

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

April 8 ~	Fantastic Beasts the Secrets of Dumbledore	Sub / Dubbed
May 4 ~	Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness	Sub / Dubbed
May 27 ~	Top Gun: Maverick	Sub
June 24 ~	The Lost City	Sub

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

「～(よ)うと ^{おも} 思います/つもりです」

A: なにを ^た 食べましょうか。

Nani o tabemashō ka.
(What shall we eat?)



B: ええと、ぼくは ^{てん ていしょく} 天ぷら定食に ^{おも} しようと思ひます。

Ēto, boku wa tempura tēshoku ni shiyō to omoimasu.
(Well, I'm thinking of choosing the tempura set.)

A: いいですね。でも、わたしは ^{かる} 軽めに ^{おも} しようと思ひます。

Ī desu ne. Demo, watashi wa karume ni shiyō to omoimasu.
(That sounds good. But I'm going to choose something a bit light.)

うどんか そばか ^{まよ} 迷うなあ。

Udon ka soba ka mayou nā.

(I'm torn between udon and soba.)



A: あ、^{あた}新しい ^{みせ} 店が ^{みせ} できましたね。なんの ^{みせ} 店かな。

A, atarashī mise ga dekimashita ne. Nanno mise ka na.
(Look! A new shop has opened. I wonder what kind of shop it is.)

ちょっと ^{みせ} あのを ^み 店を ^{かえ} 見て ^{おも} 帰ろうと思ひます。

Chotto ano mise o mite kaerō to omoimasu.

(I think I'll take a look at that shop and then go home.)

^{さき} 先に ^{かえ} 帰っても ^{ほうこく} いいですよ。あとで、^{ほうこく} 報告しますから。

Saki ni kaette mo ī desu yo. Ato de, hōkoku shimasu kara.

(It's Ok if you go home first. I'll give you a report later.)

B: いや、^い いっしょに ^い 行きますよ。

Iya, issho ni ikimasu yo.

(Nope. I'll go with you.)



A: ^{だいがく} 大学を ^{そつぎょう} 卒業したら、^い どう ^い するの。

Daigaku o sotsugyō shitara, dō suru no?

(When you graduate from university, what are you going to do?)

B: ^{いちねん} 一年ぐらい、^{がいこく} 外国へ ^い 行く ^い つもりです。

Ichinen gurai, gaikoku e iku tsumori desu.

(I plan to go abroad for about a year.)

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I Had Thought Japanese People were Unkind. Mya Hnin Si

My Childhood dream was to work in a foreign country. I chose Japan out of many countries in the world because Japan is a safe, technologically advanced country where people follow rules. I longed for a life where I could get anything I wanted. And Japan has given various kinds of support to my home country, Myanmar. I thought I would be safer in Japan than in any other country. That's why I studied Japanese language very hard to fulfill my dream.

My dream came true last December and I was finally able to come to Japan. I was so happy beyond words in that moment. When I started living in Japan, I saw the scenic spots, mouth-watering foods, pretty cherry blossoms and modern skyscrapers, which I had only seen on TV. I thought that I was the happiest person in the world.

But I was filled with worries before coming to Japan. I had no acquaintances in Japan. I was not sure that my Japanese was good enough to communicate. I also heard a rumor that Japanese people were unkind. To tell the truth, I am so timid that I am very anxious even when I go by myself to do the daily shopping. It seemed very hard for me to live alone in a foreign country. But I cheered myself up by telling myself that I would do my very best to the end because it was the life I chose. Then I came to Japan.

I was very nervous when I arrived at the airport. I did not know where to go as I could not understand the announcements. At that time the airport clerk asked me to show my papers related to COVID-19, but I was so nervous that I forgot where I put them. She understood my situation, kindly explained and looked for them with me, and also helped me take all the corona-related tests. At that moment, I understood that Japan was a country where people were nice to others and I was deeply moved by the kindness of Japanese people.

My worries were eased a little but I did not feel totally relieved when I thought about the life awaiting me in Japan. Can I work well in the nursing care industry? Can I understand what other workers and nursing home residents say? I was afraid that something fatal might occur if I make a mistake. To my happiness, everyone in the workplace kindly taught me a lot of things. When I make a mistake, they never scold harshly and always let me find what causes the mistake. And they praise me when I do well. Now I work cheerfully with confidence. My life could have been miserable if all the Japanese people were unkind. Now I live merrily in Japan with kind Japanese coworkers around me.

I had an experience which made me think that Japanese people are kind. It happened when I went shopping in the supermarket. I had a strong stomachache. It was so bad that I could not go back home and I just sat in the parking lot. Then a middle-aged male worker ran up to me, asked me what was wrong and took me to a safe place. He found out the telephone number of my workplace and contacted them. Without him, something bad could have occurred to me because my smart phone works only under Wi-Fi and there was no one in the supermarket who I could ask for help. I was thankful for his kindness.

Since that time, I have not thought that Japanese people were unkind. I think that Japanese people are nice, think of others first, greet others with a smile, interact pleasantly and help strangers. I think that it is a gift from God to me to live surrounded by such kind Japanese people. I had been a rather self-centered person who thought of myself first. But thanks to these kind Japanese people, I think of other people first and make every effort for others.

For the next three years, I want to learn many kinds of things from Japanese people and make others around me happier.

After going back to my home country, I will make every effort to make others happy by making use of what I learn in Japan.

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Online Information in English from Niihama City

☆ **A Guide for Living in Niihama**



☆ **The Niihama Medical Institution Map**



☆ **How to Sort Your Trash and Garbage**



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June Events

• **The "Sansan" Market** will be held on Noborimichi market street, June 26th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

It includes fresh food and various events.

• **The Sumitomo Yamada Houses, designated as a National Heritage**, will be open to the public every Wednesday and Sunday in June from 9:30~11:30 a.m.

For further information, please call 0897-65-1236, the Besshi Copper Mine Cultural Heritage Division, at Niihama City Office.

• The Niihama International Center will provide a **Nepalese cooking class** on June 12th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. You need to wear a mask and an apron and cover your hair with a bandana.

Fee: members ¥500, guests ¥800.

Please call 0897-35-2940 for reservations.

• A **Laughing Lesson with Yoga breathing skill** will be held on June 28th from 6:30~7:40 p.m. at the Akagane Museum.

No reservation needed. Please bring a yoga mat and a towel.

