

February 2020

EiGo Koriyama!

Fukushima Firebonds

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

EVENTS

KIEA: 30th Anniversary International Music Event

The year 2019 marked the 30th anniversary of the Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA). In celebration of this landmark, KIEA is organizing an international music event on the **23rd of February**, featuring music from organizations and groups from- or connected to Koriyama City. Performing groups include the West-African Dance Work, the Asaka Kaisei High School Hula & Tahitian Dance Club, the Friendship Force Choir and the 'Cutie Strings' String Ensemble, as well as music and dance from Vietnam, China and the USA.

Date: 23rd of February (Sun.); **Time:** 14:00 - 16:30 (doors open from 13:30)

Venue: Koriyama City Chuo Community Center

Admission: FREE (please RSVP using the below online form, by phone (024-924-3711) or e-mail (kokusai-kouryuu@city.koriyama.lg.jp), or at the International Policy Division (Koriyama City Hall, Main Bld. 5F).

Online Form: <https://forms.gle/wQZTPhLyMCgf6Lqba>

郡山市国際交流協会設立30年記念
こおりやま国際音楽交流会
2月23日(日) 14:00~16:30
郡山市立中央公民館 多目的ホール(郡山市麓山一丁目8-4)

Fukushima Firebonds February & March Home Games

Koriyama's local basketball team, the **Fukushima Firebonds** are playing six home-games at the Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium in February and March 2020. The opponents will be the **Ehime Orange Vikings** (Feb. 22-23), the **Sendai 89ers** (Mar. 14-15) and the **Yamagata Wyverns** (Mar. 21-22). The team can really use your support during this tough season, so please come support your local heroes and cheer them on to victory! Go Go Bonds!

Dates: February 22-23, March 14-15 & 21-22

Venue: Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium

Tickets: Please visit firebonds.jp/ticket-info/



Dutch & Hungarian Gourmet Fair

The 2020 Tokyo Olympics are almost here! As a Host Town for the Netherlands and Hungary, Koriyama City is supporting both countries before, during and after the games. In order to get people more acquainted with these two European countries, the city is organizing a 'Gourmet Fair'. **From the 17th of February until the 13th of March**, no less than **39 restaurants** around the city will feature dishes from either or both the Netherlands and Hungary. These will include dishes like stamppot (Dutch mashed potato dishes), stew of Hungarian Mangalica pork, Dutch gouda-cheese fondue and Hungarian goulash, among many others. At the various restaurants, you can also scan a QR code that lets you take a Dutch-and/or Hungarian-style AR (augmented reality)-photo to show your Host Town spirit. Try out some Dutch and Hungarian cuisine in one (or more!) of Koriyama's many restaurants! Check out the list of restaurants on the campaign website:

tinyurl.com/GourmetFair



Museum of Art: Ishida Tomoko Installation

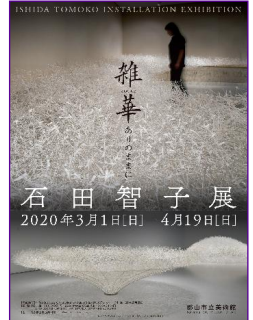
Ishida Tomoko is an artist living in Fukushima who uses *koyori*, a type of string made of washi paper. The koyori are tied and twisted in various shapes, filling the room to create wondrous and imaginative worlds using light and shadow. As she adjusts her exhibits to bring out the best in the space she is presented with, no exhibit is ever the same. Come find out how she transforms Koriyama's Museum of Art!

Date: 1st of March - 19th of April

Venue: Koriyama City Museum of Art

Admission: ¥500 (¥300 for 65+/high school students, free for people with disabilities/JHS-students and younger)

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



EVENT CALENDAR

FEB	Event & Location
14-17	Fantasy Art Exhibit Big Palette Fukushima
16	Toshiyuki Muramatsu & Toshiki Tsumuruya Concert Kaiseizan Daijingu Shrine
19	Fukushima Modern Poetry Recital Koriyama City Public Hall (Kokaido)
19-21	Kyoto Kimono Grand Japanese Textile Market Big Palette Fukushima
22-23	Firebonds vs. Ehime Orange Vikings (Basketball) Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium
23	KIEA 30th Anniversary Music Exchange Party Koriyama City Chuo Community Center
23	Citizens' Concert Hall: Asaka Chorverein Koriyama City Cultural Center
23	Piano & Flute Concert / Yagi-no-Kai Cello School Recital Myuukaru Gakuto-Hall
23	Free Taxes Consultation Event Big Palette Fukushima

MAR	Event & Location
1	Yamagata Symphony Orchestra Koriyama Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center
1~	Ishida Tomoko Installation Exhibition (until April 19th) Koriyama City Museum of Art
6	Self-Defense Forces Koriyama Music Festival Koriyama City Cultural Center
8	Hula Honi Ke Aloha 30th Anniversary Hoike Koriyama City Cultural Center
~17	Host Town: Hungary-Netherlands Gourmet Fair 39 restaurants around Koriyama City
14-15	Firebonds vs. Sendai 89ers Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium
21-22	Firebonds vs. Yamagata Wyverns Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium
22	Keropons Family Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center
29	Open Day at the Ishimushiro Fureai Ranch Ishimushiro Fureai Ranch

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tinyurl.com/KoriyamaEigo



GAP Contest: Iwase High School Nominated!

The Iwase Agricultural High School in Kagamiishi Town, together with Koriyama City, was **nominated for the final round** of the **GAP Omotenashi Contest**. The contest, organized by the Cabinet Secretariat, is aimed at promoting GAP (Good Agricultural Practice) produce that meets standards to make safe and wholesome products. Students are encouraged to use GAP-produce to make special menus for athletes from the country for which their city/prefecture is a Host Town. The Iwase High School students created a menu for one of the countries Koriyama is a Host Town for: **Hungary**.

On the last day of the training camp of the Hungarian Swimming Team in Koriyama last November, the students treated the athletes to their menu. It featured carp (the cuisine of which is shared by Hungary and Koriyama), a **Hungary Roll** (a sushi-roll with carp, and red and green paprika to represent the Hungarian flag), bread of GAP-produced rice flour and various other great dishes. The menu and products were submitted to the contest, and out of the **40 teams**, the entry of the Iwase High School was considered excellent, and nominated for the final round of the contest, held in Tokyo on the 8th of March.



Fukushima Winery: 'Vin de Ollage' for sale now!

The Fukushima Ouse Winery was started with support of Koriyama City in 2015. Following up on the first vintage produced at the Fukushima Ouse Winery last March, the **second vintage of 'Vin de Ollage' '2019'** is now for sale. The 2019 line-up features three wines: **Rouge 2019**: A blend of Merlot-Cabernet Sauvignon and Black Queen grapes, with a firm acidity and soft astringency.

Chardonnay 2019: a white wine with an elegant aroma, and fresh flavor.

Sauvignon Blanc 2019: a white wine with a juicy- and fresh aroma and gentle acidity.

For sale at: Fukushima Ouse Winery, Usui Department Store, Jizake-no-Mori (Koriyama Station 1F), York-Benimaru (various stores in Koriyama City), AMEKAZE, etc.

WEB: ousewinery.jp



NEWS

Koriyama Industry Crowdfunding 2019

Since 2018, Koriyama City has been promoting a number of projects by local citizens and organizations with a crowdfunding-campaign through platform **ReadyFor**. The latest four projects ended their campaigns on the 31st of January, with amazing results. **All four projects managed to meet their original fundraising-goals**. One of the projects (to support the Fukushima Firebonds to remain in the B2-league) even managed to get more than **6 times their goal!** The other projects were the creation of a e-sports stadium in Koriyama, a new website with information about welfare policies and facilities in the city for people with disabilities, and the establishment of a new children's facility in the Tamura-area scheduled to open in May 2020. The crowdfunding campaigns offer citizens, as well as people from outside of Koriyama, to directly support projects they care about. To keep track of future campaigns, or to check out what great campaigns have already finished so far, visit the website at readyfor.jp/lp/koriyama.

KORIYAMA INDUSTRY CROWDFUNDING 2019
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Concerning the 2019 Novel Corona Virus

In January 2020 a novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was discovered in Wuhan City in China. As of February 12th, no one in Koriyama City or Fukushima Pref. at large has been diagnosed, but several cases have been identified in Japan. Information and news about the virus in English can be found on the website of NHK World: www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/tags/82/

While there is **no need for panic**, it is important to keep public hygiene in mind and act accordingly in order to prevent possible contagion. Be sure to **wash your hands** properly and frequently, as well as gargling regularly.

If you have been to Wuhan City recently or in contact with people who have and suspect you may have contracted the virus:

- (1) avoid contact with others, and wear a mask.
- (2) before visiting the hospital, please contact the Fukushima Pref. Regional Healthcare Division (**024-521-7238**). If you require phone interpreting services, please contact the Fukushima Pref. International Exchange Association (**024-524-1316**), from Tue.-Sun., 9:00 - 17:15.

Do You Know Koriyama?

The **Fukushima Firebonds** are Fukushima's only professional basketball team. Established in 2013 and based out of Koriyama City, they are currently active in the Japanese B2-league. Although their main base of operations is the Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium, they play home games across the prefecture. The team features captain **Shinya Murakami**, as well as foreign players Shaheed Davis (USA), Tshilidzi Nephawe (ZAF) and Staphon Blair (USA). Last January, Koriyama's very own **Tsubasa Yamauchi** made his debut. Current head coach is Tomohiro Moriyama.

During the breaks of their home games, the team's very own cheer squad the **Ray Glitters** are there to woo the crowd, as well as mascot Bonds-kun. The team's supporters association is called the **Booster Club**. Membership of the club comes with a lot of benefits, so why not consider joining? Visit the official website for more information: firebonds.jp. **GoGo Bonds!**



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