

# MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

May 27 ~	<b>Top Gun: Marverick</b>	Sub/Dubbed
June 24 ~	<b>Broker</b>	Sub
July 1 ~	<b>Elvis</b>	Sub
July 8 ~	<b>Thor Love and Thunder</b>	Sub/Dubbed
July 29 ~	<b>Jurassic World : Dominion</b>	Sub
August 19 ~	<b>Sonic the Hedgehog 2</b>	Dubbed

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## ONE POINT JAPANESE

「特にない」の使い方

**A :** <sup>たなか</sup>田中さん、<sup>あした</sup>あした <sup>何か</sup>何か <sup>予定が</sup>予定が <sup>あります</sup>ありますか。

Tanaka san, ashita nani ka yotē ga arimasu ka?  
 (Tanaka-san, do you have any plans for tomorrow?)

**B :** ううん、<sup>特に</sup>特に <sup>ない</sup>ないけど。どう <sup>した</sup>したの。

Uun, toku ni nai kedo. Dō shita no?  
 (Nah, nothing in particular. What's up?)



**A :** <sup>松山へ</sup>松山へ <sup>行こうと</sup>行こうと <sup>思っ</sup>思っ <sup>て</sup>て <sup>いる</sup>いるんですが、<sup>いっしょに</sup>いっしょに <sup>行き</sup>行きませんか。

Matsuyama e ikō to omotte irun desu ga, issho ni ikimasen ka?  
 (I'm thinking of going to Matsuyama. Would you like to go with me?)



**B :** いいね。<sup>天気</sup>天気も <sup>いい</sup>いいし、<sup>行</sup>行こうか。

Ī ne. Tenki mo ī shi, ikō ka.

(Sounds great! Weather's nice, too. Why not?)

**A :** <sup>松山で</sup>松山で、<sup>お昼</sup>お昼 <sup>何を</sup>何を <sup>食</sup>食べますか。

Matsuyama de, ohiru nani o tabemasu ka?  
 (What would you like to have for lunch in Matsuyama?)

**B :** <sup>何</sup>何 <sup>食</sup>食べたい? <sup>苦手</sup>苦手な <sup>もの</sup>もの <sup>ある</sup>ある?

Nani tabetai? Nigate na mono aru?  
 (What do you wanna eat? Anything you don't like?)



**A :** <sup>特に</sup>特に <sup>あり</sup>ありません。<sup>何</sup>何でも <sup>食</sup>食べられます。

Toku ni arimasen. Nandemo taberaremasu.  
 (No, there's nothing in particular. I eat anything.)

**B :** よかった。じゃあ、<sup>鯛めし</sup>鯛めし <sup>食</sup>食べようか。

Yokatta. Jā, taimeshi tabeyō ka.  
 (Good. Then, let's eat taimeshi, ok?)

**A :** (<sup>プレゼン</sup>プレゼン <sup>終了</sup>終了 <sup>後</sup>後) <sup>何か</sup>何か <sup>ご質問</sup>ご質問は <sup>あり</sup>ありませんか。

(purezen shūryō go) Nani ka goshitsumon wa arimasen ka?  
 (After the presentation) (Would anyone like to ask a question?)

**B :** いえ、<sup>特に</sup>特には <sup>あり</sup>ありません。

Ie, tokuni wa arimasen.  
 (No, there's nothing in particular.)



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# What's New?

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## Iyo-no-Gan-mi

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Speaking of “Iyo’s ~”, the first thing that comes to mind is the infamous ‘Iyo-no-hayamagari’, which refers to when people of Iyo(Ehime) turn right the moment the traffic signal turns green cutting off the approaching traffic. Just after I moved to Ehime, I was frightened every time a right-turning car interrupted me when I was going straight. To this day it sometimes gives me a scare.

According to the traffic accident rate by prefecture, Ehime is in the 30<sup>th</sup> place in Japan, and is closer to the bottom than the top. This may be because people in Ehime adapt well to the local driving customs.

I had lived in Kanto area until my mid-thirties, but I noticed another strange example of local culture when I came here. It was Ehime people’s line of sight movement. People in Iyo stare at strangers. I’ll name it the “Iyo-no-gammi.”

There's an American sociologist named Erving Goffman. He lived in the big city, Chicago and he found many rules in order to live safely and peacefully in a crowded city. One of the rules is "Civil inattention", which means that it is good manners to act civilly in public, like looking away immediately and feigning indifferent when you meet eyes with a stranger.

On the contrary, in Ehime I encountered many people who didn't look away when our eyes met in a convenience store or passing each other on the street, so it put me at a loss of what to do.

In a place where it is inappropriate to stare at people, it is taken for granted that meeting someone's gaze squarely means "You are doing something wrong or rude."

For example, when there are noisy people on a train, other passengers shoot a dirty look at them. With any luck the noisy people recognize that they 'er being noisy and tone it down. In short, other passengers' eyes talk like, "You are very noisy. Shut your mouth."

Having thought I was following the rules of civil inattention, it made me feel uneasy when I got a set of eyes on me in town. "Am I doing something inappropriate?" I thought. I'm not joking, but it made me feel a little depressed for a time after coming to Ehime.

However, when I had a chat with my students and asked them about the topic, one student said with a blank look, "Is that so? We don't mean to look at you in that way. Even if we stare at you, we might be doing it unconsciously," so I was bewildered to hear him say so. One student even said, "When I went to Tokyo, nobody looked at me, so I felt lonely as if I was being ignored."

"Everybody! Do all of you think so?" After I listened to the students' talk, my worries have gone down a little, but at the same time I'm not used to their line of sight movement completely. Ehime is a mysterious place to me after all.



## The Buddha's Two-Meter-Wide Eyes at Hagyu-ji Temple

Ehime Shimbun, May 30, 2022

Looking up at the main hall of Hagyu-ji Temple (Hagyu, Niihama) you'll see very big eyes. They are known as "Butsugan", Buddha's eyes derived from a painting on the wall of a Tibetan Buddhist temple. The eyes of the painting contain a wish that people are able to nurture a keen insight into the nature of things.

Chief priest of Hagyu-ji Temple, Saito Yugen (78), designed them in a Japanese style when the temple was reconstructed in 1984, taking inspiration from the Nepalese temple painting.

In those days, neighbors were afraid of the eyes saying, "They are staring at us," but now local elementary school children visit there to study outdoors, and it has affectionately become known as 'Memme-no-tera', or the Eyes' Temple. Priest Saito said, "Even if you experience hardship, a keen insight will make you overcome the difficulty. I do hope everyone can live strongly."



## August Events

### ★ Planetarium Projection

**Date:** present ~ August 31<sup>st</sup> (Wed)

**Time:** ①9:30~ ②11:00~ ③13:30~ ④15:00~ (45min. each)  
(30 person limit for each time slot)

**Closed:** Sun. Mon. public holidays

**Place:** Niihama Shimin Bunka Center, Annex 3F

**Fee:** ¥60 for adults

¥10 for children

¥30 for students

**TEL:** 0897-33-2180

Tickets available  
at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor office.



The 31st Niihama Global Party to be held on 18 Sept. 2022  
Volunteer help in preparation is warmly welcomed.

Preliminary meeting : Sep. 4 (Sun) Time: 10:00~12:00

**Place:** Niihama Women's Plaza

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