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Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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Lead-up Event for The 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8)

There are just two months to go until Iwaki once again hosts the Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting or PALM Summit. The city will welcome leaders from 14 Pacific Island nations as well as the Prime Minister of Japan and foreign affairs ministers from Australia and New Zealand from 18-19 May. In the lead up to this international summit, Iwaki City will be holding an event in order to increase support among Iwaki residents for the event.



Date: Sunday, 4th March

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm

Venue: Iwaki Green Base (21st Century Forest Park)

The lead-up event will include events suitable for all ages including booths introducing some of the participating nations, kids activities, quizzes about the Pacific nations, rugby and other sports workshops, and food stalls offering local Iwaki products and sweets. The first 300 entrants to the venue will receive a voucher which they can exchange for a small gift. Up to 200 participants will also have the chance to enter a quiz competition where they could win prizes including theme park tickets and domestic travel vouchers. On top of that, there will also be a stage featuring dance performances from various pacific countries including Samoa, Tonga and Fiji as well as hula, jangara and taiko drum performances.

This event will be a great chance to learn more about Japan's pacific neighbours and enjoy some of the culture of the nations that will be visiting Iwaki for the PALM8 summit in May.

Inquiries:

The 8th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting Iwaki Executive Committee

TEL: 0246-22-1113

Counselling Service for Foreigners

Yorisoi Hotline (Helpline for Foreigners):

Consultation service available in Japanese, English, Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese and Thai. Available languages vary depending on time. Are you having a problem with your visa, nationality, family, work, everyday living, discrimination, domestic violence, confinement or human trafficking? Please call us about any problem you may have. Your privacy will be protected. Free.

TEL: 0120-279-226. Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.

TELL Lifeline:

TELL is a professional non-profit organisation that provides counselling to English-speaking foreigners all over Japan. The lifeline is staffed by highly trained volunteer phone counsellors and provides free, non-judgemental and confidential phone counselling and information 365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.

TEL: 03-5774-0992.

For more information, check out their website at <http://www.telljp.com> or e-mail them at admin@telljp.com.

Safety and Consultation Centre for Women

(Police Box in front of Iwaki Station):

For consultations related to women's safety. Free. Can only speak Japanese. 10am-6pm daily.

TEL: 0246-25-9344.

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(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.

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Iwaki Festivals and Events



Your guide to what's happening around Iwaki City this month

Event	Time & Date	Venue	Details	Inquiries
Aquamarine Hinamatsuri	Sat 10 th Feb – Sun 4 th Mar	Oceanic Galleria, Aquamarine Fukushima, Onahama	Goldfish, turtle and other sealife themed tsurushibina decorations will be put up on display inside the aquarium. Patchwork craft workshops using crepe material will also be held from 24 th -25 th February and 3 rd -4 th March.	Aquamarine Fukushima TEL: 0246-73-2525 Email: amf@aquamarine.or.jp Website: http://www.aquamarine.or.jp/english/index.html
Lead-up Event for The 8 th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting (PALM8)	Sun 4 th Mar 10am-4pm	Iwaki Green Base, 21 st Century Forest Park, Joban	This is an event to promote the PALM8 Summit and the Pacific nations involved (see front page for more details).	The 8 th Pacific Islands Leaders Meeting Iwaki Executive Committee TEL: 0246-22-1113
Adonis Festival	Sun 4 th Mar 11am-1:30pm	Inani Shrine, Miwa	The Shimomisaka area in Miwa is known for having beautiful blooms of the Adonis flower every year. To celebrate the blooming season, there will be a festival with food stalls, historical photo exhibits and a beigoma spinning top competition. Adonis flowers will also be sold at the event.	Fukushima Conservation Corps TEL: 0246-85-2777
Michinoku Pro Wrestling Tour	Sun 4 th Mar From 3pm (venue opens from 2:15pm)	Iwaki City Taira Gymnasium, Taira	Michinoku Pro Wrestling will return to Iwaki to hold their first event here in 13 years. Pre-purchase tickets are ¥3200 for adults and ¥1200 for primary up to high school age (all tickets cost an extra ¥300 if purchased on the day).	Michinoku Pro Wrestling TEL: 019-687-2431 Website: http://www.michipro.jp/schedule/index.html
Ballpark Picnic	Sat 10 th Mar 11am-4pm	Iwaki Green Base, 21 st Century Forest Park, Joban	Baseball fans might want to check out this event. Junior Coaches from the Tohoku Rakuten Eagles professional baseball team will provide baseball workshops for parents and children (registration required in advance). Activities that don't require registration include a strike out game, pitching speed measure and bocchia. The Tohoku Golden Angels cheerleading squad will also perform a dance show at the event.	Rakuten Baseball Association TEL: 050-5817-8066
Brass Ensemble Concert	Sat 10 th Mar From 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)	Mail Hall, Iwaki City Cultural Centre, Taira	Students from the Senzoku Gakuen College of Music will perform an ensemble to aid in the recovery of Iwaki City.	Email: s15124131@senzoku.ac.jp
Fukushima Memorial Light-up 2018 in Hisanohama	Sun 11 th – Mon 12 th Mar 3pm-8pm	Hamakaze Kirara, Hisanohama	Organic cotton lampshades will light up Hisanohama's rebuilt shopping area in memory of the 3.11 disaster. There will also be workshops and a Ukrainian folk music performance. You can also enjoy the café inside the shopping area which will be staying open during the event.	The People TEL: 0246-52-2511
3.11 Light of Hope Reconstruction Festival	Sun 11 th Mar 3:30pm-7pm	Taira Central Park (in front of Alios), Taira	Over 1500 candles will be lit up and arranged to form a message in tribute to those who lost their lives in the 3.11 disaster and serve as a symbol of recovery. You are welcome to write a message of hope for revitalisation on the candles. Free amazake, coffee and Tabito-style oden will also be served.	3.11 Light of Hope Project Executive Committee TEL: 0246-24-6253
Sumire Sakamoto Piano Recital	Fri 23 rd Mar From 7pm (doors open at 6:30pm)	Recital Hall, Alios, Taira	Iwaki-born Sumire has taken part in several national and international competitions for her piano skills. She will perform classic works from Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy and Liszt. Admission is ¥2500 for adults and ¥1500 for students.	Alios Ticket Centre TEL: 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays) Email: sumire.smile.music@gmail.com
Iwaki Samba Carnival	Sun 25 th Mar From 2pm (doors open at 1:30pm)	Small Theatre, Alios, Taira	See the amazing Brazilian style music festival performed by Iwaki's own samba dance team Iwaki Beleza. Admission is ¥999 (free for those 6 years old or under if sitting on parent's lap).	Alios Ticket Centre TEL: 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays)

*The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.



Iwaki Hospital Guide

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The following is a guide to hospitals open on Sundays and public holidays in Iwaki City during March and early April

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Sunday 4 March

Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Taira Area	Fukuda Paediatrician's Office	9-12	22-4272

Sunday 11 March

Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Fujii Doctor's Office	9-5	56-2288
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Joban Area	Muramatsu Paediatrics	9-12	72-0707

Sunday 18 March

Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Kazawa Gastroenterology and Orthopaedic Doctor's Office	9-5	42-2198
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Taira Area	Yamagiwa Children's Clinic	9-12	28-8686

Wednesday 21 March

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Onahama Seikyo Hospital	9-5	53-4374
Nakoso Area	Iwabuchi Clinic	9-5	63-1501
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-5	28-1145
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

Sunday 25 March

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Taira Area	Sakamoto Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	9-5	38-2830
Onahama Area	Taku Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	9-5	56-8833
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Watanabe Obstetrics & Gynaecology	9-5	42-4567
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Aratame Hospital	10-4	28-1222
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Taira Area	Watanabe Clinic (paediatrics)	9-12	25-1170

April Guide

Sunday 1 April

Onahama Area	Nishiyama Ear, Nose & Throat Doctor's Office	9-5	58-8733
Joban Area	Tokiwakai Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175
Uchigo Area	Aihara Paediatrician's Office	9-12	26-5551

Sunday 8 April

Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Onahama Area	Shiga Children's Clinic	9-12	58-5505

Sunday 15 April

Onahama Area	Sumitaka Internal Clinic	9-5	75-1560
Joban Area	Joban Nephrology & Urology Clinic	9-5	43-1200
Taira Area	Nagai Paediatrics	9-12	28-2535

*Information regarding paediatricians open on Sundays and public holidays during March will be posted on Iwaki City's website later this month.

Emergencies

Emergency Dental Care

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre** (*Sogo Hoken Fukushima Senta*) in Uchigo.

This centre is open on Sundays and all national holidays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. The reception closes at 3:30pm.

For more information please contact the centre on 27-8620.

After Hours and Holiday

Emergency Treatment Centre

(For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics)

(Located in the **General Health and Welfare Centre**)

If you need to see a doctor urgently in the evening or on a weekend or public holiday, the **After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre** is open at the following times:

Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.

Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).

Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm,

2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

TEL: 27-1208

Please make sure whenever possible to bring a Japanese-speaker with you when visiting the hospital in Iwaki.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Police: 110

Fire & Ambulance: 119

Children Emergency, First-Aid

Telephone Consultations

The Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (*Fukushima-ken Kodomo Kyukyuu Denwa Sodan*) is a free telephone service that provides professional advice when your child has become sick during the night. This telephone service is available in Japanese only.

TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000


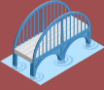








From 7pm to 8am (next day).

*Other hospitals and clinics apart from the above may be open on Sundays and public holidays. Inquire with your regular doctor or visit Iwaki City's website to confirm which other medical facilities are open.






*How to check hospital information on Iwaki City's website:

Go to Foreign Languages and select English > Living & Area > In times of emergency > Sudden illness > Doctors on duty (daytime on Sundays and public holidays).

Event Calendar for March 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Hinamatsuri Doll Festival 
4 	5	6	7 	8	9	10
11 3.11 Memorial Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;">There will be a memorial service held inside the Main Hall of Alios with a live broadcast from 2:35pm (venue opens at 1:30pm). The ceremony will include the national anthem and a moment of silence.</div>	12	13 JHS Graduation Ceremonies 	14 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Vernal Equinox Day 	22 	23 Primary School Graduation Ceremonies Primary and JHS School Year Completion Ceremonies	24
25	26 JLPT Applications Open 日本語能力試験 JLPT 	27 	28 	29	30	31
<div style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">Test Date: 1st July 2018 (Sun) Applications open until 25th April 2018 (Wed) Details: http://info.jees-jlpt.jp/info/application/</div>						

IIA Custom Made Plans

-  Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san 0246-42-2135
-  Lac lám Thai - Inquiries to Aizawa-san 090-6629-7225
-  Interpreters in the Making – Inquiries to Nishiyama-san 090-7197-1913
-  Cape Town – Inquiries to Kashiwabara-san 090-9320-5177
-  Parang-Sae – Inquiries to Takagi-san 090-2364-4970

#Please confirm the event date with the relevant representative if you're participating for the first time



Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations. Scheduled days are as listed on the calendar; however these are subject to change. Please contact **City Hall (Hometown Revitalisation Division TEL 0246-22-7438)** and confirm the date, time and place. Reservations are required for consultations.
For Iwaki City Council of Social Welfare consultations (held at the **Social Welfare Centre**), please contact 0246-23-3320.

Other Legal Support for Foreign Residents

Japan Legal Support Centre (Houterasu)
Futaba Sub-branch Office (Iwaki within this jurisdiction) – 050-3381-3805
Fukushima District Office – 050-3383-5540
Fukushima Bar Association Iwaki Branch Office – 0246-22-1320