

Misawa International Association News

Survival Japanese

April 19, 26, May 10, 17, 24, 31,
June 7, 14, 21 and 28 Fridays
10 am - Noon
Fee: ¥3,000, Free child care available
Shopping tour and Japanese Cooking Class
will be held during class.



Japanese Beginners Class

Every Tuesday,
from 1 pm - 2 pm
Fee: ¥500 for MIA member



Japanese Intermediate Class

April 16, 30, May 7, 21, June 4
and 18, Tuesdays.
from 6 pm - 8 pm
Fee: ¥1800



Potluck Party

June 6, Wednesday at 10:30
Fee: ¥100 for MIA Member
¥150 for Non member



Bring your favorite dish and enjoy with
Japanese friends!!!

International Friendship Group

May 1, Wednesday
From 10:30am - 11:30am
Fee: ¥100 for MIA Member
¥150 for Non member



Sign Up today!!!

All the classes and events will be held at the Misawa International Center. Please check Misawa City News or Misawa City Office Website!
<http://www.city.misawa.lg.jp/index.cfm/9.5870.86.html>



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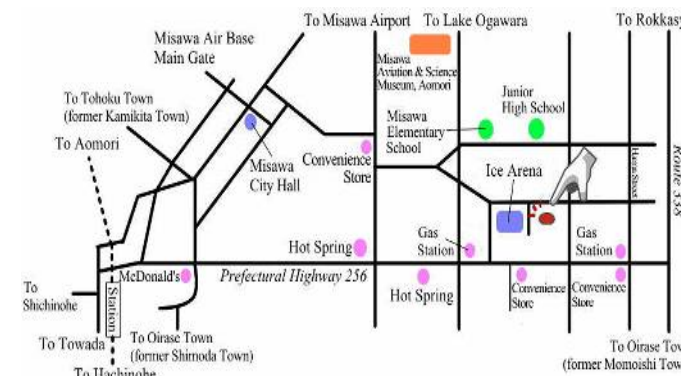
Address: 230-1 Aza-Sonosawa, Oaza-Misawa, Misawa City 033-0022

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!



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入学式 Entrance Ceremony

In Japan, April is the beginning of a new academic year for schools and a new fiscal year for businesses.

Many schools have an Entrance Ceremony for all the new students. This ceremony is very important, right along with the Graduation Ceremony. Whereas graduation ceremonies are times of sadness, the entrance ceremony is more cheerful and full of hope. Students are dressed in their new

uniforms or their best clothes. Parents dress formally (suit and tie for men) and mothers sometimes wear kimono. Employees also wear formal business suits. The principal or company head gives a rousing speech of encouragement. Everyone is excited to start fresh.

Fly to Osaka!!

Have free time and don't know what to do? How about visiting Universal Studio Japan, Osaka Castle, Osaka Aquarium Kaiyukan, or the Tsutenkaku Tower? Or how about shopping and trying the unique cuisine? If that's your cup of tea or you've been there done that, there are also the nearby cities of Kyoto (the old capital of Japan) and Kobe (originator of delicious Kobe beef!)

Japan Airlines (JAL) has re-introduced its Misawa-Osaka (Itami) route on March 31, 2013 (the route had been closed in providing 1 (one) departure and 1 (one) arrival flights per day. Each flight is only 1.5 hours, between Misawa and Osaka. Depending on travel dates and other fine details, a one-way ticket can be as low as ¥15,000!!! Start planning your trip today!

For more details, please visit the JAL website at

<https://www.jal.co.jp/en/>

Route	Flight	From	To
Osaka (Itami) - Misawa	JAL2163	10:55	12:30
Misawa - Osaka (Itami)	JAL2164	13:00	14:45

JAL 三沢=大阪(伊丹)線 開設

3月31日から1日1便 運航!

Osaka (Itami) - Misawa: JAL2163, 10:55 - 12:30
Misawa - Osaka (Itami): JAL2164, 13:00 - 14:45

One-way ticket as low as ¥15,000!!!

Enjoy Cherry Blossom Festival!

It's cherry blossom season! The Cherry blossom is Japan's national flower. It starts blooming in Okinawa (southernmost island of Japan) at the end of January and moves up north to Hokkaido (northernmost Island of Japan) by the 1st week of May. You could see cherry trees at almost all schools. Why do the Japanese like the cherry blossom so much? I think because they bloom for only a few days and then fall to the ground. The fragility of the flower is representative of our short lifespan on earth.

While the blossoms are in bloom, we have "Hanami" picnics under the trees. "Hanami" means "to view the flowers" we take time to enjoy this brief beauty with our family and friends. In the evening, the trees are lit up with paper lanterns and you can enjoy a fantastic atmosphere "Yozakura" (night time cherry blossom), which is magically different from the daytime views. Hanami was first held the Heian period 平安時代 (ca. 794-1185) among the gentry but by the Edo period 江戸時代 (1603-1868), had become a popular event for all people.

There is no specific way to enjoy Hanami. So get your friends, pack up a picnic mat, bring your favorite foods & drinks, and find a local park with cherry trees!

After you had a good time, do your part to enhance the beauty of the cherry blossoms—tidy your picnic area and take your trash home.

From April 27, Saturday through May 6, Monday at the Chuo Park
(Next to the Misawa Civic Center)

Lit up nightly between 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Opening ceremony will be held on April 27, Saturday

Come to the Misawa Citizen's Forestry Park!

市民の森 親子ふれあいデー Spring Family Festival
on April 29, Monday (national holiday) 9 am - 3 pm

Please come to the Misawa Citizen's Forestry Park to enjoy the beginning of Golden Week! There will be crafting, go-carts and Carp streamers (fish-shaped wind sock kites) waving in the spring wind! The Carp streamers is a part of the spring custom to pray for children to grow - both physically and mentally.

桜と温泉祭り Cherry Blossom and Onsen Festival

on April 29, Monday (Japanese national holiday) 9:30 am - 5:30 pm

Enjoy the onsen (public spa bath) with a karaoke show, berry dance performance! Mochi pounding will also be held and you can try it. This event will be held at the Citizen's Forestry Onsen that is next to Park.



Misawa City Indoor
Heated Pool
Closures

From April 8, Monday
through
April 12, Friday
For facility maintenance



The 54th Science Technology Week !!!

From April 20 to April 21, Sunday and Sunday, at the Misawa Aviation & Science Museum
between 9 am - 4 pm

On this weekend, a Craft workshop will be held, featuring 7 different crafts (lamp work glass beads, keychain with iron beads, Snow globe and more) that you can try your hand at, to be held in the Special Exhibition Room and Entrance Hall. The fee will vary between ¥50 and ¥300, depending on the materials need for the craft.

The museum is open 9:00-17:00 and closed on 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. For more information, check out their website at <http://www.kokukagaku.jp/english.html>

Become a free pass member!!

Love the museum? Do you know about the free pass? It is also called an "annual passport" and is valid for a year. The annual passport gives you unlimited access to the permanent collection exhibition, a 20% discount on special exhibits, and a 10% discount at the souvenir shop. There are 3 type of passport available: a Pair Passport (2 people) for ¥2,500 ; an Adult Passport for ¥1,400 and a High school student pass for ¥1,000.



Intercultural Exchange Message Board



Come see our new message board! Located in Misawa International Center Lobby, near the International Exchange Lounge (if you're standing in the entrance way, the board is off to the left). This is message board is for you!

Please post courteous messages or announcements of an intercultural nature such as English lessons, play dates, advice and more. We look forward to hearing from you!

Camping Season Has Start!

Are you starting to get excited about being active again? The trees are blooming, the flowers are blooming and the sky is returning to blue! Let's go to Ogawara Lake to enjoy camping and more!!! Ogawara Lake Camp site will be opened on May 1, Wednesday. The site features 3 different types of camping: Tent, auto (RV), and cabins.

The fees range in price from ¥2,100 (for tent) to ¥10,000 for a cabin.

For more information, please visit Misawa Sightseeing Association's website at <http://camp.misawasi.com/> (Japanese only) or call at phone# 0176-59-2311.



The 26th Annual JAPAN DAY 2013

6 April 2012, Saturday
From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
at the Collocated Club
(on Misawa Air Base)

Many fun events are prepared.
Please come and experience Japanese culture!

KinderJam

April 20, Saturday at 11:00 am
at Fun & Learning Center in Sky Plaza Misawa,
on the 3rd Floor Fees: \$5 or ¥500
What to bring: Indoor Shoes

Kinder Jam Instructor, Ms. Margaret will provide fun activities for 30 minutes, to young children, up to preschool age. KinderJam is a fun, exciting, and high-energy "Music and Movement" program that emphasizes kinesthetic and tactile learning of pre-academic skills and concepts while promoting positive parent engagement.

Join in and enjoy Rainforest Fun!!!

For more information,
please contact at Misawa Access Publications
at TEL: 080-1692-9960 or Email:
npo.map@gmail.com

Spring Concert by Misawa Commercial High School

May 3, Friday start from 4:30 p.m.
At the Misawa Civic Center

Hear such songs as Japanese pop music
and more!

And best of all, this concert is FREE!!!

New Dog Run in Yokawame!

A new dog run is available, at the "ふるさと広場" Furusato Hiroba in Yokawame until the end December 2013. Take your dog out to a new adventure! See below map.

Please observe the following dog run rules:

- Please take full responsibility for your dog.
- The dog must have had more than 3 vaccines (including rabies).
- Children, 15 years and under, must be accompanied by adult, when in the dog run.
- Children, 5 years and under, are not allowed to enter to inside the area.
- Do not shampoo or brush your dog in the dog run.
- Clean up after your dog.
- We are not responsibility for any negative actions (such as dog biting of another dog or person; injury, death or more) caused in the area.
- Do not enter marked-off areas.

