

EiGo Koriyama!

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

Asakakunitsuko Festival (Koriyama Fall Festival)

Asakakunitsuko Shrine (near Koriyama Station) is a shrine with a long history. It is said to have been established during the reign of Emperor Seimu, between the years 131 and 191 AD. During the fall season shrines from all over the city pay homage to the shrine. **Koriyama's Aki Matsuri (Fall Festival)** from **September 27th to the 29th** marks the start of this season. The main event is the carrying of the o-mikoshi (portable shrines) of the various different shrines from throughout Koriyama's city center on the third day (**September the 29th**). Citizens carry the shrines around the station area and make a stop at the Asakakunitsuko Shrine for prayer. The procession is a festive event taking about 2 hours, with the shrines being rocked and spun around in celebration in the city streets, under the cheers of 'wasshoi!' (Heave-ho!) Come to the city center to cheer them on and enjoy the food and drinks from the festival stalls.

Location: Asakakunitsuko Shrine (goo.gl/maps/7So2XpdESxN2)

WEB: <http://fesrepo.com/fukushima/koriyamaaki/asakakunituko/>

Universal Festival 2019

In celebration of 'Music Day' on the **22nd of September** the Koriyama Junior Chamber International (JCI) is organizing the **2019 'Universal Festival'** at the South Parking Lot of **Shopping Mall Festa**. Under the slogan 'Connecting Koriyama through Music and Sports,' the event will feature various bands and music acts from former Takarazuka star **Kanata Matou**, the Hitoribochi Hideyoshi Band, AsakaZa and the Gakutokun Band, as well as athletes like Koriyama's very own **Hitoshi Ono** (Japanese national rugby team) and the Fukushima Firebonds (basketball) and Red Hopes (baseball). There will even be dance battles, bouldering and lots of booths!

Date/Time: September 22nd, 10:00 - 16:00

Venue: Shopping Mall Festa, South Parking Lot

Admission: Free!

WEB: www.koriyama-jc.or.jp/19koriyamajchp



EVENT CALENDAR

AUG Event & Location

15-16	Utsukushima Yosakoi Matsuri 2019 Yurakkusu (YRACS) Atami
21	Michinoku Awa-odori 2019 in Koriyama Koriyama Station Area
22	Universal Festival 2019 oriyama City Museum of Art
26 & 28-29	Tohoku Freeblades vs. Sakhalin (Ice Hockey) Bandai-Atami Ice Arena
27	NON STYLE LIVE2019 Koriyama City Cultural Center
28-29	Fukushima Firebonds Opening Games (basketball) Horaiya Koriyama Sogo Gymnasium
29	Vienna & Berlin Brass Quintet Koriyama City Cultural Center
29	Nodate Tea Ceremony Experience (reserve before the 23rd) 21 st Century Memorial Park - Hayama no Mori
29	Leimomi Polynesian Festival 2019 Koriyama City Cultural Center

EVENTS

Shimura Fukumi Exhibition

Calling all enthusiasts of Japanese textile! The Koriyama City Museum of Art has announced its next exhibit, starting the **21st of September**: the **Shimura Fukumi Exhibition**. Organized with support from the Shiga Museum of Modern Art, the exhibit will showcase some amazing work by this prolific textile artist. "Living National Treasure Fukumi Shimura (1924-) is a master of dyeing and weaving. In 1955, Shimura began working in textile art. The show traces her career as a textile artist and features about 100 representative works, ranging from her earlier pieces to recent designs."

Date: September 21st - November 4th, closed on Mondays, (except Sep. 23rd, Oct. 4th, Nov 4th) and Sep. 24th and Oct. 15th

Opening hours: 9:30 - 17:00 (door closes at 16:30)

Tickets: ¥1000 (¥800 for high school students and younger, or 65+) (lower rate for groups over 20 people)

Location: Koriyama City Museum of Art (goo.gl/maps/ciV56rzCKxmsTMKp6)

WEB: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/bi-jutsukan/en/12588.html



Cultural Experience: Nodate Tea Ceremony

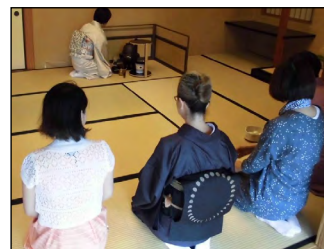
Have you ever wanted to try the Japanese tea ceremony? The **Hayama-no-Mori** in the Hayama 21st Century Memorial Park is hosting a special **Nodate** (outdoor, picnic style) tea ceremony experience for foreign residents on **September 29th**. You will be able to borrow a yukata (summer kinono) and get the real tea ceremony experience. Please contact Hayama-no-Mori by telephone or visit their desk by **September the 23rd** for a reservation (first come-first served).

Date: Sep. 29th, 10:00~12:00

TEL: 024-924-2194

Participants: Max. 10

WEB: www.hayamanomori.com/info/index.php?dl=000258,1



OCT. Event & Location

4	Asia Orchestra Week 2019 - Koriyama Concert Koriyama City Cultural Center
4	Misato Watanabe 'Live Love Life Sweet Emotion' Tour Koriyama City Cultural Center
5-6	KFB Matsuri 2019 Big Palette Fukushima
6	Kaiseizan Outdoor Fureai Charity Concert Kaiseizan Park Outdoor Music Stage
12-13	Koriyama Expo 2019 Big Palette Fukushima
13	Tomioka Karakasa Andon Fireworks Mihota-machi, Tomioka Area
25	Koji Tamaki Concert Tour 2019 - LA VIE Koriyama City Cultural Center
26	DRUM TAO 'The Drummers' Koriyama City Cultural Center



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Cooperation with the City of Essen (GER)

The City of Essen in Germany and Koriyama City have been further deepening their ties of extensive exchange activities. Starting with the contact between Fukushima Prefecture and the region of North-Rhine Westphalia in Germany with regards to medical equipment development and renewable energy, the city of Essen (which is located in the same region) and Koriyama City were linked in 2018 as partners in the EU's International Urban Cooperation Programme. Since then, delegations from the two cities have been exchanged several times. The last such occasions was the visit of Koriyama City's delegation to Essen in August. On the **2nd of September**, a delegation led by the mayor of the city of Essen visited Koriyama City to sign a comprehensive Memorandum of Understanding. The cities have committed themselves to further exchange in the future.



NEWS

Hydrogen Energy System at Wholesale Market

Koriyama City is home to the **Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute, AIST (FREIA)** since 2014. The institute does cutting-edge research for the development and commercialization of new renewable energy technology. One such projects is the development of **hydrogen as an alternative fuel source**. In collaboration with **Shimizu Construction**, and supported by the city government, starting the **23rd of July** the **Koriyama City General Wholesale Market** became the testing ground for a new energy system. The surplus energy generated by the solar panels on the site of the market will be stored in the form of hydrogen, which can then be used to stably provide power to the market's facilities. By introducing this new system, the center aims to reduce its Co²-emission by 40%. It is also a great way for the researchers to see their project in action. City Hall offers a hydrogen refueling station, and owns a hydrogen fuel cell vehicle, with the aim to proactively support the development of hydrogen technology.



New Kits for Firebonds Presented!

The local heroes of the Fukushima Firebonds, the basketball-team based in Koriyama, presented their **new official kit** for the 2019-2020 season. Their season opening games will be played on the **28th and 29th of September** against the **Gunma Crane Thunders**. For more Firebonds info, visit: <https://firebonds.jp>.

Sogo Gymnasium's New Training Equipment

The Horaiya Koriyama Sogo Gymnasium (near Kaiseizan Park) has a **weight training room** that is open to the public. The weight training equipment was recently **renewed**, offering a great training environment. Best of all, it can be used for **only 100 yen** for one 2-hour time-slot! Please keep in mind that during times like sports events, the training room may be reserved. For more info, visit: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/bunka_sports_kanko/leisure_sports/4/9455.html (JP).



Online Document Application

Starting this month it is possible to apply for your *jūminhyō* (city registration document) or *inkan-tōroku-shōmeisho* (personal seal registration) online, and have it be ready for you when you arrive. This may save you a lot of time. Visit the website listed below, fill in the form and you will receive a confirmation e-mail. Once city hall has confirmed your application, you will receive an e-mail listing when you can pick up your document. As a general rule, if you file your application before 16:00, you will be able to pick it up the next morning. If you fill it in after 16:00, it will be ready after 12:00 the next day (note that you cannot pick up your documents on days when city hall is closed, e.g. weekends/holidays). **Be sure to bring identification!** For all the details, visit the website: www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/kurashi/koseki_juminhyo/19350.html (website in Japanese).



Do You Know Koriyama?

If you ever took a walk or bike-ride through the area around Kaiseizan Park, you may have wandered onto a little path that goes along a little babbling creek. This little stream actually flows from the Asaka Canal. The 4.4 km long walking path along it is called '**Seseragi-Komichi**', and was constructed between 1996 and 2001. It starts near Asaka High School in the Daishin-area, flows along the south-side of Kaiseizan Park, and up north through the Nishi-no-Uchi and Wakabamachi areas all the way to Ouse River. Although the waterway mainly transports domestic wastewater, it is split up in a top- and bottom layer, with the top layer being reserved for clean purified water. The bottom-layer can also be used by firefighters to put out fires. The walking path is adorned with abundant greenery and decoration, making Seseragi-Komichi an important place both for recreation and safety.



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