



EiGokoriyama!

News and Information about Koriyama City in English

Grand Re-opening - Koriyama City Museum of Art

On the 7th of July, the Koriyama City Museum of Art will be officially re-opened after a 9-month long hiatus for renovation works. The opening ceremony will take place at 9:15, after which the museum will once again be open to the public.



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First exhibit: 'Turner and the Poetics of Landscape'

"Joseph Mallord William Turner (1775-1851) is one of the Britain's greatest painters, as well as one of the most creative artists in the history of landscape painting. The exhibition features a strong group of Turner's works from the National Galleries of Scotland collection, which are complemented by outstanding loans from a number of other distinguished British public and private collections."

Opened from July 7th to September 9th (closed on Mondays)

Tickets: ¥1,200 (¥800 for students and 65+)

Location: <https://goo.gl/maps/ziKvFDEz1Sp>

WEB: www.city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/bijyutukan (JP/EN)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Royal Academy Symphony Orchestra (UK)

On Tuesday the 26th of June, the Koriyama Kenshin Cultural Center will host a grand joint performance by the **Royal Academy Symphony Orchestra and the Tokyo University of the Arts (Tokyo Geidai)** to celebrate their successful cooperation. Led by conductor **Trevor Pinnock**, the Royal Academy Symphony Orchestra is renowned worldwide. The orchestra will perform pieces by Beethoven and Mozart and feature soloists **Julie Svecena** (violin) and **Yugo Inoue** (viola).

Date: June 26th (18:30~)

Venue: Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center

(goo.gl/maps/8nT9er7D5qR2)

Tickets: ¥2,000 (General), ¥500 (high school students & younger), ¥1,000 (wheelchair-seating), available at the Kenshin Cultural Center and Usui Dept. Store 5F



Event Calendar

June

- 17 **Mie Kurebayashi – Mezzo-Soprano Recital**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)
- 21 **Hiroshi Itsuki – Concert 2018**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)
- 22 **Kohei Fukuda – Concert Tour 2018**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)
- 23 - 25 **64th Fukushima Prefectural Inter-High School Sports Tournament: Swimming**
(Koriyama Shinkin Kaiseizan Pool)
- 24 **2018 Fukushima Taiko Festival**
(Koriyama YRACS (Yurakkusu) Atami)
- 24 **Citizens' Concert Hall: Koriyama Citizens' Orchestra Family Concert 14**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)
- 26 **Tokyo Geidai & the Royal Academy of Music Symphony Orchestra (UK) Joint Concert**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)

July

- 7 **Les Freres – Piano Infinity in KORIYAMA**
(Kenshin Koriyama Cultural Center)
- 8 **Planetarium Concert: 'A Paradise of Stars'**
(Koriyama City Fureai Science Center - Space Park)
- 14 - 15 **Audio & Hometheater Grand Exhibit**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 25 - 29 **Summer Festival in Koriyama 2018 (Beer Festival)**
(Kaiseizan Park)



Dutch Soccer Clinic by Sai van Wermeskerken

As a Host Town for the Netherlands towards the 2020 Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games, Koriyama City is organizing a special soccer workshop by professional soccer player **Sai van Wermeskerken**. Being born in the Netherlands to a Japanese mother and Dutch father, Van Wermeskerken currently plays for SC Cambuur in the second-tier league in the Netherlands, as well as for the Japanese national youth team. After the success of last year's clinic, on **Sunday the 24th of June** Van Wermeskerken will visit Koriyama again at the Atami Soccer Fields at the **Bandai-Atami Sports Park** (goo.gl/maps/FcT5ZdLdfp), starting at 9:00. Participants of the clinic will be middle school students from schools in Koriyama, but the event is open to the public for spectators. Come see a professional soccer player in action and cheer on Koriyama's future generation of soccer players!



PEP Kids Koriyama: Two Million Visitors!

On the 28th of April, the PEP Kids Koriyama indoor playground celebrated welcoming **over 2 million visitors** over the seven years since its opening. PEP Kids Koriyama initially opened in December 2011 to provide kids with a place to play, run and exercise after the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake. Today it is still very popular among kids and their parents. During the ceremony, the kids from the Haga Kindergarten performed a dance for the attending parents and visitors.

Keyaki Matsuri

Bandai-Atami has a number of beautiful walking trails among the lush keyaki (Japanese zelkova)-trees. The annual **Keyaki Matsuri**-festival was held on Sunday the 13th of May, featuring forest walks around the keyaki trees, some of which are estimated to be over 300 years old. There were also cultural performances at the Onsen Jinja-shrine in Bandai-Atami, such as taiko (Japanese percussion) and wind instrument performances. It was a relaxing and refreshing day for the attendants who showed up in droves.



Kodomo Matsuri

On Saturday the 5th of May, Koriyama organized a number of activities for children for the national holiday 'Kodomo-no-Hi'.

One of the major activities was a soccer class by former Japanese national team player **Shoji Jo**. Another was a special **VR-experience** where you could play a game of tag using VR. Finally, there were fairs and 'stamp rallies' (collecting stamps for various events) at various venues around the city. Every year Kodomo Matsuri offers a great number of activities for kids and parents alike, so be sure to check it out next year on the 5th of May (Golden Week)!



Hotto Atami Officially Opened!

The hot spring town of Bandai-Atami has a new multi-functional community center: **Hotto Atami**. The name of the facility being a play on words with the word 'hot' (from the hot springs) and 'hotto' (the Japanese word for being relaxes/relieved), the venue is meant to be a meeting place for citizens and visitors. The grand opening took place on Monday the 14th of May in attendance of the head of the JA Fukushima Sakura Agricultural Cooperative and Mayor Shinagawa. The facility provides a local souvenir shop, a city hall branch office (gyousei center), a multi-purpose hall, a library, a kitchen for cooking classes and various meeting rooms. It is opened every day (except for the new year's break) from 9:00 to 21:00.



Do you know Koriyama?

Did you know Koriyama is one of the 15 cities/communities in Japan to be officially designated as 'a Safe Community'?

International Safe Communities is an effort by the **World Health Organization (WHO)** that stimulates the promotion of safety in cities and communities around the world. The unique approach is to identify societal problems and dangers through data, collected by local taskforces made up of local citizens and interest groups. These taskforces then get support from the WHO in the form of counseling and training, in order for the local community to be able to best deal with the situation.

Koriyama started its Safe Community-efforts in 2014, and formed 6 priority taskforces: Traffic, Children, Senior Citizens, Suicide Prevention, Crime Prevention and Disaster- and Environmental Safety, plus the Injury Surveillance Committee.

Thanks to the hard work of all those involved, Koriyama City was officially designated as a Safe Community as of **February 2018**. But that is where the real work starts. Koriyama City will use the obtained knowledge to improve and promote safety in the city. Visit <https://isccc.global/> for more info on this unique program.



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