

# Misawa International Association News

## Japanese Beginner's Class



Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7  
Mondays, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm  
Fee: ¥1,500- for 6 classes

## Japanese Intermediate Class

Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7  
Mondays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Fee: ¥1,500 for 6 classes

## Japanese Advanced Class

Nov 2, 16, 30 and Dec 7  
Mondays, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Fee: ¥1,500 for 6 classes

## 日本語 Nihongo Beginner Class

Nov 17, 24, Dec 1, 8 and 15  
Tuesdays, 10:00 am - noon  
Fee: ¥3,000 for 5 classes

Come and learn Japanese conversation!

## ABC Circle

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 Sky Plaza Misawa and Misawa International Center

To MIC*	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

To Sky Plaza	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

MIC: Misawa International Center  
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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## November, 2015



### 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
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

### Heart Full Concert

Nov 22 (Sun), starting from 4 pm  
At the Misawa City Hospital in the Atrium (on the 1st Floor)  
GPS coordinate: N40.6669614, E141.389802  
They perform Bach music. Fee is FREE!!!

### US-Japan Christmas Concert

Nov 29, 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!

### The 10th Salmon Festival In Oirase 2015

Nov 21, Saturday from 9:30am - 5:30 pm  
Nov 22, Sunday from 10:00 am - 3:30 pm  
at Shimoda Salmon Park  
GPS coordinates: N 40.596084, 141.404948  
Many events include catching salmon, salmon racing, entertainment events and firework (Nov 21, Saturday from 5:00 pm) will be features!! Tickets for the salmon catch are available at Shimoda Mall Info. or Misawa ITT. ¥1,000 Advance, ¥1,200 at door. Come on and enjoy!!!

### Misawa Local Produce Festival

Dec 6, Sunday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
At Misawa Fishery Port  
GPS coordinate: N40.681175, E141.434998  
What is Misawa's local specialties? The festival will feature the Misawa's local specialties such as Hokki-gai (Surf Clam), Squid, Flat fish, Gobo (root burdock), Nagaimo (Chinese Yam) and Paika baby back rib. There will be stage performance, food booths and more! Come to try tasty foods and fun experience the festival fun!!

### Towada Projection Mapping

Nov 21 (Sat) - 22 (Sun) from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Projection Mapping will held at 2 places below.  
Enjoy the artistic night!!!

**Art Station Towada**  
GPS coordinate: N40.615124, E141.212870  
**Towada Art Museum**  
GPS coordinate: N40.613930 E141.209617

### Tonami Winter Fantasy

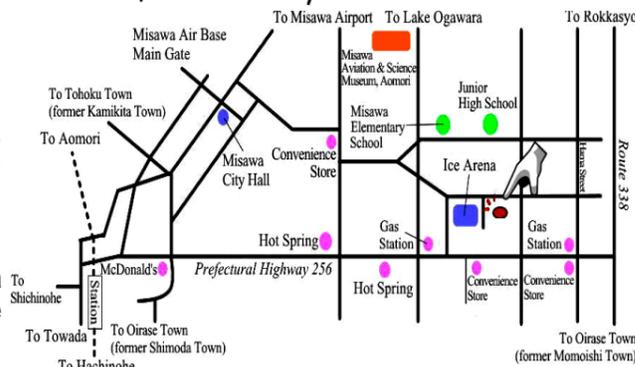
Dec 5 (Sat) - Dec 25 (Fri)  
at Tonami Clan Memorial Tourism Village  
GPS coordinate: N40.787243, E141.361916

On Dec 5, Saturday, Opening event will be held from noon to 7:00 pm. There will be live music, stage performance, Misawa dishes sold by local food vendors and fireworks (6:00 pm)! The time for the Christmas Tree Lighting will be 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm during the above schedule.



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# 温泉

Have you ever tried the 温泉 *onsen* yet? An *onsen* is a public bath in Japan that is built over an underground hot water spring. These hot springs exist due to Japan being a stratovolcano archipelago of islands. Going to the *onsen* is a very popular pastime for the Japanese. The volcanic waters contain many minerals which are not only therapeutic for rheumatism, arthritis, and various atopic skin conditions, but also the water beautifies and softens your skin. It is also a good way to warm up on a cold, winter Japanese day. Around Misawa City, there are many *onsens* which are reasonably priced from ¥250 to ¥350.

## How to take the Onsen?

1. Go to the changing rooms: 女 for women area (often behind red curtains) and 男 for men area (often behind blue curtains).
2. In the changing room, undress “completely” and place your clothes in one of the empty, small laundry size baskets.
3. Walk in the washing area, where there will be seat-level showerheads, with your toiletries and washcloth to take a quick shower. Near the door to the wash area are usually plastic stools and wash basins. Take one of each and then walk to an empty showerhead and take a seat. Washing and getting really soapy and brushing your teeth (if you want) is great because according to Japanese’s custom, you should be morally free from dirt before entering the onsen.
4. After you wash, tidy up your space or you could leave your toiletries at your in the shower area. When it’s crowded, placing your toiletries on the shelf above your shower or near the door is good manners.
5. Now you are ready for the tubs. Most onsens have at least 2 bath tub area, but some have several areas. Dip your hand in the tub water to check if the temperature. If it is not to your liking, that’s the water, is too hot or too cool try another tub.
6. Step in carefully so you don’t slip and sit down and RELAX!
7. When you are done relaxing, you don’t have to rewash; just return to the changing room to dry off and redress.

## Tips for the Onsen:

- \* Swimsuits are not allowed in most onsens.
- \* If you’re uncomfortable with nudity, you may bring a small “US-size hand towel” into the tub area, to cover your privates.
- \* Coin lockers (usually ¥100 deposit) are available at most places, for your valuables. Many return your ¥100, when you re-open the locker.
- \* Some of the high-end onsens provide shampoo, conditioner, and body wash as part of the costs. But most places do not. In which case, you may want to make your own onsen basket set with your favorite toiletries.
- \* When you are done soaking, dry off as much as possible before re-entering the changing area or near its door, so you don’t track water all over the changing area floor.
- \* Children are welcomed at the onsen and allowed to play with bath toys. However, splashing is not allowed and running should be avoided. Little boys up to kindergarten age or 9 years old are allowed in the women’s section.



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## Let’s Speak in Nanbu! Part 22

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!

いがんど なにしてらっきゃ  
**Igan do Nani shite rakkyā**

**What are you doing?**

Igando : You guys

Nani shite rakkyā: what do you do



# NOVEMBER TIMELINE

11月 Juichigatsu : November and is also called “霜月 Shimotsuki” which can be literally translated as “A frost month”. In this month, the frost forming is a sign that snow will start soon in northern Japan.

## 七五三 Shichi-go-san: Day of Prayer for healthy growth of young children

Shichi-Go-San literally translates as “Seven Five Three” and is a Japanese rite of passage and festival day for three- and seven year-old girls and three- and five-year old boys held annually on November 15. On this day or on the closest weekend, parents bring their sons and daughters to a Shinto shrine. Families give thanks because their children reached a “good luck age” and to pray for their children to continue in good health and fortune. Children are dressed in either traditional Japanese kimono or current formal Western wear. The family will take formal, studio portraits to commemorate the event. And often, they receive 千歳飴 Chitose ame, a stick-type candy that’s either pink or white.

## 文化の日 Bunka no hi: Culture day

Culture day is one of national holiday which occurs every November 3. The day is devoted to the display of cultural arts and to promote academic endeavors. On this day, cities are filled with art exhibition, cultural performance, and other activities.

## 勤労感謝の日 Kinro kansha no hi: Labor Thanksgiving Day

It’s a national holiday in Japan which takes place annually on November 23. The law establishing the holiday cites it as an occasion for commemorating labor and production and giving one another thanks.

## Misawa Aviation & Science Museum Event Schedule



### Science Show - shape of sounds: Now until Nov 30, Monday

What is the shape of sounds? Come and learn about sounds 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 Air Rocket: Now until Nov 30, Monday at Museum Lab

Come and build a compressed air rocket. This special weekend event is for first-come, first-served people, and it is limited to 20. Fee is only ¥300 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 am (2) 2:30 pm.

### Bonsai, Chrysanthemum and Hand Woven Cloth Exhibit: Nov 3 (Tue) -Nov 8 (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!

### Toy Hospital in Museum: Nov 15 (Sun), 10:00 am - noon

Do you have any 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 that comes with electronic toys. Dangerous toys such as “Toy Guns” are not acceptable due to safety reasons.

### 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>