

# What's New?

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## When You Have a Cat

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### 1 . Think well before you start having a pet

Once you have a pet, you have to be responsible as its owner and you live with your cat in your community. You should ask yourself the following questions before you have a cat:

- \*Is your living circumstance good enough to keep it?
- \*Do your family members agree and will they be cooperative in keeping it?
- \*Can you afford its food or the clinic?

Furthermore, you need to study its habits, its life span and how to train it. It might be a wise choice not to have a cat if you do not have conditions good enough to take care of it.

### 2 . Keep your cat indoors.

Your cat could face a lot of dangers outside the house such as traffic accidents, injuries caused by fighting with other cats and infectious diseases. Much troubles would be caused if they peed and pooped in your neighborhood gardens. All these problems are solved if you keep them indoors. You may think it is cruel to keep your cat in a small house but they do not need a big space as long as they are given enough food. They can have exercise by moving up and down or playing with their owner.

Adult cats have a habit of marking by urinating. You can avoid this by having your cat spayed or neutered.

### **3 . Toilet training**

Cats have a habit to urine 3 times a day and to excrete once or twice a day and they dig a hole in the soft soil inside their turf. So prepare a box with cat sand in a calm, relaxing place and they can quickly learn how to use it.

### **4 . To those who feed alley cats**

Cats make you happy and relaxed. It is natural to feed cats if you think they are hungry. But cats have a high fertility rate. A cat aged 4 – 12 months can give birth to 4-8 kittens at one time. An abundance of cats usually causes troubles in the community such as noise, excrement and damage to cars.

Please refrain from feeding them. If you still want to feed them, you should keep them as your own pets with enough responsibilities.

### **5 . To those who have troubles caused by alley cats**

Cats are likely to gather in places where they feel safe and they can easily find food and good soil, sand and turf for comfortable excretion.

The best way to drive cats away is to make them think the place is nasty to them. Please try the following measures if you have troubles caused by alley cats.


Measures against alley cats:

- ① Put sponge or cloth soaked with vinegar or wood vinegar in the areas cats usually walk past.
- ② Sprinkle coffee grounds, water used for washing rice, curry powder or used tea leaves where cats excrete or urinate.
- ③ Plant geraniums or some herbs.
- ④ Use one of the common cat repellents that are on the market now, such as a spray or an ultrasonic wave system.

Information in English & Chinese on the Web

\*What's New?

\*How to sort garbage and trash

Visit  <http://www.city.niihama.lg.jp>

Clair:\*Multilingual Living Information

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tagengorev/en/index.html>

## The 27th Niihama Global Party

### "Just One World!"

Niihama's 27th Global Party was held at Women's plaza on February 12th with the theme of "Just One World!". 410 guests and organizers from 15 countries took part in the event. The party started with Jazz Music. Guests were able to meet people from different cultures and eat various sweets from many countries.

On stage, various countries' dances such as Indonesian dance and American Hip Hop Dance were performed. Wadaiko drumming and Folk dance by Yosakoi Dance team were also performed and people began to move along to the rhythm. H.S. students gave a quiz about the world, which people enjoyed very much. Many young people tried on traditional outfits and learned fun dance moves. The Toy Clinic was open and broken toys were fixed. People enjoyed pressed-flower art, copper craftsmanship and calligraphy.

#### The Number of the Participants

Nationality	male	female	Total
Australia	1		1
Brazil	1		1
China	9		9
India	1		1
Indonesia	18	48	66
Korea		1	1
Malaysia	2		2
New Zealand	1	1	2
The Philippines		7	7
Russia	3	2	5
Taiwan	1	3	4
Thailand		2	2
The United Kingdom	2		2
The USA	5	4	9
	44	68	112
Japan	298		298
<b>Total</b>			<b>410</b>

## Industrial Sightseeing in the Eastern Part of Ehime



Eastern region of Ehime is the biggest industrial Zone in Shikoku. Industrial products, food, and manufactured goods essential for our daily life are made in this area and sent all over Japan.

Let us introduce two facilities where you can experience the industry of Ehime by seeing, shopping and eating. How about visiting and having some hands-on fun?

### ① **Hakata Engyo “Hakata-no-shio” (Salt of Hakata)**

“Hakata-no-shio” is made from saline water, containing imported salt dissolved and filtered from a salt pan with Japanese sea water. In the Omishima Factory you can enjoy the salt manufacturing process.

The natural drying process of the salt is sure to impress you because it makes you feel as if you were seeing mountains covered with snow. You can also watch the Flowing Salt Manufacturing Bamboo Panels, with the salt pan that was a special feature of the Seto Inland Sea.

You can also buy products using “Hakata-no-shio”, and enjoy “Hakata-no-shio” ice cream and “Hakata-no-shio” coffee.

792-1305 Dai 32 Omishima-cho Imabari-shi

TEL: 0897-82-0660

<http://www.hatkatanoshio.co.jp/>



### ② **Nihon-Shokken Food Culture Museum**

Nihon-Shokken aims to be a pioneer in food culture around the world and in Japan it is the largest producer of TARE sauce.

In its museum, the history of food culture, materials of food and cookware are exhibited. The replicas of 196 kinds of dishes from 99 countries are especially worth seeing. KO Palace, modeled after Belvedere Palace in Vienna, the capital of Austria, has the palace cuisine museum, where you can enjoy food culture of medieval Europe. Also you can enjoy shopping and a full-course lunch. Please use the KO Hotel, Imabari Yu-no-ura, when you stay at night.

792-1582 1-3 Tomita-shinminato Imabari, Ehime

Tel: 0898-47-2281

<http://www.nihonshokken.co.jp/enjoy/>

## MOVIES

### TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

January 27 ~ DOCTOR STRANGE	2D English
February 3 ~ Miss Peregrines Home for Peculiar Children	2D English
February 10 ~ ALLIED	2D English
February 24 ~ La La Land	2D English
February 24 ~ xXx: The Return of Xander	2D English
March 3 ~ ASSASSINS CREED	2D English / Dubbed
March 17 ~ Sing	2D English / Dubbed
March 24 ~ Passengers	2D English
March 25 ~ Kong : Skull Island PG12	2D English

Information Service  
Internet: <http://niihama-aeonmall.com>  
Tape (24 hrs): 050-6868-5019(in Japanese)

Movies might be changed without notice. Please check.

## March Event

### Dome Market

Meat, fresh fish, fresh fruits and vegetables directly from the farm for sale.

Date : March 20<sup>th</sup>(Mon.) ~25<sup>th</sup>(Sat.)

Time : 10:00 ~ 19 : 00

Place : Dome Niihama ( 銅夢にいはま )

Parking lot : free of charge

Dome Market will be held once a month for a week during the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week.

**SGG** would welcome any suggestions, questions or ideas for monthly articles.

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# ONE POINT JAPANESE

## いろいろな“生” No.1

A : 第一志望に合格できて、よかったね。

Daiichi shibō ni gōkaku dekite, yokatta ne.

(It's good that you passed the your first choice university.)

B : ありがとうございます。Arigatō gozaimasu.

(Thank you very much.)

A : 四月から 大学生 ですね。一人暮らしをするんですか。

Shigatsu kara daigakusē desu ne. Hitorigurashi o surun desu ka.

(Beginning in April you'll be a freshman. Are you going to live alone?)

B : ええ、今は、新生活の準備でバタバタしています。

Ee, ima wa shinsekatsu no junbi de, batabata shiteimasu.

(Yes. Right now I'm very busy preparing for my new life.)

A : 誕生日、おめでとう！これ、受け取っ

Tanjōbi omedetō! Kore, uketotte.

(Happy birthday! This is for you!)



B : えっ？ 指輪？Ee? Yubiwa? (What? A ring?)

A : 僕の 人生のパートナーになってください。結婚しよう！

Boku no jinsē no pātōnā ni natte kudasai. Kekkon shiyō!

(Please be my partner in life! Let's get married!)

B : 嬉しい！Ureshi! (I'm so happy!)

今日は、一生忘れられない日になりそう・・・。

Kyō wa issō wasurerarenai hi ni narisō...

(Today will be an unforgettable day in my life...)

店員：ご注文は お決まりですか。Gochūmon wa okimari desu ka.

(Are you ready to order?)

A : とりあえず 生ビール 3つ。Toriaezu namabiru mittsu!

(For now, three draft beers.)

B : えーと、さしみの盛り合わせを…。

Eeto, sashimi no moriawase o...

(Let me see, a plate of assorted sashimi...)

C : あのう、生ものはちょっと・・・。

Anō, namamono wa chotto... (Um, I'm afraid raw food is...)

A : じゃあ、天ぷらの盛り合わせも頼みましょうか。

Ja, tempura no moriawase mo tanomimashō ka.

(OK then, shall we also order assorted tempura?)

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「じょう」「しょう」・・・誕生日 一生 一生懸命 生涯学習

「なま」・・・生ビール 生卵 生野菜 生もの 生中継 生演奏

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