



# Iwa-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### "Everyone Plays a Leading Role" Arts & Cultural Exchange Activities

Social Design Works holds monthly cultural exchange events, where anyone regardless of age, gender, nationality or ability can join in and play a leading role in various activities whilst making new friends along the way.

For this month's event, you can try making your own stamp out of rubber and write a *nengajo* (New Year's postcard).

**Time & Date:** 10:00am-12:10pm,  
Sunday 18 November  
(please arrive at venue by 9:50am)  
**Venue:** Shoko Kanzawa Art Museum  
**Fee:** Free  
**Participants:** Anyone (capacity of 20 people)

For those without private transport, a bus service is available to the venue from Iwaki City Hall (departs at 9am) and Yumoto Station (departs at 9:15am). The bus will depart from the venue at 12:30pm and return passengers to Yumoto Station and Iwaki City Hall.

#### **Applications:**

To apply, please email or fax the application form and include your address, name, age, contact details and indicate the number of participants and whether or not you will use the bus service on the day.

Please apply by Thursday 8 November.

#### **Inquiries:**

Social Design Works  
TEL: 0246-84-8301  
Fax: 0246-84-8302

Email: [gochamaze@sdws.jp](mailto:gochamaze@sdws.jp)

*Future "Gochamaze" events will be included in Iwa-Key from now on.*

### Disaster Preparedness Pamphlet by Fukushima Prefecture Police

The Disaster Affairs Division of the Fukushima Prefecture Police Headquarters has published a pamphlet with essential information for foreign residents on how to prepare for and stay safe in times of disaster.



The "In Case of a Large-scale Disaster" pamphlet is available in easy-to-read Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean languages and can be downloaded from the Fukushima Prefecture Police's official website and click on the "Information in Foreign Languages" link.

Link: <http://www.police.pref.fukushima.jp/>

### Trial Run of electric-powered transport in Onahama

To coincide with the 10<sup>th</sup> International Aquarium Congress, a trial run of electric-powered transport known as Green Slow Mobility will be operating around the Onahama Port area. It will provide a free low-speed shuttle service stopping at Iwaki La La Mew, Aquamarine Park, Aquamarine Fukushima, AEON Mall, the Old Onahama Fish Markets and some services to Misaki Park.

Although reservation isn't required to ride, the transport is limited to only 9 passengers at a time.



**Trial Period:** 30 October – 12 November

**Bus Times:** 10:10am-3:45pm (weekdays);  
9:30am-4:15pm (weekends)

**Inquiries:** Promotion and Creation Division of Iwaki City Hall  
TEL: 0246-22-7025

### Emergency Contact Numbers



### \*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).

### After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre (For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics)

**General Health and Welfare Centre**  
Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.  
Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).  
Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.  
Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm,  
2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: 9am - 1pm,  
2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 7am (next day).  
TEL: 27-1208

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

### Emergency Dental Care

**General Health and Welfare Centre**  
Sundays and Public Holidays: 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm.  
Reception closes at 3:30pm.  
TEL: 27-8620.

### Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultations

Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (Japanese language only)  
7pm to 8am (next day)  
TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000

### Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

**Yoriso Hotline: Multilingual**  
Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.  
TEL: 0120-279-226.

**TELL Lifeline: English**  
365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.  
TEL: 03-5774-0992.

Web: <http://www.telljp.com>  
E-mail: [admin@telljp.com](mailto:admin@telljp.com)

**Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): Japanese**  
10am-6pm daily.  
TEL: 0246-25-9344.



### Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations on Wednesdays (excluding first Wednesday of month). 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.

### Iwaki International Association (IIA)

Official Website: <http://www.iaa-fukushima.or.jp>  
TEL: 0246-22-7409 Email: [info@iaa-fukushima.or.jp](mailto:info@iaa-fukushima.or.jp)  
(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.**



# Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Ancient Festival	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 9:30am-3:30pm Iwaki City Archaeological Centre, Joban	You can try making your own magatama or glass beads and accessories made from deer antlers or try starting a fire using ancient tools and methods. You can also try Jomon-style hot pot and ancient varieties of rice for free. Entry is free, but fees and reservations are required for some activities.	Iwaki City Archaeological Centre TEL: 0246-43-0391
Hula Town Festival / Yu no Machi Reconstruction School Festival	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 9:40am-5:30pm Yumoto Station, Joban	Two festivals are collaborating together to help liven up the Yumoto area and promote Iwaki's hula culture. There will be choir and wind instrument performances by students and performances by the landladies of Yumoto's ryokan inns, hula dancing, food stalls and you can even try riding on a rickshaw.	Iwaki Yumoto Hot Springs Ryokan Association TEL: 0246-43-3017
Shioyasaki Lighthouse Appreciation Day	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov, 10am-3pm Shioyasaki Lighthouse, Utsuiso, Taira	To celebrate the 150 <sup>th</sup> anniversary since lighthouse construction began in Japan, Iwaki's famous lighthouse will hold a variety of events and workshops. Areas not normally open to the public such as the lantern room will be open on this day.	Fukushima Coast Guard Office TEL: 0246-54-3450
Iwaki Vegetable Market	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov – Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-4pm Aquamarine Park, Onahama	You can purchase locally grown vegetables or try a range of products made from locally grown vegetables including curries, pastas and snacks. Iwaki's Agri Five mascots will also make an appearance to help promote the local farming industry.	Agricultural Promotion Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-22-7471
Shiramizu Amida Temple Night Viewing	Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 5:30pm-8:30pm Shiramizu Amida Temple, Uchigo	Shiramizu Amida Temple will extend its opening hours so visitors can enjoy the autumn leaves lit up at night. Free shuttle buses departing from Yumoto Station (5pm-6:45pm), Iwaki Station (4:50pm-6:50pm) and Iwaki City Hall (4:55pm-6:55pm) will operate on the weekends.	Iwaki Tourist Information Centre TEL: 0246-23-0122
Miwa Village Festival	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 9am-2pm Miwa Community Hall		Miwa Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-86-2111
Yosakoi at Roadside Station Yotsukura Port	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-3pm Roadside Station Yotsukura Port		Roadside Station Yotsukura Port TEL: 0246-32-8075
Oyster Festival	Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov, from 11am West side plaza, Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama		Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Dragon Palace Festival in Onahama	Tue 6 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, fireworks from 5:50pm on the 6 <sup>th</sup> , 10am-8pm on the 7 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> , 10am-4pm on the 11 <sup>th</sup> Aquamarine Park, Onahama	To celebrate the 10 <sup>th</sup> International Aquarium Congress being held in Iwaki, there will be several events and activities taking place around the venue. A giant dragon palace will appear in the port area and the festival will commence with a fireworks ceremony from 5:50pm on the 6 <sup>th</sup> . Over the remaining days, there will be traditional Japanese performances and workshops such as traditional boat making, food booths and sake tasting.	Aquamarine Fukushima TEL: 0246-73-2525
Iwaki Sunshine Festival 2018	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-4pm Aquamarine Park, Onahama	This festival consist of a large number of booths where you can try or purchase an array of local food, including marine products, as well as products from Iwaki's sister cities.	Iwaki Tourism and City Planning Bureau TEL: 0246-44-6545
Kanomata River Gorge Walking	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 9:30am-1pm Kawamae Community Hall	Up to 100 participants can enjoy walking along a 9km course through Kawamae where you can appreciate the colours of autumn along the way. Participation fee is ¥500. Applications close by 5 <sup>th</sup> November or as soon as the capacity of 100 applicants is reached.	Kawamae Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-84-2111 Email: <a href="mailto:kawamae@city.iwaki.lg.jp">kawamae@city.iwaki.lg.jp</a>
Wonder Farm Autumn Harvest Festival	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-3pm Wonder Farm, Yotsukura	This festival will include food stalls, stage performances such as yosakoi and jangara, stalls selling handicrafts and free tonjiru soup.	Wonder Farm TEL: 0246-85-5105
3-Chome Jamboree	Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 11am-4pm 3-Chome shopping district, Taira	This will be the last 3-Chome Jamoree of the 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: 0246-35-5767 Website: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/3Jamoree">https://www.facebook.com/3Jamoree</a>
Fukushima Fish Festival in Iwaki	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov Onahama Fish Markets	This event aims to help promote Fukushima's marine industry with stalls selling marine products and some seafood handed out for free.	Fisheries Division of Fukushima Prefectural Government TEL: 024-521-7376
Tabito Hokkori Festival	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 9am-2pm Tabito Community Hall	In addition to food stalls offering fresh produce, you can enjoy a variety of activities such as horseriding, woodcraft and a log cutting competition.	Tabito Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-69-2111
Soba Festival	Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am-2pm Kawamae Revitalisation Centre	Enjoy a set meal of in-season soba and tempura for ¥1300. Applications required by 12 <sup>th</sup> November.	Kawamae Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-84-2111 Email: <a href="mailto:kawamae@city.iwaki.lg.jp">kawamae@city.iwaki.lg.jp</a>
Tono Area Autumn Leaves	Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> Nov Ryujin Gorge, Nakakamado Weeping Maple Trees, Kanazawa Shoko Art Museum, Tono	Enjoy the autumn colours of various sights in Tono. Shuttle buses will depart from Horuru's car park no.2 (8:10am-10:40am) Yumoto Station (8:15am-10:45am), Izumi Community Hall (9:15am-12:05am) and Izumi Station (9:18am-12:08pm).	Iwaki City Tourist Information Centre TEL: 0246-23-0122

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

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