

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

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ONE POINT JAPANESE

いろいろな"みる" No.2

玄関チャイムの音 (Genkan chaimu no oto) (Sound of the door chime)


A: あっ、だれか来たみたい。Aa, dareka kita mitai.
(Ah, someone seems to be here.)

B: ちょっと見てくるね。Chotto mite kuru ne. (I'll just go and see.)

A: それ、どこのスイーツですか。Sore, doko no suitsu desu ka.
(Where are those sweets from?)

B: マレーシアです。グローバルパーティーに出す予定なんですけど…。
Mareshia desu. Gurobaru pāthī ni dasu yote nan desu ga…
(Malaysia. We are planning to serve them at the Global Party...)

A: 美味しそうですね。Oishisō desu ne. (They look delicious.)

B: よかったら、ちょっと味(を)見せてみて。
Yokattara, chotto aji (wo) mitemite. (If you'd like, please try them.)

A: すみません、日本語で司会(の)原稿(を)書いたんですが、ちょっと見てもらえませんか。
Sumimasen, nihongo de shikai no genko kaitan desu ga, chotto mite moraemasen ka.
(Excuse me, I wrote the manuscript of the MC in Japanese; could you take a look at it?)

B: いいですよ。…すごい!! 完璧! 直すところないですよ。
Ii desu yo... Sugoi!! Kanpeki! Naosu tokoro nai desu yo.
(All right....Amazing! It's perfect! There's nothing to correct.)

子: わあ! この犬 かわいい! 飼ってみたいな。
Wa! Kono inu kawaii! Kattemitai na.
(Wow! This dog is cute. I want to try keeping it.)

母: ちゃんと面倒見るなら、買ってあげるよ。
Chanto mendō miru nara, katte ageru yo.
(If you will take care of it properly, I'll buy it for you.)

子: 大丈夫! ごはんあげたり、いっしょに遊んだり…。
Daijōbu! Gohan agetari, isshoni asondari…
(No problem! I'll feed it and play with it...)

母: 毎日散歩もさせてね。Mainichi sanpo mo sasete ne.
(And take it for a walk every day, too!)

子: うーん、やっぱり無理! 寒いし…。
Uun, yappari muri! Samui shi…
(Ummm, I guess it's impossible after all! It's cold, and...)

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 Internet: <http://niihama-aeonmall.com>
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Japan Meeting of Furrries

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On January 10th of this year, I made my way out to Toyohashi-shi in Aichi prefecture to attend a convention for the following weekend. However, this wasn't like any other convention like comicon or any anime con. This was known as a "furcon" which is a convention centralized towards a common community of people known as "furrries". For anyone who doesn't know what a furry is, it's a category of an online culture of people who have an interest or liking towards anthropomorphic animals. This can range in many ways by having a strong appreciation for the animal kingdom and expressing that passion in a variety of ways including: drawing, music, writing, dance, performance, photography, sculpting, animating, creating a "fursona" (an animal version of yourself), building a "fursuit" (a cosplay or costume of said "fursona".) or wearing said fursuit.

What makes the community so fascinating and unique is that it's completely self sustainable, meaning the community does not have to rely on any outside entities to allow the community to thrive. Everyone within the "furry fandom" (the furry community) participates in their own way, supporting one another through their own means of exchange of commodity.

Personally, I've been apart of the furry fandom since 2008. I've attended several furcons in the U.S.A. and a couple in Taiwan. The fandom spans all over the globe and Japan is no less apart of the furry fandom. Japanese furrries are known for having extremely detailed looking fursuits, very modest but lovable personalities, and very talented artists. This was not an opportunity I wanted to pass up, so I made sure to request the time off to be able to attend this event. The travel to Toyohashi was a long one: 5 hours by

bus from Niihama Station to Osaka Station, another 3 hour bus ride from Osaka Station to Nagoya Station, and finally a 1 hour local train from Nagoya to Toyohashi Station. I started at 7am and checked into my hotel room at 4pm.

I arrived on a Thursday, even though the event doesn't begin until Friday. It is very common for people to come a day early to settle in and rest so they can be ready for the events to follow. So for the time being, I walked over to the main hotel just to check it out. I really had no idea what I would see there, let alone even meet anyone, but I was still curious. I entered into the main lobby and saw a few people sitting down on the chairs. After some time, I finally mustered up the courage to talk to them and introduce myself. Some of them were overseas from Australia while others were from America and a couple were local Japanese people. Very quickly, everyone started passing out business cards, a common gesture found in Japanese culture. Just like the characters each of them portray, the cards were very detailed and super beautifully crafted. I was not prepared because I ended up running out of cards by the afternoon of the first day.

Most conventions begin bright and early and go all the way until the evening and JMoF (Japanese Meeting of Furies, the name of the furry convention) is no different. I observed lots of different events and checked out lots of panels that were hosted by many people ranging from games for fursuiters and competitions or even speedpaint sessions with artists. Throughout my time, I explored the halls with a new group of people, making new friends left and right. This is one of the things I love most about the furry fandom: Everyone is very friendly and happy to invite you to be apart of their group of friends. I walked away now knowing furies from Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore, Taiwan, Korea, Australia, Philippines, New Zealand, Germany, France, UK, USA, and many, many more.

At the end of the convention, I made my way back to Niihama, back to reality feeling very sad and missing everyone that I met. This is also known as "Post Con Depression". Luckily, this is an annual event. The staff at JMoF have revealed the dates and the theme of next year's convention and if I'm still here in Japan when it happens, you bet I'll be going there again.



My name is Ryan J Garcia. I am an English teacher living in Niihama. I've been here since August of 2018 and plan to stay long term if possible. I'm from the U.S. and have also taught in Taiwan. I love to explore and travel and find new music to listen to in my free time.



February Event

★ "Just One World"

The 29th Niihama Global Party

Date: Sunday, February 10th, 2019

Time: 1:00p.m. - 3:30p.m.

Venue: Niihama Women's Plaza

4-4-19 Shonai-cho, Niihama-shi

Tel: 0897-37-1700

Admission: ¥500/person

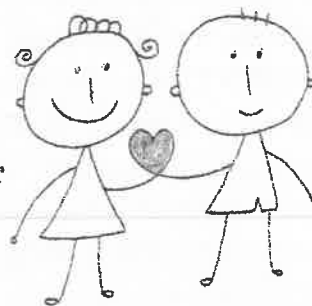
Free for children age 6 and younger

Try on traditional outfits!

Learn fun dance moves!

Visit the calligraphy corner!

Enjoy sweets from all over the world!



We are looking for volunteers to help prepare the Global Party's famous sweets. If you are interested, please contact:
Niihama City Office Local Community Section (Mr.Takarada)
Tel: 0897-65-1218
Organizers: The Global Party Association, SGG Niihama & Niihama City Office



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

Watch out for Water Pipe Freezing

(Monthly City News, Jan. 2019)

When the atmospheric temperature descends below the freezing point, your water pipe might freeze. If it freezes, the water volume will expand, causing the pipe to burst, followed by leaking after the ice melts. You will have to pay out of pocket not only for the increased water bill (due to leaking), but the repair charge as well.

*Water pipes liable to get frozen or broken:

- an exposed outdoor pipe
- a pipe in a shady place on the north side of the house, or a windy place
- A decrepit pipe



*How to prevent pipe freezing:

- Cover the exposed part of the pipe with insulation material or cloths
- Surround the pipe with cardboard, blocking the wind
- Wrap outdoor taps water with a towel

If you are going to be away for a while, close the gauge valve in the water meter box, and open all taps in the water system in the house to drain the water

* In the case of frozen facilities:

- Wait for it to thaw naturally or wrap it with a towel or other cloths and pour lukewarm water onto it slowly
- Do not pour hot water hastily or turn the tap forcibly while it is still frozen, otherwise the tap or its gasket will break

* How to deal with breakage:

- Water pipe: Close the gauge valve in the water meter box and call the water center (tel.32 5900)
- Water meter: The broken meter will be replaced.
Please call Water Bureau (tel. 65 1331)