

# Misawa International Association News

## Japanese Beginner's Class

Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7

Mondays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Fee: ¥1,500- for 6 classes



## Japanese Intermediate Class

Oct 19, 26, Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7

Mondays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Fee: ¥1,500 for 6 classes

## ABC Circle

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

## Bus Schedule between International Center and American Hiroba

	Bus #75	Bus #63	Bus #75	Bus #63	Bus #63	Bus #75	Bus #63
America Hiroba	9:11	10:59	12:11	12:59	14:49	15:51	17:49
Ice Arena	9:30		12:30			16:10	
Fukaya *	9:31	11:23	12:31	13:23	15:13	16:11	18:13

	Bus #75	Bus #75	Bus #63	Bus #63	Bus #75
Fukaya *	9:09	11:09	12:21	14:21	14:39
Ice Arena	9:10	11:10			14:40
America Hiroba	9:28	11:28	12:46	14:46	14:58

America Hiroba is front of Sky Plaza Misawa.  
Fukaya: front of Taro Onsen.  
(GPS coordinate: 40.675868, 141.392492)

All the classes and events will be held at Misawa International Center.  
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## October, 2015

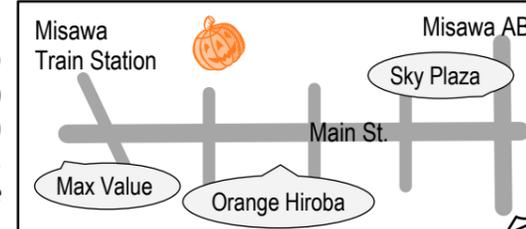


The temperatures have begun to drop and the leaves have begun changing color: autumn is in the air! There is much to do in this part of Japan: pick apples, harvest rice, catch a salmon, and listen to a concert! Here are some other suggestions of what to do around Misawa. Hurry and enjoy, before winter comes!

## HALLOWEEN FESTA in Misawa 2015

October 17, Saturday, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

The Annual Halloween Festival will be held at Misawa Main Street, American Park, and American Village. There will be a costume contest, trick-or-treating, and other fun events such as a prize drawing and sale booths around American Village. Come along with your family and friends, to this unique Japanese Halloween event! Enjoy a ghoulish day out!



### Event Schedule

- 11:00 am: Finding Halloween Characters at American Park (Sky Plaza) \*first 200 who sign up
- 11:30 am: Costume parade sign up at Orange Hiroba  
\*This plaza [brick-laid park] is on Main Street (AKA "White Pole Road"), one block east from Max Value Supermarket.
- 12:30 pm: Costume Parade down Main Street, from Orange Hiroba to Sky Plaza
- 1:00 pm: Contest & Judging at Sky Plaza Misawa
- 3:00 pm: Trick or treating on Main street (Stop at the shops decorated with pumpkins)



# Misawa International Center

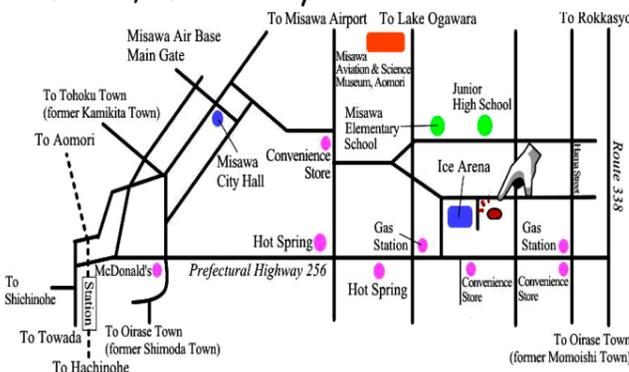
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## Intercultural Exchange Message Board

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!



## Fire Safety Fiesta & Manpuku Festival

October 25, Sunday, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm  
At Veedol Dome (next to the Misawa Shopping Center)  
(GPS coordinate: N40.675130, E141.361582)



What do firefighters do? Believe it or not, they do more than just put out fires! Come and see what the fire department does. There will be various fire equipment and emergency vehicles on display for hands on experience such as riding on the ladder vehicle and fire truck to include getting to discharge water.

Also Manpuku Festival will be held at the same place. Manpuku means "a full stomach" in Japanese. This festival will feature the Misawa's local specialties such as Nagaimo (yum), Gobo (Root burdock) and more!!! These event are definitely a treat your tummy!

Come to try tasty foods and fun experience during this festival!!

## Heart Full Concert

October 10, Saturday, from 4:00 pm  
At Misawa City Hospital 1st floor  
(GPS coordinate: N40.669636, E141.389932)

St. Uisla high school student will perform instrument solo and song solo at the Misawa City Hospital. Admission free!

## Towada Koma Fiesta

Oct 18, Sat - 19 Sun, at Towada Cntral Park  
(GPS coordinate: N40.610587, E141.206818)

This festival related to horses as Towada City used to be the site of the army horse branch. Festival features horseback archery, jumping competition and riding horse. Good for both children and adults!

## Shichinohe Dracula Fiesta

Oct 10, Saturday, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
at Shichinohe Town  
(GPS coordinate: N40.695789, E141.154826)

Shichinohe town is known for its garlics, tomatoes, and bats. This event features many activities that related to bats. Wear your costume and join to the festival!!!

# OCTOBER TIMELINE

**10月 Jugatsu : October** and is also called “神無月 Kannazuki” which can be literally translated as “No Gods Month”. According to Shinto religion, it was said there were eight million Gods around Japan and they would leave their shrines to visit the “Izumo Taisha” in Shimane prefecture to meet. Therefore, October is used called “Kannazuki” (No Gods Month) as all Gods would gather in Shimane Prefecture and there would be no Gods in any other prefectures.

## 体育の日 Taiiku no hi: Health and Sports Day

In 1964, Tokyo Olympics held and the opening day was October 10. It was designated in 1966 to commemorate the Olympics. Nowadays, it has been moved to the second Monday of October. Many physical related events held around Japan.



## 衣替え Koromogae: Seasonal change of clothing

The first week in October is the time for changing your wardrobe for the upcoming winter season. Most junior high and high school students wear uniforms. This is the time when students change from their summer uniforms to their winter ones. For business, their employees will return to wearing warmer business wardrobe unlike the wears under the Cool Biz Campaign, the wearing of casual clothes that helped the offices reduce their energy bills.

Do you like spicy food?  
Do you like vegetables?  
Do you like something new?



## Bibimbap Cooking Class

Oct 27, Tuesday, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
at Misawa International Center  
(GPS coordinate: N40.679676, E141.401952)

Do you have a passion for learning about healthy food?  
You can learn, taste and take some for you to home.  
Cooking instructor: Hyesung Laffy from Laffe's Cooking Studio  
Fee is \$20 or ¥2,000  
Sign up today at: hclaffey@gmail.com

## Misawa Cultural Festival 2015

November 3 is a national holiday in Japan. It called Culture Day and its purpose of promoting culture such as tea ceremony, flower arrangement, traditional dancing and arts. You will see many cultural events during November in Misawa City. See next the program for more details!  
All events will be held at the Misawa Civic Center and admission is free.

Date	Time	Event
Oct 30 - Nov 1 Fri - Sun	10:00 am - 5:00 pm	Art Exhibits and performance (tea ceremony on Nov 1 only).
Oct 25, Sun	11:00 am	Dance Exhibition
Oct 31, Sat	11:00 am	Traditional Japanese Music Concert
Oct 31, Sat	6:00 pm	Classic Concert
Nov 7, Sat	1:30 pm	“Do Re Mi” Ensemble Music Concert
Nov 8, Sun	11:00 am	Dance Exhibition
Nov 14, Sat	1:00 pm	Brass Band / Chorus Concert
Nov 15, Sun	11:00 am	Traditional Japanese Dance Exhibition
Nov 22, Sun	12 noon	Variety Entertainment Show
Nov 23, Mon	6:30 pm	Jazz & J-Pop Music Concert

## Let's Speak in Nanbu! Part 21

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!

この服ちやつてくてもきらさんない  
**Kono huku chakke kute Kirasannai**  
**This cloth is too small for me to wear.**  
Huku: cloth  
Chakkekute: small (Chakkoi : small)  
Kirasannai: can't wear



## My Number System is about to begin in Japan!

For non-Japanese citizens (mid-term, special permanent, etc) who are registered as residents in Japan, the government will be notifying them about issuance of a 12-digit Social Security and Tax Number (also called My Number) in October 2015. The “My Number” will be issued under the Japanese Social Security and Tax Number System, which is a program that will serve as the social infrastructure to improve the efficiency and transparency of the Japanese Social Security and Tax System, bring greater public conveniences and eliminating unfairness in the society.

### Individual Number mailing will begin in October

From mid-October to the end-November 2015, your municipality will mail an envelope to your residence (at the address registered therewith). The envelope contains a “Notification Card” with your Individual Number on it.

### Handle your Individual Number with care

Keep your Notification Card at hand and be careful not to throw it away or tear it. To avoid illegitimate use of your Individual Number, do not tell it to others except as required. “Individual Number Cards” will be available. Your “Individual Card” also serves as an ID card bearing your Individual Number. To apply for an “Individual Number Card”, fill in and send back the application provided with the “Notification Card.”

### If you have any questions

Access the site or call the number below. You can also contact the municipal office of the town where you live (your municipality).

Website: <http://www.cas.go.jp/jp/seisaku/bangoseido/otherlanguages.html>  
Call center: 0570-20-0291 (English / Chinese / Korean / Spanish / Portuguese)  
9:30 - 20:00 weekdays, 9:30 - 17:30 weekends and holidays (Not available during the New Year's holiday)  
\*Call charges will apply because these are Navi-Dial services.

あなたにも、マイナンバー。  
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平成27年  
10月から  
マイナンバーを  
一人ひとりに  
お届けします!

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**Misawa City Indoor Heated Pool Closures**  
Oct 19 - 23 (Monday to Friday)  
(GPS coordinate: N40.746133, 141.383027)  
For facility maintenance.

## Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule



### Science Show - Story of Star: Now until Oct 31, Saturday

What is the star name? When can you see your constellation? How much do you know about Stars? Come and learn 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 Balloon-Powered Car: Now until Oct 31, Saturday at Museum Lab

Come and build a car powered by balloon air! This special weekend event is for first-come, first-served people, and it is limited to 20. 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.  
(1) 11:00 - 11:30 am (2) 2:30 - 3:00 pm.

### Work Shop - Halloween Craft: Oct 11, Saturday and 12, Sunday, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm at Special Exhibition Room

Looking for something for trick-or-treating? Make your own ghoulish light, display, ornament, a ring with small fee (¥50 - ¥250 / a item). This craft event is on first-come, first-served basis 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>