

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

April 7 ~	Knock at the Cabin	Sub
April 14 ~	Missing (PG12)	Sub
April 28 ~	The Super Mario Bros. Movie	Dubbed
May 3 ~	Guardians of the Galaxy Vol.3	Sub
May 12 ~	Memory 15+	Sub
May 12 ~	Tar	Sub
May 19 ~	Fast X	Sub
May 26 ~	65	Sub

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

「～たびに」の使い方 How to use “everytime”

A : あれ? かばんに たくさん キーホルダーが 付いて いますね。
 Are? Kaban ni takusan kī horudā ga tsuite imasu ne.

(Whoa! There are many keyrings on your bag, aren't there.)

B : これ、全部 旅行先で 買った ものなんですよ。

Kore, zenbu ryokōsaki de katta mono nandesu yo.

(I bought all of them at places I traveled to.)

旅行に 行く たびに、つい 記念に 買いたく なるんです。

Ryokō ni iku tabini, tsui kinen ni kaitaku narundesu.

(Whenever I travel, I want to buy some as a memory of my trip without thinking.)

A : わかります。最近 かわいい キャラクターものも 多いし。

Wakarimasu. Saikin kawaiī kyarakutā mono mo ōishi.

(I know. Recently there a lot of cute character goods.)

わたしも 旅行に 行くと、自分用のお土産を 買っています。

Watashi mo ryokō ni iku to, jibunyō no omiyage o katte imasu.

(Me too. Whenever I go on a trip, I buy souvenirs for myself.)

A : 何か スポーツでも、始めようかな。

Nanika supōtsu demo, hajimeyō kana.

(I'm thinking of starting some sport.)

B : 暖かくなる たびに 言ってるよね。サイクリングは やめたの?

Atatakaku naru tabini itteruyo ne. Saikuringu wa yameta no?

(Whenever it gets warm, you say that. Did you give up cycling?)

A : うん、寒い 時期は つらくて。

Un, samui jiki wa tsurakute.

(Year. The cold season is painful.)

B : 室内スポーツの ほうが、向いてるんじゃない?

Shitsunai supōtsu no hō ga, muite runja nai?

(Indoor sports suit you better, don't you think?)

バドミントンとか、卓球とか……。

Badminton toka, takkyū toka...

(Badminton, table tennis, things like that.)



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Luxury Train

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When you hear the words “luxury train”, the first thing that comes to mind is the famed Orient Express from Europe, which began service about 140 years ago. Due to its classic interior design, it was called “A Running Museum”, and became famous in the detective story by Agatha Christie.

Even if you are not a railroad fan, you might like to ride that luxury train once in your lifetime. Railroad fan's dream to ride it came true 35 years ago in Japan, where it ran from Europe to Hong Kong and was then loaded on a ship and brought to the country. Crossing over the Seto Ohashi Bridge and into Shikoku, the train took a tour group around to many places and became very popular among Japanese people.

Such an event will be held again. The Tokyu Luxury Sightseeing Train will run in Ehime, Kagawa and Okayama prefecture. The project, which is in conjunction with JR Shikoku, consists of a four-day, three-night cruise conducted six times in total from January to March next year. Dogo Onsen (hot spring), Seto Inland Sea and Shimanami Kaido are expected to be among the destinations.

The dark blue train cars are reminiscent of the Orient Express. According to Tokyu, they have a special interior design with traditional Kumiko craftworks and stained glass, along with a piano set up in the car. I can imagine tourists will love sightseeing, along with enjoying food and music.

The cost runs as high as 900,000 yen per person. In spite of the high price, a similar cruise in Hokkaido is very popular. The fact that only one out of three people could get a ticket for the Hokkaido cruise last year suggests that a lot of people want to enjoy the train trip. The high price may pay dividends as valuable tourism resources in Shikoku and the Seto Inland Sea area.

Tourists can enjoy beautiful views from the window of the train, as well as interactions inside and outside the train. The Orient Express became a source of inspiration that led to various wonderful stories. Can the Tokyu train follow the success of the Orient Express?



Flying Car in Marine Park

(Monthly City News, May Issue, 2023)

Demonstration of manned “Flying Car,” which is said to be the means of transportation in the future generation, was performed in Marine Park Niiham on March 19. The piloted flying car was for the first time in Shikoku. When the car was slowly moving around in the sky, there arose the loud cheers from the people.



MAY EVENTS

☆ 5/5 (Fri.) Niihama Spring Festival

At the plaza north of JR Niihama Station

- 10:00 AM~3:00 PM **Niihama specialties**
Shrimp tempura, strawberry, Takoyaki, popcorn, fried chicken, shaved ice, etc.
- 10:00 AM Hamakko Dandan Yosakoi Dance
- 12:30 PM Kurokawa Ryo Magic Show

☆ 5/1~5/31 Peony Flowers at Minetopia Besshi.

40 different kinds (about 30,000 flowers in total) are in full bloom. Tea ceremony is held at Senju-tei on 5/13 (Sat.) and 5/14 (Sun.)

100 Carp Streamers Swimming in the Sea Breeze



(Ehime Shimbun: April 11, 2023)

About 100 carp streamers of various sizes are swimming pleasantly in the sea breeze at Marine Park, located in Habu, 3-chome, Niihama-city.

About 500 carp streamers were donated mostly from Niihama citizens, as well other parts of Japan. Since 2019, the carp streamers are raised at this time every year to promote regional interaction in and out of Niihama. The streamers bring color to Marine Park, with the largest ones ranging between seven and eight meters long. The event will run through the end of May.

Sub-manager of the park Matsumoto Mayu said, “These days less and less families are raising their own carp streamers, so I hope many people can enjoy this seasonal tradition.”

Prepare an Emergency Pouch!

(Ehime Shimbun: March 10, 2023)

Natural disasters can occur anywhere, anytime. You must be prepared at all times, even while commuting or on an outing so that you don't panic.

One unexpectedly useful thing to carry in your pouch is a garbage bag. If transportation stops, you can use the garbage bag as a mat to sit on the floor or the ground. If it's big enough, you can wear it like a poncho by making a hole for your head to protect your body from rain and cold.

It would also be helpful to always carry drinks, sweets and candies in the pouch. A mobile battery, health supplies, a small light, small pocket change, an emergency contact list, regular medicines, spare eye glasses, contact lenses and heat packs are also useful according to the needs of the user.



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