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EiGo Koriyama!

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

Denso Airybees Home Games

"Let's Paint Koriyama Red!" Do you love women's volleyball? The Denso Airybees will play their second round of home games at the Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium on the **26th and 27th of October**, and a third round on the **30th of November** and **1st of December**! The Airybees will be playing against **Victorina Himeji, Hitachi Rivale, Toyota Auto Body Queenseis** and **Saitama Ageo Medics**. Koriyama was chosen as the Denso Airybees' 2nd hometown in 2018. Last February, the Sogo Gymnasium saw the first Koriyama home games for the team. The Airybees currently feature no less than **FIVE players selected for the national Japanese women's volleyball team** (Nabeya, Okumoto, Inoue, Tashiro and Toukoku) in their squad, giving you an idea of their class. Come cheer on the Airybees! For tickets and details, visit airybees.denso.com (JP).



Sado Yutaka & the Sienna Wind Orchestra - Brass Festival

On the **15th of December**, the volume will be turned all the way up at the **Koriyama Kenshin Cultural Center**, for the performance of the Sienna Wind Orchestra, led by world-class conductor **Yutaka Sado**. The Sienna Wind Orchestra is a top-class orchestra, based out of the Bunkyo Civic Centre in Tokyo. The performance will feature works by **John Williams, John Barnes Chance, Leonard Bernstein, Gustav Holst, Richard Wagner and Alfred Reed**, promising an energetic and bombastic event. Get your tickets ASAP, as they are sure to sell out quickly!



Date: 15th of December (Sun.), 15:00 ~
Tickets: ¥5,500 (general), ¥2,500 (high school students and younger), ¥2,750 (wheelchair seating)
WEB: <https://bit.ly/2ltIRMq>

Koriyama Halloween Party

Were closing in on the time of the year when the Koriyama Station area fills up with ghosts and ghouls, for the annual **Koriyama Halloween Party**! On the **27th of October**, it will be time the kids of Koriyama to do their trick or treating. The main event is the **Halloween Parade** for kids through the Koriyama Station area. The parade will start at the Usui Dept. Store. There will also be quizzes, costume contests and more. The organizing committee is still looking for foreign residents interested in helping out as volunteers. If you are interested in helping out, please send an e-mail to halloween2019t@gmail.com or call 080-6022-4091.

For more information, visit the organizing committee's Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/koriyama.halloween/



NHK Cool Japan: Fukushima Special!

NHK (BS1 / NHK World)'s popular program **'COOL JAPAN'** will feature Koriyama in its Fukushima Special, on the **24th of November**! Cool Japan is a show hosted by Risa Stegmyer and Shoji Kokami, that lets a panel of foreign residents in Japan show the world aspects of Japan that they find cool, funny or interesting. The Fukushima Special-show will be broadcast on NHK BS1 on Sunday the **24th of November from 18:00**. It will be available online on the website of NHK World at a later time. You might see some familiar faces!

WEB:

www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/tv/cooljapan/



EVENT CALENDAR

OCT	Event & Location	NOV	Event & Location
19	1.000.000 People Classic Concert Koriyama General Wholesale Market	3	2019 Fukushima Aquathlon Kaiseizan Pool & Sogo Gymnasium
20	Hall Concert: Hirone Yanagina, Riko Eto & Kaho Nagata AEON Town Koriyama	-10	Pop Circus in Koriyama! Shopping Mall Festa
26	DRUM TAO 'The Drummers' Koriyama City Cultural Center	10	Fumiaki Miura Violin Recital Koriyama City Cultural Center
26	Shiki no Kaze Concert Koriyama Kokaido (Public Hall)	15	Concert Bonheur Duo Piano Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center
27	Hall Concert: Reika Okura & Tomohiro Matsushashi Kaiseikan	19	Pro Wrestling: World Tag League 2019 Big Palette Fukushima
26-27	Denso Airybees Home Game (vs. Himeji & Hitachi) Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium	20	Sukima Switch 'Popman's Carnival vol. 2' Koriyama City Cultural Center
26-27	Challenge Fukushima Kenmin Undo Big Palette Fukushima	22-23	Robot & Aerospace Festa Fukushima 2019 Big Palette Fukushima
26-27	Olympic & Paralympic Games Festival Shopping Mall Festa	23	Morning Musume '19 Concert Tour Fall Koriyama City Cultural Center
27	Koriyama Halloween Party Koriyama Station West-Exit Square / Ekimae Shopping Area	30~1	Denso Airybees Home Game (vs. Toyota & Saitama) Koriyama Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium

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tinyurl.com/KoriyamaEigo



Koriyama City Music Day Event

On the **6th of September**, Koriyama City showed its colors as a Music City for the **Koriyama City Music Day** event. Organized by the Koriyama City Chamber of Commerce, music events and activities were held throughout the city, the main one being the music stage in front of Koriyama Station. The show was opened by the fantastic choir of the Oshima Elementary School, and featured bands and artists like the city's very own *Gakutokun Band*, *HARUKA*, *Hitoribochi Hidekichi* and virtuoso violinist **Noé Inui** (BE). Simultaneously, a **free-to-play street piano** was opened at a very unusual location: the Asaka PA rest stop on the Tohoku Expressway, and the public piano at Usui Department Store also featured a special performance. The young and promising ensemble of violinists **Cutie Strings** performed at the S-PAL shopping area in Koriyama Station. The day was closed at DJ Bar DOOZ, where the organizers were able to look back at a successful event.



NEWS



Music City Koriyama Website!

Koriyama City declared itself a Music City in March 2008. In order for people to learn more about all the music events and activities in the city, Koriyama City launched a new website: **Music City Koriyama!** The website lists live music venues, theaters, and many other places that showcase all the city has to offer when it comes to music. In the future, the website aims to become a new platform for local artists to showcase their activities, venues to list their events, and or even for musicians to post messages, e.g. for finding new band members or projects.

WEB: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/gakuto



Bandai-Atami Ice Arena Re-opened

The Bandai-Atami area, on the north-west side of Koriyama City is not only known for having a number of great onsen hot-springs, but also some top-notch sports facilities. One of these is the Bandai-Atami Ice Arena, a full-fledged ice rink, frequented by the Tohoku Freeblades ice-hockey team for their home games several times per year. The Ice Arena is open starting September.* Therefore, on the **1st of September**, despite the heat outside, the Ice Arena was officially re-opened for the upcoming winter season. With only ¥400 the entrance fee is cheap and skates can be rented at the Ice Arena for a reasonable price as well. With the onsen-facility Yurakkusu (YRACS) Atami right next door, as well as various other onsen in walking-distance, why not have a soak to relax after hitting the rink? For more information, such as availability (the rink may be rented out), be sure to check out the monthly calendar on the ice arena's website (www.icearena.jp) before your visit to avoid dissappoint.

*The outdoor skating rink at the Bandai-Atami Sports Park will re-open starting December.



Kids Play Space at Waiting Area

Waiting for your turn at City Hall can be tedious for adults, but that goes double for children. To make the wait a little easier for children and their parents, a new Kid's Playing Area was set up on in the waiting area of the Citizens' Affairs Division, in the Koriyama City Hall's West-Annex Building.



Do You Know Koriyama?

It is an easy place to pass by without ever noticing it. Nonetheless, it is a place with historical significance: the **crossing of the Oshu and Aizu Kaido** (routes). Kaido were routes used to connect Edo (then-Tokyo) with various regions. The Oshu Kaido was an important route, as it connected Edo to the Mutsu Province (current Fukushima, Miyagi, Iwate and Aomori Prefectures). This part of the Aizu Kaido leads from Koriyama to Aizu-Wakamatsu. During the Edo-period (1600 - 1868), Koriyama was a post town on the Oshu Kaido. The crossing point of these routes was indicated by waystones. The stones for this crossing which can be found near the west-exit of Koriyama Station. They waystones are an important piece of heritage for the city. Next time you have some time to kill at Koriyama Station, why not have a look? **Location:** <https://bit.ly/324XH3m>



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