

December 2019

EiGo Koriyama!

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

Bandai-Atami Sports Park, Ice Skating Rink

EVENTS

Berlin Philharmonic Piano Quartet

On the **1st of February**, four amazing musicians from the world-renowned **Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra** will land in Koriyama for a special concert at the Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center. The concert will feature music by Danny Elfman (Piano Quartet), Robert Schuman (Piano Quartet in E-flat Major, Op. 47) and Johannes Brahms (Piano Quartet No.1, Op.25). This is a rare opportunity, so be sure to get your tickets early!

Date: February 1st, 14:00~ (open at 13:30)

Tickets: ¥5,000 (¥2,500 for high school students and younger and/or wheelchair seating), available at: the Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center, Usui Dept. Store, TicketPia (167-347) and Lawson Tickets (L-code: 22173).

WEB: <https://bunka-manabi.or.jp/kc-center/event/202002/post-1926.html>



Minna-no-Daiku (9th Symphony of Beethoven)

Minna-no-Daiku (Everyone's No. 9) is an annual event at which hundreds of citizens get up on the stage of the Koriyama City Cultural Center Main Hall to perform Beethoven's 9th Symphony. This year, the event will take place on Sunday the **12th of January**. The choir is made up of local citizens, joined by school choirs, and headed by four professional soloists. The high-quality orchestra was handpicked by conductor Morihiro Sato. The quality and sheer size of the choir and orchestra are incredibly impressive, so start your new year right with a classic!

Date/Time: January 12th, 13:30~ (doors open at 12:30)

Tickets: ¥2,000 (¥300 for high school students and younger), available at the Koriyama City Kenshin Cultural Center, Usui Dept. Store, Noa Musical Instruments, Yamaha Music Koriyama, and Kawai Koriyama Shop.

WEB: <https://sub-minnaded9.ssl-lolipop.jp>

Nyohōji Nanokadō-mairi Festival

After new-years, the first festival of the year takes place at the Nyohōji-temple, near Koriyama Station from the **6th until the 7th of January**. People flock to the temple to pray for good luck in the new year. The road towards the temple (Hayama-dōri), as well as the temple grounds, is filled with stalls selling traditional lucky charms as well as seasonal delicacies. On the night of the 6th, free servings of *amazake* will be handed out. Make a prayer at the temple, predict your new year's luck by drawing an omikuji (fortune), and ring the large gong to start the new decade in Koriyama right!

Date: January 6th (13:00~) and 7th (~16:00)

WEB: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/eventjoho/21433.html



Concert: Christmas Night at the Planetarium

What could be more romantic than a Christmas-concert under a starfilled sky? The planetarium at the Koriyama City Fureai Science Center (Space Park) will host a concert by professional Marimba-player **SINSKE**.

Date: Dec. 21st (14:30~ / 17:00~)

Tickets: ¥400 (general audiences) available at the information booth of the Space Park.

Capacity: 220 people

WEB: www.space-park.jp/contents/archives/201910/171101.html

EVENT CALENDAR

DEC	Event & Location
20-22	Star Wars Exhibit Big Palette Fukushima
20-22	Dream Art World Big Palette Fukushima
21	Planetarium Winter Concert: Christmas Night (SINSKE) Koriyama City Fureai Science Center - Space Park
22	Ice Skating Day (free admission) Bandai-Atami Sports Park Koriyama Ice Skating Rink
22	Koriyama Citizens' Orchestra Koriyama City Cultural Center
22	FCT Koriyama Youth Choir Koriyama City Cultural Center
22	THE CLASSIC: Sax & Piano Concert Koriyama City Chuo Community Center, Multi-Purpose Hall
24-25	43rd Radio Charity Musicthon Big Palette Fukushima
25	Aya Klebahn Christmas Piano Concert Yamaha Music Koriyama Concert Salon

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JAN	Event & Location
6-7	Nyohōji Nanokadō-mairi Nyohōji Temple
- 7	Showa Retro Exhibit Koriyama City Fureai Science Center - Space Park
11-13	Tohgetsu Traditional Dolls Special Exhibit Big Palette Fukushima
12	Minna-no-Daiku Koriyama City Cultural Center
13	Big Tree Pageant Festa Ending Event Koriyama Station West Exit Square
13	Thomas the Tank Engine Family Musical Koriyama City Cultural Center
16	Toshinobu Kubota Hall Concert Tour 2019-2020 Koriyama City Cultural Center
19	Ongaku-no-Ehon (Music Picturebook) Koriyama City Cultural Center
26	22nd Music City Koriyama Fureai Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center



Joint Training Camp by Hungarian and Israeli National Swimming Teams

NEWS

As a Host Town for Hungary, Koriyama hosted the joint training camp of the Hungarian- and Israeli swimming teams from the **3rd to the 20th of November**. Hungary is a powerhouse in international competitive swimming. After a productive cooperation between Hungary and Israel during a previous training camp, the two teams decided to organize a joint camp in Koriyama for their young athletes. This year's teams included **Kristof Milak**, the 19-year old Hungarian supertalent who earlier this year claimed the **200m butterfly world record**, long held by Michael Phelps. The teams stayed in Koriyama and trained at the **Koriyama Shinkin Kaiseizan Pool** and the **Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium**. During their stay, they took time to take pictures and sign autographs for local children. On their last day, the team was treated to a lunch menu prepared by the Iwase Agricultural High School in Kagamiishi, featuring carp, the cuisine of which is shared by Hungary and Koriyama and was the *raison d'être* for the collaboration.



2019 Economic Delegation to Vietnam

With support from Fukushima Pref. and JETRO (the Japan External Trade Organization), Koriyama City sent a delegation of city officials and local pear-farmers to Vietnam **between the 17th and 22nd of October** to strengthen ties and improve Koriyama's position in the country's market. In Hanoi, the delegation visited various shopping malls and set up booths to promote Koriyama-produced pears and other processed foods. The products were very well received and proved popular among the many visitors. The delegation also organized a seminar for local restaurants and buyers to promote other Koriyama-products such as wine and beef.

The delegation was a follow-up on the visit by local businesses to Hanoi in September, organized by JICA (the Japan International Cooperation Agency) to promote international business expansion and cooperation. Also, Koriyama's local Vietnamese population is growing by the year, rapidly becoming the second-largest group of foreign-residents. More international exchange with Vietnam is to be expected in the near future.

New Documents-terminal at Koriyama City Hall

Starting the **2nd of December**, it is possible to get various city hall-issued documents without having to take an number and queue at City Hall. If you have a MyNumber-card, you can apply for documents such as your Resident Record (*jūminhyō*), Family Register Records (*koseki tōhon*) or Seal Registration Certificates (*inkan tōroku shōmeisho*) using the terminal set up at the Citizens' Affairs Division.



The same service can also be used at various convenience stores (*kombi-ni*). Note that family register records can only be issued during office hours (8:30-17:15), and the system may be subject to maintenance.

Save yourself a bit of time, and use the new terminal, or one at a kombini to get your documents.

Fukuyama Fire Dept. Branch Station Opened

On the **13th of November**, the Koriyama Fire Department opened a new branch station in the Fukuyama-area. The new station, located near Meiken Junior High, will improve the disaster-readiness of the north-side of Koriyama City. The opening was accompanied by a demonstration and drill by the firefighters who will be stationed at the new facility.

MAP: <https://goo.gl/maps/GyoXpmXAYW85YUXJ8>



Do You Know Koriyama?

Although not technically in Koriyama City, **Fukushima Airport** is the closest airport to Koriyama, located in the towns of Sukagawa and Tamakawa, at around 20km south from Koriyama Station. The airport was opened in 1993, and currently serves around 730 passengers per day. The airport has lines to Osaka Itami International Airport (ITM) and New Chitose Airport in Sapporo, Hokkaido, organized by All Nippon Airways and IBEX Airlines. Up until the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, the airport also provided flights to Shanghai and Seoul. These were cancelled due to a decline in travellers, although the number of (international) travellers has been steadily growing due to recently organized charter flights to Vietnam and Taiwan. The airport is easily accessible by bus from Koriyama Station, making it the fastest means of transportation to Osaka or Sapporo. **WEB: www.fks-ab.co.jp**

MAP: goo.gl/maps/7PwaBC8fdHJed1AZ9



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