February 2021

EiGo Koriyama!

Photo: Ebine-washi Lanterns

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

Fukkou No Tomoshibi Project

Coming March 11th marks the 10th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. As a covid-proof means of memorializing this tragic day, Koriyama City is organizing the **Fukkou no Tomoshibi** (Lights of Revitalization) Project. Lanterns made of Ebine-Washi traditional Japanese paper will be set up at Koriyama Station's West-Exit Square, to commemorate the victims. The lanterns were made by the **Ebine-Washi Preservation Association**, in collaboration with the **Koriyama Women's College**. They will include the special lanterns made and painted by the members of popular pop-group and Frontier Ambassadors for Koriyama, **GReeeeN**. The event will also feature paper-making workshops, the sale of emergency-goods, and the screening of a video introducing the craft of Ebine-Washi. When attending the event, please take COVID-precautions, such as wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and coughing etiquette.

復興の灯火プロジェクト
Fukkou no tomoshibi Project

The Fukkou no Tomoshibi Project webpage also features a '**Fukkou Tree**', where you can add your own message, memories of the disaster, and wishes for the future to the tree's leaves. Although we may not be able gather this year, let's join together in commemoration.

Date: March 11, 2021
Location: Koriyama Station West-Exit Square
WEB: fukkou-no-tomoshibi.org
Twitter: @FukkouTomoshibi
Instagram: @fukkou_tomoshibi
Facebook: @fukkou.tomoshibi

COVID-19 Hotline for Foreign Residents

Are you showing symptoms associated with COVID-19, or have other covid-related concerns, do not hesitate to contact Fukushima Prefecture's COVID-19 Hotline for Foreign Residents. Confidentiality is guaranteed. The line is free, available 24/7, and accommodates 19 languages (see below) using an on-the-phone interpreter. **TEL: 0120-992-860**

You can even contact the service using the popular messenger app **LINE**. Add **@fukushimacovidcall**, and use the phone icon to give them a call. You will be directed to an interpreting service.

Languages: English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Nepali, French, German, Italian, Russian, Malay, Burmese, Khmer, Mongolian and Sinhalese.

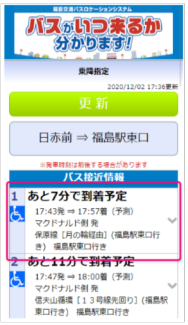
Koriyama City's Multilingual Portal features a page with all English-language information on COVID-19 from the city administration, such as recent developments, video messages from the mayor, links to multilingual information material, and much more.

www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/multilingual/23413.html

Shinsu Matsuri at home

Every year, the new Japanese sake from the various distilleries in Koriyama are presented at the Winter Festa in Koriyama: Shinshu Matsuri. However, due to COVID-19, the event will not be held. But of course the distilleries are still making amazing sake that are worth a try. Why not have a taste of the sake of 6 different distilleries in Koriyama, together with the delicious cuisine of the Koriyama View Hotel Annex, with this special Shinshu Matsuri Set? For more information, check out the official website, or contact the **Koriyama View Hotel Annex**. Reserve **before Feb. 26th**, and receive the set **between the 4th and 7th of March** (take-out from the hotel).
WEB: www.ko-cci.or.jp/event/maturi/winter
TEL: 024-939-1112

Bus Location System



Ever waited at the bus stop, wondering when the bus will finally show up? With Fukushima Kotsu's new **Bus Location System**, you can see exactly how many more minutes it will take for the bus to arrive. Select your bus stop of departure and arrival, and see where the bus currently is on Fukushima Kotsu's website. The information is also transmitted to popular map apps like Google Maps, to make getting around in the city a lot easier.**WEB:** **https://mc.bus-vision.jp/fukushima**

Legal Consultation for Foreign Residents

Legal consultation on daily life will be available over the phone with an administrative scrivener, organized by the **Fukushima International Exchange Association (FIA)**. Confidentiality is guaranteed.

Consultation time: Up to 30 minutes per person
Participants: Foreign residents in Fukushima Prefecture
Number of participants: 10 people (first-come, first-serve)
Consultation fee: Free (phone charges do apply)
Application period: February 2nd - 24th. After completing the application, the consultation date/time will be decided.
How to apply: The application form can be downloaded on FIA's website (**www.worldvillage.org/life/news.html?id=3883**) or requested directly. After filling in the form, please send it to FIA by e-mail, mail or by bringing it to FIA's office.

IF YOU SUSPECT YOU MAY HAVE COVID-19

Fukushima Prefecture's has a dashboard page for all the necessary information, such as what organizations to contact, latest statistics on COVID-19 in Fukushima, etc.

https://fukushima-covid19.web.app/en

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