

## MOVIE

### TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

June 26 ~	Rambo: Last Blood R15+	English / Dubbed
June 26 ~	Sonic the Hedgehog	Dubbed
June 26 ~	Prince Mononoke	Japanese
June 26 ~	Spirited Away (千と千尋の神隠し)	Japanese
June 26 ~	Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind	Japanese
June 26 ~	Tales from Earthsea (ゲド戦記)	Japanese
July 10 ~	Waves PG12	English
July 10 ~	The Invisible Man	English
August 21 ~	Onward	Dubbed

Due to the new coronavirus infection, movies might be changed without notice. So please check the homepage for information.

#### Information Service

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## ONE POINT JAPANESE

「はず」の使い方

A: 田中さんはまだ来ていませんか。

Tanaka san wa mada kite imasen ka.  
(Hasn't Tanaka-san come yet?)

B: 来て ないですね。

Kite nai desu ne.  
(No, he hasn't come.)

田中さんの ことだから、また 遅刻かも しれませんよ。

Tanaka san no koto dakara, mata chikoku kamo shiremasen yo.  
(Knowing Tanaka-san, he'll probably be late again.)

A: 先週、早めに 来るよう 言ったんですが・・・。

Senshū, hayame ni kuruyō ittan desu ga...  
(Last week I told him to come early.)

B: それなら、もうすぐ 来る はずですよ。

Sore nara, mō sugu kuru hazu desu yo.  
(If that's the case, then he should be here soon.)

心配なら メールしましょうか。

Shimpai nara mēru shimashō ka.  
(If you're worried about it, shall I send an e-mail?)

A: いいえ、もう ちょっと 待って みます。

Īe, mō chotto matte mimasu.  
(No, I'll try waiting a little longer.)

遅刻しては いけない ことは、わかって いる はずですから。

Chikoku shitewa ikenai koto wa, wakatte iru hazu desu kara.  
(Because he should know it's no good to be late.)

A: きのう、事務所の 電気が つけばなしでしたよ。

Kinō, jimusho no denki ga tsukeppanashi deshita yo.  
(Yesterday, the office light was left on.)

B: ええ? そんな はず ないです。

Ēe? Sonna hazu nai desu.  
(Really? That can't be!)

帰る 前に、確認しました。

Kaeru mae ni, kakunin shimashita.  
(I checked it before I left.)



# What's New?

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Amabie

Why is the number of infected or dead people  
of COVID-19 small in Japan ?

(from Nikkei, May 31, 2020)

During World War II, there was an organization called United States Office of War Information. In the office, a lady named Ruth Benedict was engaged in the study of a hostile country Japan. She summarized a report titled "Patterns of Japanese Culture," which influenced the US policy toward Japan. After the war, a book developing this idea was published.

The name of the book is "The Chrysanthemum and the Sword." Since the first edition in 1946, it has been read for a long time. The essence of it is her insight that "The U.S. has a culture of sin." and "Japan has a culture of shame." Japanese guideline of one's behavior is how his behavior is evaluated by others. However, even if you make a mistake, you don't care much about it as long as it is not known by others, she pointed out.

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Overseas media say that the countermeasures against COVID-19 taken by Japanese Government seem to be wide of mark but strange to say, those work well. In Japan the PCR inspection rate is very low and forced restrictions on going out is not so strong. Why is the number of infected and dead people small compared to that of Europe and America? The Nobel Prize laureate, Mr. Yamanaka Shin-ya calls this enigma “Factor X” and insists that it is necessary to solve it.

Is it because of Japanese way of life or the effect of BCG vaccine? I suppose that's because people wear masks all at once and refrain from going out. Did “Other people's eye” discipline people? If so, I am worried about the time when people let their guard down. I'd like to say, the theory on Japanese people, “The Chrysanthemum and the Sword” is outdated, but I still think there's some relation to it.

## August Events

### ☆ Atomic Bomb Panel Exhibition

Photos and pictures of Hiroshima and Nagasaki when the atomic bombs were dropped

\*7/27 ~ 7/31: Oshima Koryu Center

\*8/ 3 ~ 8/ 7 : Izumigawa Community Center

\*8/11 ~ 8/14: City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Fl.

\*8/17 ~ 8/21: Niihama Community Center

### ☆ Planetarium Projection

Date: now ~ 8/29

Time:① 9:30~ ② 11:00~ ③ 13:30~

④ 15:00~ (45min. each)

Closed: Sun. Mon. holiday

Place: Shimin Bunka Center, Annex 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.

Fee : ¥60 for adults, ¥10 for children, ¥30 for students

TEL: 0897-33-2180



## Advisory Corner for Foreign Residents



Niihama International Center

新居浜市国際交流協会

Niihama-shi Kokusai-Koryu-Kyokai

The Niihama International Center offers advice, information on daily life and public administration matters for foreigners in simple Japanese, English, Korean and Vietnamese. All consultation contents will be kept confidential and are free of charge, so please feel free to visit our office. You can also contact us by phone, fax or e-mail.

Language	Day	Time
English	Tues. & Thurs.	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Korean	Fri.	1:00-3:30 p.m.
Vietnamese	Sun. Once a month 7/19, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1, 12/13, 1/17, 2/7, 3/7	1:00-5:00 p.m.
Japanese	Mon.-Fri.	1:00-5:00 p.m.

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## A Booklet, “MOTTAINAI & KINDNESS”

(from Ehime Shimbun June 2, 2020)

A booklet for kids, “MOTTAINAI & KINDNESS”, has been issued by e-Work Ehime, the Nonprofit Organization, for the purpose to nurture food. The booklet is A5 size and 22 pages. About 2,000 of them will be presented to the kindergartens and elementary schools in Niihama.

It is the first time for Food Bank e-Work Ehime to issue a pamphlet for kids. It says that a lot of still edible food such as dented canned food, ramen close to the expiration date and too big oranges are discarded. It means that now in Japan every person wastes a rice bowl of food every day. That is, 1,700 large dump trucks of food is thrown away every day.

The booklet shows that Food Bank works to change the Mottainai food (too valuable to be wasted) to the merciful food by delivering it to the poor people. And they say asking to kids, “Don't you waste some Mottainai food at your home?” and “ Why not lead life friendly to the earth?”

The organizer Nabae Tsutomu emphasizes, “We want kids to know the word “MOTTAINAI”, not to be picky eaters and not to leave a dish unfinished.

### Online Information in English

#### ☆ Garbage Rules in Niihama:



#### How to sort and put out your trash and garbage

[https://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/gomi/gomibu\\_nbetu-1.html](https://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/gomi/gomibu_nbetu-1.html)

#### ☆ What's New? in English



[https://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/chiiki/whats\\_new2020.html](https://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/chiiki/whats_new2020.html)

#### ☆ Multilingual Living Information from Clair:

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