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News and Information about Koriyama City in English

Summer Festivals in Koriyama 2018!

UPCOMING EVENTS

The summer season is when Koriyama really comes alive! Check out all the festivals and summer fun the city has to offer:

Jul. 25-29 Summer Festa in Koriyama!

Koriyama's very own Octoberfest! Kaiseizan Park is the stage for long tables, a real German Octoberfest-band, and a huge variety of different kinds of beer. The event is open from 5 to 9, and from 2 to 9 during the weekends. Pre-sale tickets are ¥2000 (¥2500 at the venue) and get you two drinks and a voucher for snacks etc. worth ¥1000. They are available through TicketPia (991-790) and Lawson Tickets (22313).
Ein Prosit! WEB: www.ko-cci.or.jp/event/maturi/summer.html



Aug. 1 Koriyama no Taiko

Jam to the rhythm of Japanese percussion (taiko) in front of Koriyama Station! Various local taiko group such as the *Bandai-Atami Kaito Taiko Hozonkai*, *Mirai Kyoei Taiko*, *Katahira Nursery School* and *Ichigo Taiko* will perform between 17:00 and 20:00. Come down to the Koriyama Station Ekimae Area and get pumped up for Uneme Matsuri the next day!



Jul. 28 Mizu-umi Matsuri (Lake Festival)

Enjoy the summer vibe at Funatsu Beach in Konan at Lake Inawashiro. Market stalls and a music stage will line up at the beach, and you can try riding a traditional tub-boat (tarai-bune). The event will finish (19:30) with a beautiful beach fireworks display!



Aug. 2-4 Uneme Matsuri

The classic among Koriyama's matsuri, Uneme Matsuri features dance parades with over 6000 participants along Sakura-doori and the Koriyama Station Ekimae-area, markets, giant taiko-drums and of course the



lovely Miss Uneme! The main events at Koriyama Station start Friday afternoon (3rd of August) from 17:00 and go on until Saturday evening. Check out all the information and the schedule at: www.ko-cci.or.jp/event/maturi/uneme.html

Aug. 4 Fukuyama Fireworks Festival

Aug. 14 Asakano Fireworks Festival

A Japanese summer is not complete without a good fireworks display. The two most famous Koriyama fireworks festivals in the summer are the Fukuyama (<http://goo.gl/maps/BHDNuYJngbU2>)- and the Asakano Fireworks Festivals (<http://goo.gl/maps/qhyc34hjrQ92>). Enjoy the warm summer nights with a splendid firework show like you've never seen before!



Event Calendar

July

- 14 ~ 8/26 **Summer Holiday Program: Jurassic Heroes**
(Koriyama Fureai Science Center - Space Park)
- 14-16 **Koriyama Fair, Summer 2018**
(Nihonbashi Fukushima-kan MIDETTE, Tokyo)
- 20-22 **Illustrators Festival in Fukushima**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 21-22 **Monozukuri Fureai Fair 2018**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 22 **Rugby Clinic by Hitoshi Ono**
(Bandai-Atami Sports Park, Soccer Field)
- 22 **Second-hand/Outlet Camera Fair**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 25-29 **Summer Festa in Koriyama – Beer Festival**
(Kaiseizan Park)
- 28 **Mizu-umi Matsuri (Lake Festival)**
(Funatsu Beach, Konan)
- 28 **Museum Film Screening: Mr. Turner (2014)**
(Koriyama City Museum of Art)

August

- 1 **Koriyama no Taiko (Taiko Festival)**
(Koriyama Station, Ekimae Area)
- 2-4 **Uneme Matsuri**
(Koriyama Station, Ekimae Area)
- 4 **Fukuyama Yume Hanabi Fireworks Festival**
(Fukuyama River Terrace Multi-Purpose Square)
- 4 **Shiki no Kaze Concert**
(Koriyama Public Hall (Kokaido))
- 14 **Asakano Natsu Matsuri - Fireworks Festival**
(Koriyama Culture Park)
- 24 **Miki Imai Concert Tour 2018 'Sky'**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)

KIEA Japanese Class: Kanji and 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! A basic- to intermediate level of Japanese is required to follow the class.

Date/Time: July 26th (Thu.), 10:00 ~ 11:30

Venue: Koriyama City Hall, International Salon

Fee: ¥300 (incl. study materials)

Application: Please apply by e-mail, phone

or directly at the International Exchange Salon

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

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



#MyKoriyama Instagram Contest

Renewed after last year's success: the **2018 #MyKoriyama Instagram Photo Contest!** Share pictures of your favorite places, people, and hidden gems in Koriyama on Instagram, add the hashtag **#MyKoriyama** (along with a title and the location) to automatically qualify for great prizes! The deadline for entries is the **31st of August**. Visit mykoriyama.com for more information



incl. last year's winning entries. For questions, contact the Koriyama International Policy Division at **024-924-3711 (JP/EN)** or kokusai_seisaku@city.koriyama.fukushima.jp

Summer 2018 Koriyama Fair @ Midette, Tokyo

Away from Fukushima in Tokyo, but feel like getting some of Koriyama's specialties? Or want to introduce your friends in Tokyo to your favorite prefecture? Visit **Nihonbashi Fukushima-kan MIDETTE** in the Nihonbashi-area, near Tokyo Station! Promoting all Fukushima Prefecture has to offer to the many daily visitors, **July 14~16 Koriyama** will be in the spotlights during the **Summer 2018 Koriyama Fair!** Koriyama specialties such as Asaka-mai rice, crafts and fresh, local vegetables will be amply available. Visit www.midette.com for more info!



NEWS & PAST EVENTS

Dutch Soccer Class by Sai van Wermeskerken!

During the peak of soccer's popularity in Japan amidst the Russia 2018 World Cup, on the **24th of June** Koriyama organized a Dutch Soccer Class as a Dutch *Host Town* for the 2020 Tokyo Olympic & Paralympic Games. More than 50 kids learned new training techniques from professional player **Sai van Wermeskerken**. Born in Maastricht (NL) and raised in Japan, Van Wermeskerken currently plays for the Dutch team **SC Cambuur**, as well as the **national Japanese youth team**. Despite the heat, the kids enjoyed the activities that focused on communication and quick thinking. During the last 15 minutes, Sai showed his skills by managing to score against a team of all the kids together at the same time!

JFA Reconstruction Support Festival

On the occasion of the opening of the new Atami Football Center, the **JFA (Japan Football Association) Reconstruction Support Festival** to support the revitalization after the 2011 disaster was held on the **19th of May**. The kids attending the festival got a chance to participate in a soccer class by Japanese U19 national team coach Masanaga Kageyama.



The center is open to the public with reservation: www.city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/162000/sports/football.html



Do you know Koriyama?

30th Anniversary Sister City Ties with Brummen

On the **25th of June**, it was officially **30 years** since Koriyama signed a treaty with the city of **Brummen** in the Netherlands to officially become **sister cities!** How did this connection come about?

The ties started with civil engineer **C.J. van Doorn** from the town of Brummen, in the late 19th century. Thanks to his know-how, the **Asaka Canal** was completed, becoming the foundation for the development of Koriyama into the city with 330,000+ citizens it is today. The statue of Van Doorn erected at the Jurokkyo Sluice still looks out over Koriyama. Van Doorn's grave in Amsterdam was found in 1978 and the **monument** was rebuilt using donations from Koriyama a year later, out of gratitude for Van Doorn's accomplishments. 9 years after the grave monument's reconstruction the sister city ties were made official. The ties are still active today, through mutual visits and the planting of commemorative trees in both cities. All kids in Koriyama know the name Van Doorn and his significance. After the 2011 disaster, Koriyama received a lot of support from Brummen's citizens and city hall for which Koriyama is still grateful. We hope to further honor the legacy Van Doorn and deepen the collaboration in the future.



Osaka Earthquake Relief Donations

On the 18th of June, Osaka Pref. was hit by a heavy earthquake, causing a great deal of damage. Having received much support after the 2011 disaster, Koriyama City is helping to collect donations from citizens for the reconstruction. Donation boxes are set up at City Hall (Main- & West Bld. And Branch Offices (Gyosei Center)), Citizens' Service Center (Big-i, 6F), Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center, Oyasuba Historic Park and the Waterworks & Sewerage Bureau. All contributions, great or small, are greatly appreciated!

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