



Ei Gokoriyama!

News and Information about Koriyama City in English

UPCOMING EVENTS

'Bandai-Atami Tsururinko Matsuri' Festival 2018

Winter in Koriyama starts with one of its most unique events: the **Bandai-Atami Tsururinko Matsuri** on the **2nd of December**, organized by the Bandai-Atami Tourism Association and hosted at the outdoor Bandai-Atami Ice Skating Rink from 10:20 to 16:00. The main event is the **Tsururinko Tug-of-War On Ice!** Teams of 5 people (children or adults) can sign up, and duke it out for the grand prize of 100,000 yen! There is also the delicious Tsururinko-Nabe (tonjiru-soup) that will be handed out freely (first-come first-serve), a demonstration by the local speed skating team and a taiko (Japanese percussion) performance. Join the winter fun and get that grand prize!



More information about the event and the sign-up form for the Tug-Of-War competition can be found online at:

www.bandaiatami.or.jp/info/information/tsururinko_2018.html

Big Tree Pageant Festa in Koriyama 2018

Once the big lights at Koriyama Station go up, you know the holiday season is really upon us. The trees at Koriyama Station's West Exit Square will be colorfully illuminated by more than **300,000 lights**, giving a warm holiday glow. On **the 16th of November**, the lights will be lit during the Big Tree Pageant Festa, organized by the Koriyama City Chamber of Commerce. The event will start at 16:30, and be accompanied by music performances. On regular days, the illumination is on from 17:00 to 23:30 and will be up **until the 14th of January**. Come enjoy the holiday spirit!

WEB: www.ko-cci.or.jp/bigtree (JP)



Event Calendar

November

- 16 **Big Tree Pageant Festa in Koriyama**
(Koriyama Station West-Exit Square)
- 18 **Koriyama Citizens Orchestra**
52nd Regular Concert
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 18 **Utagecafe Tomoshihi Shinjuku in Koriyama**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 20 **Ayumi Hamasaki Live Tour 'Trouble'**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 23 **Robot & Aerospace Festa Fukushima**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 25 **Swing Marmalades Jazz Orchestra**
Concert 2018
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)

December

- 1 **8th 'Gakuto Koriyama' Harmony Concert**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 2 **A Symphony of the Starry Sky & Music**
(Koriyama City Fureai Science Center – Space Park)
- 2 **Bandai-Atami Tsururinko Matsuri**
(Bandai-Atami Koriyama Skating Rink)
- 9 **The Philharmonic Chorus of Tokyo -**
Christmas Concert
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 16 **Mariko Senju - 2nd Christmas Concert**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)
- 23 **Dragon Quest Concert (World of Dragon Quest)**
(Koriyama City Cultural Center)

Robot & Aerospace Festa Fukushima

Interested in the latest developments in robotics and aerospace? Want to nerd out on the newest technology? Visit the **Robot & Aerospace Festa Fukushima**-exhibition

at Big Palette Fukushima in Koriyama. The event will even feature a Robot Sumo tournament! The event is open to the public on the **23rd of November**, and admission is completely **free!**

Date/Time: November 23rd, 10:00 – 16:00

WEB: <http://www.robotfesta-fukushima.jp>



KIEA Japanese Class: Kanji and Vocabulary

In addition to the regular KIEA Japanese class, KIEA is now also organizing a separate Kanji & Vocabulary Class. During this class (held completely in Japanese), the instructor will teach you new skills for the acquisition and memorization of kanji and vocabulary. This is especially useful if you want to increase your vocabulary and kanji necessary for daily life! This time we will focus on reading warning labels and information on products. An intermediate level of Japanese is required to follow the class.

Date/Time: December 13th (Thu.), 10:00 ~ 11:30

Venue: Koriyama City Hall, International Salon (2F)

Fee: ¥300 (incl. study materials)

Application: Please apply by filling in the form at <http://goo.gl/etAvmh>, by phone, or directly at the International Exchange Salon.

E-mail: intl-salon@city.koriyama.fukushima.jp

TEL: (024) 924-2970 (JP/EN)



The Hungarian Swimming Team's Camp in Koriyama

A group of young professional swimmers and perhaps even future Olympic medalists from the Hungarian Swimming Association's national team stayed in Koriyama between the **15th and 26th of October** for a training camp. They trained at the newly built Koriyama Kaiseizan Shinkin Pool and the Horaiya Sogo Gymnasium. The team consisted of 12 young athletes, including Tamás Kenderesi, bronze medalist on the 100m butterfly at the 2016 Rio Olympics. On the first day of training, they were welcomed at the pool by kids of the Hozan Elementary School, who had the privilege to see the team's first training session for themselves. They also talked to the local press and gave out signatures to local school children during their stay. Koriyama hopes to welcome the team again in the near future, and wishes them a lot of success for the 2019 World Aquatics Championship in South-Korea and at the Olympic Games in 2020!



Utsukushima YOSAKOI Festival 2018

Yurakusu (YRACS) Atami in Bandai-Atami was the stage for the 18th **'Utsukushima YOSAKOI Festival'** on the **16th and 17th of September**. *Yosakoi* is a contemporary dance that originates from Kochi City in Shikoku, Japan. It is highly dynamic and combined with cheering elements, meant to energize the crowd. The festival featured 19 teams from in- and outside of Fukushima Prefecture, who all gave their all to treat the audience to energetic, fun and beautiful performances. Winner of the 1st prize was Yosakoi team Gojin from Aizu. The event is held annually, so be sure to visit next year!



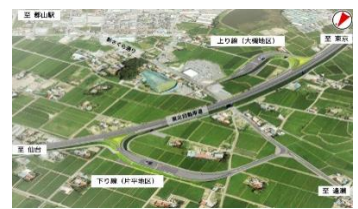
Koriyama Expo 2018

From the 5th to the 7th of October, companies and organizations from Koriyama active in the fields of industry, commerce, tourism, welfare etc. all converged at the 2018 Koriyama Expo, Fukushima Prefecture's largest trade fair. Setting up booths in- and outside of the venue, the Big Palette Fukushima convention center in Koriyama, the participants displayed their activities and products to the many visitors who attended the Expo. There were also various restaurants and food vendors who set up shop. Some of this year's biggest eye-catchers included VR-experiences and the chance to try a Segway!



Koriyama Chuo Smart IC

The new interchange on the Tohoku Expressway currently under construction in Koriyama has been given a name: the **'Koriyama Chuo Smart IC'**. Located between the Koriyama IC and Koriyama-Minami IC, on the crossing of the Tohoku Expressway and Shin-Sakuradoori, the new IC is scheduled to open on the **31st of March, 2019**. The new IC will make Koriyama even more easily accessible and attractive for businesses as the transportation hub of Fukushima Prefecture! For more information on the new IC, visit:



<http://www.city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/shise/citysales/sic.html>

Do you know Koriyama?

Koriyama City, '2nd Hometown' for the Denso Airybees

Besides the Fukushima Hopes (baseball), Firebonds (basketball) and Tohoku Freeblades (ice hockey), Koriyama has another team that calls it home, or at their second hometown! The professional women's volleyball team, **Denso Airybees**, finishing in the 4th place of the Japanese V. League 1 last season, has a special connection with Koriyama. Last year, Koriyama signed a partnership with Denso to support the team, and officially became a 'Second Hometown' for the team. The coach and several players of the Airybees have visited Koriyama regularly to give weekly classes for talented local volleyball players, to help develop future top athletes.

On Saturday the 3rd of **November** the Airybees played the opening game for the 2018-2019 season, which they unfortunately lost to NEC Red Rockets. Koriyama City will keep supporting the Airybees in the future!



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