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### Typhoon Related Information

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Iwaki as well as many other regions throughout Fukushima and Eastern Japan was devastated by Typhoon No.19. Iwaki not only experienced widespread flooding, but up to a third of households lost their water for up to two weeks after the disaster.



This edition of Iwa-key includes some useful information regarding this latest typhoon and how to be prepared for future disasters.

#### Iwaki City Disaster Prevention Email Service

By registering via your PC or mobile device, you can receive alerts regarding warnings/advisories for various disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis as well as evacuation orders and advisories (the service is only available in Japanese).

#### How to register:

1. Send a blank email to [iwaki@entry.mail-dpt.jp](mailto:iwaki@entry.mail-dpt.jp) or use the QR code on the right. You will then receive an email to register for the service.
2. Click on the URL link in the email and agree to the Site Policy.
3. Select what notices you would like to receive.
4. Confirm and click "register". You will receive an email to confirm that your registration is complete.



#### Explanation of the Disaster Warning Levels (警戒レベル Keikai Reberu)

**Level 3: 避難準備・高齢者等避難開始 Hinanjunbi / Koureishatou- Hinankaishi**  
Prepare to evacuate / Begin evacuating if you're elderly or ill etc. – Keep an eye on disaster updates. Evacuate early, if you feel unsafe.

**Level 4: 避難勧告 Hinankankoku**

**Evacuation Advisory** – You are advised to evacuate to a shelter or a safe location. But stay indoors if it is too dangerous to go outside.

**Level 4: 避難指示 (緊急) Hinanshiji (Kinkyuu)**

**Emergency Evacuation Order** – You must evacuate immediately. But stay indoors if it is too dangerous to go outside.

**Level 5: 災害発生 Saigaihassei**

**Disaster has Already Occurred** – Disaster is occurring right now. Evacuate immediately or do whatever you can to protect yourself (e.g. evacuate upstairs or away from cliff edge in case of landslides/ flooding).

#### Emergency Household Repairs

If you currently are unable to live in your home because it was partially or completely damaged from the typhoon, but the damage is repairable, then you may be eligible for emergency house repairs. If you are eligible, you can receive up to ¥595,000 to assist in repairing essential parts of your home to make it habitable again. Keep in mind that you will need your **Disaster Victim Certificate** and that other conditions may apply.

You can apply for the Emergency Household Repairs until 2<sup>nd</sup> December at the following locations and times:

Iwaki City Cultural Centre 3F / 9am-5pm

Ogawa Community Hall 8:30am-5pm

Yoshima Municipal Housing Estate Meeting House / 8:30am-5pm

Taira 4<sup>th</sup> Primary School / 9am-4pm (from 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov)

Akai Community Hall / 9am-4pm

**Inquiries:** Iwaki City Temporary Provision of Housing (TEL: 22-7593)

#### Beware of Scammers or Fraudulent Businesses Taking Advantage of the Typhoon Disaster

As a result of the large-scale damage caused by the typhoon, there is a possibility that scammers or fraudulent businesses may take advantage of the situation.



For example, a person claiming to be a staff member of City Hall may come to your house offering to help clean your house or clear mud and then suddenly demand a large sum of money. Another example may be that you requested a company to give you a quote for roof repairs only to find that they've covered your roof in tarpaulin and are demanding a large sum for repair costs.

If you have any concerns, call the Consumer Affairs Centre (TEL: 22-0999) or the Consumer Hotline (188)

#### Be Careful When Cleaning up Flood-Damaged Areas

If you are cleaning up your house or clearing mud out of your carpark etc. it is important to take precautions to prevent yourself getting sick or injured:



- Wear gloves, thick-soled shoes, long pants and long-sleeve shirts in order to minimise the amount of skin exposed and prevent infecting any cut wounds.
- Wear a mask to prevent inhaling dirt and dust and wear goggles and wash hands regularly to prevent getting any in your eyes.
- If you cut yourself while cleaning, rinse the wound with running water then sterilise the wound. If it is a deep or dirty wound, consult a medical facility.
- If dirt or dust gets into your eyes, wash immediately and see a doctor.
- Make sure to take plenty of fluids while you are cleaning to prevent heat exhaustion.
- Don't overwork yourself as the typhoon may have left you feeling physically or mentally fatigued and vulnerable to falling ill.

#### Workshop Event: Language Support in Times of Disaster

In light of this recent typhoon, the IIA will be holding workshops so participants can discuss ideas about how to assist foreigners, including evacuees, during times of disaster by experiencing a disaster from their perspective. Foreign residents are also welcome to take part in the workshop.

**Date:** Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 1:30pm-3:30pm

**Venue:** Large Meeting Room No.2 inside the Lifelong Learning Plaza (4F of Washington Hotel Building)

Contact the IIA if you would like to apply for the event.  
(Contact details at bottom of this page)

*Other typhoon-related information, including the following and more, can be found on the Iwa-Key Facebook page (Link listed at the top of this page):*

- **How to Apply for Disaster Victim Certificates,**
- **Temporary Public Housing for Disaster Victims,**
- **Disaster-Related Consultations**

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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.



# Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Hula Town Festival / Hot Springs Town Reconstruction School Festival	Festivals: Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov, 9:40am-5:30pm Yumoto Station, Joban Walking Quiz Competition: Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov; From 10am (Reception starts from 9:30am) Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum, Horuru, Joban	Two festivals are collaborating together to help liven up the Yumoto area and promote Iwaki's hula culture. There will be various performances by students, food stalls serving international cuisine made by overseas junior high school students and you can even try riding on a rickshaw. There is also a walking quiz competition where you can enter a draw to win various prizes. Preregistration and participation fee of ¥1000 is required. Limited to first 200 applicants.	Hot Springs Town Reconstruction School Festival Executive Committee TEL: 0246-43-2757 (To apply for the Walking Quiz Competition) Email: <a href="mailto:yunomachi.aruki@gmail.com">yunomachi.aruki@gmail.com</a>
"Seaside Town" Toyoma Lighthouse Festival	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov; 10am-3pm (Short Film Festival until 5:10pm) Shioyasaki Lighthouse, Usuiso, Taira	This festival is being held to celebrate the 120 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shioyasaki Lighthouse. There will be food and drink stalls and stage performances both at the lighthouse and in the carpark area outside. The Shioyasaki Lighthouse Short Film Festival, which was originally scheduled for last month but was delayed due to the typhoon, will also be held on the same day.	Shioyasaki Lighthouse 120 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Executive Committee TEL: 080-3190-4452 Email: <a href="mailto:sioyasaki120@gmail.com">sioyasaki120@gmail.com</a> Toyoma Lighthouse Short Film Festival Executive Committee TEL: 080-6005-0989
Hiking Tour around Yumoto Station	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov; 11am-4:30pm (Registration from 10am) Starts and finishes at Yumoto Station	Held on the same day as the festival mentioned above, you can take part in a walking tour around the Yumoto town area which covers several local shops and shrines. You do not need to apply in advance to take part in the hiking tour.	Hiking from the Station TEL: 03-5719-3777
Shiramizu Amida Temple Night Viewing	Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Sun 10 <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. Entry into the temple is ¥500 for adults and ¥300 for children up to primary school age. Free shuttle buses departing every 50 minutes from Yumoto Station (5:05pm-6:45pm), Horuru (5:10pm-6:50pm), Iwaki Station (5pm-6:40pm) and Iwaki City Hall (5:05pm-6:45pm) will operate on the weekends and 4 <sup>th</sup> November public holiday.	Iwaki Tourist Information Centre TEL: 0246-23-0122
Historical Walking Tour around Uchigo	Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov; From 10am (Registration from 9am) Starts and finishes at Uchigo Station	Enjoy a day of walking around Shirimizu Amida Temple and other local temples, shrines and historical sites. You do not need to apply in advance to take part in the hiking tour. Admission fee required to enter Shiramizu Amida Temple.	Hiking from the Station TEL: 03-5719-3777
3-Chome Jamboree	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov; 11am-4pm Main road of 3-Chome, Taira	Held several times a year, this miniature festival includes around 20 stores offering goods, accessories and food at the 3-Chome shopping district near Iwaki Station. Musical performances will be held in front of the Kikuya Music Store. You can also take part in swing dance workshops. This time, the road will be closed to traffic.	La Stanza TEL: 0246-35-5767 Email: <a href="mailto:3cyoumejamboree@gmail.com">3cyoumejamboree@gmail.com</a>
Oyster Festival	Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701	
Tabito Hokkori Festival	Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov; 9am-3pm Tabito Community Hall	Tabito Branch Office of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-69-2111	
Soba Festival	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov; 10am-2pm Kawamae Revitalisation Centre	Enjoy a set meal of in-season soba and tempura for ¥1300. Applications close by 19 <sup>th</sup> November or as soon as the capacity (150 people respectively per morning and afternoon session) 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>
Autumn Bus Tour (Visit Autumn Leaves Tunnel and Try Angler Hot Pot)	Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> , Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov & Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec Bus departs Iwaki Station at 9am, Horuru at 9:20am and Yumoto Station at 9:25am (Bus returns to each spot at 3:15pm, 3:35pm and 3:40pm respectively)	Enjoy a bus tour where you can enjoy the sights and flavours of Autumn. After seeing the Autumn leaves at Ryujin Gorge, you can enjoy anglerfish hotpot for lunch before visiting Shioyasaki Lighthouse and a 3.11 earthquake memorial. The tour is limited to 20 people per day and costs ¥5000 to participate.	Joban Tourist TEL: 0246-43-1941
Autumn Bus Tour (Visit Autumn Leaves Tunnel and Learn about an Earthquake Monument)	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec Bus departs Iwaki Station at 9am, Horuru at 9:20am and Yumoto Station at 9:25am (Bus returns to each spot at 4:15pm, 4:20pm and 4:40pm respectively)	This tour starts on a similar route to the one above, After visiting the Ryujin Gorge you can relax in a local hot springs bath before visiting the Itozawa Fault, which is a geographical feature created due to the earthquake that occurred exactly one month after 3.11. The tour is limited to 20 and costs ¥4500 to participate.	Joban Tourist TEL: 0246-43-1941
Fukushima Fish Festival in Iwaki	Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec; 10am-3pm Onahama Fish Markets	Fisheries Division of Fukushima Prefectural Government TEL: 024-521-7378 Email: <a href="mailto:suisan@pref.fukushima.lg.jp">suisan@pref.fukushima.lg.jp</a>	

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