

What's New?

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The 21st Niihama Global Party

“We Are One”

Niihama's 21st **GLOBAL PARTY** was held at Women's Plaza on February 13th with the theme “We are One”. The weather was very fine and warm, so about 350 guests and organizers took part. The party started with a Japanese drum performance. People had a very good time talking, tasting various ethnic sweets, and enjoying performances on stage. They were also able to meet people from different cultures. On stage were Indonesian Folk Music and Dance, a quiz, piano and guitar performances and singing. Okinawan folk dance was performed for the first time. At the end of the party, Salsa dance was performed and a lot of participants danced on stage. People also enjoyed pressed-flower art, origami, copper craftsmanship, calligraphy, and wearing yukata.

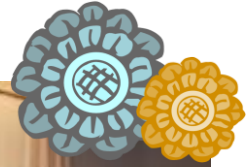
Among the participants was a woman from Egypt, Reem Ahmad. She is an instructor on the Arabic Language Program on NHK. She happened to attend the party and brought some Egyptian cakes. She said the party was wonderful and she had a very good time.

A New Zealander commented: “I had such a fun time! It was a great chance for me to meet other foreigners and network with them. I was also happy to meet many Japanese who are interested in other countries. Some people I talked to have been to New Zealand and to my home city of Christchurch. It was also a unique opportunity to try many wonderful foods from around the world. There were lots of delicious sweets and I liked all of them. The singing and dancing were also fantastic. Well done to everyone who helped make this even such a great success.”

If you'd like to see more pictures, please go to:

<https://picasaweb.google.com/abumahdy>





Participant numbers by country

Nationality	male	female	Total
Brazil		2	2
Canada	1	3	4
China	11	8	19
Egypt		1	1
England	1		1
France	1		1
India	1		1
Indonesia	20	21	41
Rep. of Korea		3	3
Malaysia	5	5	10
Mexico		1	1
Moldova		2	2
Mongolia	1		1
New Zealand	1		1
The Philippines		3	3
Russia		3	3
Scotland		1	1
USA	4	2	6
Vietnam	1	1	2
Japan	247		247
Total			350



Ehime Prefectural International Center,
Whose nickname is "EPIC" among foreigners.
We wish every foreigner would count on us
whenever they face problems in their daily lives in Ehime!

EPIC aims to offer support and assistance to foreigners in need of help through consulting services. In addition, we promote to work closely with the relevant organizations and groups who wish to deepen exchanges. Furthermore, through providing the necessary information and holding cross-cultural events we wish to create a community where Ehime people and foreigners live together equally. As of December 2009, 9,693 foreigners from 84 countries are registered as residents in Ehime. EPIC would like to outreach to every one of them.

This time we will visit your city to share our mission. Coordinators for International Relations (CIR) from China and South Korea and the staff in charge of consulting services will visit your town. We are very looking forward to meeting with you and listening to your voices to make our community a better place. CIRs will also introduce their home countries.

Date : March 12, Saturday 13:00-16:00

Venue : #3 meeting room, Annex BLD 3F of Niihama Shimin Bunka Center

Participation fee : Free

Major programs : 1. Introduction of EPIC 13:00-14:30

(1) About the situation of foreign residents in Ehime

(2) Introduction of home country by CIR

2. Round-table discussion 14:30-15:30

Let us share your experience and problems you face, and seek the solution together.

3. Private consulting 15:30-16:00

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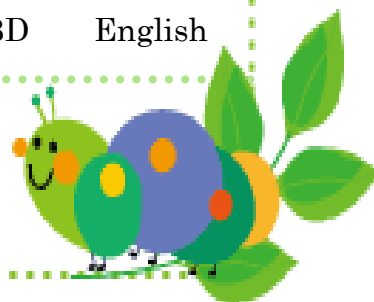
TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Shopping Center)

February 4 ~	Wall Street : Money Never Sleeps	English
February 11 ~	How Do You Know	English
February 19 ~	Hereafter	English
February 25 ~	The Chronicles of Narnia : The Dawn Treader	3D English
February 25 ~	Morning Glory	English
March 5 ~	The Tourist	English
March 12 ~	Tangled	3D English

Information Service

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

漢字の意味を覚えよう“満” No.2

A : 試験 できた? Shiken dekita?(Did you do well in the examination?)

B : うん、今度も 満点 だったよ。
Un, kondo mo manten datta yo.(Yeah, I got full marks this time too.)

A : すごいね。Sugoi ne. (Great!)
どうやって 勉強したら いいか、教えて?
Dō yatte benkyō shitara ii ka, oshiete.
(Will you tell me how to study?)

A : もうすぐ 桜の季節ですね。
Mōsugu sakura no kisetsu desu ne.
(The cherry blossoms season will be here soon.)

B : ええ。Ee. (Yes.)
3月の末に 満開 になる ところも あるそうですよ。
Sangatsu no sue ni mankai ni naru tokoro mo aru sōdesu yo.
(I hear there are some places where they will be in full bloom at the end of March.)

A : 満開の 桜も きれいですが、散り始めた 頃も いいですよね。
Mankai no sakura mo kirē desu ga, chirihajimeta koro moiidesu yo ne.
(Cherry blossoms in full bloom are beautiful, but when the petals begin to fall is also good.)

B : ええ。Ee. (Right.)
桜が 咲いたら、お花見に 行きませんか。
Sakura ga saitara, ohanami ni ikimasen ka.
(When the cherries bloom, how about going to see them?)

A : 今日は 満月 ですね。
Kyō wa mangetsu desu ne. (It is a full moon today.)

B : ええ。Ee. (Yes.)
星も たくさん 見えて、きれい ですね。
Hoshi mo takusan miete, kirē desu ne.
(A lot of stars can be seen and they are beautiful!)

A : でも、Bさんの 美しさには かないませんよ。
Demo, B-san no utsukushisa niwa kanaimasen yo.
(But they are not so beautiful as you, B!)

Bさん、ぼくと 結婚して ください。
B-san, boku to kekkonshite kudasai. (Will you marry me, B?)

・満点…full marks

・満開……full bloom

・満月…a full moon

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NNK also provides Japanese lessons for foreigners living in Niihama.

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