# August 2019 Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

# **Fukushima Food Fes 2019**

Fukushima Prefecture is home to many great local farmers, sake producers, restaurants, cafes and many other venues. Kaiseizan Park will showcase a great number of them, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Fukushima Food Fes 2019 on the 25th of August. With over 2000 visitors, last year's edition was a great success. Restaurants have formed collaborations with local farmers and sake producers to present special collaboration menus for the occassion. Expect dishes like pastas, sandwiches, curry, kebab, kaki-gori (shaved-ice), as

well as drinks like beer, Japanese sake, wine and various soft drinks. Find out all about which shops and producers will set up shop on the official website listed below. Bring a blanket and you can even turn the event into a picknick! Admission is free, so come out and check out all the great products Fukushima Prefecture has to offer!

**Date & Time:** August 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 - 20:00 (dependant on weather-conditions)

Venue: Kaiseizan Park

WEB: www.fukushima-foodfes.com



**General Disaster Prevention Drill** On August the 31st the city-wide Koriyama City General Disaster Prevention Drill will take place. If you are interested in disaster prevention, please be sure to participate in the training and improve your disaster prevention skills. You can expect activities

like practicing putting out small fires, experiencing a room full of smoke, evacuating from a building, etc. There will also be useful emergency equipment for sale. Please be aware that on the same day at

9:00 the city will send an 'emergency message (area mail)' and the emergency radio system's sirens will go off as part of the drill.

Date: August 31st (Sat) 9:00 - 12:00

Location: (Central Venue) Kuwano Elementary School, (District Ven-

ue) District-specific training venues \*please inquire with your local city hall branch office.

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# **Fukushima Winery Fes**

### **EVENTS**

The Fukushima Ouse Winery was

started in 2015 in cooperation with Koriyama City and the Mitsubishi Corp. Disaster Relief Foundation in an effort to revitalize the region through new, high-quality local products. Besides the first wine produced this year 'Vin de Ollage', the winery also offers various other products like cider, sparkling wines and fruit liquors, such as 'Ouse Pomme' which was recently awarded a Silver Medal in the 2019 International Wine and Spirit Competition. In order for more people to get to know and enjoy their products, the win-

ery with organize its second Fukushima Winery Fes on August 31st and September 1st. Besides the Ouse Winery's products, there will also be stalls from local restaurants and producers. both from Koriyama City and the surrounding area. On the 31st, the winery will even be open for a special night market!

Come support this local project at the Fukushima Ouse Winery! Date & Time: Aug. 31st - Sep. 1st, 10:00 - 16:00,

Night Market (31st): 18:00 - 21:00 (times may be affected by the weather conditions)

**Location: Fukushima Ouse Winery** 

WEB: fukushima-wineryfes.info



# **J-ALERT System Test**

On the 28th of August, the nationwide warning system J-ALERT will be tested. J-Alert is meant to alert citizens and officials in case of emergencies such as natural disasters, matters of national defense etc. The emergency wireless system (sirens and speakers), e-mail and SNS services will be tested. The test will take place around 11:00, so please be informed that this will be just a test, and check if you received the alerts too.

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# NEWS

## **IoT Carp Production**

Thanks to its tradition of carp-cuisine, Koriyama is the largest producer of carp in all of Japan. The local producers are open to innovation, as reflected in one of the latest projects: using **IoT** (Internet-of-things) technology. The project was officially kicked off on June 26<sup>th</sup>. Organized by NTT EAST, Koriyama City and the Kennan Carp Producers Cooperative, the goal is to combat a number of problems the industry is facing, such as a lack of successors. The focus is to obtain data for the optimalization of carp breeding, abnormalities detection, remote observation, and research for a breeding manual (with support from Fukushima University and the Prefectural Inland Water Fisheries Laboratory). There are various delicious carp dishes in Koriyama, such as sashimi, arai and stews. Be sure to try them out!





# Museum of Art: Paddington Bear™ Exhibit

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of July, the Paddington Bear<sup>TM</sup> Exhibit at the Koriyama City Museum of Art was officially opened. The playful, gentlemanly character of Paddington Bear created by illustrator Michael Bond, has become one of the world's most popular children's characters. The visitors were fascinated by the original sketches and artworks, making the exhibit suitable for children and adults alike. The exhibit will stay on display until the 8th of September. For more information, visit: <a href="https://www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/bijutsukan/en/12588.html">www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/bijutsukan/en/12588.html</a>



**Summer Festivals** - It's turning out to be a hot summer, but packed with fun activities and festivals. From the Summer Festa to the Uneme Matsuri, the city turned out in droves to join in. Check out some of the photos from the summer fun!











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Having been in preparing since the opening of the winery, 2019 finally saw the release of the first batch of wine, labeled '**Vin de Ollage**'. The word Ollage is derived from the term 'Orage', which means 'our home' in the local dialect. Until then, the winery had released a number of great ciders, that were very popular. For those who are interested in trying the products, you can come to the visitor center's tasting corner. The winery is hoping to attract visitors from all over the world, and thereby aid in the revitalization of Fukushima Prefecture.



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