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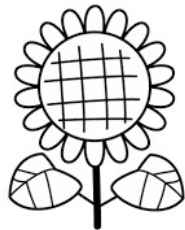
- August 2 ~ FAST & FURIOUS PRESENTS:HOBBS & SHAW  
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- August 30 ~ ONCE UPON A TIME IN HOLLYWOOD  
R 2D English

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# ONE POINT JAPANESE

～夏の会話(natsu no kaiwa)～

A : 梅雨<sup>つゆ</sup>が 明<sup>あ</sup>けましたね。

Tsuyu ga akemashita ne.  
(The rainy season is over, isn't it?)

B : 今年<sup>ことし</sup>は、雨<sup>あめ</sup>が 少<sup>すく</sup>なかつたですね。

Kotoshi wa ame ga sukunakatta desu ne.  
(This year there was not much rain.)

A : そうですね。8月<sup>がつ</sup>に 水不足<sup>みずぶそく</sup>に ならなければ いいのですが・・・

Sō desu ne. Hachigatsu ni mizubusoku ni naranakereba ii no desu ga...  
(That's right. I hope we won't be short of water in August...)

B : そうですね。ちょっと 心配<sup>しんぱい</sup>ですね。

Sō desu ne. Chotto shimpai desu ne.  
(Me too. I'm a little worried.)

A : 新居浜<sup>にい はま</sup>の 花火大会<sup>はなびたいかい</sup>に 行<sup>い</sup>きましたか。

Niihama no hanabi taikai ni ikimashita ka.  
(Did you go to the Niihama fireworks festival?)

B : はい、行<sup>い</sup>きました。大<sup>おお</sup>きな 花火<sup>はなび</sup>が ドーンと あがって、きれいでした。

Hai, ikimashita. Ōkina hanabi ga dōn to agatte, kirē deshita.  
(Yes, I did. Big fireworks went up with a boom. It was beautiful.)

A : よかったですね。今治<sup>いまばり</sup>の おんま<sup>おんま</sup>く花火<sup>はなび</sup>も すごいですよ。

Yokatta desu ne. Imabari no Ommaku hanabi mo sugoi desu yo.  
(That's good. Imabari's Ommaku fireworks are great, too.)

B : いつですか。

Itsu desu ka?  
(When are they?)

A : 8月<sup>はちがつ</sup>4日<sup>よっか</sup>です。一<sup>いっしょ</sup>緒<sup>い</sup>に 行<sup>い</sup>きましょう。

Hachigatsu yokka desu. Issho ni ikimashō.  
(They're on August 4<sup>th</sup>. Let's go together.)

B : いいんですか。ありがとうございます。

Iin desu ka. Arigatō gozaimasu.  
(Is that alright? Thank you very much.)

< by Niihama Nihongo no Kai >

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# What's New?

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## Akaishi Mountains

(from Ehime Shimbun May 8, 2019)

The highest peak of the Houou Mountain Range extending from Shikokuchuo-city to Niihama-city is Mt. Higashi-Akaishi (1706m). A highly skillful climbing technique is needed to climb the mountain. The height difference from the starting point of the climb to the peak makes for a very long distance walk.



When I climbed it, it took about 9 hours round trip. It was totally tiring, but I felt enormous satisfaction when I finished. The area nearby the peak is filled with alpine plants with tiny lovely flowers in full blossom. The geology of the mountain is also fascinating with its peculiar iron oxide-containing red rocks all around. It might have the most diverse selection of nature in all of Shikoku.





In the mountain range of Akaishi, the over-half-century old lodge “Akaishi Sanso” is said to be closing within the next two years.

Since the keeper of the lodge,

Mr. Yasumori Shigeru has attained old age and is in ill health, he can no longer climb the mountain.

At the time being, he relies on volunteers to take care of the lodge temporarily, however, it is difficult to find a successor.

The situation of other lodges in the prefecture is similar. The improvement of forest roads makes access to the starting point of the climb easier, and the number of one-day climbers has increased, reducing the number of lodge users. The aging of the lodge keepers is also a factor.

“I felt as if I met Buddha in the middle of hell”. “Because of this lodge, I could reduce the weight of my burden”. There are many such messages being left in the lodge guestbook by climbers. As weather in the mountains is changeable, there always exists the danger of distress. Mr. Yasumori and company continue to collect signatures campaigning to maintain the lodge as a shelter for emergency.

It is common now to make use of mountains as a sightseeing resource for the revitalization of local communities. Handing down the valuable mountains to younger generations makes us consider the future images of the mountain lodges.



### Online Information In English From Niihama City

☆Garbage Rules:

Go to: [city.niihama.lg.jp](http://city.niihama.lg.jp)

Search: 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](http://city.niihama.lg.jp/soshiki/chiiki/whatsnew2019.html)

### Multilingual Living Information from Clair:

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

### August EVENTS

#### **8/26 (Mon)~8/30 (Fri) Photo Exhibition of Atomic Bomb**

at City Hall, 1F

#### **8/1~8/30 City Office Line Stamp designer Recruited**

Please send 3 illustrations to city office in JPEG or PNG. Not paid.

For details: visit the Hisho-koho section of the City Hall website.

TEL:0897-65-1251

#### **8/25 (Sun) Workshop of Acupuncture & Moxibustion**

At Fureai Plaza 10:00a.m.~3:00p.m. Free admission.

#### **8/28 (Wed) around 11:00 a.m. J-Alert System Test**

J-Alert is a nationwide warning system.

#### **9/6 (Fri) Japanese Drum Class 7:00p.m.~8:00p.m.**

On the big stage of Bunka Center. Free admission.

Capacity of about 20 participants

Please make a reservation at Machizukuri Kyodo Office

by August 30 TEL: 0897-65-3158

#### **Minetopia Besshi , Akagane Kids Park**

Every Sat. Sun. and holidays in August.

Mascots of Minetopia Besshi, Dota-kun and Hana-chan, will take pictures and shake hands with kids in Kids Park.



### **A New Hub for Outdoor Activities**

(from Ehime Shimbun July 1, 2019)

“Outdoor Oasis Ishizuchi” opened after renovations inside “Komastu Oasis”, a roadside rest stop next to the Ishizuchi Service Area on the Matsuyama Expressway. Montbell, a major outdoor sporting goods firm based in Osaka, was called to manage the facility, aiming at establishing a nature-oriented outdoor activity center.

A six-meter, two-story high artificial climbing wall was installed beneath the open ceiling space. Montbell occupies both the first and the second floor of the facility. They sell more than 52,000 items of outdoor clothing and equipment. The store has the largest amount of big equipment such as kayaks and tents of all the directly managed stores in the Shikoku and Chugoku Regions.

### **EPIC Ready to Help You If You Have any Trouble.**

(from Ehime Prefecture International Center)

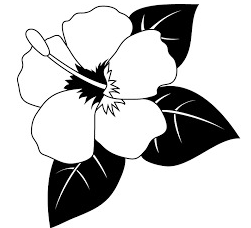
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### **Plastic Alternative Materials, “Eri Plastic Paper”**

(from Ehime Shimbun May 30, 2019)

Marine pollution caused by plastic waste is such a big problem that plastic alternative materials are now needed.

Daio Paper Corporation (Shikoku-Chuo shi) recently announced the sale of "Eri Plastic Paper", a type of high density cardboard. It is already being used for some products by the Bourbon Corp., a major confectionery company.

Daio Paper Corporation plans to sell more raw paper materials for producing paper knives, toothpicks and cocktail stirrers. The products cost more than plastic ones, however, research and development for eco-friendly products is in high demand, especially among food producing companies. Last February, toothpicks made of “Eri Plastic Paper” were used in a product by Bourbon.

A spokesperson from Daio said, “People's attitudes about this problem have changed a lot. We'd like to introduce new paper products with various thicknesses and densities. We will keep conducting research and development towards the possibilities of paper, and try to contribute as much as we can in order to realize a sustainable recycling society.”