

Misawa International Association News

Japanese Beginner's Class

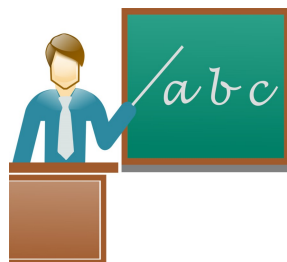
Sep 7, 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 19, 26,
Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7

Mondays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Fee: ¥3,200 for 16 classes

Japanese Intermediate Class

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



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

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ABC Circle

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

Aomori Global Academy 2015
Presentation by Ms. JoEllen Gorg
Principal Officer, the U.S. Consulate General Sapporo

U.S. and Japan, What can we learn from each other?

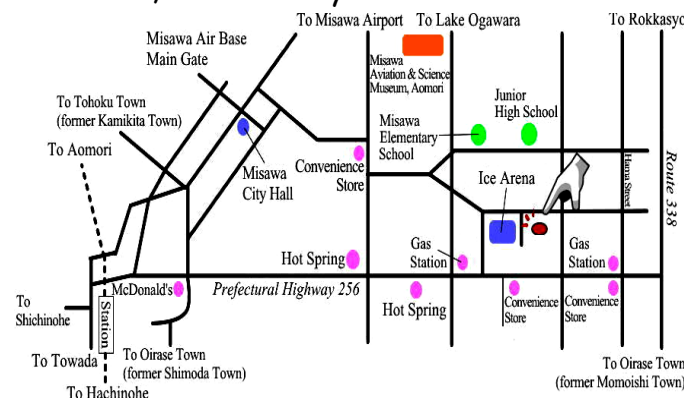
Presented by
Executive Committee for Global Human Resources Seminar
Aomori Prefectural Government and Misawa City

Date & Time: September 26, 2 pm - 3:30 pm
Place: Misawa International Center
Language: English (with Japanese interpretation)
Admission FREE!
Please sign up by sending your name and phone number by email to: kokusai@city.misawa.lg.jp



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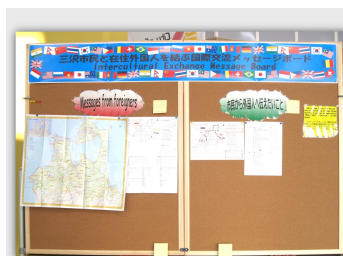


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Intercultural Exchange Message Board

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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Misawa EMS (Emergency Medical Service) Fair
September 12, Saturday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
At Misawa City Fire Department
(GPS coordinate: N40.692296, E141.391784)

Believe it or not, Firefighters do more than just put out fires! Come and see what the fire department does. There will be various fire equipment, emergency vehicles on display, CPR, AED as well as for hands on experience. Exhibit of Kindergarteners' picture "Ambulance of the Future". Also Misawa's local hero "Hokki-guy" is coming!!!



Heart full Concert
September 27, Sunday, starting from 4:00 pm
At Misawa City Hospital 1st floor
(GPS coordinate: N40.669636, E141.389932)

Music group "夢色音楽団" Yumeiro Ongakudan will perform song of autumn at the Misawa City Hospital.

Wadaiko Sai Shoudou II
September 11, Friday, starting from 6:30 pm
At Misawa Civic Center
(GPS coordinate: N41.281635, E141.175537)

Wadaiko Sai is a group of Japanese Drum Performance group formed in 2015 as a University club activity. Their activity had expanded and made their debut in 2013 as professional. Now they are celebrating their 10 years anniversary with the support of many people. Their motto is "Impress and Cheer everyone" which continues to challenge the group to pursue possibility and new expression of traditional Japanese drums.

Tickets are available at the Misawa Civic Center, Furusawa Instrument store, Hachinohe Civic Center, Towada Civic Center and Rokkasho Village Cultural Plaza. Prices are Adult ¥1,350 (¥1,550 at door), Junior high and high school student ¥500 (¥800 at door) and Elementary school student and younger individuals are free. Children under 5 are not admitted.

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

Hinomoto Chuo Matsuri
September 11, Friday - 13, Sunday
At around Ottomo Train Station
(GPS coordinate: N40.780215, E141.213066)

This festival featured float parade, music & traditional local dance "Nanyadora" and torch procession the best part.

Fiesta Del Sol in Misawa
September 12, Saturday, 1:00 pm - 8:00 pm
At American Park (front of Sky Plaza Misawa)
(GPS coordinate: N40.685271, E141.365488)

The USAF band "Pacific Trends" will kickoff the Festa Del Sole. A staged, talk show hosted Mr. Ikuma Hayashi, the chairman of the Japanese Tequila Association, will be a treat for all at the festival.



Come have FUN listen to the live American & Japanese music, watching the hula dance performances and tasting at the many drink/food booths!

Aomori To-Shi Festival
September 26, Saturday, 10:00 am - 8:00 pm
27, Sunday, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm in Mutsu City.
(GPS coordinate: N41.281635, E141.175537)

This festival will feature the best and unique of 10 Aomori cities: Aomori, Hirosaki, Goshogawara, Tsugaru, Hirakawa, Hachinohe, Mutsu, Towada, Kuroishi and Misawa. It's not something you see everyday, check it out. Stage performances such as Aomori Nebuta Hayashi Performances (Nebuta flute & drum corps), Goshogawara Tachinebuta and more. Each the best foods each city has to offer!



Towada Autumn Festival
September 11, Friday - 13, Sunday at Towada City
(GPS coordinate: N40.612441, E141.206937)

Gorgeous decollated float with Taiko drumming will parade on Main street of Towada City. Food stalls, special events and more for fun!

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Meeting, singing, dancing and digging Gobo have deepened the friendship between Wenatchee Valley and Misawa City!



On the first day (August 18), the Wenatchee Valley Goodwill Delegation arrived in Misawa. The 26-member delegation was led by East Wenatchee Mayor. David Lacy, along with first lady, Mrs. Debra Lacy. The delegates attended a welcome ceremony at the Kizan Misawa, and listened to performance by children from Daiichi Kindergarten. Then, the delegates were introduced to their Misawa host families.

During the ceremony, the donation was presented for the Sleepy Hollow Fire victims in Wenatchee to Mayor Lacy, Wenatchee Appralian Chancellor, Mr. Womack and Apple Blossom Royalty. As of August 31, ¥1,146,263 (\$9,452.16) in donations collected by Misawa citizens.

On the second day, it started with the tour of Misawa City Office, a trip to Sabishiro Beach where the Miss. Veedol plane departed on its first non-stop flight across the Pacific Ocean for Wenatchee, Washington in 1931. Then, the delegates experienced farm life by digging a Misawa's specialty Gobo (root burdock) followed by tasting them at the Tonamihan Memorial Village. The day continued with the delegate experiencing Japanese culture such as singing Japanese folk songs, dancing, tea-eremony, playing Koto instrument and dressed in yukata (Summer kimono) at the Misawa International Center. With the help of the Misawa International Association representatives, the delegates made sushi rolls. In the evening, Misawa's Mayor Taneichi hosted a garden party with a Japanese-style barbeque, featuring various seafood, meats, and vegetables. The guests also got to try pounding *mochi* —the traditional way of making Japanese rice cakes and make them into balls. Mr. Robert had his first mochi and he asked for another one.

On the third day, the delegate visited Misawa Daisan Junior High School. They were welcomed with the amazing Japanese Calligraphy performance by Junior High School students. They experienced traditional Japanese play such as Origami (folding color paper), Shu-ji (calligraphy) and Nagashi Somen (flowing noodles through a bamboo gutter, catch it with chopsticks, and dip it in fish broth to eat) and Suika Wari (challenger put bandage over their eyes, hold a long stick on their hand, walk to the watermelon by escorting audience voice and split the watermelon). After the school visit, the delegate visited the Misawa Air Base where Colonel Rex, the Misawa AB installation vice commander, greeted



and welcomed them and then gave them a base tour. When the delegates visited Kabushima island, the famous nesting location for black-tailed gulls, they worshipped for their safety journey. Most of student delegate had soft ice-cream at the Tanesashi Coast, part of Sanriku Fukko (reconstruction of Sanriku region after the great East Japan Earthquake) National Park.

On the fourth day, it was family day and the delegates spent pleasant time with their host family. “We want to go festival in spite of rain.” said Mayor Lacy. Sad, the wet weather spoiled and prevented us from having the Summer Festival Parade this year. But looking at the bright side, the delegates spent more time with their host family. At a farewell reception, The Apple Blossom Royalty performed a square dance routine, Ms. Grace Orallo performed a tap dance, Ms. Nicole Conrad sang a Broadway number, Ms. Gwen McQuaig played the piano and sang a song, Mr. Henry Talbot performed a juggling with his Pokemon balls and as special guest performance, we had an Elvis Presley live show!

On the fifth day (August 23), at the farewell ceremony, Mayor Taneichi said he would visit Wenatchee Valley next year. On that final day, we gave and received many hugs, took lots of commemorative pictures and promised to keep in touch. From those touching moments, new friendship were formed between Wenatchee Valley and Misawa City. Thank you everyone for helping with building this deep bond between our three cities!

Let’s Speak in Nanbu! Part 20

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!

せば 帰るすけ！
Seba Kaeru suke!

I have to go. See you!



SEPTEMBER TIMELINE

9月 Kugatsu : September and is also called “長月 Naga tsuki” which means “long month”. It’s the month of night is getting longer.

敬老の日 Keiro no hi:

Respect for the Aged Day

It’s a day to honor the senior citizens. Usually senior citizens received a gift from their grandchild.

Silver Week: It’s the holiday from the first day of the equinoctial week to Autumn Equinox Day. In contrast to the “Golden Week” holidays in May, It’s called “Silver Week” and will be 5 days off in this year 2015.



彼岸 Higan: Equinoctial week

It’s a seven-day period surrounding the Autumn Equinox and it customary to visit ancestors’ graves during this week.

秋分の日 Shu-bun no hi:

Autumn Equinox Day

It’s one of Japanese holiday the day and night appear to be the same length. Ohagi (a rice ball covered with red bean paste) is the popular foods for to eat on this day. You can purchase Ohagi at Japanese glossary, convenience and confectionary store.

Chuo-Koen Matsuri & Manpuku Matsuri
September 20, Sunday, 9:30 am - 4:00 pm at the Chuo-Koen (aka train park)
(GPS coordinate: N40.683199, E141.371445)



This event will be featured “Play, Learn, Laugh and Eat” event such as world logging championship, live music show, balloon art, dance performances, and demonstrations of chain saw arts including the experience of climbing a tree, kayaking and crafting.

Also the 19th Annual Manpuku Matsuri will be held with a theme of “Mom’s favorite food”. Manpuku means “a full stomach” and Matsuri means “festival” in Japanese. Misawa’s chef will use their culinary skills to make special dishes at the Chuo Park (aka Train park). Come with your friend and family to explore the festival!

B-1 Grand Prix in Towada City
October 3, Saturday - 4, Sunday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at the Towada Central Park
Website (Japanese only) : <http://b-1towada.com/> (GPS coordinate: N40.612173, E141.205942)



What is B-1? It’s a Brand gourmet that promotes local specialties. Unlike fancy foods like Michelin ordered in a restaurant, everyone loves these local specialties. All participants are represented by an organization and they must have the sole purpose of revitalizing the community.

In 2006, this competition was officially started in Hachinohe. People purchased and tried the dishes. To vote and show their satisfaction of the good food, each participate threw their used chopsticks into a collection box. In 2012, Hachinohe’s specialty “Senbei-jiru” (Toasted cracker in vegetable soup) won the 1st prize and in 2014, Towada’s specialty “Towada Barayaki” (grilled beef flank and onions in a special sauce) won the 1st prize. This year, B-1 Grand Prix will be held in Towada City with 62 participants' stalls from all over the Japan. To join this event you need purchase food ticket; ¥1,000 for 10 ticket (¥100 / ticket) which will be available at Sky Plaza Misawa, Family Mart, Aeon Shimoda Mall and some other places. (No refund and return)

Come have fun and support our local specialty!

Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule



Science Show - Learn about Moon!: Now until Sep 30, Wednesday

How much do you know about Moon that is closest star from Earth. 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:

Weekday (1) 11:00 am (2) 12:30 pm (3) 3:30 pm Weekend (1) 12:30 pm (2) 3:30 pm

Work Shop - Make a Taketonbo: Now until Sep 30, Wednesday at Museum Lab

Making a Taketonbo (flying toy) and a launcher by bamboo sticks and plastic. 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 30minutes prior to the schedules below.

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

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>