



# Iwa-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Notice for Permanent Residents about Extension of the Valid Period of your Residence Card

Did you know that even foreign nationals aged 16 years or older with permanent residency are required to update their Residence Card (*Zairyuu Kaado*) every 7 years (or until their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday if under 16 years old)? This also applies to those foreign nationals who have Highly Skilled Professional Type 2 status residency.

Since the new residency management system was introduced in July 2012, it is almost time for some people to begin procedures in order to update their cards. If you are a permanent resident who is 16 years or older, don't forget to confirm the date of expiration on your card as you will need to begin updating your card 2 months before the date of expiration (e.g. from May if your card's date of expiration is in July). Permanent residents under 16 years old will need to begin procedures up to 6 months before their birthday. It is highly recommended that you update your card as early as possible.

#### Documents required for updating your Residence Card:

- Application Form
- Photo (40x30mm)
- Passport or Certificate of Status of Residence
- Your current Residence Card

**Where to apply:** The Regional Immigration Bureau that your area of residence falls under the jurisdiction of (office hours are 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm weekdays only)

If you are unsure which Regional Immigration Bureau office you need to apply to or have any other inquiries, please contact the **Immigration Information Centre (TEL: 0570-013904)** or refer to the following link on the Ministry of Justice's website:

<http://www.immi-moj.go.jp/english/tetuduki/kanri/shyorui/14.html>.

### IIA Japanese Classes

日本語教室

The spring and summer terms of the Iwaki International Association's (IIA) Japanese language courses will start on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that the days for holding the classes have been changed.

#### Types of Courses:

- Beginners Course 1** (8 weeks)  
1pm-3:30pm on Sundays from 19 May to 7 July
- Beginners Course 2** (10 weeks)  
10am-12pm on Wednesdays from 15 May to 17 July
- Beginners Course 3** (8 weeks)  
1pm-3:30pm on Sundays from 19 May to 7 July
- Communication Course** (10 weeks)  
1pm-3pm on Wednesdays from 15 May to 17 July

**Class Fee:** ¥2000 for each course in addition to textbooks that will need to be purchased

**Participants:** up to 15 people per class

**Venue:** Lifelong Learning Plaza located on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Washington Hotel building.

**Teachers:** Volunteers from the IIA

If you are attending the class for the first time, please take the placement test to check your Japanese level first.

#### Japanese Proficiency Check

**Date:** 10am-12pm, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

**Venue:** Arts and Crafts Room, Lifelong Learning Plaza

Please contact the IIA for more information about the classes (see below for contact details).

### Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

#### **Yorisoi 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.ia-fukushima.or.jp>  
TEL: 0246-22-7409 Email: [info@ia-fukushima.or.jp](mailto:info@ia-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
Adonis Festival	Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar; 11am-1pm Inari 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, woodcraft workshops and other activities. Adonis flowers will also be sold at the event.	Fukushima Conservation Corps  TEL: 090-3572-2032
Fukushima Memorial Light-up in Hisanohama	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar; 4pm-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 cotton doll/lampshade workshops and both gospel and acoustic performances. Food booths will be provided by the Hamakaze Kirara stores during the event.	The People  TEL: 0246-52-2511
3.11 Candle Night	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Mar; From 5pm Taira Central Park (in front of Alios), Taira	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.	Fukushima Prefectural Government  TEL: 024-521-8627
Iwaki Samba Carnival	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> 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 5 years old or under if sitting on parent's lap).	Alios Ticket Centre  TEL: 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays)
Spring Festival	Sun 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar; 10am-4pm Snake Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Taira	A spring-style festival will be held at this outdoor art gallery hosted by the Iwaki 10,000 Cherry Blossom Trees Project. More details will be released on their Facebook or Twitter page.	Iwaki 10,000 Cherry Blossom Trees info  Web: <a href="https://twitter.com/99000_sakura/">https://twitter.com/99000_sakura/</a>

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