

MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS NIIHAMA (AEON Mall)

May 3 ~	Detective Pikachu	Dubbed
May 31 ~	Godzilla: King of the Monsters	English / Dubbed
June 7 ~	Aladdin	English
June 7 ~	Cold Pursuit 「スノーロワイヤル」	English
June 14 ~	Men In Black: International	English / Dubbed
June 21 ~	X-Men: Dark Phoenix	English / Dubbed
June 28 ~	Spider-Man: Far From Home	English
July 12 ~	Toy Story 4	English/Dubbed
July 26 ~	The Secret Life of Pets 2 「ペット2」	Unfixed

Information Service

Internet: <http://niihama-aeonmall.com>

24 Hr. Recording: 050-6868-5019 (in Japanese only)

Movie information may change without notice. Please check.



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ONE POINT JAPANESE

“友達を誘う”表現

- A: Bさん、あかがねミュージアムのカフェに行ったことがありますか。
B san, akagane myūjiamu no kafe ni itta koto ga arimasu ka?
(B-san, have you ever been to the Akagane Museum café?)
- B: ええ、ありますよ。
Ee, arimasu yo. (Yes, I have.)
- A: 7月19日のイベントに行くんですが、一緒にどうですか?
Shichi gatsu juukuu nichi no ibento ni ikun desu ga, issho ni do desu ka?
(I'm going to an event on July 19th. Would you like to go with me?)
- B: 何があるんですか。
Nani ga arun desu ka? (What's going on?)
- A: 外国人が故郷の紹介をする、カフェトークがあります。
Gaikokujin ga kokyō no shoukai o suru kafe tōku ga arimasu.
(There's a café talk with foreigners introducing their hometowns.)
- B: おもしろそうですね。
Omoshirosō desu ne.
(That's sound interesting!)

<Information about Japanese Language Classes> How about learning the Japanese language?

Niihama Nihongo no Kai (にいほま日本語の会), a volunteer group teaching the Japanese language, provides several Japanese language classes.

▪ Night Classes

Time: Tuesday/ Thursday 19:30 ~ 21:00

Place: Niihamashi Sōgō Fukushi Center (Fureai Plaza) 2F

Contents: Class Lesson according to the level. Beginners, Advanced, and those who want to take the Japanese Language Proficiency Test can attend the classes.

Free of charge.

▪ Private Lessons

Anyone who wants to learn Japanese one-to-one or can't attend the night class will be able to have private lessons for a fee.

Those who are interested in learning the Japanese Language should contact Ms. Manami Miki of Niihama Nihongo no Kai.

Tel 0897-34-3025 (Manami Miki).

e-mail : manami-m@js6.so-net.ne.jp

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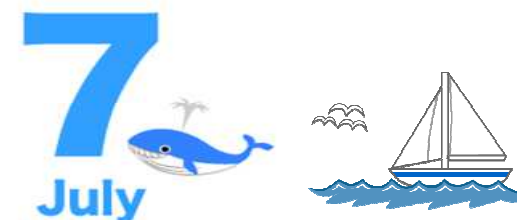
What's New?

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Mi Historia

Roland Rodriguez

My name is Rolando Rodriguez, I graduated with a degree in International Studies and a minor in Spanish. I'm bilingual in two languages, English and Spanish. My family is from Mexico City, Mexico. They migrated to the America in 1988, and one year later I was given birth to. I grew up in the city of Whitewater, Wisconsin and moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 25 after I graduated from college. I was the first of my family to graduate from college and made my family extremely proud.

I grew up only knowing one language in the U.S, and it was extremely difficult making friends and communicating with teachers and classmates. One of the hardest obstacles I had to overcome was the racism that was around me because I was the only Latino boy in my entire school. My skin color didn't match the kids in my class and I was an "alien" in their eyes. I was bullied and picked on for most of my childhood. Surprisingly, I actually grew up very well-mannered and respectful to others. I was happy to leave high school and start a new life in college, but once I arrived at university, I still faced many obstacles.

My family was going through a financial crisis and I was trying to find out who I was and what I wanted to pursue, so I ended up switching my major three times. At one point, I wanted to be a manager for a large corporation, but looking back now, I'm happy that I didn't pursue that field. I also thought that I would want to be a psychiatrist, but that would mean I would have to have more schooling to get my certification. I ended up deciding to pursue 'international studies'.

At one point, my previous boss and I met in his office and we discussed my future and what I wanted to become. I think the most important question that he asked me was, "What's something you enjoy listening to or doing?". I told him that I like getting to know other people's cultures, customs, and other perspectives. I could enjoy sitting for hours listening to someone from a different background and having them talk about their culture. I've always sought out people who are not Americans in school and struck up a conversation with them. I had no idea International studies was an actual field of study that you could get a degree in. I decided to look into it a bit more and see the classes I had to take. They were exciting classes that intrigued me and so I decided to make the final decision to switch my major. Since then I haven't changed nor regretted my decision. I'm currently using my degree as an English teacher for a school

I moved to Japan in January of this year with my partner, even though it is bitter sweet, I will be leaving very shortly and traveling around the world with my partner. We want to enjoy the world while we are young and before we settle down. This has been a goal of mine for a long time and it's something that I want to accomplish before I die and also so that I can inspire others to do the same. The world is very big and our time is of a value, so we shouldn't take what little time we have left for granted.



ONLINE INFORMATION IN ENGLISH FROM NIIHAMA CITY

***Garbage Rules:**

Go to: city.niihama.lg.jp

Search: "Niihama Shi How to sort and put out your trash and garbage"

***What's New? in English & Chinese:**

Go to: city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/chiiki/whatsnew2019.html

Multilingual Living Information from Clair:

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

"Bonsai" One Day Trip to Doi, Shikoku-chuo-shi

(Planned by the students of the Information Science Department of Doi High School)

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BONSAI



The "Goyo-matsu pine tree" is an essential item for bonsai. "Akaishi Goyo-matsu" is a specialty of Doi. Doi is one of the three biggest "Goyo-matsu pine tree"-producing sites. How about taking a trip to Doi to enjoy bonsai culture and try making it yourself?.

Date: October 19 (Sat.) Just in case, the backup day is Oct. 20 (Sun.)

Price: ¥2,980

Tourist: Non-Japanese living in Japan, High school age or older

Capacity: 2~8 participants

Schedule: 10:00 a.m. Meeting at Gyo-u-kan east side of the Doi Town Office

10:00 a.m. ~ 12:00p.m. "What is Bonsai?"

History and Hands-on Guidance

12:30 p.m. Japanese-style lunch of local cuisine

1:30 p.m. Lecture on stones and pots for bonsai

2:00 p.m. Make bonsai, tea ceremony and Bonsai exercise

4:00 p.m. Return to Gyo-u-kan

- Explanation in English and Japanese
- The Doi town office has free parking.
- Transportation: on foot or taking a taxi
Please apply to Fuji Travel Service, Toyo Branch:
E-mail: toyo@fj-t.jp
TEL: 0897-47-0744 (Mon.~ Fri. 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:40 p.m.)
Fax: 0897-58-2861

(Please let us know your address, name, date of birth, and your contact number when you apply.)

- We will start accepting reservations on July 7th.

Consumer Hotline for Tourists

National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan

Dial: 03-5449-0906 if you need assistance.

Mon. ~Fri. 10:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Closed weekends, national holidays, and Dec.29~Jan.3

Standard call rates to the call center will apply.

Available language: English, Thai, Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese

The Consumer Hotline for Tourists offers telephone consultation that overseas visitors to Japan can use if they experience consumer issues while visiting Japan. Feel free to call this hotline if you encounter issues involving stores, restaurants, bars, transportation, or lodging during your visit. It cannot provide tourist information or answer questions related to lost items, accidents, or illness or injury.

July Events

☆Exhibition of Ishimura Yoshinari's arts

Location: Akagane Museum

6/29(Sat) ~8/18 (Sun) 9:30 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

Closed: 7/2(Tue), 8(Mon), 16(Tue), 22(Mon), 29(Mon)
8/4(Mon), 10(Sat)

Phone: 65-3580

☆Akagane Saturday Night Market

7/20, 27(Sat) 6:00 p.m. ~ 8:30 p.m.

Location: Noborimichi Sunroad

Phone: 37-1666

Visitors can enjoy foods, a haunted house and flea markets.

Children can play a variety of games.

☆Kikoji Inari Market at Kikoji shopping arcade

7/ 20(Sat) 5:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

Phone: 41-5420

There are performances on stage, bingo, and a fan lottery.

☆Firework Festival at Kokuryou-gawa riverbed

7/26(Fri) 7:30 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m.

Phone: 33-5581

☆Ehime Mandarin Pirate Baseball Game at City Stadium

7/20(Sat), 21(Sun) 1:00 p.m. ~ vs Kagawa Olive Guyners

8/1(Thu) 1:00 p.m. ~ vs Kochi Fighting Dogs

Free for elementary school & Jr. high school students

If it rains, it will be cancelled.

For details: Please call City Office Phone: 65-1303

