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Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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Onahama's New "Disaster-proof Shopping Mall" Opens This Month!

The area around Onahama Port has not only witnessed a significant amount of recovery from the Great East Japan Earthquake seven years ago, but the area has also seen a large amount of new development including the Marine Bridge, which opened last year, and a new shopping mall that will open this month.

The Aeon Mall Iwaki Onahama Store will hold its grand opening at 9am on Friday, 15 June. This new shopping mall is both a symbol of revitalisation for Iwaki and also serves an important function for disaster prevention. The mall will contain over 130 stores including major retail chains – some of which are opening their first stores in the prefecture or Tohoku – and a movie theatre.



Perhaps the most vital aspect of this development is how it has been designed as a temporary evacuation area in case of earthquakes or other natural disasters. A pedestrian bridge links the port area to the mall, allowing easy access for temporary evacuation. The first floor has been designed with pillars in order to withstand flooding from tsunamis.

Located along Onahama Port and within walking distance of Onahama Marine Bridge, Iwaki La La Mew and Aquamarine Fukushima, this new shopping mall will surely provide a wonderful addition to the already thriving Aquamarine Park area of Onahama Port.

Counselling Service for Foreigners

Yoriso 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 |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Kugatachi Shinji Ritual | Sun 3 rd Jun From 11am | Kotohira Shrine, Yumoto, Joban | Water will be boiled in a large cauldron at this Shinto ritual. The priest stirs the water with bamboo grass and splashes it on the surrounding area. It is believed that if you are splashed with the water you will be protected from misfortune. | Kotohira Shrine TEL: 0246-43-1001 |
| Iwaki Tomato Festival | Sat 9 th Jun 10am-2pm | Taira Central Park (in front of Alios), Taira | Tomato lovers will want to gather for this festival dedicated to Iwaki's local tomatoes. Apart from direct sales of locally grown tomatoes, there will also be stalls selling tomato-based products including tomato-based sweets! The event will also feature various stage performances and cooking demonstrations. | Fukushima FM TEL: 024-991-9000 |
| 3-Chome Jamboree | Sun 10 th Jun 11am-4pm | 3-Chome shopping district, Taira | Held several times a year, this miniature festival includes up to 20 stores offering goods, accessories and food at the 3-Chome shopping district near Iwaki Station. Live performances will also be held in front of the Kikuya Music Store. | 3-Chome Jamboree TEL: 0246-24-0727 Website: https://www.facebook.com/3Jamoree |
| Hula Town Onstage | Sat 16 th Jun 5pm-8:30pm Main performance from 8:15pm | Tsuru Footbaths, Yumoto, Joban | Held once every month between May and September, this festival combines Iwaki's unique culture of the Yumoto Hot Springs and hula. The main feature of this event is a hula-style dance performance by the landladies of Yumoto's ryokan inns. | Joban Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-43-2111 |
| Walking Tour of Ojima | Sun 17 th Jun 9am-2pm | Meet at Yamaichi Greening and Construction, Uchigo | The Uchigo Citizen's Town Planning Advisory Council conducts regular walking tours around Uchigo. This tour covers the historical sites of Ojima area near the Shin River, which was a major battlefield during the Boshin War 150 years ago. A healthy lunch will be provided. Participation is ¥2000 for adults and ¥1000 for primary school students. Applications close on 4 June. | Uchigo Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-26-2111 Email: uchigo-shimin@city.iwaki.fukushima.jp |
| Momo Festival | Sun 17 th Jun 12pm-4:30pm (venue opens at 11am) | Momo Café, Tabito | Relax and enjoy a festival among the natural outdoors of Tabito. Various businesses from the Tabito community will be holding stalls for the festival. There will also be an outdoor performance which will be accepting tips (those who offer a tip of more than ¥2000 will receive an original Japanese-style hand towel). | Momo Café TEL: 0246-67-7785 Email: momocafeshorn@gmail.com |
| Family Festival | Sun 1 st Jul From 12:30am (venue opens at 12pm) | Iwaki Pit, Taira | This family-friendly festival will include a magic show, clown entertainment, music performances as well as singing and dance workshops. Entry is free. | Iwaki Pit by Team Smile TEL: 0246-38-3826 Email: iwaki-pit@team-smile.org |

*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 June and early July

June Guide

Sunday 3 June

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|--------------|------------------------------|------|---------|
| Taira Area | Yamaguchi Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 24-1811 |
| Onahama Area | Nakayama Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 55-8141 |
| Nakoso Area | Nakoso Hospital | 9-5 | 65-7755 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-5 | 43-4175 |
| Taira Area | Aratame Hospital | 10-4 | 28-1222 |
| Taira Area | Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology | 9-2 | 29-1722 |
| Onahama Area | Children's Clinic Suzuki | 9-12 | 56-6336 |

Sunday 10 June

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|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Uchigo Area | Suda Doctor's Office | 8:30-12 | 27-6060 |
| Onahama Area | Nakamura Hospital | 9-5 | 53-3141 |
| Nakoso Area | Kureha General Hospital | 9-5 | 63-2181 |
| Joban Area | Iwaki Yumoto Hospital | 9-5 | 42-3188 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-3 | 43-4175 |
| Taira Area | Aratame Hospital | 10-4 | 28-1222 |
| Taira Area | Fukuda Paediatrician's Office | 9-12 | 22-4272 |

Sunday 17 June

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|--------------|--|------------|---------|
| Taira Area | Hasegawa Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office | 8:30-11:30 | 25-5691 |
| Taira Area | Yamaguchi Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 24-1811 |
| Onahama Area | Kashima Hospital | 9-5 | 58-8010 |
| Nakoso Area | Kushida Hospital | 9-5 | 63-3202 |
| Joban Area | Katayose Clinic Obstetrics & Gynaecology | 9-5 | 42-4135 |
| Uchigo Area | Suda Doctor's Office | 8:30-12 | 27-6060 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-3 | 43-4175 |
| Taira Area | Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology | 9-2 | 29-1722 |
| Onahama Area | Konnai Children's Clinic | 9-12 | 73-8815 |

Sunday 24 June

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|--------------|--|---------|---------|
| Uchigo Area | Suda Doctor's Office | 8:30-12 | 27-6060 |
| Taira Area | Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology | 9-2 | 29-1722 |
| Onahama Area | Iwaki Central Clinic | 9-5 | 53-3511 |
| Nakoso Area | Kojima Jiai Hospital | 9-5 | 63-5141 |
| Joban Area | Nemoto Internal & Gastroenterology Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 43-4100 |
| Taira Area | Sakamoto Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office | 8:30-5 | 38-2830 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-3 | 43-4175 |
| Taira Area | Nagai Paediatrics | 9-12 | 28-2535 |

July Guide

Sunday 1 July

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|--------------|------------------------------|------|---------|
| Taira Area | Yamaguchi Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 24-1811 |
| Onahama Area | Ushiroda Internal Clinic | 9-5 | 92-1222 |
| Nakoso Area | Nakoso Hospital | 9-5 | 65-7755 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-5 | 43-4175 |
| Taira Area | Aratame Hospital | 10-4 | 28-1222 |
| Taira Area | Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology | 9-2 | 29-1722 |
| Taira Area | Yamagiwa Children's Clinic | 9-12 | 28-8686 |

Sunday 8 July

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|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Uchigo Area | Suda Doctor's Office | 8:30-12 | 27-6060 |
| Taira Area | Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology | 9-2 | 29-1722 |
| Onahama Area | Nakamura Hospital | 9-5 | 53-3141 |
| Nakoso Area | Kushida Hospital | 9-5 | 63-3202 |
| Joban Area | Iwaki Yumoto Hospital | 9-5 | 42-3188 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-3 | 43-4175 |
| Taira Area | Aratame Hospital | 10-4 | 28-1222 |
| Uchigo Area | Aihara Paediatrician's Office | 9-12 | 26-5551 |

Sunday 15 July

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|--------------|---------------------------|---------|---------|
| Taira Area | Yamaguchi Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 24-1811 |
| Onahama Area | Onahama Seikyo Hospital | 9-5 | 53-4374 |
| Nakoso Area | Kojima Jiai Hospital | 9-5 | 63-5141 |
| Joban Area | Hisa Doctor's Office | 9-5 | 43-2313 |
| Uchigo Area | Suda Doctor's Office | 8:30-12 | 27-6060 |
| Joban Area | Joban Hospital | 9-3 | 43-4175 |
| Onahama Area | Shiga Children's Clinic | 9-12 | 58-5505 |

Emergencies

Emergency Dental Care

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre** (*Sogo Hoken Fukushi 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 Kyuukyuu Denuwa 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 June 2018

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5  | 6 IIA Japanese Course 4 (Beginners Level 1 & 2)  | 7 IIA Japanese Course 4 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication) | 8 | 9 |
| 10 IIA Taiwanese Cooking Class | 11 | 12  | 13 IIA Japanese Course 5 (Beginners Level 1 & 2)  | 14 IIA Japanese Course 5 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication) | 15 Opening of Aeon Mall Iwaki Onahama | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19  | 20 IIA Japanese Course 6 (Beginners Level 1 & 2)  | 21 IIA Japanese Course 6 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication) | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26  | 27 IIA Japanese Course 7 (Beginners Level 1 & 2)  | 28 IIA Japanese Course 7 (Beginners Level 3 & Communication)  | 29 | 30 |

IIA Custom Made Plans



Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san 0246-42-2135



Lac lăm 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