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EiGo Koriyama!

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English



320,000 People Grand Choir

Do you love to sing? Do you want to support local businesses in Koriyama? Then why not join the **320,000-people Grand Choir!** The Koriyama City Junior Chamber International (JCI), with support from Koriyama City, is organizing an online project to support local business struggling during this COVID-19 crisis. The organizers are assembling videos of people singing parts of the hit-song 'Hoshikage no Yell' by GreeeeN, the opening song for the popular morning-drama show 'Yell', based on the life of Fukushima-born composer Yuji Koseki. The footage will be edited into a video will all the contributors, and shared to cheer up the people of Fukushima during these tough times.

How to contribute? Upload a video of yourself singing one of the four parts of the song (around 1 minute each) listed on the below website. You will get a chance to win prizes provided by various local businesses, include vouchers for restaurants, local specialty products, and even a ukelele from a local music store! The videos include lyrics written in the alphabet (using YouTube's subtitles-function). Please make sure your video matches the tempo/key of the original videos, so that it can be included in the final video!

WEB: <https://koriyama32.jp>
SNS: facebook.com/32mannin
Deadline: August 31st



Art in Koriyama - 'The Secret Story': Focusing on Painter Sesson

The Koriyama City Museum of Art is presenting a new exhibit, starting the August 29th: **Art in Koriyama - The Secret Story: Focusing on Painter Sesson**. The Buddhist monk Sesson Shukei (c.1500-1580s) was a prolific painter, known especially for his works with black ink. Not much is known about his personal life and history, besides having been born in current Ibaraki Prefecture. He is also said to have resided in Koriyama. The exhibit will feature his works made during his time here.

Period: Aug. 29 - Sep. 27, 2020, closed on Mondays (except Sep. 21) and Sep. 23rd

Fee: ¥300 for general audience; ¥200 for SHS-/college students/65+, free for younger/people with disabilities

WEB: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/bijutsukan/en



Deadline for Special Cash Payment Applications!

Were you registered as a citizen of Koriyama City as of April 27th? Then you are eligible for the **Special Cash Payment** of ¥100,000 from the Japanese Government! The deadline for applications is **August 19th**! If you were a registered citizen on April 27th, but did not receive the registration form, or if you applied but did not yet receive the payment, please ASAP contact the Special Cash Payment Task-force (024-983-9770, JP). For inquiries in English, contact the International Policy Division (024-924-3711).



KIEA Japanese Language Course

The Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA) organizes a **Japanese language course** for foreign residents. Enjoy studying Japanese for daily life with residents from many different countries. Apply now for

the next course-period: **Sep. 16th ~ Nov 19th** (10 classes) (Wednesday 10:00~11:30 or Thursday 19:00~20:30). For the Wednesday morning class, the ability to read/write Hiragana/Katakana and to understand the teacher's instructions in easy Japanese is required). Please apply by the 14th of September. Applicants will be notified in case of cancellation due to COVID-19.

Venue: Sogo Fukushi Center (behind City Hall)

Fee: ¥3,000 for 10 classes

Please apply by e-mail or phone (EN/JP)

or the online form at <https://goo.gl/5gRKG2>

E-mail: intl-salon@city.koriyama.lg.jp

TEL: 024-924 2970 (JP/EN)



Be Careful of Heat Stroke!

Summer in Koriyama City can be exceptionally hot, with an average max. temperature of 28°C (82°F) in August. This year, the Japan Meteorological Agency introduced a new heatstroke alert system for days with high risks of heat illness, which is broadcast on TV, by email and through local government emergency PA systems. Do not take the heat lightly, and make sure you stay hydrated, avoid being in the sun for too long, and do not over-exhaust yourself, to stay safe in this heat.

Mascot: 'Himamorikun' (Koriyama Region Fire Department)



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>

If you require **on-the-phone interpreting** (11 different languages), please contact the **Fukushima Pref. International Exchange Association** at **024-524-1316** (Tuesday - Saturday, 9:00 - 17:15)

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

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