

Misawa International Association News

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Survival Japanese

May 12, 19, 26, Jun 2, 9 and 16 Mondays
from 10 am to noon

Cooking class on May 19
Cross-cultural exchange potluck on June 16!
Fee: Please ASK!
Free child care available

Japanese Intermediate Class

May 13, 20, 27, Jun 3, 10, 17 and 24
Tuesdays 6 - 8 pm.
Fee: ¥2500 for 7 classes

ABC Circle

Every Wednesday, from 10:30 - 11:30 am
Join our cross-cultural exchange circle. Make
new friends as you learn some Japanese as
well as teach some English.

All the classes will be held at Misawa International Center.
For more information, please contact Misawa International Association.



Misawa International Center

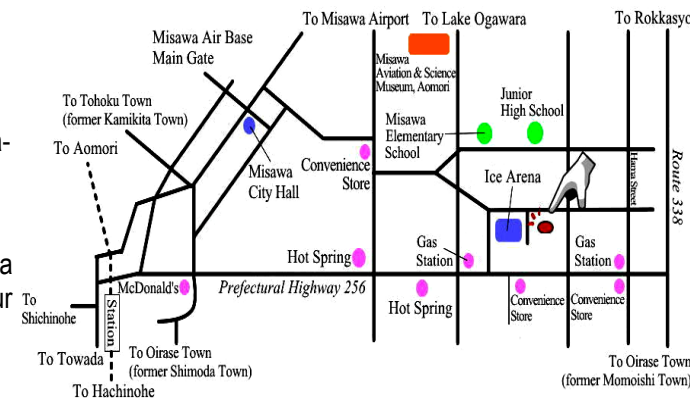
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Intercultural Exchange Message Board

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

Please post courteous messages or announcements for an intercultural exchange purpose such as English lessons, play dates for kids, advice in Japanese life and more. We look forward to your messages!



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Have you heard about "Golden Week"? April 29 through May 6 is called "Golden Week". It is four Japanese national holidays following close on calendar: Showa Day on Apr 29, Constitution Memorial Day on May 3, Greenery Day on May 4 and Children's Day on May. Many Japanese go out for leisure or sightseeing during Golden Week holidays, so it will be crowded at stations, in trains, on highways, at airports and even in Hawaii!!!

May 5, the Children's Day or Boy's Day, is originally a day to celebrate boys' wealth. Families who have a young son display "兜"--Kabuto, a traditional Samurai helmet, "Gogatsu-ningyo", a samurai doll and "Koi-no-bori", a big carp-shaped streamers. It is believed that these seasonal items symbolize children's future success. Also, they eat traditional food such as "Kashiwa-mochi" (a rice cake wrapped in an oak leaf) and "Chimaki" (rice dumplings wrapped in bamboo leaves), to ensure their son's good health and happiness.



Here are stories about some of the display items or food on the Children's Day.

Kabuto and Gogatsu-ningyo

These are traditional military armors. Parents wish to their son to grow up as strong as samurai warriors.

Koi-no-bori

Koi is a Japanese name of fish called "Carp". As if carps climbed up waterfalls without giving up, parents wish to their son to have a successful future like the carp overcome the difficulties.

Kashiwa-mochi

The leaf used for Kashiwa-mochi is an oak leaf. The leaf normally won't fall until a new sprout appears. It symbolizes the prosperity of the family.

Shuji Terayama Museum Spring Festival 2014

Do you know the artist, Shuji Terayama? He was an Avant Garde poet, dramatist, writer, film director, and photographer during the Japanese new Wave (cinematic era). Because his works were very symbolic and provocative, he was also known as "a word alchemist".

He was born on 10 December, 1935, the only son of Hachiro and Hatsu Terayama, in Hirosaki City, Aomori prefecture. Because his father was a police officer, the family moved often around the prefecture. During World War II, Shuji's father did not survive. Afterwards, Shuji was sent to live with relatives in Misawa City, while his mother worked on a US military base in Kyushu. Shuji was such a prolific artist, producing more than 200 works. His better known works include "書を捨てよ、町へ出よう" (Throw Away Your Books, Run into the Streets!) in 1970, "田園に死す" (Death in the Country) in 1974, "青ひげ" (Bluebeard), "イエス" (Yes) and more!

This spring, the Shuji Terayama Museum will hold several events to commemorate the anniversary of his death. Food booths, art exhibits, live music show and more. Bring a picnic mat and join us! All events are FREE (excludes museum admission) and will be held at the outside "multipurpose area". For more information, please visit their website <http://terayamaworld.com/kinen/> (Japanese ONLY)

Event Schedule

May 3, Sat - 5, Mon, from 11 am - 3pm : Mushi Mushi Koro Koro Park Jr.

This kid friendly park features special exhibits of Play & Art, Imagination & Experience, and an artistic play area.

May 4, Sun, from 1 pm: "五月の序詞 - Song of May-", live music concert

A program featuring a talk show, dance & music performance, and a recitation of Shuji's work.



American Day 2014

June 1, Sunday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**Various locations:
MAB Main Gate, Sky Plaza Misawa,
Chuo Park, Misawa Civic Center.**

American Day was first held in 1989, as a token of appreciation for Japan Day, on which many Japanese share their culture on Misawa Air Base for the US military members and their families. Likewise, on American Day, many Americans volunteer their time and effort to share American culture with the local people. American Day is open to everyone. Please join us for the fun event!

There will be food booths, games and events such as hot-the Harley Parade, the American Day Parade, a basketball tournament, hot dog eating contest, an American Idol Show, Haunted House, Hawaiian Dance and more!!!
Come and share American Culture with your Japanese friends!

Pre-American Day on May 31, Saturday 5 - 9 p.m. at Sky Plaza Misawa

“VINTAGE HALEN” tribute band the Mighty Van Halen is coming! Also American food booths will be open.



Dog Park

DID YOU KNOW? Pets are not allowed in most public parks in Japan for public health reasons. However, recently, the city office has received many complaints against people bringing dogs in Misawa parks as well as their nuisance in residential areas. So, we are asking you to be a smart dog owner! Please be aware that your dog's misbehavior may be annoying to your neighbors. And also cleaning up after your dog is required under the prefectural ordinance on welfare and management of animals.

① YOKAWAME FURUSATO HIROBA (四日目Dog Run)

Open Now until the end of December. Fee: FREE!

② KASUGADAI SESERAGI PARK (春日台せうぎ公園)

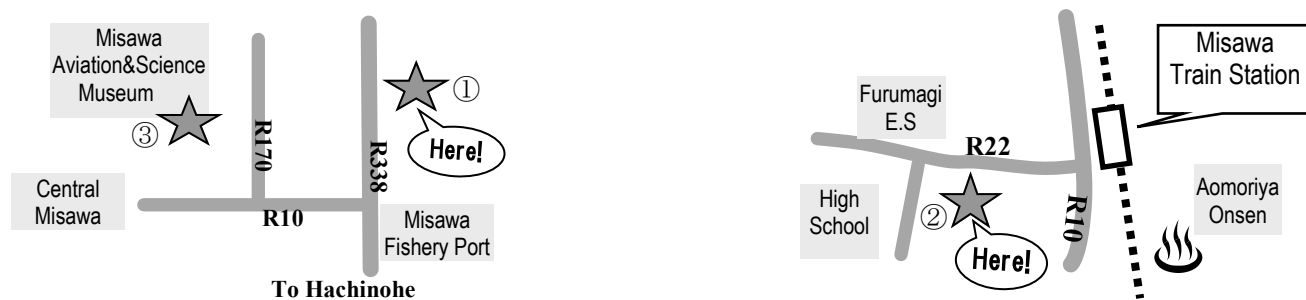
This park is pet friendly but does not have a dog run. Please observe dog etiquette and be considerate to other visitors.

③ OOZORA HIROBA AT THE MISAWA AVIATION & SCIENCE MUSEUM (大空広場)

Open 9 a.m.-5 p.m. same as Museum operation time and closed on Mondays.

Rules & Etiquette for Misawa's Dog Runs & Public Parks

- Please Take full responsibility for your dog. The city is not liable for any negative actions (dog bites, injury, death or other) which occur in the dog run or other public spaces.
- Please clean up after your dog.
- Dogs must have 3 vaccines (including rabies), within the past one year.
- Do not use the dog run while your dog is in heat.
- No food, drinks or smoking is allowed inside the dog run.
- Children, 15 years and under, must be accompanied by an adult, when in the dog run.



Let's Speak in Nanbu! Part 6

Believe it or not, even though Japan is a small country, it has a variety of colorful accents and dialects. Not far from Misawa-- the area from southern Aomori to northern Iwate Prefectures--one of the main dialects is Nanbu-ben (ben 弁 means "dialect; speech-type"). Here are some useful expressions!



そんなに もよって どこさいぐ?

Son-nani Mo-yo-tte Do-ko I-gu?

(Where are you going? You all dressed up!)

もよって **mo-yo-tte**: get dressed, wear nicely
(もよる **mo-yo-ru**)

どこさ **do-ko-sa**: where いぐ **i-gu**: go

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule

Science Show - Bubble Lab : Every day in May

Wonder bubbles? Come and find out the secrets of bubbles in our science lab!

The show is free, but participants need to pay for the museum admission fee. Reservation is not required. Just directly check in at the lab as the schedule follow.

Weekdays: (1) 11 am, (2) 12:30pm, (3) 3:30pm Weekends, Holiday, Golden Week (May 5 & 6): (1) 12:30 pm, (2) 3:30 pm.

Sky Screw Craft Workshop: Every weekend & Golden week (May 5&6)

1st session: 11 - 11:30 am, 2nd session: 2:30 - 3 pm, Golden week only 1:30 - 2 pm

Making rubber powered propeller Sky Screw. This weekend and holiday craft workshop will be held in the lab for the first come first served basis limitedly up to 20 people. The fee is only ¥200 per person including materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult all the time. Please sign up at least 30 minutes prior to the schedules below.

Saturday and Sunday: (1) 11 am, (2) 2:30 pm May 3 through 6: (1) 11 am, (2) 1:30 pm, (3) 2:30 pm

“Pikachu’s Summer Bridge Story”, a 3D Movie, playing in the AV multimedia Hall

Come and see the Pokemon movie in 3D! See the following schedules for show times:

Every weekend: (1) 10am, (2) 10:45 am, (3) 11:30 am, (4) 1 pm, (5) 1:45 pm, (6) 2:30 pm, (7) 3:15 pm

Weekdays: (1) 10am, (2) 11:30 am, (3) 1 pm, (4) 2:30pm.

**Due to other events, the show will be played only 10 am and 1 pm on May 24 & 25.*

Fee is ¥100 for elementary school and junior high school student, ¥300 for High school Student and older.

Amusement park at Museum?? : May 3, Sat - 6, Tue, 10 am -3 pm

Looking for a fun event for children? Battery operated cars, Bouncy Castle will be in the “Galleria” section (outside).

The Shell Questacon Science Circus: May 24, Sat - 25, Sun, 9 am -5 pm

The Science Circus is coming to Japan!! 30 hands-on exhibits will be at the special exhibit room; what is more, special science show will be performed at the multimedia AV hall. Fee is free and no need to sign up in advance!!

General Information: Misawa Aviation & Science Museum is open 9 am -5 pm, every day except 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. 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>*

What's going on Misawa Civic Center?

Misawa American School Spring Concert by Sollars Elementary School

May 8, Thursday at 6 pm in the Main auditorium
Come and enjoy their achievement. Fee is FREE!

The 17th Annual Concert by Clair Wind Orchestra :May 24, Saturday at 6 pm in the Main auditorium

The Clair Wind Orchestra is active mainly in the Misawa City and Towada City areas. Fee is FREE!

YOSE Performance :June 7, Saturday at 6 pm in the Main auditorium

Yose is a Japanese traditional story-telling that a performer shows “Rakugo”. (Japanese only)

Advance ticket is now on sale at the Misawa Civic Center!

The advance ticket is ¥2,500 for 19 years old and up, ¥1,000 for 18 years old and under, ¥500 more at the door!



O O Odoru Golden Performance

May 6, Tue (Japanese holiday)
At the Towada Art Center
The world is dance! This project features improvised performance using body and music. Fee is free!!!

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And Not Far from Misawa City..

Tennou Tsutsuji Festival

May 11, Sun - May 25, Sun

At Tennou Shrine (Down town Shichinohe)
There are over 500 azaleas, some of them are over 300 years old! Enjoy the beautiful flowers and visiting a Shinto-shrine!

The 3rd Pizza Carnival in Shichinohe

May 18, Sunday

At central shopping street (down town shichinohe)
Explore the main street of Schininohe town! Twelve local groups compete their Aomori's specialty hand-made pizzas. Try their original drum-can baked pizza and vote for your favorite one! The pizza sale will end while supplies last.

2014 Nano-Hana Festival

May 17 - 18 Weekend, 10:00 am to 3 pm
In Yokohama Town

Yokohama Town (not to be confused with Yokohama City near Tokyo!) is located northwest of Misawa City and is home to fields of nano-hana or canola plants. Every year in May, the fields of Yokohama Town become canvases of bright yellow flowers, signaling the arrival of spring. There will be nano-hana field maze, local food specialties and live entertainment!