

# MOVIES

## TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

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# ONE POINT JAPANESE

「~まま」の 使い方

(How to use "Keep")

**A : すみません。ここでは くつを 脱ぎますか。**

Sumimasen. Koko dewa kutsu o nugimasu ka?  
 (Excuse me. Do I take off my shoes here?)

**B : いいえ、くつを はいたままで けっこうですよ。**

Īe, kutsu o haita mama de kekkō desu yo.  
 (No, it's OK to keep your shoes on.)

**A : あっちも くつを はいたままで いいですか。**

Atchi mo kutsu o haita mama de ī desu ka?  
 (Is it alright to keep my shoes on over there, too?)

**B : あちらは 「土足厳禁」 なので、脱いで ください。**

Achira wa "dosoku genkin" nanode, nuide kudasai.  
 (Over there is "No Shoes Allowed," so please take your shoes off.)



**A : いい においですね。でも、すきやきは 初めてです。**

Ī nioi desu ne. Demo sukiyaki wa hajimete desu.  
 (It smells good! But this is my first time to eat sukiyaki.)

**どうやって 食べますか。**

Dō yatte tabemasu ka?  
 (How do you eat it?)



**B : 味が ついて いますから、そのまま 召し上がって ください。**

(It is seasoned, so just eat it as is.)

**生卵を つけても おいしいですよ。**

Namatamago o tsukete mo oishī desu yo.

(If you dip it in raw egg, it tastes good, too.)



**A : うわ、寒い! 窓が 開いたままに なって いますよ。**

Uwa, samui! Mado ga aita mama ni natte imasu yo.

(Wow! It's cold! The window was left open!)

< by Niihama Nihongo no Kai >

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# What's New?

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## The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Global Party

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Niihama Global Party was held at Niihama Women's Plaza on February 11<sup>th</sup> with the theme of "Just One World!" 332 guests and organizers from 12 countries took part in the event. In addition, 127 people enjoyed the event online.

The party started with Vietnamese Dance. Guests wearing colorful traditional outfits were able to meet people from different cultures and eat various handmade sweets.

People not only enjoyed "Yosakoi" Dance by Hamakko Dan Dan, Japanese Drums Performance by Onishi Shachu, a magic show by professional magician Ryo and other performances, but also doing the Cupid Shuffle Dance and Bamboo Dance. The free flea market was held and popular again this year.

## Global Party events

Rojina Maharjan

I am Rojina Maharjan from Kathmandu, Nepal. Two and half years ago, I moved to Niihama city because my husband was transferred here for work.

I had heard about the Global Party before but missed it due to

some reasons. This time, I got the chance to participate, and it turned out to be an unforgettable experience in my life. I never imagined there would be so many participants; more than 300 people from 13 different countries attended, It's unbelievable! There were numerous stalls representing different countries and showcasing their cultures. I also represented our cultural dress and helped other participants on our Nepali dress, while some others wore various countries attire. There were also stalls offering local foods from different countries, and we could taste them freely. every country's cuisine was delicious and completely new for me.

There was a corner dedicated to Japanese dress and items, where we could get things for free. People were enjoying receiving these items, and I also obtained a kimono and other useful things that can be used in daily life.

The entertainment lineup included Indonesian and Vietnamese dances. Meanwhile, in Vietnam, every February marks the new year. I realized that each country celebrates their New Year in different months; we Nepalese celebrate New Year in April. Learning about other cultures was interesting.

There was also a mesmerizing magic show and a bamboo dance, among other performances, where people were encouraged to join in. I also danced along, and it was an awesome experience for me. I made new friends at the party. This kind of party will be the reason to making friends from all over the world.

I am excited to join again next year, Many thanks to the Global Party organizer team for such a wonderful event.



The Number of the Participants	
Nationality	Number
Barbados	1
Britain	1
Cambodia	1
China	5
Indonesia	44
Korea	2
Laos	2
Nepal	15
The Philippines	1
The U.S.A.	6
Uzbekistan	2
Vietnam	10
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>90</b>
Japan	242
<b>Total</b>	<b>332</b>
Online	127
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>459</b>

### Scallops for School Lunch

(Ehime Shimbun, January 28, 2024)

Elementary and junior high school students in Niihama recently enjoyed seasoned rice and scallops with a smile.

Niihama received scallops through the “Scallops for School Lunch” initiative by the town of Mori in Hokkaido. Niihama served about 9,000 bowls of seasoned rice with scallops at 27 elementary and junior high schools on January 24th and 25th. Children enjoyed the warm, freshly cooked seasoned rice with scallops sent directly from the production area

Mori buys scallops that were not shipping to China from local firms and provides them for school lunches throughout Japan free or charge. Last year China stopped importing all seafood products from Japan. Each local government enters a lottery to receive scallops. Niihama received about 240 kilograms of frozen scallops for raw consumption after being chosen in the lottery.

The dish was served at Sumino Elementary School in 2-chome, Nakasuji-cho, Niihama on January 25th. Each student ate about twenty grams of scallops per dish, commenting with mouths full of rice, “It tastes very good”, “The scallops are big”, etc.

It was so popular that many children lined up for seconds. Fifth grader Yamanaka Yuuto (11) said with a smile, “The Scallops are soft and taste fresh.”

### March Events

- Art of Niihama: 2024 Collection**  
 Until March 17 (Sun)  
 Place: Niihama City Museum of Art (Akagane Museum 2F)  
 TEL: 65-3580 Admission free
- Early Spring Concert**  
 --Masterpieces of Opera and Sweet Notes of Harp--  
 Date: March 13 (Wed) 6:30 PM ~ 8:30 PM  
 Place: Akagane Museum Multipurpose Hall  
 Fee: Adults ¥2500, Advance Ticket ¥2000  
 Senior high school and under ¥1500, Advance Ticket (¥1000)  
 Seating Capacity : 250 (Open seating)

### Online Information in English from Niihama City

- ☆ **A Guide for Living in Niihama** 
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