

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

- October 16 ~ Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba
THE MOVIE "Infinity Train" Japanese
PG 12
- December 4 ~ The Witches English
- December 18 ~ Wonder Woman 1984 English
- December 18 ~ Bill and Ted face the Music English
Dubbed
- January 15 ~ Freaky PG 12 English

Due to the new coronavirus infection, movies might be changed without notice. So please check the homepage for information.

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

「～ことになりました」の使い方

A: Bさん、ちょっといいですか。

Bsan, chotto idesu ka?

(B san, do you have a minute?)

B: ええ、いいですよ。どうしました?

Ē, ī desu yo. Dō shimashita?

(Yes. What's up?)

A: 実は、来月 転職することになりました。

Jitsu wa, raigetsu tenkin suru koto ni narimashita.

(Actually, my company has decided to transfer me next month.)

B: ええ? 子どもさんも小さいのに、大変ですね。

Ē? Kodomo san mo chīsai noni, taihen desu ne.

(Really? And your child is little! That's hard!)

A: 私 も びっくりしたんですが、しかたないです。

Watashi mo bikkuri shitan desu ga, shikatanai desu.

(I was surprised, too. But it can't be helped.)

B: 新しい土地で、がんばってください。

Atarashī tochi de, gambatte kudasai.

(Good luck in your new location!)



A: 来週の会議は Zoom で 行うことになりました。

Raishū no kaigi wa Zoom de okonau koto ni narimashita.

(It has been decided that next week's meeting

will be held on Zoom.)

B: スマホでも大丈夫ですか。

Sumaho demo daijōbu desu ka?

(Is a smart phone OK?)

A: スマホは画面が小さいから、パソコンの方がいいですよ。

Sumaho wa gamen ga chīsai kara, pasokon no hō ga ī desu yo.

(Smartphone screens are small, so a computer would be better.)

B: そうですね。じゃあ、パソコンを使うことにします。

Sō desu ka. Jā, pasokon o tsukau koto ni shimasu.

(I see. OK, I'll opt for using a computer.)



< by Niihama Nihongo no Kai >

NNK also provides Japanese lessons for foreigners living in Niihama.

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What's New?

Niihama City

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The Benefits of Rural Life: You'll know once you live here Kwon Youn-ji

It's been almost one year since I came to Niihama from Seoul. I had never experienced rural life before coming to Niihama. In my childhood, I lived in Ulsan (蔚山) next to Busan (釜山), which is also a big city with a population of over one million. I also lived as a student in Chiba near Tokyo for half a year.

The reason why I came here is not because I wanted to live in a small city. I had the chance to work in Tokyo or Kyoto, but I thought that the most important thing in choosing a job is whether you are interested in the content of work or not; if the work does not suit me, I cannot endure it. The head office of the company I chose happened to be in Niihama. I'd like to tell you about the good points of rural life after living in urban areas for about 20 years.

The first point is abundant nature. How large the sky of Niihama is! I had never seen such a large sky before. The color of the sky is very beautiful and I can see stars every night. Coexisting with nature on a daily basis has a positive impact on me. It was a trip to Naoshima Island that gave me the happiest time after I came to Shikoku. I fully enjoyed a strong sense of vitality from nature. I felt as if the strong sunshine of summer entered my body and melted the ice in my heart.

The second point is that I'm happy to have a large living space. Now I'm living in a 2LDK apartment and the rent is unbelievably cheap compared to that of big cities. When I showed the inside of my house through the Internet to my friends in Seoul or Tokyo, they envied me and wanted to live and work remotely from my house. When I was living in a studio apartment for ¥80,000 in Seoul, it was hard for me to realize the room was really just for me. My room seemed to be a place of refuge where I could hide myself for a while for the next day because my room was so small and it was noisy outside. Now, every time I return home, I can feel relaxed and

even that I'd like to live with someone there.

The third point is that there is a possibility to make good relationships with people who are interested in others. I feel in some moments that I am living in a place different from where I had lived, particularly when a person I don't know talks to me when I'm taking a walk. On the street some people say "Hi" to me, though they have no intention to do a questionnaire or make a solicitation. What does it mean? I thought they have plenty of breathing room while talking, looking into the person's eyes and accepting the person in front of them. In big cities there are races among many people all the time. It looks like a marathon without a goal.

On the other hand, people in Niihama have an interest in the person they are talking to and can afford it psychologically. As for human relations, I often have a feeling that relationships with others here will age like a fine wine.

Every time I attend local community activities like SGG and a reading group once a month, I feel their reliability, which has been built by long relationships among members and a sense of security and coziness. So when I met them for the first time, they conveyed to me "This is not the last chance but from now on we'd like to get to know you gradually."

Actually, members even took time out of their lives to accompany me during my driving practice, as I have a drivers' license with no experience. Another time when I showed interest in Japanese food, they told me the ingredients needed and how to make Chirashi-zushi. I shared my thoughts for popular Korean books with the members of the reading group. I am often invited on outings, such as taking fresh green tea in Shingu, hiking or concerts and I always have a very good time. I'm sure my pleasant life in Niihama will become beneficial for foreigners who don't have such opportunities and feel lonely. It's a happy chance to know such friendly people here.

I'd like to talk about living in Niihama if I have a chance. I'd also like to experience many other things in Niihama, Ehime, Shikoku and Japan so that I can tell my friends in Korea and Japan about it using a variety of vocabulary.

Ms. Kwon Younji works as a new employee for a temporary staffing agency whose head office is in Niihama. Her hobbies are reading books, enjoying and talking about art.

The 31st Global Party

Date: Feb. 13(Sun.) 2022

Time: 1:00p.m. ~ 3:30p.m.

Place: Niihama Women's Plaza
4-4-19 Shonai-cho, Niihama

Admission: 500 yen/person. Free for children 6 and younger
Join us for an afternoon of fun performances, activities, displays, and friendly conversations!

If you are looking to make friends from all over the world here in our very own Niihama, come on over and join the Global Party!

Questions? Call Chiiki Community Ka(Local Community Section) Tel: 0897-65-1218 Mail: chiiki@city.niihama.lg.jp
Or call Yasumi at 090-9454-9688.

Volunteer help in preparation is warmly welcomed.

If you are interested, please contact:

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Curiosity-Attracting Goods (Items for Emergency)

Ehime Shinbun Column

November 29, 2021

Since the Nankai megathrust earthquakes or Tokyo metropolitan earthquake might occur at any time, disaster preparation isn't just an abstract idea, but a serious necessity for everyone. A portable toilet, a protective hood, etc. have become essential items. These can be used for outdoor recreation as well.

The portable toilet of IRIS OHYAMA is made of corrugated cardboard and is cleverly folded to save space. The toilet includes a solidifying agent to discard dirt up to five times. This item is also useful for recreation or outdoor activities. The solidified dirt can be discarded as flammable garbage. In addition to being available through the Internet, it can be bought in DIY/home goods stores. The selling price is ¥2,912.

The children's disaster protection hood made by Nakabayashi will protect their heads from falling stones or glass debris. This item is made of flame-retardant cloth. The hood has a brim that effectively protects the face, and it comes attached with an alarm whistle. Aside from disaster areas, it can also be used as a cushion or backrest of a chair. There are two color choices of blue and pink. The selling price is ¥2,497.

Further information: IRIS OHYAMA: Tel 0120 211299

Nakabayashi: Tel 0120 166779

January Events

★1/1: New Year's Day

People pay a visit to a Shinto shrine to pray for happiness and good health.

★"Illumination" Displays in Niihama

※The Plaza before JR Niihama Station ~2/22

6:00PM-10:00PM

※Chūo-kōen Park ~1/15 5:00PM-10:00PM

※Minetopia Besshi ~1/31 5:00PM-10:00PM

※Kin-ri Elementary School ~1/8 5:30PM-10:00PM

※Habu Community Center ~1/7 5:30PM-11:00PM

★~1/16 Exhibition of Thomas the Tank Engine

at Akagane Museum

¥800(¥600) for adult. ¥500(¥300) 12yrs and below

The price in () is the reservation fee.

Tickets are sold at Lawson Ticket (L cord:62347), Akagane Museum, Haruya, AEON Mall Niihama

★1/8 (Sat).1/9 (Sun): Hirose Memorial Museum & Former Residence of Saihei Hirose 9:30AM-5:00PM Free Admission

Online Information in English from Niihama City

☆ A Guide for Living in Niihama



☆ The Niihama Medical Institution Map



☆ How to Sort Your Trash and Garbage



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