

What's New?

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Attractive Shikoku Island

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Hello everyone! My name is Jinyoung Park from Korea. I have been here for almost 2 years and am scheduled to go back to Korea in June.

I think I have enjoyed my life in Japan for 2 years, especially travel in Shikoku. As soon as I came here, I bought a book for travel in Shikoku because I love travel. Then I started to hang around in Shikoku every weekend. I would like to introduce to you my favorite places of Shikoku.

The first one is in Kagawa-ken, which is called noodle-ken because there are so many noodle restaurants. Whenever I go to Kagawa-ken I drop by 3 or 4 places of noodle restaurants because each restaurant has a special taste of its own. It has been my pleasure to taste the variety of noodles. After eating to my fill, I walk around Ritsurin Park, a Japanese style park, or go up the 760 stairs of Kotohira Shrine while seeing the stores along the stairs. That is also another pleasure.

In winter, Kagawa is famous for oysters also. I couldn't forget the taste of grilled oyster that I have had for the first time in my life here, because Koreans normally have raw oysters not grilled. And here there are many kinds of oyster dishes: fried oysters, rice boiled with oysters, oyster soup, etc. It is memorable that Kagawa-ken is a sweet and delicious place to me.

Another favorite place is Shimanami-kaido of Ehime-ken, a huge and beautiful bridge connected to Honshu traversing the sea. On the bridge, you can see the beautiful sea and islands and can feel fresh wind from the sea. It's my way to chase stress away. Among the 9 islands under the Shimanami-kaido, I love Ooshima Island. I enjoy the open air type hot spring in front of the sea and have delicious raw fish dishes. There is also a

rose park, where you can see an amazing variety of kinds of roses in May. Shimanami-kaido is beautiful and a scenic place to me.

Other than that, in Kochi-ken I could hear the name of Sakamoto Ryoma-san many times. He is famous as a large reformer remembered in Japan history. Kochi-ken is the place Sakamoto Ryoma-san was born. Kochi-ken is a historic spot I feel.

Tokushima-ken is also an interesting place that is famous for the Awaodori-dance. I was so excited when I learned how to dance in Awaodori hall. In my memories, Tokushima-ken is a wonderful festival place that has their own special style dance, Awaodori.

Shikoku Island consists of 4 prefectures, Kagawa-ken, Ehime-ken, Kochi-ken and Tokushima-ken, each has its own character. I am really happy that I have been fascinated by Shikoku for 2 years. After I go back to Korea, it is certain that I want to come here again.

I love this Small but Sweet and Scenic Shikoku Island.



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MAY EVENTS

5/3 · 17 Sunday Market (7:30~12:00)

at Chuo Koen, north of City Hall

5/26 ¥100 Sun Sun Market(9:00~15:00)

at Noborimichi. "Machuri", the mascot character of Niihama, will come.

5/22~5/26 Ink Painting Exhibition

at City Museum (9:30~17:30) Admission free

~6/23 Exhibition of Scientific Investigation

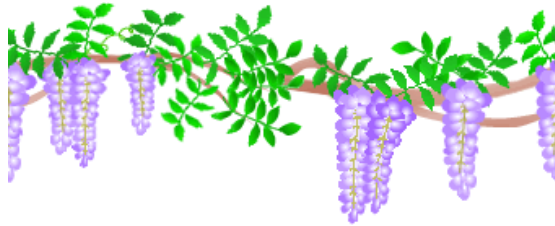
at the Science Museum. You can see investigation of fingerprints and DNA. Adult ¥300 Student ¥200

At Minetopia Besshi.

5/1~5/31 Peony Flowers are in full bloom.

Mori-no-kaze Restaurant serves special lunch(¥1200) to the first 30 guests each day in May.

5/18 · 19. You can enjoy seeing bonito cooking on the spot and listening to Japanese drumming.



Renovated Restaurant in Mintopia Besshi

The renovated restaurant in Mintopia Besshi, opened on March 1. Its new name is "Mori-no-Kaze", the wind from the forest. It was closed 2 months ago for renovations and restarted service with new menus.

It is now managed directly by the privately financed initiative Mintopia Besshi which aims to provide better service to customers.

It has new tables on the terrace and the total floor space is 493 square meters.

The entrance is made of thinned wood from Besshi-yama mountain and tries to recreate the atmosphere of the forest. The cost of the renovation was 3.6 million yen.

New menus reflect the changing seasons with dishes made only from local products and handmade noodles.

Mintopia Besshi hopes to have a turnover of more than 100 million yen a year.

The Chief Manager Funakoshi had this to say, "We want to attract more customers with our new cuisine and then to have more visitors to the sightseeing spots and the souvenir shops".

Niihama-Machuri, Niihama's popular mascot

(from Hoo-JA! April 6, 2013)

“The Niihama Yurukyara Creation Committee,” which consists of young people went into action to create a mascot character to advertise the charm of Niihama. Niihama-Machuri was chosen by popular vote conducted from October to December in 2012.

The profile of “Niihama-Machuri”

- Age: It's a secret.

Please guess how old I am.

- Gender: Female
- Birthday: February 24
- Weight: Lighter than a Niihama Taiko Float
- Hobby: Taking a walk around Niihama
- Special talent: Sowing seeds of smiles from her pocket.
- Personality: Gentle and calm and working hard.
- Mission: Advertising Niihama to the world
- Attractive features: Her cute tail which sways while walking and her potbelly which looks like a drum.
- Likes: Kitsune(fox)-udon(wheat noodles in soup with thin pieces of fried bean curd) and the Autumn Taiko Festival (matsuri).
- Dislikes: Tanuki (raccoon dogs) of her own species, udon noodles with tempura crust and fighting in Taiko Festival (matsuri).

Web-site: @Niihama_Machuri



NOTE

- ☆ Niihama City Office has officially begun using facebook and youtube.

Facebook: Account: niihamacity

Address: <http://www.facebook.com/niihamacity>

Youtube: Account: team.niihama

Address: <http://www.youtube.com/user/teamniihama>

- ☆ **Free HIV Checks** Mondays (except holidays) 10:00-11:00

at Toyo Chiho-kyoku 1F, Saijo-shi Kitagawa 796-1.

You can take it anonymously without an appointment. Three months must have passed since you might have contracted it. The result is given 30 minutes after taking the blood sample. TEL: 0897-56-1300 Saijo Health Center

You can read on the Web.

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***Garbage and trash Collection Calendar**

***Information living in Niihama**

Click  <http://www.city.niihama.lg.jp/english/>

Clair: *Multilingual Living Information

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengorev/en/index.html>

MOVIE

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Shopping Center)

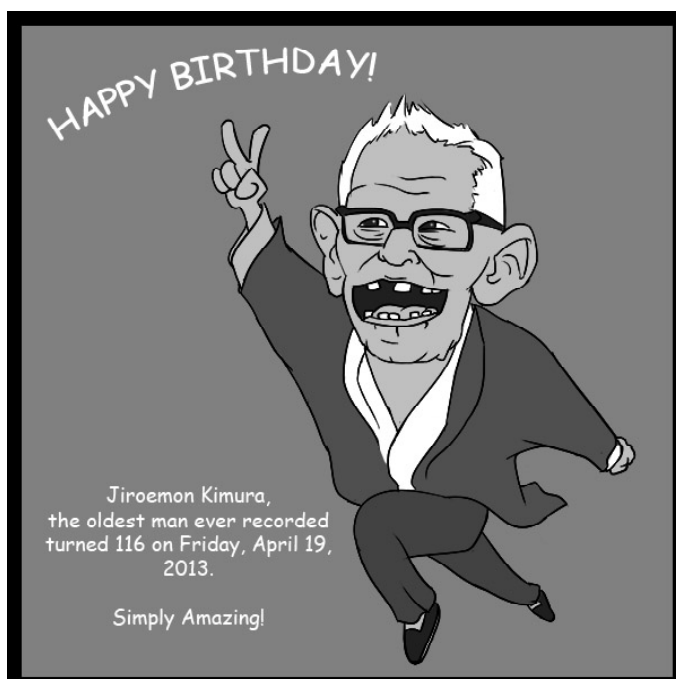
March 23 ~	WREC-IT RALPH	2D Dubbed
April 13 ~	CHINESE ZODIAC	English
April 19 ~	LINCOLN	English
April 26 ~	IRON MAN 3	2D English / 3D Dubbed
April 27 ~	THE LAST STAND	R15+ English/3D Dubbed
April 27 ~	THOMAS AND FRIENDS 2013	
	BLUE MOUNTAIN MYSTERY	Dubbed
May 24 ~ 30	BACK TO THE FUTURE PART II	English
May 31 ~	OBLIVION	Versions not fixed
May 31 ~	THE GRANDMASTERS	Versions not fixed

Information Service

Internet: <http://niihama-aeonmall.com>

Tape (24 hrs): 0897-35-3322 (in Japanese)

Movies might be changed without notice, so please check beforehand.



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ONE POINT JAPANESE

いろいろな「すごい」

A : わあ、すごい 人 ですね。Wa, sugoi hito desu ne.

(Wow! So many people!!)

B : 連休は どこも こんな 感じですよ。

Renkyū wa dokomo konna kanji desu yo.

(It is like that everywhere during the holidays.)

A : ちょっと 見て。あの 人たち！ Chotto mite. Ano hitotachi!

(Look! Those people!!)

B : うわー、すごい 量の 買い物して いますね。

Uwā, sugoi ryō no kaimono shiteimasu ne.

(Wow!! They've done a huge amount of shopping!)

A : 最近、海外からの 観光客が 増えましたね。

Saikin, kaigai kara no kankō kyaku ga fuemashita ne.

(Recently, tourists from abroad have increased.)

B : 円安の 影響でしょうか。

Enyasu no eikyō deshō ka.

(Is it the effect of the weaker yen?)

子ども : ねえ、ねえ、お母さん、テスト 95点だったよ。

Nē, nē, okāsan, tesuto 95 ten datta yo.

(Look! Look! Mom! My test was 95 points!)

母親 : すご〜い! よく がんばったね。Sugoi! Yoku ganbatta ne.

(Wow!! You did a great job!!)

子ども : S君の 方が もっと すごいよ。S-kun no hō ga motto

sugoi yo.

(S is much greater!)

100点しか とったこと ないん だつて。

100 ten shika totta koto nain datte.

(He's never gotten anything but 100 points, I hear.)

母親 : へえ、そんな すごい子が いるの?

Hē, sonna sugoi ko ga iru no?

(Gee, is there such a great kid?)

A : うわあ、すごい 雨! Uwā, sugoi ame!

(Oh no! What heavy rain!!)

B : ちょっと、あの カフェで 休みましょうか。

Chotto, ano kafe de yasumimashō ka.

(Shall we take a break at that cafe for a bit?)

A : そうしましょう。お茶を 飲んでいるうちに、やみそうですね。

Sō shimashō. Ocha o nondeiru uchi ni yamisō desu ne.

(Let's do that. It is likely to stop while we're having tea.)

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