

## MOVIES

### TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

May 27 ~	<b>Top Gun: Marverick</b>	Sub 4K
July 29 ~	<b>Jurassic World : Dominion</b>	Dubbed
Sep. 1 ~	<b>Bullet Train</b> R15+	Sub
Oct. 7 ~	<b>The Bad Guys</b>	Dubbed
Oct. 10 ~	<b>Spencer</b>	Sub
Oct. 28 ~	<b>Amsterdam</b>	Sub

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## ONE POINT JAPANESE

「～ておく」の使い方

- A** : 台風が来るって聞いたから、ラーメンとか買っておいだのに。  
 Taifū ga kurutte kita kara, rāmen toka katte oita noni.  
 (I heard a typhoon was coming, so I bought ramen and things, but...)
- B** : 来なくてよかったじゃないですか。  
 Konakute yokatta ja nai desu ka. (It's good it didn't come, right?)  
 あの台風は風が強くて大変だったらしいですよ。  
 Ano taifū wa kaze ga tsuyokute taihen datta rashī desu yo.  
 (I heard that typhoon had such strong wind it was terrible.)
- A** : え? そうなんですか。じゃ、よかったんですね。  
 E? Sōnan desu ka. Ja, yokattan desu ne.  
 (What? Really? Then we were lucky, weren't we?)
- B** : 買っておいだ物は食べてくださいね。  
 Katte oita mono wa tabete kudasai ne.  
 (Please eat the things you bought and saved.)



- A** : コロナで今年の山根グラウンドのかきあげはなかったね。  
 Korona de kotoshi no Yamane guraundo no kakiage wa nakatta ne.  
 (We didn't have the Taiko Festival "Kakiage" at Yamane Ground because of the COVID-19 pandemic this year.)
- B** : 楽しみにしていたんですけど。友だちと見に行こうとブルーシートも準備しておいたのに、残念でした。  
 Tanoshimi ni shite itan desu kedo. Tomodachi to mini ikō to burūshīto mo junbi shite oita noni, zannen deshita.  
 (But I was looking forward to it. I even planned to go see it with my friends and got a blue sheet ready. It was too bad.)
- A** : そうなんだ。でも、後のことを考えるとやめておいたのは正解だと思うよ。  
 Sō nan da. Demo, ato no koto o kangaeru to yamete oita no wa sēkai da to omou yo. (That's true. Still, thinking about afterwards, I think canceling it was correct.)
- B** : そうですね。マスクして太鼓台をかくことはできませんし。楽しみは来年にとっておきます。  
 Sō desu ne. Masuku shite taikodai o kaku koto wa dekimasen shi. Tanoshimi wa rainen ni totte okimasu. (You are right. You can't carry the taiko wearing a mask. I will save the fun for next year.)

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# What's New?

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## My trip to Ishikawa

Yutaka Kawagishi

My name is Yutaka Kawagishi and I am a Brazilian. 3 years ago, I came to Japan with my parents and since then I have been studying in a Japanese School. 3 years have passed and I am already in my last year of High School.

This is my last summer vacation as a high school student. That is why my father and I decided to go visit my uncle in Ishikawa. It was supposed to be me, my father and my mother but because of her work she couldn't come with us so it was just me and my father.

It was a really long trip from Ehime to Ishikawa. It took us 10 hours by car, my father is the only one with a driver's license so obviously he was the only one who could drive. If he was younger, he probably would have driven all the way through without stopping but as he got old his willingness for a nap increased that is why every 100 km we stopped to go to bathrooms and take naps. But by the end of the day, LITERALLY, we started the trip at 10 o'clock and finished it at 20 o'clock, we had finally reached our destination. My uncle

was really happy to see us and gave us both a really tender hug.

One of the reasons why we decided to go there was because my uncle said that they were catching a lot of fish there, ever since I arrived in Japan, I have only caught a tiny little fish that I didn't even know the name of. So, my goal was to fish a big Suzuki also known as Sea Bass.

The day after we arrived, we woke up earlier and went fishing at a lake which was a mix of sea water and lake water. The first day of fishing didn't go well. We caught a total of zero fish. After our failed fishing plan, we went back home to start planning the next day's barbecue, which I was really looking forward to going to.

At the barbecue I met with my other uncle who is my father's younger brother. I haven't seen him ever since he came to Japan. The barbecue was located near a river, a really beautiful river, and all of a sudden a heavy rain caught us by surprise but that wasn't enough to stop the barbecue. With the rain we continued it, under the rain we played soccer and listened to music. It was a really fun barbecue.

The day after the barbecue we went fishing again and again and we caught zero fish. After that we went to a river different from the barbecue one, we swam a lot and took pretty pictures.



The next day was the day of our coming back so it was the last chance to catch a Suzuki and believe it or not I caught the Suzuki. It measured about 70cm, a really big one. I was really happy about it. And with that I end my story about my trip to Ishikawa. Me and my father had a lot of fun with the trip but the only missing thing was my mom. If she was there the trip would have been perfect.

## Things to Pay Attention to During Flood Evacuation

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### Evacuate before dark

It is dangerous to evacuate in the heavy rain after dark. You should get accurate information, make an earlier decision to evacuate and take action before dark.

### Flooded roads are dangerous

Don't walk on flooded roads. There are many dangerous things like manholes without a cover. You need to be more careful about such manholes because you can't see them. Under unavoidable circumstances, you should walk carefully, checking the road with a stick.

### Don't use your car

You should walk without a car to evacuate. If you use your car, you may cause a traffic jam. Your car may be damaged by flood water or get in the way of emergency vehicles.

### Don't wear your rain boots

You are likely to wear your rain boots on rainy days, but they are unfavorable for evacuation because flood water can get into your boots and make them heavy, preventing you from walking swiftly. You should evacuate with your comfortable sneakers on.

## Looking up at the Sky

Azuma Naoko  
Poet, Writer and Illustrator

(Ehime Shimbun Sunday Column)

Nagata Hiroshi's poem, "The First Question" begins with a prose question "Did you look up at the sky today?" Then the poem continues with "Was the sky far or near?", provokes memory by "When did you last gaze at a river" and changes into fundamental questions, such as "Do you think you can get old smartly?" or "What is the thing you would like to do best?"

It is not the case that I was inspired by the first question, however I continued to tweet about the sky everyday. I wrote the morning greetings and modified the sky not with one word "fine", but with prose such as "Good morning! The sky is absorbing deep blue" or "Good morning! The sky is tidily cold and bright" as if offering live coverage. I continued to write

articles from January to New Year's Eve 2017.

One reason why I did such a thing is that I didn't have anything to tweet about in my Twitter account. There are people who can readily write what they happen to think as if it were a monologue, but I'm not good at that. At the same time, mere announcements would be too bland. Therefore I thought that topics about weather may be suitable even for dialogue with persons I meet for the first time.

While continuing this, I became aware of the fact that on many days the air is moist and the sky is covered with clouds in the morning. Looking up at the white sky day after day, it was difficult but joyful to think to what I can liken these patches of white. Futon, a crayon, gyoza wrapping. Sometimes I painted it as the whiteness of soul or a field. I think we can look up at the same sky together and share words I came up with.

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### October Events

Taiko Festival to be Held

The local councils in each of the city's eight districts are preparing to hold the festival from October 15 to 18.

### Notice

The postponed 31<sup>st</sup> Global party will be held on February 12.

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