**EVENT CALENDAR**

**MAY**

**Children’s Book Fair**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

**Darts Live Open 2019 – Fukushima**
(Big Palette Fukushima)

**Amadeus Chamber Ensemble - Annual Concert**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

**Mt. Adatara Yamabiraki (Mountain Opening)**
(Mt. Adatara)

**Risaia Madre Dio Brass 6th Regular Concert**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

**Utau Daiku in Fukushima (Beethoven’s 9th Symphony)**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

**MASERATI Sendai Pre-Owned Car Exhibition**
(Big Palette Fukushima)

**Deko-Matsuri**
(Takashiba Deko-Yashiki)

**JUNE**

**Kodomo Yume-Ekiden (Children’s Relay Race)**
(Nakamachi Yume-doori (in front of Usui Dept. Store))

**Dutch Soccer Clinic by Sai van Wermeskerken**
(Seibu Sports Park)

**Koriyama Wind Ensemble Regular Concert**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

**Baseball: Rakuten Eagles vs. Tokyo Yakult Swallows**
(York Kaiseizan Baseball Stadium)

**2019 Hokkaido-Tohoku Para-Athletics Championships**
(Hirose Kaiseizan Athletics Stadium)

**The Brothers Four “Arigatou Japan Tour”**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

**Norwee: East Japan Indoor Runbike Championships**
(Bandai-Atami Ice Arena)

**Koriyama Citizens Orchestra: Bohemian Rhapsody**
(Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center)

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**Welcome to the Reiwa Era!**
On the 1st of May, Emperor Naruhito ascended the Chrysanthemum Throne and Japan entered a new era: Reiwa. An era-change is an opportunity for change for many things in Japan, including a new layout for EiGo Koriyama! We will keep presenting upcoming events and the latest news from Koriyama City in the Reiwa era!

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**Rakuten Eagles Friendly Game**
Baseball-team the Tohoku Rakuten Golden Eagles will be visiting Koriyama’s York Kaiseizan Baseball Stadium on the 11th of June for a friendly ‘Nippon Life Interleague Play’-game against the Tokyo Yakult Swallows. Be prepared to see some of the biggest baseball superstars in the professional league.

**Ticket prices** range between ¥1,500 ~ ¥6,500 for adults (lower prices for children), available at Usui Dept. Store, Xebio Sports, 7Tickets, TicketPia (591-120), Lawson Tickets (21874) & the Rakuten Eagles Store among other. WEB: [https://bit.ly/2Dda6I7](https://bit.ly/2Dda6I7)

**1000km Relay to Tokyo 2019**
“Run for Tohoku, Run for Tomorrow!” Organized by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Tokyo Sports Benefits Corporation, this year will mark the 7th annual 1000 km Relay to Tokyo. Starting in Aomori and finishing in Tokyo, the relay race for runners and cyclists will traverse the eastern shore of the Tohoku region to promote the revitalization of the region that was most heavily impacted by the disaster of March 2011. Passing through Fukushima from July 31st until August 3rd, the total route is 1300km, divided into around 150 legs. Guest runners this year include Nobuharu Asahara, Naoko Takahashi, Atsushi Yamamoto and Hiroshi Yamamoto. Want to apply to run one or more legs of the relay? Visit the website below to apply for one of the categories. Please apply online by May 28th, or come cheer the runners on!
WEB: [www.1000km.jp](http://www.1000km.jp)
Host Town for Hungary!
On the 26th of April, Koriyama City was registered as a Host Town for Hungary towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Host Town-program links cities and prefectures to certain countries, to help spread the spirit of the Olympics all over the country. Koriyama is also a Host Town for the Netherlands. Koriyama and Hungary share various ties. One major link is ‘carp cuisine.’ Carp has been a local specialty for a long time in both areas. This link resulted in various cultural exchange activities over the last years. 2018 also saw the first visit of the Hungarian Swimming Team for their training camp at the new Kaiseizan Indoor Swimming Pool. In January, Koriyama signed an agreement with the Hungarian Swimming Association for further preparation camps towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

Sunshine and smiles at the Koriyama City Marathon ’19
The 2019 Koriyama City marathon took place on a bright, shiny yet slightly windy Showa Day (April 29th). Starting with the kids-categories at 8:30 at the Kaiseizan Athletics Stadium, over 7,600 runners took on the various courses (1.5k, 5k, 10k and the half marathon) running west from Kaiseizan towards the Ouse-area. Stalls lined up at the athletics stadium grounds for all the participants and the flocks of people cheering them on. Online feedback from the participants included the great deal of improvement in the race from last year, and that the runners were met with a lot of support from all the people along the course, reflecting the spirit of hospitality and sportsmanship in Koriyama.

New Company at the West No. 1 Industrial Park
As the economic and industrial central hub of Fukushima Prefecture, Koriyama is home to several high-quality industrial parks. On the 25th of April, the city signed an agreement with the latest addition to the list of companies calling Koriyama home: the Japan Engineering Corporation (NEK). The construction company is based in Tokyo’s Chuo Ward and will use its new factory in Koriyama mainly for the manufacturing and processing of pipes for plumbing among others. Koriyama is dedicated to actively attract new companies to the city to open factories and shops in order to stimulate economic growth for Koriyama and the wider area.

Do you know Koriyama?
Koriyama is dedicated to contribute to the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Described as a “universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure that all people enjoy peace and prosperity,” 17 goals for 2030 were set to strive for, like ending hunger, providing quality education etc., with the motto “No one will be left behind.” Koriyama has made the commitment to help fulfill these goals, and has made efforts like organizing SDG-seminars and workshops, signing a collaboration treaty with Unicef, and making sure the SDGs are reflected in the overall city policymaking. Want to know what you can do to contribute? Visit sustainabledevelopment.un.org to learn more about this world-changing initiative.

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