

Misawa International Association News

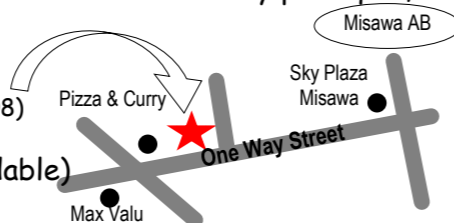
Participants
Wanted!!

Misawa Matsuri "Mikoshi" Parade
August 22, Saturday from 3:30 pm



Here's another unique opportunity to experience Japanese culture, hands-on! The Misawa International Association is looking for people who can help carry *mikoshi*, for the Mikoshi Parade. A *mikoshi* is commonly translated as a "portable shrine" but is better understood as a deity palanquin, to allow the local deity to join the *matsuri*. All are welcome, sign up now!!!

Meet at front of Hirose Gas Station (GPS:N40.679022, E141.360408)
What to wear: Sneakers, white T-shirts and short pants.
Fee: Adults ¥1,500 Children (5 - 12 yrs old) ¥500 (non-refundable).
Includes rental costumes, BBQ, drinks, and insurance.



Japanese Beginner's Class

Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 19, 26, Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7
Mondays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fee: ¥3,200 for 16 classes

Japanese Intermediate Class

Aug 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 19, 26, Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7
Mondays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Fee: ¥3,200 for 16 classes

ABC Circle

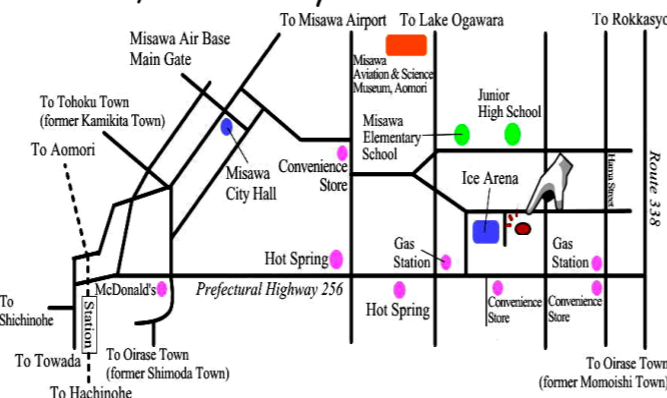
Jul 1, 8, 15, Sep 2, 9, 16, 30, Oct 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov 4, 11, 18, Dec 2, 9, 16, Wednesday, 10:30 am - 11:30 am
500 yen / circle for MIA member
800yen / circle for Non-MIA member
Join our cross-cultural exchange circle.
Make new friends as you learn some Japanese as well as teach some English

All the classes and events will be held at Misawa International Center. For more information, please contact Misawa International Association.
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Email: kokusai@city.misawa.lg.jp



Misawa International Center

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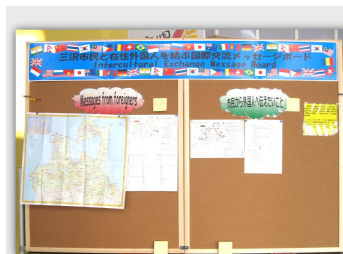


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Intercultural Exchange Message Board

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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July, 2015

Lake Ogawara Festival

July 19 (Sunday)

starting from 9:15 am

At the Lake Ogawara Beach

GPS coordinate: N40.738181, E141.359867

This is the first summer festival in the Misawa area and includes many fun events. Performances will be held, including: Hula Dance, "Precure" Show (the latter at 10:30 am and 1:15 pm), canoe trials and more! Admission is FREE!!!

Umi Garrett Piano Concert

July 12 (Sunday)

starting from 2:00 pm

At Misawa Civic Center

GPS coordinate: N40.684267, E141.369692

Umi Garrett is 14 years old American pianist and known as young piano genius who was granted a prestigious title of the Young Steinway Artist in 2014. Admission tickets available now at Misawa Civic Center!

Prices are:

Adult ¥1,350 Advance / ¥1,550 at door
Junior high and high school student: ¥500
Elementary school student and younger individuals are free.

Part of the tickets sales (¥50 / adults) will be donated to community welfare organization.

Lake Towada Festival

18 & 19 Jul (Weekends)

At Yasumiya of Lake Towada

(GPS coordinate: N40.426710, E140.892625)

Enjoy the spectacular fireworks display by the seaside! (Start on 8:00 pm on both day) Lake cruising are available on 2 days. ¥1,100 for Junior High and High scholar and adults, ¥550 for elementary scholar and younger. It is first-come-first-served basis.

Tanabata Festival

July 24, 25, 26 (Weekends)

1:00 pm - 9:00 pm

At Main Street in downtown

GPS coordinate: N40.682972, E141.371610

There will be 3-on-3 basket ball game and dance contest, Yukata (Summer Kimono) Fashion Show at American Park (front of Sky Plaza Misawa).

Shuji Terayama

Theatrical Festival 2015

At Hoshino Resort Aomoriya

July 10 (Friday) from 7:00 pm

July 11 (Saturday) from 1:00 pm

July 12 (Sunday) from 2:00 pm

GPS coordinate: N40.661248, E141.355883

Shuji Terayama

Summer Festival 2015

At Terayama Shuji Museum

August 1 (Saturday) 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

August 2 (Sunday) 11:00 am - 9:00 pm

GPS coordinate: N40.742297, E141.365339

Hachinohe Tanabata Festival 2015

July 17 (Friday) - 20 (Monday)

At central Hachinohe city

GPS coordinate: N40.30356 E141.29280

The festival street will be vehicle-free after 6 pm during this festival. There will be dance performance as pre festival on July 17, Friday. See the beautiful decoration!

Farm Festa in Tonami

August 2 (Sunday)

7:00 am - 3:00 pm

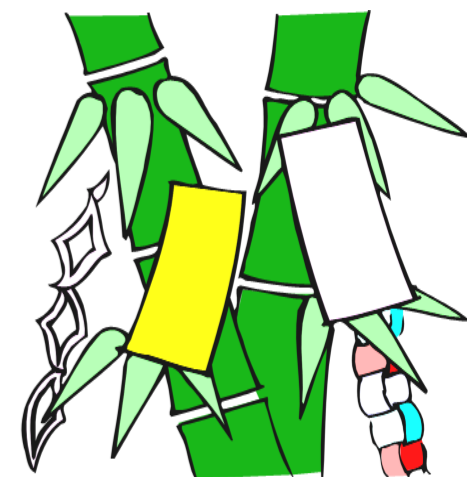
At Tonami Clan Memorial Village

GPS coordinate: N40.787235, E141.361937

Do you like farming? Come and join us! Stage performance, drawing, hot-air balloon (there is a charge for ride).

Don't forget stop by their farmer's market. They offer a wide variety of products from farm, fresh produce, local foods and unique specialty items.

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JULY TIMELINE

七夕 Tanabata: Star Festival

July 7th is the Tanabata or, "The Star Festival". This holiday originated from an ancient Chinese legend about two lovers: Princess Orihime (the North Star), who weaved the clouds, and Hikoboshi (the Altair star), a cowboy who watched the stars (which were like cows). Orihime and Hikoboshi used to be good workers. However after they got married, they stopped working. So Orihime's father, the Emperor of the sky Tentei became angry and separated them. But Orihime's tears of sadness caused him to relent and once a year, he allowed them to cross the Heavenly River (the Milky Way), on the 7th of July. In Japan, we celebrate Orihime's and Hikoboshi's meeting with a summer festival. Before, we used to pray for improving our sewing or our handwriting. Nowadays, people write their wishes on strips of colorful paper and hang them on bamboo branches.

Misawa City will host its Misawa Tanabata Festival from 25 - 27 Jul, along the Main Street in downtown and in American Village. If you want to venture further, the most popular Tanabata Festival is held in Sendai. This year, it will be held 6 - 8 Aug (Tue - Thurs), with a kick-off fireworks show on 1 Aug.

麦茶 Mugi Cha: Roasted Barley Tea

Mugi-cha is tea that brewed from roasted barley seed. It's very popular tea in Japan and be loved by everyone from children to adults because "Caffeine-free". During the summer, it's drunk as iced barley tea.

Become a Firework Sponsor!



Every year, for the past 30 years, the Misawa Fishing Port hosts a festival to end the summer festival season with a blast. August 30, Sunday the 31st Annual firework will take place and they are looking for individuals and groups to help sponsor the fireworks. Not only will your support light up the sky, but you can also include a special message for your family, friend, or special someone!
¥3,000 for a Primary Sponsor. This pays for fireworks.
¥5,000 for a Message Sponsor. This pays for fireworks and allows you to include a message. Message will be announced with fireworks. Please contact the Fisheries Promotion Division of Misawa City, before July 10, Friday, to become a part of this sponsorship and/or for further information. Be sure to include your name, telephone number, and message (if applicable). **Tel: 0176-53-5111 Email: suisan@city.misawa.lg.jp**

Let's Speak in Nanbu! Part 18

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!

July 7

7月 Shichigatsu : July and is also called "文月 Fumizuki" which Fumi means "letter" or "sentence" and zuki means "month". It originated from Tanabata that people write or compose poetry on paper strips to wish improve their hand writing .

海の日 Umi no Hi: Marine Day

It's a Japanese national holiday that is established in 1996. It celebrate ocean's bounty and to consider the importance of ocean.

July 20

暑中見舞い Shochumimai:

Summer Greeting Card

It's a post card for writing summer greeting cards. They are mailed between after the rainy season (mid-July) and first week of August.

夏休み Natsuyasumi: Summer Recess

It's usually start from fourth week of July until the last week of August. Japanese student at elementary schools and Junior high schools will be assigned tons of homework: workbooks in the subjects of Math, Japanese, Social study & Science, write a 1 to 2 page report, do a research project and art& craft. Younger children bring home potted plants and they have to keep an observation log about the plants. And children who are in school clubs will go to the clubs and practice "almost" everyday, even when school's off.

July 24

土用の丑の日 Doyou no Ushi no Hi:

Midsummer Day of the Ox

It's customary to eat an eel on this day to take nourishment and prevent tiredness from the summer heat.

TOP 6

What is your favorite Misawa's event?

Results of the Misawa Cable TV "What is your favorite Misawa's event?" survey:

- 1. Tanabata Festival**
- 2. Misawa Air Show**
- 3. American Day**
- 4. Misawa Festival**
- 5. Halloween Festival**
- 6. Cherry Blossom Festival**



Top Ranking, "Tanabata Festival" is organized by Misawa City Chamber of Commerce and Industry. This festival has been expanding and it features full of excitement with 3-on-3 (basket ball game), dance contest, live music show, ballet and more!!!

Enjoy Water!

Misawa City Indoor Heated Pool (GPS: 40.746169, 141.383061)

10 am - 9 pm. It's open everyday during Japanese school recess (July, 22 - Aug, 23) excluding Mondays, it will open at 1:00 pm.

Admission: ¥500 for 16 years and older, ¥300 for 12-15 years, and ¥100 for 11 years and younger.

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

Takinosawa Public Pool (GPS: 40.679647, 141.355853)

Now to Sep 6, Sunday, 10:00 am - 9:00 pm

Admission: ¥100 for 16 years and older, Free for children 0-15 years.

Notice: If the water temperature is below 21℃, the pool will close.

Misawa Veedol Beach (GPS: 40.676736, 141.439604)

July 10, Friday to September 6, Sunday, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule



Science Show - Experiment of Body power: July 1, Wednesday - 31, Friday

Come and find out at Museum Lab. The show is free but participants still need to pay for the museum entrance fee. No advanced sign up is required, just show up at the lab at the schedule time:

Weekdays: (1) 11:00 am (2) 12:30 pm (3) 3:30 pm Weekends, Holiday, Summer recess: (1) 12:30 pm (2) 3:30 pm

Work Shop - Make a Dinosaur Key-chain: Every weekend, holiday and Summer recess (July 22 - 31) at Museum Lab

Making a key-chain by using plastic mixture that gets soft with heat. This special weekend event is for first-come, first-served people, and it is limited to 20. Fee is only ¥150 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.

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

Toy Hospital in Museum: July 19, Sunday, 10:00 am - noon at the hallway area of 2nd floor

Do you have toys that need to be repaired? Bring them to Toy Hospital to be fixed. We will ask you to pay for repair parts and hospitalization fee. Please bring the power cable, instruction manuals and all accessories comes with electronic toys. Dangerous toys such as "Toy Guns" are not acceptable due to safety reasons.

Mini Miss Veedol flying contest: July 5, Sunday at Entrance area and Ozora hiroba (outside)

1st session: 10:00 am - noon, 2nd session: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Build a miniature Miss Veedol paper plane and join us at the flying contest! Winner who made their paper planes fly for 7 seconds or longer will receive prizes! Fee is free! The paper planes and prizes are given while supplies last.

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 ¥510; 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>

この服ちやっけて着らさんない
Kono Fuku Cha kkekute Kirasan nai
(This cloth is small and doesn't fit me.)

ちやっこい Chakkoi: Small
きらさんない Kira sannai: Can't wear

