

Misawa International Association News

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Survival Japanese:

January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, Friday 10 a.m. - Noon

Fee: ¥3000 for 10 classes

Free child care available

Intermediate level:

start on January 29, Tuesday 6p.m. - 7p.m.

International Friendship Group:

Every Wednesday, starting at 7pm

Japanese Language Class:

Every Tuesday, 1pm - 2 pm



Misawa International Center

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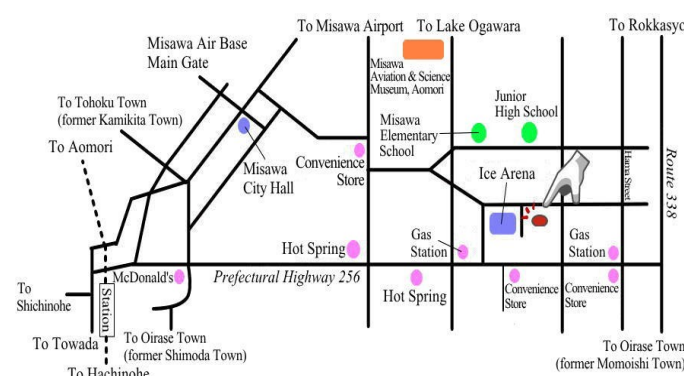
Address: 230-1 Aza-Sonosawa, Oaza-Misawa, Misawa City 033-0022

The Misawa City Community Bus "Mi-Bus" English Map is Available Now!

This map show only the ¥100-zone fare areas. We hope this map will help you get around Misawa! Pick up copy at any of the locations below:

- Sky Plaza Misawa
- Misawa International Center
- Airmen and Family Readiness Center
- Citizens Affairs Division of the Misawa City Office (on the 1st floor)

Misawa City International Relations publishes the monthly free paper, "Misawa City News". We keep you informed of what is happening in Misawa. We appreciate your feedback!



Frozen Water Pipes

During the winter, water pipes may freeze when temperatures drop to below freezing. Outside pipes are prone to bursting. This is because any water in left in the pipes will freeze and expand. The pipes, being made of rigid material, do not expand, and therefore, crack or burst. Here are some tips to prevent frozen pipes:

- Let water run, in drops, all night.
- Drain water from the pipes, using the trap plugs, if your house have it.

If your pipes are frozen:

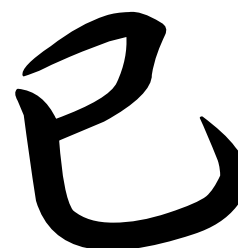
- Cover the frozen part with a towel or rag cloth.
- Gently pour warm water on the cloth, to gradually warm up the pipes.
- DO NOT use hot water as the extreme temperature difference will cause the pipe to crack.



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Happy New Year! May 2013 be a Happy and Wonderful Year!

This is the year of the "巳 - (mi) Snake," in the Chinese zodiac. There are 12 symbolic animals for each year and the cycle is completed after the 12th year. Like Western astrology, each animal represents a basic personality type or certain characteristics. For relationships, each animal gets along with certain animal personalities better than others. Quite simply, everyone is born under a Chinese zodiac animal, which comes once every 12 years. So if you're born in 1965, 1977, 1989 and 2001- this is your year!

子 Rat - 丑 Ox - 寅 Tiger - 卯 Rabbit - 辰 Dragon - 巳 Snake - 午 Horse - 未 Sheep - 申 Monkey - 酉 Rooster - 戌 Dog - 亥 Boar

Find your Chinese Zodiac!

子
Rat

Intelligent
Honest
Charming

Good with Dragon
and Monkey

丑
Ox

Patient
Dependable
Calm

Good with Snake
and Rooster

寅
Tiger

Leadership
Power
Impulsive
Romantic at heart

Good with Dog
and Horse

卯
Rabbit

Gentle spoken
Kindness
Strong-willed

Good with Sheep
and Boar

辰
Dragon

Super positive
Tough
Convincing

Good with Rat and
Monkey

巳
Snake

Graceful
Philosopher
Impressive ability

Good with Ox and
Rooster

午
Horse

Sociable person
Quick-witted
Cheerful

Good with Tiger
and Dog

未
Sheep

Rich in creativity
Compassionate
Well-mannered

Good with Rabbit
and Boar

申
Monkey

Clever
Flexible
Sociable person

Good with Rat and
Dragon

酉
Rooster

Organized
Taskmaster
Worldly person

Good with Ox and
Snake

戌
Dog

Honest
Intelligent
Straightforward

Good with Tiger
and Horse

亥
Boar

Ambitious
Courageous
Thoughtful

Good with Sheep
and Rabbit

Let's eat the Best Foods of Misawa!!!

The 6th Manpuku Matsuri

Jan 20, 2013, Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Veedol Dome
Which is located next to Veedol Plaza (a shopping center not far from McDonald's)

Manpuku means "a full stomach" and Matsuri means "festival" in Japanese.
The theme of this Manpuku Matsuri is "Let's eat the Best Foods of Misawa!"
This festival showcase some of the specialty winter dishes of Misawa at Veedol Dome!
Come try some of the best food of Misawa!

Phantom Bowl: A ramen soup featuring local Misawa surf clams and Japanese sea

Misawa in Tonjiru: Tonjiru is a classic pork soup and this version features the flavors of local Misawa vegetables. A serving will thoroughly warm you up!

Stewed Paika: This Japanese dish features baby pork rib that has been stewed to full flavor and cooked with daikon (Japanese radish).

Spicy Blackened Oirase Pork: This dish features spicy, blackened Oirase pork which has been slowly cooked and is served in a garlic miso soup.

All dishes are
¥400 each!

Paika Nagaimo Suito: This soup is full of pork collagen (which softens your skin) and features such local Misawa vegetables as burdock and yam dumplings.

Cheese Roll: This tasty snack features melted cheese in a crunchy gyoza shell.

Paika Curry Udon: This noodle dish blends thick white noodles with a curry that features tender baby ribs. Truly unique of Japan and very delicious! This spicy dish can be cooked to taste, from mild to very hot.

Kake Soba: This dish is features buckwheat (a non-gluten grain) noodles that are lovingly handmade! Taste the difference! Served with scallions and tenkasu (crunchy bits of fried flour-dough).

Hot Chitlin Stew: This stew is cooked Korean-style and is made with beef & pork chitlins and garlic. A true original comfort food!

The first 500 people, who finish 3 dishes and collect 3 stamps, (on a flyer), will be entered into a lottery for a Veedol Plaza ¥1,000 gift certificate!!

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum

<http://www.kokukagaku.jp/english.html>

Open 9:00-17:00 Closed Mondays

*** If a Japanese holiday falls on a Monday, then the museum will be open on that Monday but will be closed the following day (Tuesday).

Admission Adult ¥500, High School Student ¥300, Free for 15 years old and under.

See a replica of the "Miss Veedol" plane! Experience the free-fall machine "Prove IV", flight Simulator, and science lab! Enjoy the Children's Square (play area for preschool-age children), Science Laboratory (Science workshop, etc), Cafe and Gift shop.

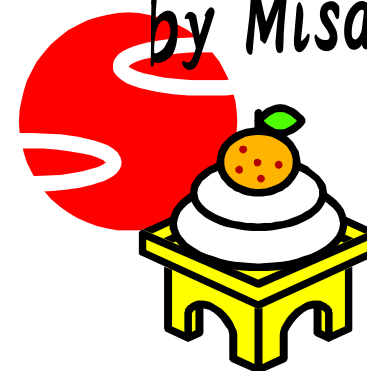
Special event on Jan 12, Saturday & 13, Sunday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm,:

Make a keychain with iron beads and glow-in-dark beads for only ¥150!!!



Come and
experience of Science!

正月 2013 by Misawa International Association



Take part in a memorable experience that you will be able to share with your family and friends back home. 正月 Shogatsu (New year) is probably the most important holiday in Japan.

School and business are closed, and people return home to be with their families for the many special foods that are eaten and the holiday games, which are played. We would like to share this holiday with you.

**January 27, Sunday 2013 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
at the Misawa International Center**

Fee for MIA members:
¥600 for adults (7 years/+)
¥300 for children (3-6 years)
Fee for non-members:
¥800 for adults (7 years/+)
¥500 for children (3-6 years)

What we will do...

- * Mochi Tsuki (Rice cake pounding)
- * Makizushi (Rolled-sushi) Making
- * Koma mawashi (top spinning)
- * Kakizome (New Year Calligraphy)



There will be a Koto (Japanese harp) performance and more!

Please sign up and pay in advance at the Misawa International Association (in the Misawa International Center) by 20 Jan 2013.

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ほっき貝漁解禁!!

The Pacific coast near Misawa is home to the clam beds of "Hokkigai" (pronounce "hoke-key guy"), a type of surf clam. The clam digging season is from December to March.

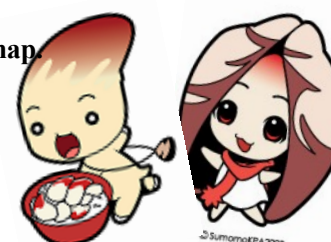
Hokkigai is a medium-sized clam, growing up to 2 1/2 inches (5 cm) tall. The meat is thick and, has rich, sweet flavor. You can enjoy it raw, steamed, stir-fried with butter, and more!

"Hokki don" is one of Misawa's winter specialties. Don is a Japanese dish of toppings atop a layer of rice. Hokki-don is a big bowl of hot rice topped with clams. (raw or cooked)

This season 30 restaurants in Misawa are offering Hokki-don on their winter menus - but each restaurant has their own unique, secret recipe. Take a Hokki-don adventure and try them all!

See below for restaurant and map.
(Japanese only)

<http://hokkidon.misawasi.com/>



New Year Parade of Fire Department Brigades On Jan 20, Sunday, starting at 10am in front of Train Park.

This very special parade is to pray for no accidents in the year 2013. Please come and see the firefighters' gallant march!!!

Misawa City
Indoor Heated Pool

**Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Closed Mondays**

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Admission:

16 years and older: ¥500

12-15 yrs: ¥300

11yrs and younger: ¥100

Winter Swim Campaign for 4 Jan, Friday - 31 Mar, Sunday: Buy a frequent use ticket (for 6 admissions) and receive an extra admission free!

All are required to wear a swimming cap in the pool areas. Children who 3rd grade and under must be accompanied by an adult at all times.