

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

April 26 ~	Godzilla x Kong	Sub / Dubbed
April 26 ~	Suga Agust D Tour D-Day the Movie	
May 10 ~	Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes	
		Sub / Dubbed
May 31 ~	Ride on	Sub
May 31 ~	Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga PG12	Sub
June 21 ~	Bad Boys: Ride or Die	Sub
June 28 ~	Born to Fly	Sub

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

「^{かん}感じ」の^{つか}使い方
(How to use "feeling")

^{しんにゆうしゃいん} ^{きょういくがかり}
A : 新入社員の教育係を^{かん}してる サラさん、^{ひと}感じが いい 人ですね。

Shinnyū shain no kyōiku gakari o shiteru Sara san, kanji ga ī hito desu ne.

(Sara who's in charge of educating new workers is a nice lady, isn't she?)

^{はなし}
B : 話を^なしたの?

Hanashi o shita no?
(Did you talk with her?)



^{かいぎしつ} ^い ^{へや}
A : 会議室へ行くとき、部屋がわからなくなってしまって。

Kaigishitsu e ikutoki, heya ga wakaranaku natte shimatte.
(When I was going to the meeting room, I couldn't find the room.)

^{とお}
通りかかった サラさんが、^{かいぎしつ} ^つ会議室まで連れていってくれたんです。

Tōri kakatta Sara san ga kaigishitsu made tsurete itte kuretan desu.
(Sara, who happened to come by, took me to the meeting room.)

^{れんきゅう} ^い
A : 連休、どこか行きましたか。 Renkyū, dokoka ikimasita ka.
(Did you go anywhere during the Golden Week holidays?)

^{いまばり} ^{かいどう}
B : 今治のしまなみ海道に。よかったよ。

Imabari no shimanami kaidō ni. Yokatta yo.
(I went to Shimanami Kaido in Imabari. It was great.)



^{かいどう}
しまなみ海道でサイクリングをしたことがある?

Shimanami kaidō de saikuringu o shita koto ga aru?
(Have you ever been cycling on Shimanami Kaido?)

A : いいえ、ないです。どんな^{かん}感じですか。

Īe, nai desu. Donna kanji desu ka.
(No, I haven't. What's it like?)



B : サイクリングは^{たいへん} ^{はし} ^{けしき} ^{さいこう}大変だけど、橋からの景色は最高だよ。

Saikuringu wa taihen dakedo, hashi kara no keshiki wa saikō da yo.
(The cycling is tough, but the view from the bridge is great.)

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What's New?

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Far From Home- My First Year

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In the short time I have been here, I've been lucky to be placed where I am, and to have met the people that I have. As a newcomer to Japan and Ehime Prefecture, I have settled into life here a lot easier than I would have originally thought.

I was born in the United States but was raised in Barbados. Most Japanese people I meet have never heard of Barbados or the Caribbean, but this is where I spent majority of my life.

I completed all of my schooling in Barbados-from Primary education all the way up to University. This is where I learned food, history, music, culture and language. When I hear Soca music, or I eat Caribbean food, it feels like home.

This sense of home is what I was nervous about here in Japan. I've lived in other countries before, but this time I would be completely by myself. I had never heard of Ehime Prefecture before I was placed here, but I can say, it was a good placement for me.

There is a good blend of country and city life here. I can see big mountains and rice fields (a first for me!), and if I want to go to dinner,

or watch a movie, that's not a problem either. I really enjoy exploring all the areas of this prefecture.

But what really made this transition smooth were the people. The community here is so welcoming. At work, my coworkers are so nice and understanding, even with my beginner Japanese. I've been invited along on trips and experiences and it has really helped me feel included here. I've also met such amazing and friendly people in the Ehime ALT community as well. These people have really pushed me and helped me have amazing experiences here in Ehime.

I've gone to several summer festivals, I've participated in a Taiko workshop. I've climbed a mountain and recently, I've participated in a Matsuri.

My first year here has been nothing but amazing and eye opening so far! I hope the rest of my time here in Japan is just as insightful. I can't wait to see what adventures await me here in Ehime.

Stone Carving in Water City Saijo

(Ehime Shimbun: April 9, 2024)

Vietnamese sculptor Toraine Shan Ann, 43, started work on a stone carving at Senjo, Saijo, an area rich with terraced rice fields. His sculpture is expected to be completed in early May. It will be exhibited in the area after being unveiled to citizens.

Saijo-based nature conservation and art promotion NPO "Uchinuki 21 Project" has been conducting live sculpting with artists from Japan and abroad since 2001. They work towards regional revitalization through the fusion of terraced rice field scenery and works of art.

This time they had 38 applicants from in and outside of Japan and Ann's name was ultimately selected through a drawing. Staying in a local resident's house, he started work on April 7th using "Iyo Aoishi" (blue stone of Ehime) from around the Kamogawa River, carving out his sculpture from a rock weighing about two tons.

A party was held in the area to promote cultural exchange on April 6th. Ann had a good time with the local people, showing a ceramic model of his completed work. About his plan he said, "It will express the shape of the mountain ridge, the moving of the water's surface and its ripple pattern. I want to create a

work that shows the relationship between the mountains and water." "This is my first work of art in Japan. Saijo is beautiful and it is a place where we can feel peace. People in Saijo are nice," he said warmly.

Fridge Magnet Souvenir Caught On

(Ehime Shimbun: April 19, 2024)

Refrigerator magnets featuring local ceramic ware known as Tobe ware have become one of Ehime's prized souvenirs. Since "Gacha-gacha" capsule vending machines containing the fridge magnets were first installed at ten locations in the prefecture in December 2023, the popularity has grown so high that they were temporarily sold out at many sites

Eleven patterns, including Matsuyama Castle and Ushioni (an ox-like demon), are depicted on the fridge magnets. One turn of the Gacha-gacha costs five hundred yen and one out of two hundred turns will deliver a gold capsule that contains a three thousand yen coupon usable in Tobe ware shops. The number of vending machine sites has been increased to fifteen in the prefecture and Tokyo. In the shops "Tobe no Yakata" (Hall of Tobe) at Tobe Prefectural Zoo and another that is open for a limited time from April in the Tobe Town Office, four new favorite character patterns of the zoo, an elephant, a lion, etc. were added

"Hashi-Watashi", the Tobe Ware Sales Company launched them in cooperation with Tobe ware potters and other business entities. The idea began with one tourist's remark that "Tobe ware is too heavy and fragile to bring home." The company says, "Utilizing kawaii design and sales using Gacha-gacha vending machines, we would like to sell the magnets as a new souvenir. We hope this may also serve as an introduction to Tobe ceramic ware."



JUNE EVENTS

~June 30th "Arts & Crafts and Design from William Morris to Frank Lloyd Wright" exhibit at the Akagane Museum.

Fee: 1,000 yen for adults.

800 yen for 65 and older.

Free for university students and younger.

June 9th "Niihama Music Jamboree will be held in the Akagane Museum Hall from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Musicians from around Niihama will play.

Fee: 500 yen for all seats. Free for preschoolers.

June 23rd The San San Sanchoku Market will be held on Noborimichi road from 9:00am to noon.

Various fresh vegetables, fish, and meat will be available.

June 25th A Laughing Lesson with Yoga breathing skill will be held in the Akagane Museum Hall from 6:30 to 7:40 p.m.

Fee: free

Online Information in English from Niihama City

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