the second session.

Date:	4 <sup>th</sup> February (Thu)
Venue:	Iwaki Lifelong Learning Plaza, Large Conference Room 2 (4 <sup>th</sup> Floor)
Content:	First Session: Daily Life Information Seminar 10am-12pm
	Theme: Learning about the Japanese caretaking system
	Lecturer: Mr. Takayuki Mori of the Elderly Persons Welfare Division, Department of Health and
	Welfare in Iwaki City Government
	Participants: Foreign residents or citizens interested in the theme
	Second Session: Consultations on Everyday Life 12-2pm (foreign residents only; reservation
	required)
Fee:	Free
Applications:	
Consultants:	IIA consultants for multiculturalism – Kumi Kanoda and Yiping Sato

## From the Editor

I think most people enjoy Christmas and the New Year holidays. Usually around this time of year, many people tend to go travelling around the country or abroad or go back home to visit family.

I recently got to travel around some parts of Fukushima and Iwaki as part of the recent JET Study Tour in late-November. The tour aims to show participants some of the appealing features of Fukushima as well as offer insight into the prefecture's path towards reconstruction.



During the Iwaki leg of the tour, I got to experience making Tono Japanese Paper, which uses a delicate and ancient handmade process that has been passed down over several centuries. I also got to view the construction of upgraded tsunami walls and newly built housing across Toyoma and Usuiso coastline as well as learn more about the damage Iwaki La La Mew and Aquamarine Fukushima suffered during the tsunami and how far it has recovered since then.

Despite living in Iwaki for nearly half a year, I really enjoyed the chance to learn more about this city and experience things I might not have otherwise been able to. I hope the other participants gained a better understanding of Iwaki and Fukushima as a result of this tour and that we can all use our experiences to help convey a more positive image of the city and prefecture towards the rest of Japan and the world.



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

early February

### January Guide

#### Friday 1 January

Friday 1 Januar	Friday 1 January			
Onahama Area Nakoso Area Tono Area Joban Area	Iwaki Central Hospital Fuzoku Shinryojo Kojima Jiai Hospital Komatsu lin Katayose Clinic Sanka Fujinka (obstetrics & gynaecology)	9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5	53-3511 63-5141 89-2041 42-4135	
Saturday 2 Jan				
Onahama Area Nakoso Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Sunday 3 Janua	Kashima Hospital Nakoso Hospital Iwaki Minami Clinic Nemoto Naika Ichoka Iin (internal and gastroenterology) <b>ary</b>	9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5	58-8010 65-7755 77-1663 43-4100	
Onahama Area Nakoso Area Nakoso Area Joban Area	Ishii Noshinkei Geka Ganka Hospital (neurosurgery and opthamology) Yabuki Hospital Hanada Naika Clinic (internal) Hisa Iin	9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5	58-3121 63-1818 62-5000 43-2313	
Sunday 10 Janu	uary			
Taira Area Taira Area Uchigo Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology) Suda Iin Nakayama Clinic Kureha General Hospital Iwaki Yumoto Hospital Yamagiwa Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 8:30-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	46-1231 25-3788 27-6060 73-1112 63-2181 42-3188 28-8686	
Monday 11 Jan	uary			
Uchigo Area Taira Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area	Suda lin New Town Jin-Naika Clinic (internal & nephrology) Ozaka Clinic Sukegawa Naika Clinic (internal) Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	8:30-12 9-12 9-5 9-5 9-5	27-6060 46-0606 56-8777 77-0710 43-4175	
Sunday 17 Janu	uary			
Taira Area Taira Area Taira Area Uchigo Area Taira Area Onahama Area Nakoso Area Joban Area Joban Area	Takahashi Clinic Yamaguchi lin Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology) Suda lin Shiga Seikeigeka-Geka (orthopaedics & surgery) Kazawa Naika Ichoka lin (internal and gastroenterology) Kushida Hospital Kamome Clinic Muramatsu Shonika (paediatrics)	9-12, 2-5 9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 8:30-12 9-12 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-5 9-12	46-1231 24-1811 25-3788 27-6060 23-5050 54-6200 63-3202 28-1010 72-0707	
Sunday 24 January				
Taira Area Taira Area Uchigo Area	Takahashi Clinic Shirai Geka Ichoka Iin (surgery & gastroenterology) Suda Iin	9-12, 2-5 8:30-12 8:30-12	46-1231 25-3788 27-6060	

Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Hakozaki lin	9-5	42-3131
Taira Area	Fukuda Shonika lin (paediatrics)	9-12	22-4272
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Sunday 31 Jan	Jary		
Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
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	Sakamoto Seikeigeka lin (orthopaedic surgery)	9-12, 2-5 8:30-12	25-3788
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology)		
Uchigo Area	Suda lin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Nakayama lin	9-5	55-8141
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Oriuchi lin	9-5	44-1133
Onahama Area	Shiga Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	58-5505
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Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Yamaguchi lin	9-12, 2-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Taira Area	Shiga Seikeigeka-Geka (orthopaedics & surgery)	9-12	23-5050
Onahama Area		9-5	85-5801
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Seki Seikei Geka Clinic (surgery)	9-5	84-9905
Onahama Area	Konnai Kodomo Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	73-8815
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Uchigo Area	Suda lin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area		9-5	54-1262
Nakoso Area	Yokogi Naika Ichoka Clinic (internal medicine and gastrology)	9-5	65-1111
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175
Sunday 14 February			
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Taira Area	Takahashi Clinic	9-12, 2-5	46-1231
Taira Area	Shirai Geka Ichoka lin (surgery & gastroenterology)	8:30-12	25-3788
Uchigo Area	Suda lin	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Yabuki Hospital	9-5	63-1818
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Taira Area	Wakamatsu lin (paediatrics)	9-12	22-3838

## Emergencies

#### **Emergency Dental Care**

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre** (*Sogo Hoken Fukushi Senta*) in Uchigo.

This centre is open on Sundays and all national holidays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. The reception closes at 3:30pm.

For more information please contact the centre on 27-8620.

\*The centre will also be open over the New Year holiday period from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 3<sup>rd</sup> January with the same hours as above After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre

(Located in Iwaki Kyoritsu Hospital) If you need to see a doctor urgently in the evening or on a weekend or public holiday, the **After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre** is open at the following times:

Weekdays: 8pm - 12am Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day) Sundays: 1pm - 12am. Public Holidays: 9am - 12am.

\*New Year's Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan: 9am-12am 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan: 9am-7am (next day) TEL: 27-1208 Please make sure whenever possible to bring a Japanese- speaker with you when visiting the hospital in Iwaki.

Emergency Contact Numbers Police: 110 Fire & Ambulance: 119

#### <u>Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone</u> <u>Consultations</u>

The Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre *(Fukushima- ken Kodomo Kyukyu Denwa Sodan)* is a free telephone service that provides professional advice when your child has become sick during the night. This telephone service is available in Japanese only.

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TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000 From 7pm to 8am.

