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UPCOMING EVENTS

KIEA International Exchange Bus Tour

The Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA) is hosting another International Exchange bus tour for foreign residents and KIEA-members. This bus tour will take place on **June 30th**, depart from Koriyama City Hall and take you to Fukushima's Aizu area. Here you will experience the local craft of painting 'Akabeko', enjoy the local cuisine, take a stroll through a traditional Japanese garden, and finally eat as many cherries as you like at a beautiful cherry orchard.

Fee: ¥3,600 (incl. lunch and all fees)

Applications: ☎ 024-924-3711 or ✉ kokusai-kouryuu@city.koriyama.fukushima.jp. Please apply for the tour **before 17:00 on the 25th of May!** The max. number of participants is **20**, decided by lottery. You will be informed by the **1st of June**. If you are selected, please visit the International Policy Division (Koriyama City Hall, Main Bld. 5F) to pay the entry fee or contact KIEA if you prefer to pay by bank transfer (charges may apply) before **June 15th**.

Road to Tomorrow – 1000km Relay 2018

In July, the Tokyo Sport Benefits Corporation will organize the annual 'Road to Tomorrow – 1000km Relay', an annual relay running event spanning two weeks, **from July 24th to the 8th of August**. The aim is to raise awareness and funding for the recovery efforts in the affected areas of the 2011 Great East Japan earthquake and tsunami.

Participants will run one or more of the 150 different parts of the 1,300 km course from Aomori to Tokyo. The runners are set to arrive in Koriyama on the **2nd of August** and leave for Iwaki the next day. Want to apply to run one of the parts? Visit www.1000km.jp/top_en for more information, and **please apply by May 31st!**



Event Calendar

May

- 19 **NPO 'Ongaku-no-Chikara' (the Power of Music) Koriyama Charity Concert**
(Myuukaru Gakuto Hall)
- 20 **Koriyama Wind Ensemble, 30th Concert**
(Kenshin Cultural Center)
- 20 **Tohoku Free Blades – Fan Day**
(Bandai-Atami Ice Arena)
- 26 **Hustle Muscle: ~Ninja~ Koriyama Show**
(Kenshin Cultural Center)
- 26 **Machinaka Kodomo Yume Ekiden**
(Nakamachi Yume-doori)
- 26 **'Encore!' Kazumasa Oda Tour 2018**
(Big Palette Fukushima)
- 27 **Mrs. Green Apple Ensemble Tour**
(Kenshin Cultural Center)
- 28 **Takashiba Deko-Matsuri**
(Takashiba Deko-Yashiki)

June

- 1 **BUCK-TICK 2018 TOUR No.0**
(Kenshin Cultural Center)
- 10 **THE RAMPAGE from EXILE TRIBE**
(Kenshin Cultural Center)
- 24 **Fukushima Taiko Festival**
(Koriyama YRACS (Yurakkusu) Atami)
- 26 **Tokyo University of the Arts & Royal Academy of Music – Joint Performance**
(Kenshin Cultural Center)

Koriyama Machizukuri Net Monitor

Do you want your voice heard in the decision-making of the city, and do you (or someone you know) have a good command of Japanese? Please apply to the **Koriyama Machizukuri (Community-building) Net Monitor** (まちづくりネットモニター)!



Through this program consisting of regular short surveys about life in Koriyama (all answerable in 5 min. or less), you can contribute to making Koriyama a better place to live. Those who answered more than half of all the surveys throughout the year receive a free parking ticket for 5 hours at the Koriyama Station West-Exit Parking Garage and a complimentary ticket for one of the city's facilities.

*please note that public workers and 18- citizens may not apply.

WEB: city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/063000/kocho/machizukuri.html

May 16: Emergency System 'J-ALERT' Test

On the **16th of May around 11:00**, the Japanese national government will test its emergency information system **J-Alert**. The alarm will sound and alert messages will be sent per radio, e-mail, social media etc., so if you hear the alarm or get an alert message, be informed that it is only a test. Nonetheless, a good opportunity to check your emergency preparedness. For more info on emergency preparedness, read the multilingual **Koriyama Living Guide** at www.city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/foreign.



Delegation from Essen City, Germany

On April 23rd and 24th, Koriyama City received a delegation from the German city of Essen for a visit to city hall and research institutes, universities and hospitals in Koriyama under the International Urban Cooperation (IUC) program.

The European Union launched a program for international cooperation between cities in the EU with counterparts in the rest of the world. In Japan, Koriyama is one of the 5 participating cities. In December 2017 Koriyama signed a memorandum for cooperation with the city of Essen in Germany. Essen is located in the region of North-Rhine Westphalia, which has extensive ties with Fukushima Prefecture in the fields of renewable energy and medical device development.

Besides the site visits, the delegation also participated in a joint seminar in which they introduced the state of development of renewable energy and medical devices in Essen to the participating companies and students at the College of Engineering – Nihon University, which Koriyama hopes will lead to more grassroots cooperation in the future. For more information on the IUC-program, visit: <http://www.iuc.eu/>



Officially Opened: the Atami Football Center

Koriyama City has a brand-new soccer facility in Bandai-Atami, officially opened on the 1st of May. Named the **Atami Football Center**, the new center offers a 105m – 68m pitch (JFA-approved artificial turf), a club houses with all necessary facilities and top-notch lighting for training sessions and games at night. It is located at a stone's throw from Bandai-Atami Station (2 min walk).

Funding for the new facilities were provided by the Japan Football Association (JFA)'s Prefectural Football Center Maintenance Program, aimed to support sports activities like soccer, as well as regional revitalization and tourism. The facilities can be rented at very reasonable prices. Please check the website for all the details:

city.koriyama.fukushima.jp/162000/sports/football.html

Location: 2-15 Atami-machi, Koriyama City
(goo.gl/maps/XjxDtRiGaAR2)



Koriyama City Marathon 2018

This year's Koriyama City Marathon, on the 29th of April (Showa Day) was not only blessed with gorgeous weather, but also with a huge number of participants: **8269 runners!** Leaving from the HRS Kaiseizan Athletics Stadium, the runners were divided into 34 different categories, the main of which was the 21km half-marathon. Among the runners there were several dressed in funny and original costumes like anime- and game characters.

Do you know Koriyama?

Koriyama International Exchange Association (KIEA)

The Koriyama International Exchange Association was established on February 24th 1990, in order to support and promote international understanding towards foreign countries and residents among Koriyama's citizens. Another aim is supporting civil activity and international friendship through pro-active international exchange activities using Koriyama's characteristic qualities.

KIEA-staff can be found at the **International Exchange Salon**, on the 2nd floor of Koriyama City Hall's Main Bld. 2F and the International Policy Division (5F). Feel free to walk in with questions about Koriyama or KIEA's activities. There are also books and DVDs which can be borrowed, including language workbooks and travel guidebooks. KIEA currently has 177 private- and 88 corporate members. Members get discounts on classes and activities, and there are member-exclusive events. With the membership fee of ¥3000 per year, you support KIEA's activities. Read all about KIEA's activities in the bi-monthly KIP (Koriyama Information Paper) or find information about KIEA and its events on the official Facebook page: www.facebook.com/KoriyamaIEA



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