

EiGo Koriyama!

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

EVENTS

Tsururinko Matsuri 2019

A true Koriyama winter classic: **Tsururinko Matsuri!** Starting the **1st of December**, the Koriyama Skating Rink in Bandai-Atami will officially be open to the public, and the season is kicked off with this annual event. The main event is the Tsururinko *tug-of-war-on-ice*. Teams of five will face off on the slippery ice floor for the grand prize of 100,000 yen! Servings of the famous Tsururinko Nabe (hotpot) will be handed out for free (but be ready to queue for a while) and you are free to skate on the 400-meter track (except for the part partitioned off for the tug-of-war). Skates can be rented at a low price. For more details, check out the website of the Bandai-Atami Tourism Association at www.bandaiatami.or.jp.



KIEA: Easy Cooking in Easy Japanese

Are you interested in learning some typical Japanese home-cooking? Learning some cooking-related Japanese vocab? Meeting other foreign-nationals in the area? The Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA) is organizing another 'Easy Cooking in Easy Japanese'-class on **Monday the 2nd of December**. For only ¥500, you can have a go at making 'omuraisu' (omelette with rice) with easy to understand Japanese instructions, and enjoy eating together with the other participants. Don't forget your apron!

Date/Time: December 2nd (Mon.), 18:30 - 20:00

Location: Sogo Fukushi Center (behind the Koriyama City Hall, Main Bld.)

How to apply: Please send an e-mail to kokusai-kouryuu@city.koriyama.lg.jp (JP/EN) or call **024-924-3711**. Next, please pay the participation fee (¥500) at the International Policy Division of Koriyama City Hall (Main Bld., 5F) by Nov. 26th (no refunds after the 26th).

Museum of Art: Christopher Dresser and Shosoin Treasures

From **16 November 2019 – 26 January 2020**, the Koriyama City Museum of Art will host a new exhibit by Scottish designer **Christopher Dresser**, one of the most influential art designers of the 19th century. The exhibit will focus on his visit to Japan in 1876-7, and the influence the Shosoin (the treasure repository of the Todaiji temple in Nara) had on his work and on Anglo-Japanese relations. Visit the museum's website for info on details of the exhibit, opening hours etc.

Tickets: ¥1000, ¥800 for high school-/college students and 65+, free for younger audiences.

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



Big Tree Pageant Festa 2019

With a record number of **340,000 lights**, from **November 15th until January 13th** the Koriyama Station West- and East Exit Squares will be once again be turned into a winter wonderland, for the **Big Tree Pageant Festa** organized by the Koriyama City Chamber of Commerce. The lights are lit on November the 15th at 17:00. Every day the lights will be on from **17:00 to 23:30**.

Come admire the lights, check out the events and enjoy the spirit of the winter season in Koriyama City! **WEB:** ko-cci.or.jp/bigtree



EVENT CALENDAR

NOV Event & Location

15	Concert Bonheur Duo Piano Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center
17	Swimming Day (Suiei no Hi) Koriyama Shinkin Kaiseizan Pool
17	Fukushima Ekiden 2019 (Relay Race) Various places throughout Koriyama City / Fukushima Pref.
19	Pro Wrestling: World Tag League 2019 Big Palette Fukushima
20	Sukima Switch 'Popman's Carnival vol. 2' Koriyama City Cultural Center
22-23	Robot & Aerospace Festa Fukushima 2019 Big Palette Fukushima
23	Morning Musume '19 Concert Tour Fall Koriyama City Cultural Center
30~12/1	Denso Airybees Home Game (vs. Toyota & Saitama) Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium
30	Music City Koriyama - Harmony Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center

DEC Event & Location

1	Tsururinko Matsuri 2019 Koriyama Ice Skating Rink
2	KIEA: Easy Cooking in Easy Japanese Sogo Fukushi Center
6-8	2nd Koriyama Touken Ichi (Japanese Swords Market) Big Palette Koriyama
7	Olympic Day Festa in Koriyama Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium
11, 14, 15	Fukushima Firebonds Home Games Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium
14	Swing Set! Jazz Orchestra X'mas Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center
15	Yutaka Sado & the Sienna Wind Orchestra Koriyama City Cultural Center
22	Koriyama Citizens' Orchestra Koriyama City Cultural Center
24-25	43rd Radio Charity Musichthon Big Palette Koriyama



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Typhoon Hagibis

From the 12th until the morning of the 13th of October, Typhoon Hagibis passed over Japan. It brought an unprecedented amount of rain, with a total of 284.5mm. This led to a rapid rise in the water levels of the Abukuma river and its tributaries, resulting river floods in several places. The damage in the areas around the rivers was very large and in several places landslides also occurred. Six people in Koriyama City lost their lives, people lost their homes, cars and other properties, and there was considerable damage to roads, schools and other public facilities. Koriyama City will work towards the quick and full recovery from this disaster.

Living in a country that is prone to natural disasters, it is important to be prepared. Knowing where and when to evacuate, and having an emergency kit ready can be literal lifesavers. To learn more about what to do in times of emergency, read the Emergencies chapter of the **Koriyama City Living Guide** at the Koriyama City Multilingual Portal page: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/multilingual.



Ebine Nagatsuki Yoi-Akari (Akibotaru)

The annual **Ebine Nagatsuki Yoi-Akari** (also known as **Akibotaru**) event took place on the **14th and 15th of September**. In the Nakatamachi-area on the north-east side of the city, around 600 lanterns made of traditional Ebine-washi paper home to the area were lined up in rows, creating a unique, calm atmosphere welcoming the coming of fall for the many visitors. This year, the event included lanterns by Koriyama City's very own band '**GReeeen**'.



Sasagawa Daizenji Route Officially Opened

Koriyama City just got a little more accessible. The newly opened **Sasagawa Daizenji Route**, running 2.360 m, connects Route 49 with the road to the Koriyama Minami IC on the Tohoku Expressway. The road was officially opened with a ceremony on the **15th of September**, with performances by the taiko group of Teikyo Asaka High School and the choir and brass band of the Nihon University High School. This route, plans for which started being developed all the way back in 1988, is especially important for companies in the industrial parks on the east side of Abukuma River. The new route also features the newly constructed **Sasagawa Bridge** (*Sasagawa Ōhashi*) near Asaka Nagamori Station. It is expected to relieve a great deal of traffic congestion from other routes in the city, as well as make life in Koriyama. Take a drive and explore it for yourself! **MAP:**



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NEWS



Visit by Dutch Agricultural Counselor

As a Host Town for the Netherlands, on the **27th of September**, Koriyama City welcomed the Agricultural Counselor from the Dutch Embassy in Tokyo for a site visit. Themes for the visit were sustainability, local production/local consumption and nutritional education. After a visit to a local supermarket to learn about their efforts towards sustainability and local produce, the counselor visited Tachibana Elementary School to enjoy a school lunch with the children. In the afternoon, there was time for a visit to a local farm which produces some of Koriyama's designated Brand Vegetables, as well as one of the restaurant that serves them. The counselor expressed that he had an enjoyable and informative visit.

Utsukushima Yosakoi Matsuri 2019

YRACS (Yurakkusu) Atama was the stage for the **Utsukushima Yosakoi Matsuri 2019** on **September 15th and 16th**. Over two days, around 60 Yosakoi groups from in- and outside of Fukushima Pref. danced their hearts out, with colorful costumes and original choreographies. The audience was blown away by the powerful performances.



Do You Know Koriyama?

It's hard to miss, being one of the first things you see when you arrive in Koriyama. It's also the biggest building in Koriyama City, and of Fukushima Prefecture at large: the **Big-i**. Completed in March 2001, the building became a landmark of the city with its 24 floors, extending 133 meters into the sky. The planetarium (Koriyama Fureai Science Center - Space Park) on the 20th-24th floors has the honor of being registered in the **Guinness Book of World Records** as the highest planetarium from the ground level. The Space Park's observation deck is open and free of charge, offering the best view over the city and its surrounding area. Big-i is also home to various stores, office spaces, the Citizens' Service Center of Koriyama City Hall and even Koriyama Housei High School! Big-i offers parking spaces for up to 437 vehicles. It's the perfect place to start or end your visit to Koriyama City!



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