

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

December 13 ~ Jumanji Next Level
English /Dubbed

December 20 ~ How to Train Your Dragon How to Train
Your Dragon :
Hidden World English PG

December 20 ~ Star Wars Episode IX : The Rise of Skywalker
English Not rated yet

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

~まっ〇の使い方 (maOno tsukaikata)~

A: 顔が 真っ青ですよ。どうしたんですか。

Kao ga massao desu yo. Dō shitan desu ka.
(You look pale. What's wrong?)

B: さっきから 気分が 悪いです。

Sakki kara kibun ga waruin desu.
(I started to feel sick a while ago.)

きのう、ちょっと 寝られなかった ものですから。

Kinō, chotto nerarenakatta mono desu kara.
(Last night I couldn't sleep very well.)

A: そうですか。そこに 横に なったほうが いいですよ。

Sō desu ka. Soko ni yoko ni natta hō ga ii desu yo.
(Oh, really? You should lie down there.)

B: ありがとう ございます。水を 飲んだら、だいぶ よくなりました。

Arigatō gozaimasu. Mizu o nondara, daibu yoku narimashita.
(Thanks a lot. I drank some cold water and I feel much better.)

A: 北海道に 初雪が 降ったそうです。

Hokkaidō ni hatsuyuki ga futta sōdesu.
(They say the first snow of the season fell in Hokkaido.)

テレビで 見ましたが、雪って 真っ白なんですね。

Terebi de mimashita ga, yukitte masshiro nandesu ne.
(I saw it on TV. Snow is really white, isn't it?)

B: 雪を 見るのは 初めて なんです。

Yuki o miru nowa hajimete nandesu ka.
(Is this your first time to see snow?)

A: はい、本当に 真っ白なんで、感激しました。

Hai, hontō ni masshiro nande, kangeki shimashita.
(Yes, that's right. It was so pure white that I was thrilled.)

B: 実際に スキー場に行くと、真っ白で きれいですよ。

Jissai ni sukijō ni iku to, masshiro de kirēi desu yo.
(When you actually go to a ski slope, it's pure white and beautiful.)

A: わあ、いいですね。ぜひ、見てみたいです。

Wā, iidesu ne. Zehi mite nitai desu.
(Wow, that's amazing. I'd love to see it.)

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What's New?

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Mooncake Festival

Grace Liew

Malaysia is a multi-cultural country. Among the many festivals celebrated in Malaysia is the Mooncake Festival which falls on the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the Chinese calendar. Fortunately this year, the Mooncake Festival is in September and I had the chance to celebrate with my family because I am back home during the summer holiday.

Let me tell you a little about the history of this festival. There are several stories explaining the origin of the Mooncake Festival. Children are told that the Moon Fairy comes out to dance on the moon on that day. Another story tells us how ten suns appeared together and the emperor had ordered an archer to shoot down the extra nine suns. The mission was accomplished and the archer was given pill to make him immortal. Instead

his wife ate the pill and she flew all the way to the moon. She is supposed to be most beautiful on the fifteenth day of the eighth month of the Chinese lunar calendar.

The celebration of the Mooncake Festival has a political theory too. The people of Chinese origin in China wanted to overthrow the foreign rulers. They sent messages inserted in the mooncakes calling for a revolution against the foreign rulers and the restoration of Chinese control over their country. Today the Chinese celebrate the Mooncake Festival by dancing and feasting. The tradition mooncakes with varied fillings must. We can see mooncakes packed in boxes beings offered as gifts. I love the ones that are filled with salted duck egg yolks.

The most interesting part is the lantern parade by children carrying lanterns of various designs. When I was younger, I used to carry the multi-patterned lanterns in a single file and walk down the streets with my friends in the neighborhood. This festival brings the people together in one's neighborhood and strengthens the bonds of friendship. At night the families will get together for family prayers and feast together. These activities during Mooncake Festival brings the families together. It has become truly Malaysian because we can also see non-Chinese buying mooncakes and lanterns for their children to join in the lantern parade together with their Chinese friends. I hope these traditions remain strong in our roots because it symbolizes unity and prosperity in the Malaysian culture and I am very proud to introduce this beautiful tradition to my friends in Japan.

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Go to: city.niihama.lg.jp



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Go to: city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/chiiki/whatsnew2019.html

Multilingual Living Information from Clair:

<http://www.clair.or.jp.tagengorev/en/index.html>



About wearing a mask

(from Ehime Shimibun February 13,2017)

The flu is spreading nationwide. I often encounter people wearing white surgical masks. They are not only people infected themselves, but also those who wish to prevent flu infection.

If they pull a cap over their eyes and cover their face with a scarf, I cannot tell who they are and fail to greet them.

From a different viewpoint , this is the best way to remain anonymous in a crowd. Decades ago when I was young, only sick people wore masks, so my classmates were kind to me when I wore one. Since disposable masks became easily available, we have started using them more often. Women take advantage of wearing masks to hide their face with no make-up. You can also keep yourself warm when you sleep by wearing a mask to keep moisture in your throat. I love disposal masks as they are clean and convenient.

But I have some anxiety about wearing a mask. When I am in a crowd with a mask, I have a strange feeling as if I were an invisible person, completely melted into the surroundings. It makes me scared to find myself speaking less and wearing a down-and-cut facial expression.

December Event

Noritake Kinashi's Exhibition x 20 Years

December 7 (Sat)~January 19 (Sun)

9:00 AM~5:00 PM (latest entry 4:30 PM)

(Closed : December 30 (Mon)~January 1 (Sun)

Place: Akagane Museum

Active Market Chain Lighting up

Illumination (light tunnel) at Noborimichi Arcade

4:00 PM December 7 (Sat)~February 24 (Mon)

Lighting ceremony will be held at 4:00 PM December 7 (Sat) with street stalls, dancing, movie showing, etc.

3rd Akagane Marathon

December 8 (Sun) 9:00 AM

Place: Yamane Park

Course: Yamane Park - Yamane-odori - Niihama interchange - Kiyotaki fall (turning point)

Main event is a half marathon

Fure-Ai Festa 2019

Heart Full Niihama

December 21 (Sat)

1st Session : Boys and Girls Choir (1:30 PM~)

2nd Session : Speech "One More Step" by Ms.Sae Tateki (2:15 PM~)

Niihama Civic Cultural Center Second Hall

Hall opened at 1:00 PM.

