

What's New?

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Origami Vending Machine

(from Ehime Shimbun March 23, 2016)



An old white vending machine stands next to a soft drink vending machine in front of a shop. It is near the Ikazaki Junior High School in Uchiko-cho. You can see on the vending machine blurred letters reading “Coin Slot” and a rusty and coarse return lever. “おりがみ“(Origami, letters on the upper part of the machine are handmade using black patched-together tape. The eighteen kinds of origami such as elephants whose trunks move and paper balloons line the three shelves in the show case of the machine.

Ms. Chizuko Okano, the owner of the shop, says with a smile, “I don’ t think they will sell well. Neither do I try to make money by them.” This machine was originally a tobacco vending machine. But it stopped its job about ten years ago when it needed to be improved to adjust for the Taspo card, which was a system to stop underage smoking. The machine was left empty for half a year.

Then she started to take part in the local “Creative Art Exhibition” to show her origami such as lamps with paper shades and chop stick bags using Ozu Washi (traditional Japanese paper). This experience triggered her creativity and she started to make origami to sell by the vending machine.

Every two months some origami are replaced with new ones suitable for the season. She does not use the origami paper on the market but she buys wrapping paper in her favorite color and patterns and cuts them into 10cm squares for her origami. The prices are ¥10, ¥30 and ¥50 depending on the level of difficult to make. She has sold 70 kinds of origami so far and the ¥10 pointed dagger type has boasted of the biggest sale.

The annual sales are about ¥1000. But Ms. Okano is all smiles and says, “Some people came all the way from many parts of Japan to see my Origami vending machine. I want to keep on doing this as long as I can enjoy creating origami works.”

Kurushima Kaikyo Strait Can Be Seen on Smart Phone

(from Ehime Shimbun

April 13, 2016)

A new website for smart phones which shows Kurushima Kaikyo Strait has been launched by “Shimanami”, the company that runs the Michi-no-eki, (roadside station/gift shop) along Setouchi Shimanami Kaido. This site is designed to advertise attractions of Kurushima Kaikyo Strait. You can see real-time moving pictures, tourist spots and useful information for tourists.

Shimanami Kaido has become popular thanks to the cycling boom. But Kurushima Kaikyo Strait is not so well known though it has one of the three biggest rapid tides in Japan. This site offers more information about the strait and user-friendly access to tourists.

This site distributes around the clock images from the live camera installed at 1 cho-me Ohama Imabari. You can see scenery of the whole Kurushima Ohashi Bridge and Mt. Kiro and small islands by zooming in. You can also see ocean carriers coming and going.

You can make a reservation for a rapid tide sightseeing boat to Kurushima Kaikyo Strait using a form given on the website. You can also post pictures you take to this site through the message board.

Nihongo Salon (Salon for Speaking Japanese)

Feel free to share your opinion and thoughts in Japanese.

No worries about making mistakes.

- The first time: July 16 (Sat.) 10:30~12:00
- Place: Machizukuri-Kyodo-Office (Bunka Center Annex 1F)
- Fee → ¥500
- Intended Persons: Foreigners who can speak simple Japanese.
- Reservation: Not needed.

●Regular Meeting: Every 1st and 3rd Saturday 10:30~12:00

●For further information: Machizukuri-Kyodo-Office

TEL: 0897-65-3158

July Events

☆ ★July 1(Fri.) – August 31(Wed.)

Swimming at “Marine park”

Location : Marine Park Niihama

Phone : 46-4100

-The Marine Park Beach is officially open for two months. If you want to rent a tent, barbecue grill or goods for camping, please contact the number above.

☆★July 10 (Sun.) Patrol Boat Cruise

11:00, 13:00, and 14:00

Location : Marine Park Niihama

-If you want to experience a 30-minute free cruise off Niihama Port, please apply at the Marine-mura reception desk one and a half hours before each cruise starts on the day. The 7th Summer Festival will also be held, so children can enjoy various attractions such as water slides, robots and some performances.

☆★July 3(Sun.) Yuragi-no-mori, Ajisai-Matsuri

10:00 – 15:00

Location : Yuragi-no-mori in Besshi

Phone : 0897-64-2220(Auberge Yuragi)

Visitors will be able to see a variety of hydrangeas and special lunch courses are available at Auberge Yuragi.

☆★July 30 (Sat.) Japanese speech contest by overseas

12:00-16:00 students

Location : Niihama Cultural Center

Phone : 0897-65-1300

-17 senior high school students from many different countries will give speeches in Japanese.

☆★July 31(Sun.) J. League Division 2 Soccer Game

19:00 –

Location : Ninjinia Stadium (next to Tobe Zoo)

Phone : 0899-70-0700(Ehime FC) / 0897-65-1303 (Niihama City Office)

- The Ehime FC will play against the Thesupakusatsu Gunma. If you live in Niihama, discount tickets are available at the City Office, so please contact the number above by July 29.

SGG would welcome any suggestions, questions or ideas for monthly articles.

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MOVIE

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

April 23 ~	Zootopia	2D Dubbed
June 1 ~	Deadpool R15+	2D English / 2D Dubbed
June 10 ~	Money Monster PG12	2D English
July 1 ~	Alice Through the Looking Glass	2D English • Dubbed / 3D Dubbed
July 9 ~	INDEPENDENCE DAY RESURGENCE	2D English • Dubbed / 3D Dubbed
July 16 ~	Finding Dory	2D Dubbed

Information Service

Internet: <http://niihama-aeonmall.com>

Tape (24 hrs): 050-6868-5019(in Japanese)

Movies might be changed without notice. Please check.

Fireworks festivals

★ Shikokuchuo – Kawano Summer-Festival

Date : July16(Sat.), 20:00 – 20:50

Location : Kawano Port

Phone : 0896-28-6158

★ Niihama

Date : July 29(Fri.), 19:30 – 21:00

Location : Kokuryou-gawa, riverbed

Phone : 0897-65-1261 / 33-5581

★ Imabari-Onmaku Festival

Date : August 7(Sun.), 20:00 – 21:00

Location : Imabari Port

Phone : 0898-23-3939

Information in English & Chinese on the Web

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*How to sort garbage and trash

Visit  <http://www.city.niihama.lg.jp>

Clair:*Multilingual Living Information

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengorev/en/index.html>

ONE POINT JAPANESE

“ところ”

No.1

- A :** ^{あめ}雨ばかりの ^{てんき}天気で、^{きもち}気持ちも ^は晴れませんね。
Ame bakari no tenki de, kimochi mo haremase ne.
(With such rainy weather, your feelings are gloomy too.)
- B :** ^{しゅうまつ}週末は ^は晴れるそうですよ。Shūmatsu wa hareru sō desu yo.
(The weekend will be fine, I hear.)
- A :** ^{じゃ}じゃ、^{どこか}どこか ^{けしき}景色の ^{いい}いい ^{ところ}所に ^い行きませんか。
Ja dokoka keshiki no ii tokoro ni ikimasen ka.
(OK, then how about going to some scenic place?)
- B :** ^{かがわけん}香川県の「^{しうんてやま}紫雲出山」と ^{いう}いう ^{ところ}所を ^し知っていますか。
Kagawa ken no “Shiundayama” to yū tokoro o shitteimasu ka.
(Do you know the place called ‘Shiundayama’ in Kagawa Pref.?)
- A :** ^{たし}確か、^{さくら}桜で ^{ゆうめい}有名な ^{ところ}所ですよね。
Tashika sakura de yūmē na tokoro desu yo ne.
(It’s a place famous for cherry blossoms, right?)
- B :** ^{じょうほう}ネット情報に ^{よると}よると、^{あじさい}紫陽花 ^みが見頃らしいですよ。
Netto jōhō ni yoruto, ajisai ga migoro rashī desu yo.
(According to the internet, the hydrangeas are in full bloom.)
^{こだい}古代の ^{いせき}遺跡も ^{あるし}あるし、^{さんちよう}山頂からの ^{なが}眺めも ^{すばらしい}すばらしいとか。
Kodai no iseki mo arushi, sanchō kara no nagame mo subarashī to ka.
(There are ancient ruins too and the view from the top is great.)
- A :** ^{おもしろ}へえ、^{面白}面白そうな ^{ところ}所ですね。He, omoshirosō na tokoro desu ne.
(Really? It sounds like an interesting place!)
- B :** ^{じゃ}じゃ、^{そこ}そこに ^{しまし}しまししょう。
Ja, soko ni shimashō. (OK. Let’s go there.)
- A :** ^{しょくじ}食事する ^{ところ}所は ^{ある}あるんですか。
Shokuji suru tokoro wa arun desu ka. (Is there a place to eat?)
- B :** ^{カフェ}カフェが ^{ある}ある ^{みたい}みたい ^{だから}だから、^{かんたん}簡単な ^{しょくじ}食事なら ^{できる}できるかも。
Kafe ga aru mitai dakara, kantan na shokuji nara dekiru ka mo.
(There’s supposed to be a café, so we may be able to have a light meal there.)
- A :** ^こ込んで ^{かも}かもしれないので、^{お弁当}お弁当(を) ^か買って ^い行きましょうか。
Konderu kamo shirenai node, obentō (o) katte ikimashō ka.
(It may be crowded, so shall we get o-bento to take?)
- B :** ^{そう}そうですね。じゃ、^{どようび}土曜日の ^{じこう}9時頃、^{いつも}いつもの ^{ところ}ところで。
Sō desu ne. Ja, doyōbi no kuji goro, itsumo no tokoro de.
(Good idea. So, around 9 o’clock on Saturday at the usual place?)
- A :** ^{いつも}いつも ^{くるま}車(を) ^だ出して ^{もら}もらって、^{すみ}すみません。^{たの}楽しみに ^{して}しています。
Itsumo kuruma (o) dashite moratte sumimasen. Tanoshimi ni shiteimasu. (Thanks for always driving. I’m looking forward to it.)

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