

Misawa International Association News

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

Sign Up
NOW

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner Party

Nov 29, Saturday from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
at Misawa Air Base

Adult: ¥2,500 4 - 12 yrs old: ¥1,500

Save the date! Let's enjoy Thanksgiving with our Japanese friends! Advanced payment is required.
For more information, please contact the Misawa International Association below.

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ABC Circle

Every Wednesday,
10:30 am - 11:30 am

¥500/circle for MIA member
¥800/circle for Non-MIA member

Join our cross-cultural exchange circle. Make new friends as you learn some Japanese as well as teach some English.

Japanese Cooking Class

Nov 10, Mondays
10:00 am - noon
¥500 / class

Want to learn Japanese cooking? Sign up and bring your Apron!!
Sign up is required

Cooking Class

Korean dishes
Nov 5, Wednesday,
10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Holiday dishes
Nov 19, Wednesday
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
¥1,000 per class
Sign up is required

Japanese Intermediate Class

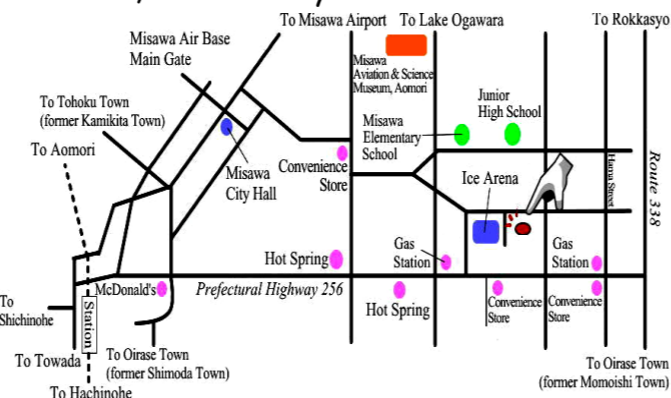
Nov 4, 11, 18, & 25
Tuesdays,
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Please ask for fee!



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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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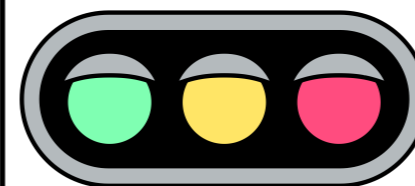
Fall into Autumn

Looking toward the mountain, you will now see Mt. Hakkoda is sporting a white snow cap and the tree leaves have changed their coats to autumn colors. Yet the calmness around the area and the sometimes warm days during the week are misleading because the temperature is dropping and Mother Nature including everyone is readying for winter. Now is the time to change your wardrobes, think about putting on the snow tires on the car, and making those holiday plans. But this is not the season to be rushing because you will miss the beautiful of Fall and all of the activities around the Misawa area. After all, November is Japanese Cultural Month. Please take a minute to look at the Misawa Cultural Festival schedule below and the other events listed in this newsletter, go ahead and enjoy fall in Japan!



Date	Time	Event
Nov 1 & 2, Weekends	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Art Exhibits and performance (tea ceremony on Nov 2 only).
Nov 1, Saturday	1:20 pm	Ballet Exhibition
Nov 2, Saturday	12 noon	Dance Exhibition
Nov 8, Saturday	12 noon	Traditional Japanese Music Concert
Nov 9, Sunday	11:00 am	Traditional Japanese Dance Show
Nov 15, Saturday	1:30 pm	"Do Re Mi" Ensemble Music Concert
Nov 16, Saturday	1:30 pm	Brass Band Concerto
Nov 22, Saturday	2:00 am	Misawa City Chorus Concert
Nov 23, Sunday	11:00 am	Dance Exhibition
	6:30 pm	Jazz & J-Pop Music Concert
Nov 24, Monday	12 noon	Variety Entertainment Show

Red, Yellow and Blue?



The Japanese traffic light blues: Stop on red, go on what?

Did you always think the red, orange, green arrangement was universally used around the globe? On the basis of international rule, "green" should be correct. But in Japan, people say traffic light colors are 赤Red (*a-ka*) for Stop, 黄Yellow (*ki-ro*) for caution, and 青Blue (*a-o*) for go!

Why do some Japanese say the green traffic light is blue? There are different stories about this interesting and cool saying. Here is one such story... in 1930, the first Japanese traffic signal was installed and it was called "Green" according to the law. The other reason could be the phonetic-related thing. It was cultural correct to say "Blue" rather than "Green" such as 青りんご *A-o Ringo*; Blue-Apple for Green-Apple, 青菜 *A-o Na*; Blue leaves (veggie) for Green leaves, and 青虫 *A-o Mushi*; Blue-bug for Green Caterpillar. In 1947, the law was changed to call it 青信号 *A-o Shingo*; "Blue" light and the new traffic light has Bluish-Green or Blue now.



Language Exchange & Japanese Nature Craft Classes

Schedules

- [1] Oirase Nature Study on Nov 10, Monday, 12:30 - 1:30 pm at Misawa IC*
Child care is available!!! Please sign up now!
- [2] Craft Session on Nov 15, Saturday, 10:00 am, Meet at Oirase Keiryu-kan (see below)
Craft Time: 10:30 am - 2:30 pm (Moss Ball making, Gourd Lamp making)
- [3] Survival Japanese Class on Dec 8, Monday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Misawa IC*
- [4] Survival Japanese Class on Dec 15, Monday, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Misawa IC*
- [5] Survival Japanese Class on Jan 13, 2015, Tuesdays 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at Misawa IC*

*All the language classes are held at Misawa International Center

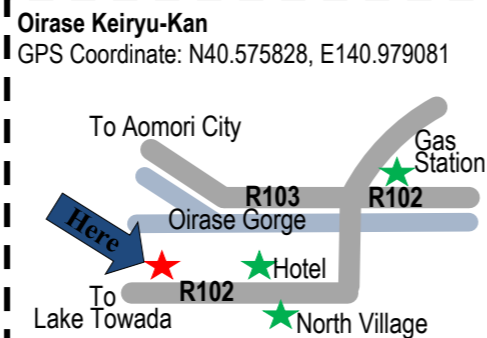
Fee

- ① Only Japanese Language Class ¥3,000
- ② Only Moss Craft ¥2,000
- ③ Only Gourd Lamp Craft ¥5,000
- ④ Japanese Language Classes + Moss Craft ¥5,000
- ⑥ Japanese Language Classes + Gourd Lamp Craft ¥8,000
- ⑦ Japanese Language Classes + Moss Craft + Gourd Lamp Craft ¥9,500

(There's a ¥500 discount for the language class and both crafts)

**All prices include material and instruction fee

For more information, please contact **MIA 080-6022-1349**



和食

Washoku is the traditional Japanese cuisine and it's added to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list on Dec 4, 2013. Washoku is known as having a well-balanced and healthy diet but there is more! One could say, the characteristics of Washoku are enjoying delicious, healthy and the beautiful décor of Japanese food!

Various fresh ingredients

Japan is an attractive place; rich with natural wonders, surrounded by beautiful oceans and mountains throughout the land. Fresh ingredients like vegetables, the "catch of the day" fishes, and meats are available in four seasons.

Well-balanced and healthy diets

Ichiju-Sansai is basic arrangement of a Japanese meal. It consists of a bowl of steamed rice, a soup dish and three side dishes. One of important seasoning for Washoku is "Dashi". It's made from Kombu seaweeds or dried bonito shavings and it's often used to enhance the flavor of dish. It help to make low-calorie meal.

Visually beautiful

Washoku represents the beauty of nature and the changing of the season by using seasonal flowers, leaves and more. Also decollating table, plates and utensils for season or special occasion that gives people enjoyment.

Connecting to annual events

There are many seasonal annual events and occasions starting with Osechi-ryori, traditional Japanese New Year foods to Toshikoshi soba or Year-End Soba eaten on New Year's Eve.

References cited: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (http://www.maff.go.jp/j/pr/aff/1402/spe1_02.html)



Let's Speak in Nanbu! Part 11

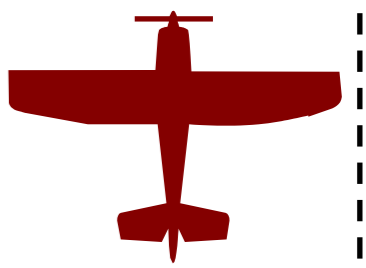
Believe it or not, even though Japan is a small country, it has a variety of colorful accents and dialects. Not far from Misawa--- the area from southern Aomori to northern Iwate Prefectures---one of the main dialects is Nanbu-ben (ben 弁 means "dialect; speech-type"). Here are some useful expressions!



あんべっこ いい Anbe-kko Ii
This food tastes good!

あんべっこ Anbe-kko: condition of things
いい Ii: good

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule



Science Show - Static Electric Shock!

- Why does the static electric shock happen? Come and find out in our science lab!
- The show is free but participants still need to pay for the museum entrance fee.
- You don't need to sign up ahead of time but just show up at the lab following the schedule.
- Weekdays: (1) 11:00 am (2) 12:30 pm (3) 3:30 pm
- Weekends, Holiday: (1) 12:30 pm (2) 3:30 pm

Paper Stained Glass: Nov 1 - 30 (Sat, Sun, Holiday) at Museum Lab

Making Stained Glass Decoration with special paper materials. This event is weekend and holiday special for the first come first served basis limitedly up to 20 people. Fee is only ¥100 per person including materials. Please sign up at least 30 minutes prior to the schedules below. (1) 11:00 - 11:30 am (2) 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

Disaster Film Chronicle : Nov 1 (Sat) - 30 (Sun) at the Multimedia AV Hall

This is a special film about disaster that occurred in Misawa City since 1933. Fee is FREE!!

This event is weekend and holiday only. (Excluding Nov 9, Sunday)

(1) 11:00 - 11:15 am (2) 1:30 - 1:45 pm (3) 3:00 - 3:15 pm

Bonsai, Chrysanthemum and Hand Woven Cloth Exhibit: Nov 11 (Tue) - Nov 16 (Sun)

9:30 am - 4:30 pm in the Special Exhibition Room

Local craft artists will display their arts: Bonsai, the art of living miniature plant scenes; Sakiori, the art of weaving stripped, recycled cloth into a new material; and Japanese Chrysanthemum, a symbol of autumn, rejuvenation & longevity, and the emperor. Fee is free!

General Information: Misawa Aviation & Science Museum is open 9:00 am - 5:00 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?

The 9th Salmon Festival In Oirase 2014

Nov 15, Saturday from 9:30am
Nov 16, Sunday from 10:00 am
at Shimoda Salmon Park

GPS coordinates: N 40.596084, 141.404948

Many events include catching salmon, salmon racing, entertainment events and firework (Nov 15, Saturday from 5:00 pm) will be features!! Tickets for the salmon catch are available at Shimoda Mall or Misawa ITT. ¥1,000 Advance, ¥1,200 at door. Come on and enjoy!!!

US-Japan Christmas Concert

Nov 30, Sunday, starting from 2 pm
at the Misawa Civic Center

Need to get in the mood for the holiday season? Celebrate Enjoy listening to a joint choir of children from Misawa City and US. Best of all, it's Free!

Christmas Market in Kosaka

Every Saturday before Christmas
on Nov 29, Dec 6, 13, 20 and Dec 24, Wednesday.
At Tenshi-kan in Kosaka town, Akita Pref.
GPS coordinate: N40.328324, 140.743112

Enjoy Germany in Japan --- in Akita! Get your Christmas shopping done; enjoy good German beer, gluhwein & foods, live shows, Christmas light displays and more! Fun for all ages!

Tonami Winter Fantasy

Dec 6 (Saturday) - Dec 25 (Thursday) 2014 at Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village
With Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on 6 Dec (Saturday)

Get into the Christmas spirit with this 1st of the season event! There will be fireworks, live music by The Graces and other groups. Feast on Misawa dishes such as yam dumplings, burdock udon, grilled surf clams, crab soup, the Air Force burger, and more, sold by local food vendors. The time for the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec 6 will be 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

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