

What's New?

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The Niihama Taiko Festival (Oct. 16 to 18)

One of the most famous, popular events in Niihama is the Niihama Taiko Festival. With tradition and a history of 300 years, the Niihama Taiko Festival is held every year from October 16 (Oct. 15 in Ojoin) to 18 to give thanks for abundant autumn harvests. A total of 51 taikodai (drum floats) parade the streets and compete in their five respective districts for the best carrying style. The five districts are Kawahigashi (east of the Kokuryo river), Kawahigashi Seibu (the western part of Kawahigashi), Kawanishi (west of the Kokuryo river), Jobu (the southern part of Niihama), and Ojoin.



Editors' recommendation

- **Oct. 16 (Fri.) 4:00~6:30**
Four Taikodai are dedicated at Uchinomiya shrine.
- **Oct. 17 (Sat.) 12:00~15:30**
Taiko Competition (19 Taikodai) on the playing field of Yamane Park.
- **Oct. 17 (Sat.) 16:00~18:00**
Taiko Competition (17 Taikodai) in front of Takihama Station.
- **Oct.18(Sun.) 14:15~18:00**
Taiko Competition (17 Taikodai) at Hachiman Shrine.
- **Oct.18 (Sun.) 9:30~10:30**
11 Taikodai gather and compete at Ooehama seaside.
- **Oct.18 (Sun.) 14:00~17:00**
Taiko Competition (11 Taikodai) at Ikku Shrine.

For further information (in Japanese)

<http://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/kanko/taiko/>

The New Garbage and Trash Collection

Starts on Oct.1.

In order to do more recycling, you are required to sort your garbage and trash into 9 categories as follows:

Each district has its own collection schedule, so please get the new calendar for your area at Gomi-genryou-ka (Garbage Reduction Section) 2F City Hall, ☎65-1252.

● Burnable 燃

(Put them into a transparent or semi-transparent plastic bag.)

Paper, cloth, wood, leather articles, unrecyclable plastic (e.g., Saran Wrap) or rubber, stuffed toys, pillows of less than 30cm.



● Non-burnable 不燃

(Put them into a transparent or semi-transparent plastic bag.)

Small-sized electrical appliances, metal, ceramics, broken glass of less than 30cm



New Bottles びん

to be recycled

(Put them directly into the container at the garbage station)
Bottles for foods should be separated into three kinds: transparent, brown and other colors. Please take off lids and rinse them with water.

New Cans 缶 to be recycled

(Put them directly into the net at the garbage station)

Cans for foods, spray cans for cosmetics (like hair spray), other metal containers for food.



● Plastic beverage bottles 瓶 to be recycled

with this mark  to be recycled

(Put them directly into the net at the garbage station)

Plastic bottles for beverages, sake, soy sauce, vinegar. Please take off lids and labels and rinse them with water. Lids and labels go into Recyclable plastic containers and packaging

New Recyclable plastic containers and packaging 容器 to be recycled

with this mark  to be recycled

(Put them into a transparent or semi-transparent plastic bag)

Please rinse with water. If it has stains, it goes into Burnable.

Cups, plastic containers, nets, bags, tubes, lids, trays, bottles



● Old paper 紙 to be recycled

Old paper is classified into four kinds: newspaper and their fliers, cardboard, magazines, and milk cartons. Tie the paper of the same kind crosswise and take to the garbage station. Don't put it in a plastic bag. Paper with stains goes into Burnable.

● **Dangerous items** 害 to be recycled

Dry cell batteries and mercury thermometers should be in a transparent plastic bag. Fluorescent tubes should be in the box in order not to be crushed.

● **Large trash** 大型ごみ

For 30cm ~ 180cm items such as furniture, electrical appliances, bedding, bicycles, etc, please call the pick-up number at City Hall ☎31-5300. Up to 10 items will be collected at one time. You must allow a minimum of 31 days before you can have another pick up.

Sunday Fair ~ *for a lively shopping district*

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The Niihama chamber of Commerce will hold a Sunday Fair, Fureai-ichi (Warm-Hearted Fair) on the 4th Sunday of every month from this October on Noborimichi (Sun-road), the central shopping district of Niihama. Local specialties and fresh fish & vegetables will be on sale. Character shows and a flea market are also planned. The Chamber will try to appeal to every interest and all generations. Noborimichi (Sun-road) is the 300m arcade stretching over Wakamizu-cho and Izumiike-cho. The shops in the arcade have lost many of their shoppers because of the large shopping mall nearby. Many stores have closed and something has to be done to revitalize the area. The Sunday Fair's concept is "to consume where produced". Local agricultural products and handiwork will be on sale at the market. The number of the stalls is set at 60 and the fair will be held once a month for the time being and twice a month in the future if it is a success.

Other organizations such as Bussan-kyokai and Kyodo-office are cooperating and events like a stamp rally are also planned to maintain shopper enthusiasm in the event. The first fair is October 25, 8:00~13:00. The arcade will be vehicle-free.

The Chamber says, "We want to revitalize the central shopping district, which was originally developed by the Sumitomo Companies."

For further information on holding your own stall contact: 0897-33-5581

MOVIES

TOHO PLEX (AEON Shopping Center)

September 4 ~ THE TAKING OF PELHAM123 English
September 11~ X-MEN ORIGINS:WOLVERINE
English/Dubbed
October 9 ~ FAST & FURIOUS English
October 9 ~ MY SISTER'S KEEPER English

Information Service

Internet:

<http://niihama-aeonmall.com/index.jsp>

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

(various kinds of "dasu")

- T : きのうの宿題を出してください。
Kinō no shukudai o dashite kudasai.
(Please hand in yesterday's homework.)
- S : すみません、持って来るのを忘れてしまいました。
Sumimasen, motte kuruno o wasurete shimai
mashita.
(Sorry, but I forgot to bring it with me.)
- T : 先週のレポートは、もう出しましたか。
Senshū no repoto wa mo dashimashita ka.
(Have you handed in last week's report?)
- S : いいえ、まだです。
Iie, madadesu. (No, not yet.)
- T : 明日までに、必ず出すこと!!
Ashita made ni kanarazu dasu koto!!
(Be sure to submit it by tomorrow!)
- S : はい、わかりました。
Hai, wakarimashita. (Yes, I understand.)

レストランで (At a restaurant)

- A : 全部おいしかったですね。
Zenbu oishikatta desu ne.
(Everything was delicious, wasn't it?)
- B : ええ。Ee. (Right.)
ここはいつもおいしい料理を出すので、人気があるんですよ。
Koko wa itsumo oishi ryōri o dasu node ninki ga arun desu yo.
(This restaurant always serves delicious food, so it is very popular.)
- C : すみません、いくら出せば(払えば)いいですか。
Sumimasen, ikura daseba i desu ka.
(Excuse me. How much should I pay you?)
- B : ええと...お酒を飲んだ人は5000円、飲まなかった人は3000円ずつ出してください。
Eto...osake o nonda hito wa gosen en, nomanakatta hito wa sanzen en zutsu dashite kudasai.
(Let's see...those who had sake please pay 5000 yen, and those who didn't drink please pay 3000 yen.)

- ★ (宿題/レポート/テスト/申込書) を出す...hand in, submit
- ★ (料理/食事) を出す...serve
- ★ (お金) を出す (払う) ...pay

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