

# Misawa International Association News

## Looking for Volunteers!

Free time on Wednesday, August 21? Please volunteer! We'd like to share Japanese Culture with our sister city Wenatchee Valley Delegates. Please contact the Misawa International Association.

## Survival Japanese

start from Sep 13, Friday until Nov 1, Friday, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Fee: ¥3,000 for 10 classes

Free: Childcare!

Want to learn something new? Sign up now and experience Japanese language!

## Japanese Intermediate Class

Sep 17, Oct 1, 15, 29, Tuesdays, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Fee: ¥2,100 for 7 classes

## Japanese Class for MIA member

Every Tuesday from 2 p.m. Please call to MIA (080-6022-1349) for sign up or more details.

## Potluck Party

Sep 4, Wednesday at 10:30

Fee ¥100 for MIA member, ¥150 for Non member

Bring your favorite dish and enjoy with Japanese friends!

For more information please contact at

Misawa International Association

Phone: 080-6022-1349

Email: kokusai@city.misawa.lg.jp



Sign Up  
Today!!



## Misawa International Center

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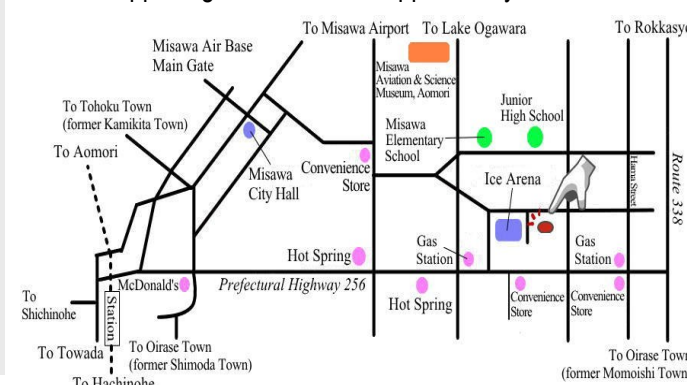
## Intercultural Exchange Message Board

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!

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!



# Misawa City News No. 102

August, 2013



## Let's Give the Wenatchee Valley Delegates a Big Welcome!

This year marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Sister Cities relationship between the cities of Misawa and Wenatchee and the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sister Cities relationship with East Wenatchee City. The friendly relations between Misawa and these Washington state cities began in 1931, when on October 4<sup>th</sup>, U.S. American aviators piloted a red Bellanca J-300 airplane, the *Miss Veedol*, from Sabishiro Beach of Misawa to the hills of East Wenatchee, completing the first non-stop flight over the Pacific Ocean. In 1981, to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pacific crossing, the mayors of Misawa and Wenatchee decided to create a Sister Cities relationship to cement their bond of friendship as well as to promote peace between Japan and the US. This pact was officially signed on October 4<sup>th</sup> of that year by Mayor Suzuki of Misawa and by Chairman Hubert C. Blonk of the Wenatchee Sister City Association, in a special ceremony in the Misawa Civic Center. Mr. Blonk was accompanied by a 16-member delegation from Wenatchee as well.

In 2000, the "Wenatchee-Misawa Sister City Association" (based in Wenatchee) was renamed the "Wenatchee Valley-Misawa Sister City Association", when East Wenatchee City joined the Sister City relationship. During that year's delegation exchange, the mayor of East Wenatchee was one of the delegates. The mayor of Misawa said, "Being the take off point for Miss Veedol, Misawa would like to start a Sister City relationship with East Wenatchee as well, because of [East Wenatchee's] long-term history of exchanges with Misawa." The East Wenatchee mayor readily agreed and in the following year, the pact was formally established. In May 2001, a Treaty of Sister Cities was signed in a special ceremony in Wenatchee, and later, in August 2001, at the Miss Veedol Dome of Misawa. These signings would also commemorate the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Miss Veedol* flight.

This year, on August 20, Tuesday, the Wenatchee Valley delegates will arrive in Misawa City. During their stay, they will visit many places, such as Misawa Air Base and the Misawa Fishing Port, and will learn about Japanese culture, such as the tea ceremony, Japanese calligraphy, making sushi, and wearing a kimono. Then they will join the Costume & International Summer Parades on August 24, Saturday!

When you see the Wenatchee Valley delegates, please give them a big welcome and help them enjoy their visit in Misawa. Let's make this a memorable visit for everyone!

## ごちそうSUMMER

## The 9th Manpuku Matsuri: Best of Summer Food Festival

August 9, Friday 5 - 9 p.m.

August 10, Saturday 12noon - 8 p.m.

This Manpuku Matsuri will be held over 2 days! Now you will have more opportunity to enjoy such local summer specialties as Chicken Curry, Garlic Ramen, Oirase Pork with Chitlins, Spicy Gizzards, Cold Kimchi Somen, Fried Chicken with Vegetables, Mexican fajitas, shish kebabs, fondue, cold fruit punch and more! Come eat your fill! After all, *manpuku matsuri* means a "a full stomach festival"!

Available: discount parking coupons! If you use the Misawa Municipal Parking Lots, you may ask for a discount coupon (with a value of ¥200). However, supplies are limited to the first 250 attendees who ask for these coupons.

People who finish 3 different dishes and collect 3 stamp, can participate a lottery for A Draft Beer on Friday and the Misawa Sky Plaza ¥1,000 gift certificate on Saturday.

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*The Misawa Matsuri* (Misawa Festival) is the biggest and most important festival of Misawa, which is held over 4 days. This year, the Misawa Festival will take place August 22 - 25, Thursday to Sunday.

This festival began in September 1925, to control the fire by making the gods of the Fudo Shrine 不動神社, Gongen Shrine 権現神社 and Yakushi Shrine 薬師神社 happy and . At the time, a fire was raging around the Furumagi section of town (near the Misawa Train Station).

The *Da-shi*山車, or festival floats, are the main feature of the Misawa Festival and they parade around the city each day of the festival. The first dashi were rice carts. Gradually, inspired by the floats of the Hahinohe Sansha Taisai Festival 八戸三社大祭, the residents and merchants of Furumagi began to create more elaborate dashi and the rest of the neighborhoods of Misawa soon followed. Today, there are 15 neighborhood associations who enter a dashi in the Misawa Festival parades. The themes of the dashi are decided by each association. Popular themes include historic persons or events, animation characters (such as Totoro!) and TV show.

Festival details are listed below. Enjoy the summer breeze as you travel back in time!

**Aug 22, Thursday: Eve of the Misawa Festival, at Ms. Veedol Dome**  
At 6 pm, all 15 dashi will be on display while the annual Matsuri Bayashi Cmpetition takes place. Come listen to the 15 neighborhood Japanese flute & drum corps as they beat it out for first place.

**Aug 23, Friday: Shrine Ceremony and Night Parade**  
At 2:30 pm, a ceremony will be held at the Gongen Shrine. Later, the dashi float parade will begin at 6:30 pm, on the 30-Meter Road. The dashi will move towards Misawa City Hall. Then they will turn left at the Sky Plaza Misawa intersection and parade down that road before turning left, back onto 30-Meter Road, to return to their starting point..

**Aug 24, Saturday: Costume parade and International Summer Parade**  
Beginning at 1 pm, American Park: Live entertainment featuring Kagura (Shinto music and dance numbers) and local musical acts. The International Summer Festival befin.

3 pm: The Costume parade will kick off at Misawa City Hall and go up to Omachi intersection (near Max Value), then turn right onto Main Street (formerly Arcade Shopping Street), and then end at American Park.

4 pm: The Misawa Nagashi Odori (bon dance) will begin at Orange Park on Main street and end at American Park.

5:30 pm: The Mikoshi Parade will begin at Orange Park and end at American Park.

**August 25, Sunday, 1 pm**  
The 15 dashi will parade again, as a farewell until next year. The floats will start off at the Omachi Intersection and go down Main Street. Next the parade will turn right at Sky Plaza Misawa and take a break at Central Park (“Train Park”). Then the parade will return to 30-Meter Road, to return to the starting point.

## Misawa Aviation & Science Museum 10th Anniversary Celebration

**Aug 3 (Sat), Starting at 1:15 pm, at Ozora Hiroba**  
Live Concert featuring Ichirou Mizuki, Miraiga, and more! Mr. Mizuki is a well known singer who has sung theme songs for anime and tokusatsu (Japanese shows with extensive special effects). Miraiga is a local hero, created to represent the Tohoku region (the prefectures of Aomori, Akita, Iwate, Miyagi, Yamagata and Fukushima prefectures).

**Aug 4 (Sun), 11 am and 2 pm at Ozora Hiroba**  
Super hero from TV show “Zyuden Sentai Kyoryuger” will perform in a live show. Best of all, it’s FREE!!!!

## Shuji Terayama Museum Summer Festival

**Aug 3, Saturday, 1 -3 pm** Featuring a talk show, music concert, and dance performances.

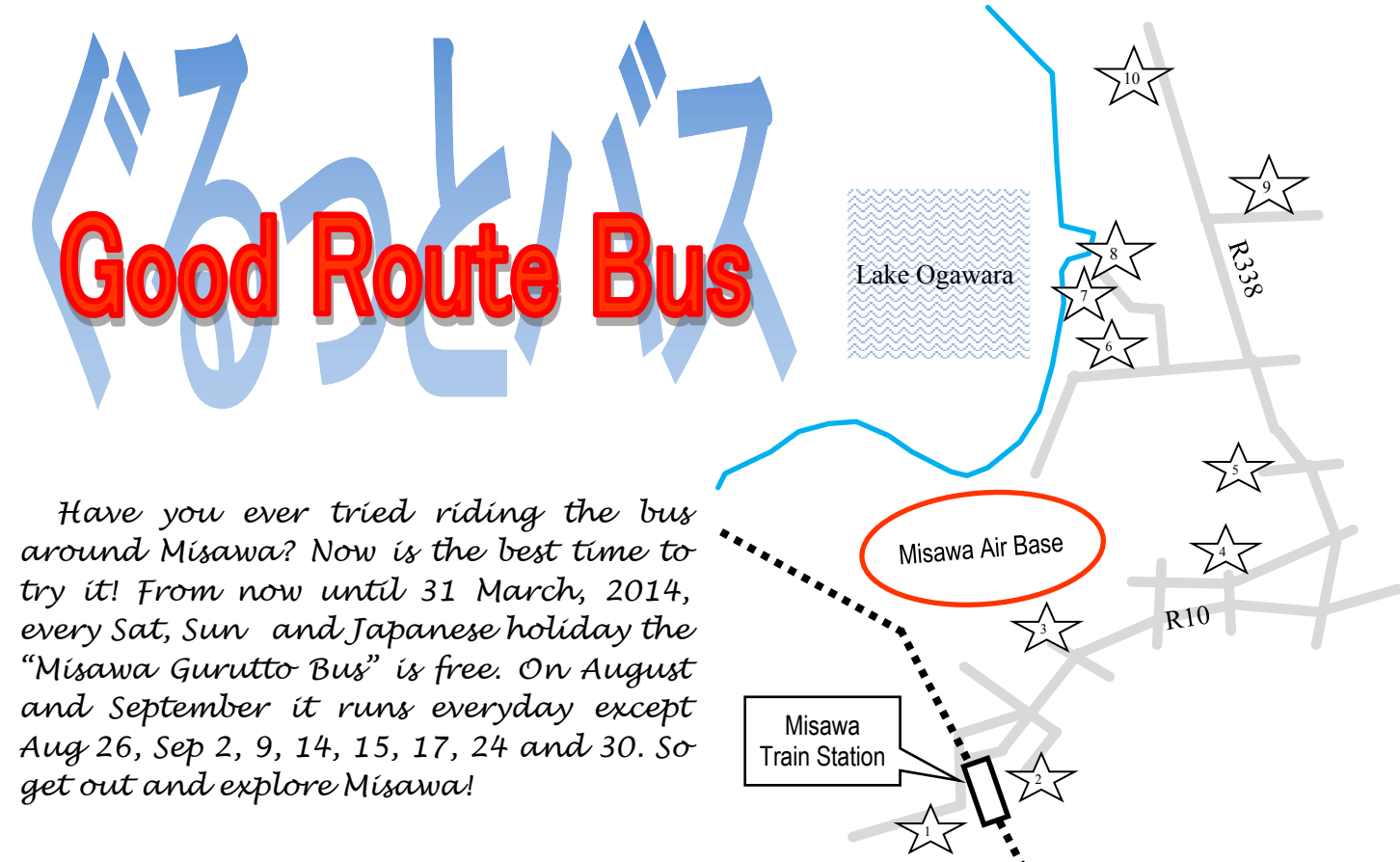
**Aug 4, Sunday, 11am - 9pm** Featuring the Terayama Music Museum Vol.4, an outdoor concert featuring local musicians.

## Farm Festa in Tonami

**August 4 (Sun), 9 am - 3 pm, at the Tonami Clan Memorial Village**  
Ever wondered what life on a farm is like? Come and find out at this festival! Attractions include cow milking, live music and more!

## Chuo-Koen Festival

**August 11 (Sun), 9:30 am - 3 pm at Chuo-koen (train park)**  
Want a relaxing summer day? Come to Central Park (or more known as “the Train Park”) and enjoy some BBQ, live music, and local food!



*Have you ever tried riding the bus around Misawa? Now is the best time to try it! From now until 31 March, 2014, every Sat, Sun and Japanese holiday the “Misawa Gurutto Bus” is free. On August and September it runs everyday except Aug 26, Sep 2, 9, 14, 15, 17, 24 and 30. So get out and explore Misawa!*

**Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village**  
<http://tonamihan.misawasi.com/> (*Japanese Only*)  
*Open 9:00-19:00 (Apr thru Oct)*  
*9:00-18:00 (Nov thru Mar)*  
*Closed Mondays*  
*(If it's holiday on a Monday, the museum will be open but closed the following day (Tuesday))*  
*Memorial Hall for Forerunners (City Founders) Museum: ¥50 - ¥100*  
*Outdoor village exhibit, Mini Zoo, and play-ground: Free*  
*Variable but low fees per use for miniature golf and vending kiddie rides.*  
*Also available: gift shop, restaurant, tourist information, and drink vending machines.*

**Hoshino Resort Aomoriya**  
*This is the resort hotel which is well-known for its Komaki Onsens! Hoshino Resort also has 3 fine-dining restaurants, each featuring a unique cuisine; a Japanese garden; Tohoku cultural exhibits and more!*  
*The Onsen (bath spa) features 2 temperatures of hot water, 2 outdoor pools, and a sauna. Bathing toiletries are provided. Open every day from 8 am to 12 midnight (except on Mondays, when it is closed from 12 noon - 1 pm, for cleaning). Bath spa pricing: Adults (13 yrs and older)-- ¥1,200. Children (4- 12 years old)-- ¥600. Children 3 years old and younger: Free.*  
*Look up their website at*  
*<http://www.komaki-onsen.co.jp/>*

To Misawa Aviation & Science Museum					
1. Hoshino Resort Aomoriya	9:10	-----	11:32	-----	14:33
2. Misawa Station - East Entrance	9:15	10:06	11:37	12:57	14:38
3. Sky Plaza Misawa	9:19	10:10	11:41	13:01	14:42
4. Misawa Airport	9:24	10:15	11:46	13:06	14:47
5. Misawa Aviation & Science Museum	9:30	10:21	11:52	13:12	14:51
6.Misawa Citizen's Forestry Park	9:37	10:28	↓	13:19	↓
7. Lake Ogawara	*9:39	10:30	↓	13:21	↓
8. Terayama Shuji Memorial Museum	*9:41	10:32	11:59	13:23	↓
9. Misawa City Indoor Heated Pool	-----	10:39	↓	13:30	15:00
10. Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village	-----	10:46	12:11	13:37	-----

To Misawa Airport, Misawa Station					
10. Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village	10:46	12:13	13:39	-----	16:24
9. Misawa City Indoor Heated Pool	↓	↓	13:46	15:00	16:31
8. Terayama Shuji Memorial Museum	10:58	12:25	13:53	15:07	16:38
7. Lake Ogawara	↓	12:28	13:56	15:10	16:41
6. Misawa Citizen's Forestry Park	↓	12:31	13:59	15:13	16:44
5. Misawa Aviation & Science Museum	11:06	12:39	14:07	15:21	16:52
4. Misawa Airport	11:11	12:44	14:12	15:26	16:57
3. Sky Plaza Misawa	11:17	12:50	14:18	15:32	17:03
2. Misawa Station East Entrance *1	11:24	12:57	14:25	15:39	17:10
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