

MOVIE

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

September 10 ~	Break The Silence: The Movie	Korean
September 11 ~	Midway	English
September 18 ~	Tenet	English
September 25 ~	The Adams Family	Dubbed
October 2 ~	Trolls World Tour	Dubbed
October 9 ~	Wonder Woman	unfixed

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

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

~「ばかり」の使い方~

A : Bさん、みんなと ラーメンを 食べるに 行きませんか。

B-san, minna to rāmen o tabe ni ikimasen ka?
(B-san, how about going out for ramen-noodles with us?)

B : どう しよう。きのう ラーメンを 食べた ばかりなんですよ。

Dō shiyō. Kinō rāmen o tabeta bakari nan desu yo.
(Oh no! I just ate ramen yesterday.)

A : 大丈夫。ラーメンは 毎日 食べても おいしいですよ。

Daijōbu. Rāmen wa mainichi tabete mo oishī desu yo.
(That's OK. Ramen is delicious even if you eat it every day.)

B : そうですね。

Sō desu ne.
(You're right.)



A : 漢字を よく 知っていますね。

Kanji o yoku shitte imasu ne.
(You know kanji very well!)

日本の 生活は 長いんですか。

Nihon no sēkatsu wa nagain desu ka?
(Have you lived in Japan for a long time?)

B : いいえ、去年 来た ばかりです。

Īe, kyonen kita bakari desu.
(No. I just came here last year.)

日本の ゲームや マンガで 漢字を 覚えました。

Nihon no gēmu ya manga de kanji o oboemashita.
(I learned kanji through Japanese games and manga.)

A : わたしは マンガ ばかり 読むと 母に 叱られましたよ。

Watashi wa manga bakari yomu na to haha ni shikaremashita yo.
(I was scolded by my mother, who said, "Don't read nothing but manga!")



A : ぼく、映画俳優の Cに 似てると思わない?

Boku, ēga haiyū no C ni niteru to omowanai?
(Don't you think I look like the movie actor C?)

B : 冗談 ばかり!

Jōdan bakkari!
(You're always kidding!)

< by Niihama Nihongo no Kai >

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What's New?

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Do Not Blame the Infected But Encourage Them

(from Nikkei, August 28, 2020)

“Human beings have experienced a lot of suffering from diseases, especially infectious diseases.” Such an imposing preamble was written in the Infectious Diseases Law enacted in 1998. It points out that humankind’s earnest desire is to eradicate infectious diseases but the threat of infectious diseases has continued. And it especially claims as follows:

“In the past in Japan there was ‘unjust discrimination and prejudice’ against people who were suffering from leprosy or AIDS.” We need to take this fact seriously and improve the situation in the future by accepting it as a lesson. I think these words, which don’t match the practical legal terms, might show that the history of infectious diseases has been the history of discrimination and prejudice. Anyway in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Japanese people have made a lot of mistakes again.

‘Stay Home Police’ and ‘Mask Police’ regularly check people’s behavior, and personal information about

infected people is posted on social media. Bashing against shops and schools where clusters of COVID-19 occurred have become much worse. Medical workers have also been harassed. Is there a kind of peer pressure related to Japan's background as a 'Mura shakai', which means 'closed small village society', or does it reflect an inability to think rationally? This is a negative 'Japanese behavioral pattern' emerging in the middle of a crisis.

Mr. Hagiuda Koichi, Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, sent a special message to children saying, "Don't blame the infected people but encourage them". It sounds like a necessary message. But it is the higher-ups in society who should realize it. The original bill of Infectious Diseases Law didn't include the preamble. It was later added to the Law after hearing the calls from people related to a criminal trial regarding AIDS. I wonder if we have the same good sense now.



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A Hint for Your Life

Two Types of Illuminated Exit Signs

(from Ehime Shimbun July 28, 2020)

Large facilities like hospitals and department stores always have emergency exits in case of a fire or other incidents. You can find some pictogram signs that show the image of a running person near the exits. You should know the difference between the two kinds of such signs: one with a green background and the other with a white one.

The one with the green background is an "illuminated exit sign", showing the emergency exit. They are set above the exits of a room or building and the door to the emergency stairs. The one with the white background is an "illuminated pass sign." They are set near the corridor or stairs. Their green arrow shows the direction to the exit. Follow the arrow, and you can reach the exit. Both of the illuminated signs will stay on under a blackout for more than 20 minutes, so do not panic, and use the signs to evacuate.



October Events

☆ In the lobby of City Office:

A panel exhibition on "the 3 Rs" (reduce, reuse, recycle) will be held from October 5th to 9th for free.

☆ At Akagane Museum:

1. An exhibition introducing 'Sumitomo Yamada Shataku' will be held until late December to commemorate 'Yamada Shataku', which has recently been designated as a registered tangible cultural property of Japan. In addition, other cultural properties of Niihama will be shown. You can enjoy their charm at Niihama gallery for free from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. A print press machine will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on October 18th at Creation Space. Final entry is at 3:30 p.m. You will be able to produce your own plastic prints for a fee of 300 yen. No application is needed. You can make a reservation. Anyone over elementary school age can take part, but only three people can join at a time to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

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

☆ What's New? in English



☆ Multilingual Living Information from Clair:

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