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TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

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English

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

「せい」の使い方

A: だいぶ涼しくなりましたね。

Daibu suzushiku narimashita ne.
(It has become cool, hasn't it?)

B: そうですね。朝は寒いぐらいですよ。

Sō desu ne. Asa wa samui gurai desu yo.
(Yes! Mornings almost cold!)

A: 秋は観光シーズンなのに、コロナのせいで、どこもいけないし、つまらないですね。

Aki wa kankō shizun nanoni, korona no sē de, doko mo ikenai shi, tsumaranai desu ne.
(The autumn is the best season for sightseeing, but we can't go anywhere with COVID-19. It's boring!)

B: でも、最近の観光地は、人が戻ってきましたよ。

Demo, saikin no kankōchi wa, hito ga modotte kimashita yo.
(But recently many people have started to visit tourists spots again.)

A: そうですか。

Sō desu ka.
(Really?)

じゃ、今度の休みに秋を探しに、どこか行きましょう。

Ja, kondo no yasumi ni aki o sagashini, dokoka ikimashō.
(OK, on our next day off, let's go somewhere to search for autumn.)

A: Bさんのせいで、課長に叱られたわ。

B san no sē de, kachō ni shikarareta wa.
(I was scolded by the boss because of you.)

B: ええっ! ぼくのせいですか。自業自得じゃないですか。

Ee! Boku no sē desu ka? Jigō jitoku ja nai desu ka.
(What! Is it my fault? I think it's your own fault.)

A: わたしが悪いって? ... 考えてみたら、そうかもしれない。

Watashi ga waruitte? Kangaete mitara, sō kamo shirenai.
(I'm wrong?! Now that I think about it, maybe that's so.)

B: そんなに素直に反省されたら、どんな顔をしたらいいのか...

Sonna ni sunao ni hansē saretara, donna kao o shitara ī no ka...
(When you give in so easily, how should I react?)



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What's New?

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Memories

Hello, this is Leonardo Ossa, a foreigner student from Colombia who graduated from Niihama Kosen on 2005.

Last year in October had the great chance to visit Niihama/Saijo after 8 long years. It is always a very nice experience to visit the beautiful Ehime and the re-connect with the kind people who I had the chance to meet during my stay in Niihama from 2002 to 2005.

Am wondering if the world will ever be the same after this Corona virus (COVID-19) global pandemic, and specially if scenarios like the ones in the above beautiful pictures of Saijo danjiri matsuri and Niihama taiko matsuri will be seen anytime soon.

This pandemic hit my country (Colombia) back in March, just one month before I was planning to go back to Japan after visiting my parents since last November. Now am planning to go back to Japan in November, before the re-entry expiration time that only allows me to stay outside of Japan for a 1- year period.

The good thing amongst all this bitter experience of facing a global pandemic was the blessing or privilege of having a work that can be

remotely and to be in a company that fully supports its employees during this situation.

I have been enjoying the privilege of being a remote worker (aka digital nomad ☺) since almost 4 years ago when I changed jobs from a Japanese company. My actual job has allowed me to work from different places in Japan and also Europe, North America, Colombia and Peru -and more to come...- and it is really great to work aligned with the Japanese time and enjoying the time zone differences to do sightseeing, visiting new places or spending time during the day with my family in Colombia.

I have come to experience many good things on my stay in Japan, which it will be 20 years on next April and what will be a very big milestone in my personal life and at the same time it is a reminder to start taking a final decision about what would be a good timing to leave Japan and return to my home country or decide what other adventures to take either in Japan or explore different countries/cultures, taking advantage of the blessing of being a digital nomad.

Who would have imagined that a Colombian scholarship grantee like me would have stayed in Japan for almost 20 years (and probably more) and had the blessing of meeting so many beautiful people in Ehime in those 3 years and that even a lot of years have passed since my graduation in 2005 we would still keep in touch and built a very sincere and deep friendship. This is hard evidence that real friendship between people of different countries, cultures, races, skin color, religions, etc. is possible and that we can be connected even if we are not in a very constant communication.

To the Kosen students from other countries, I would like to tell them that Japan can offer you many opportunities and you can find real happiness living in this country.

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.

The Best 3 Local Niihama Dishes

(from Town Magazine, Hoo-JA! September 26, 2020)

Grand Prize: Kabuto-zanki (big fried chicken)

¥900 by Kiten-ya, 4170-1 Funaki TEL: 0897-44-5151
(Reservation required)

Second Prize: Red Copper Sandwich

¥660 by RED COPPERCOFFEE, Sakai-cho in Akagane
Museum TEL: 0897-31-0305

Third Prize: Niihama Keema Curry with Grilled Eel

¥ 1,000 by Lei Grazie Fuji, 3-2 Takagi-cho :
TEL:0897-34-2211 (Reservation required)

The Best Niihama Local Dish Competition was held to help restaurants struggling under COVID-19 and to offer information on local dishes. 17 restaurants took part. The best 3 restaurants have been selected based on internet voting held in August. These 3 restaurants will serve their prize winning dish for a year.

- The total number of votes was 521. The ratio is as follows: 1st at 22%, 2nd at 20%, 3rd at 15%.
- The prices are the same as the time of competition.
- Garnish might change depending on the season.



November Event

Free Exercise Practice Class
(Lifetime Body—Making exercises, e.g., muscle training, walking, etc.)

Date: Nov. 20 (Sun.)
Time: 9:30 a.m. ~ (doors open at 9:15 a.m.)
Place: Niihama City Gymnasium 2F

To register, please provide your name, date of birth, and contact information:

Tel: 0897-35-1070 or
E-mail: kenkou@city.niihama.lg.jp

Please wear or bring: exercise clothes, gym shoes, towel, and drink

Instructor: Yusuke Shiraishi
Hello New Niihama Ambassador
Hiroshima Carp Exclusive Trainer
Personal Trainer

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>