

# MOVIES

## TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

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# ONE POINT JAPANESE

「~かもしれない」の使い方  
(Something may happen)


**A : 9月<sup>くがつ</sup>に なつても<sup>あつ</sup>、暑い<sup>あつ</sup>ですね。**  
Kugatsu ni nattemo, atsui desu ne.  
(Although September has come, it's still hot, isn't it?)

**B : そうですね。四季<sup>しき</sup>が なく なるかも しれません。**   
Sō desu ne. Shiki ga naku naru kamo shiremasen.  
(Yes, it is. We may no longer have four seasons.)

**A : ええ? 実<sup>みの</sup>りの 秋<sup>あき</sup>が なく なるのは、困<sup>こま</sup>りますよ。**  
Ē? Minori no aki ga naku naru no wa, komarimasu yo.  
(What? We can't afford to lose the harvest season!)


**ぶどうや くりが、食<sup>た</sup>べられなく なるかも なんて。**  
Budō ya kuri ga, taberarenaku naru kamo nante.  
(I can't believe we may not be able to eat grapes and chestnuts anymore.)

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**A : 台風<sup>たいふう</sup>が 近づ<sup>ちか</sup>いて いるらしいよ。**   
Taifū ga chikazuite iru rashī yo.  
(I hear a typhoon is approaching.)


**B : えっ、水<sup>みず</sup>とか、非常食<sup>ひじょうしょく</sup>を 準備<sup>じゅんび</sup>した ほうが いいかも しれないね。**  
E, mizu toka, hijōshoku o jumbi shita hō ga ī kamo shirenai ne.  
(Wow! It may be good to prepare water and emergency food.)

**A : 準備<sup>じゅんび</sup>しても、それ<sup>それ</sup>るかも しれないよ。**  
Jumbi shitemo, soreru kamo shirenai yo.  
(Even if we prepare, the typhoon may miss us.)

**B : 「備<sup>そな</sup>え あれば 憂<sup>うれ</sup>い なし」 だよ。**   
“Sonae areba urē nashi” da yo.  
(They say "Well prepared means no worries.")

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**A : 今晩<sup>こんばん</sup>の 飲<sup>の</sup>み会<sup>かい</sup>、行<sup>い</sup>けそう?**  
Komban no nomikai, ikesō?  
(Can you go to the drinking party tonight?)

**B : 仕事<sup>しごと</sup>が もうすぐ 終<sup>お</sup>わるから、行<sup>い</sup>けるかも。**   
Shigoto ga mōsugu owaru kara, ikeru kamo.  
(I'll finish my work soon, so I may be able to go.)

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# What's New?

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Niihama Artist Ishimura Yoshinari

in 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Textbook

(Ehime Shimbun: June 6th, 2024)

Niihama-born artist Ishimura Yoshinari (30) will appear in Japanese junior high school textbooks starting in 2025. The textbook, which will be used in the subject of Morals, tells about his life and family's love up to the day when his pictures and woodblock prints became renowned in Japan and abroad. His works depict the sparkle of living creatures.

Yoshinari was diagnosed with autism at the age of two. He had difficulty communicating and would cry and become upset when things didn't go his way. His mother Yukiko patiently taught him how to act in everyday life, helping him with his studies as well as social rules. She wanted him to be loved by everyone. Sadly, she passed away from cancer when Yoshinari was in just fifth grade.

His path to becoming an artist began with woodblock printing in his senior high school days. He boldly depicted his favorite animals and won prizes at art exhibitions. He improved his skills by honing his extraordinary concentration and memory.



He soon began to win prizes in Japan and abroad. Most of his art subjects are living creatures as his mother used to take him to the zoo. He depicts their vitality and parent-child affection.

He explains the phrase in the Morals textbook, “Do your best without looking aside” that is attached to his woodblock print, “Grasshopper and leafhopper”, created when he was twenty. He says it is his “hooray song”. He swears to his mother that he will keep doing what he is absorbed in.

He remembers that his mother was very strict but kind. She praised him when he did his best. He was happy at that time. He says with stars in his eyes, “Now I’m happy when my work makes people smile and feel happy.”

His father Kazunori (63) says “He made efforts and improved his talent only because he sensed his parents’ love behind the strictness.” Situations may differ from family to family but he adds, “Parents want their children to be happy. I hope my son’s story will be able to inspire junior high school students who read this textbook.”



### What If You Are Bitten by Your Pet?

(Niihama Monthly Report, February 2024)

Various animals like dogs and cats are common pets. They are usually cute, but they sometimes bite or scratch when they are in a bad mood.

Many people worry about rabies and go to the hospital, but there haven’t been any reports of rabies in Japan for a long time. However, animals’ teeth and claws have more germs than you might expect, and the bite wound can become infected. Even small cats and cute little dogs have sharp fangs, so small wounds sometimes reach deep into the skin. In this case, within two or three days after being bitten, the bite marks will be swollen, red and painful. If you leave it alone, germs can spread through the deepest layer of skin. This is what causes the nasty disease known as cellulitis. Antibiotics and, depending on the case, surgery are required.

If you are bitten by an animal, you have to wash the affected part and apply a piece of gauze over it. Do not perform occlusion therapy (the complete blocking of a wound from air, fluids, etc.). If the swelling or pain is severe, go to the hospital at once.

### Steam Locomotive Used for Besshi Mine Railways (Monthly City News: May, 2024)

The refurbished steam locomotive used for Besshi Mine railway lines is on display outside of Besshi Copper Mine Museum.

Besshi Mine railway lines were constructed exclusively for mining and started operation in 1893, consisting of the upper (Jobu) line running on a sheer cliff as high as 1,000 meters above sea level and the lower (Kabu) line running through the flat plains. They were the first mountain railways to be used together with a ropeway in Japan. The use of the upper line was discontinued in 1911. The lower line used only for mining continued services as the main artery of Niihama for more than 80 years until 1977, including the period of 25 years from 1929 when it also served as a local passenger train.









### September Events

- ☆ **9/21 (Sat) AKAGANE JAZZ FESTIVAL 2024**  
17:30~21:00 Akagane Museum Multipurpose Hall  
Fee: ¥2,500 (ADV. ¥2,000)  
Contact: Akagane Museum  
TEL: 0897-31-0305
- ☆ **9/22 (Sun) Sansan Market**  
9:00~12:00 Noborimichi Arcade  
A variety of local fresh vegetables, fruits, meat, fish, and processed foods on sale.
- ☆ **9/25 (Wed) Laughter Yoga**  
18:30~19:40 Akagane Museum Multipurpose Hall  
Admission free



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