

# MOVIES

TOHO CINEMAS Niihama (AEON Mall)

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| October 1 ~   | No time to die                 | Sub    |
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| December 17 ~ | The Boss Baby: Family Business | Dubbed |
| December 17 ~ | The Matrix Resurrections       | Sub    |
| December 24 ~ | The Kings Man                  | Sub    |

Due to the new coronavirus infection, movies might be changed without notice. So please check the homepage for information.

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# ONE POINT JAPANESE

「Passive voice」の使い方

**A** : どう したんですか。そんなに ぬれて!

Dō shitan desu ka. Sonna ni nurete!

(What happened? You're so wet!)

**B** : 散歩して いたら、急に 雨に 降られたんです。

Sanpo shite itara, kyū ni ame ni furaretan desu.

(While I was taking a walk, I suddenly got rained on.)



**A** : え? 急にですか。大変でしたね。

E? Kyū ni desu ka. Taihen deshita ne.

(What? Suddenly? That was too bad!)



**B** : ええ、家を 出る ときは いい 天気だったんですよ。

Ē, uchi o deru toki wa ī tenki dattan desu yo.

(Yes. When I left home, the weather was fine!)

**A** : どう したんですか。なにか いい ことが あったんですか。

Dō shitan desu ka. Nani ka ī koto ga attan desu ka.

(What happened? Did something good happen?)

**B** : 田中さんに クリスマスパーティーに 誘われたんです。

Tanaka san ni kurisumasu pātī ni sasowaretan desu.

(I was invited to a Christmas party by Tanaka-san.)

プレゼントは なにが いいでしょうか。

Purezento wa nani ga ī deshō ka.

(What would be a good present, I wonder?)



**A** : そうですね。ワインとか 花とか どうですか。

Sō desu ne. Wain toka hana toka dō desu ka.

(Hmm, how about something like wine or flowers?)

**A** : どう したんですか。なにか いやな ことが あったんですか。

Dō shitan desu ka. Nani ka iya na koto ga attan desu ka.

(What's wrong? Did something bad happen?)

**B** : 仕事で 失敗して、社長に 叱られたんです。

Shigoto de shippai shite, shachō ni shikararetan desu.

(I made a mistake in my work and I was scolded by the president.)

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# What's New?

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## Vox Populi Vox Dei: COVID-19 & Foreign Students

(from Asahi Shimbun, October 28, 2021)

There was a boom of foreign students from China to Japan at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The students from China wanted to know what made Japan so strong, enough to beat China in the Sino-Japanese War. They also wanted to absorb the modern science that Japan had learned from Western civilization. The number of the students from China

surpassed 10,000 at maximum in one year, and young Lu Xun was one of them.

He started as a medical student but gradually became an ardent admirer of the literature of Natsume Soseki and Akutagawa Ryunosuke. Tan Romi wrote in his book 'Teito Tokyo o Chugoku Kakumei de Aruku' (*Strolling through the Imperial Japanese capital of Tokyo in search of sites related to the Chinese Revolution*) that Lu Xun was so interested in Soseki that he lived in the house where Soseki had once lived by sharing the rent with his friends. His encountering the literature in this foreign country led to several works like 'The True Story of Ah Q'.

There are still many people from various countries who want to study in Japan, but the COVID-19 crisis proves a formidable obstacle. The Japanese government has stopped issuing nearly any student visas, so the number of the students who came to

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### December Events

**Niihama Go-around Tour** (empirical operation)  
November 13 ~ February 27

Sightseeing bus tour going around six tourist spots in Niihama by a Minetopia's microbus  
Fee: ¥2,000 (including lunch)  
Route:  
Get on at 9:00, Get off at 16:40 at Minetopia

Get on at 9:30, Get off at 17:11 at Niihama Station

Get on at 9:50, Get off at 17:15 at Rihga Royal Hotel

Seat capacity 24

Since the tour is empirically operated and irregular, reservation one day before by telephone is needed.

Tel: 43 1801 Fax: 43 4020

HP (<https://besshi.com/gururibus/>)

### **Akagane Museum**

#### **Exhibition of Thomas the Tank Engine**

What friends on the Island of Sodor taught us  
December 4 (Sat) ~ January 16, 2022

### **Niihama SDGs Art Festival 2021**

December 4 (Sat) ~ January 16, 2022

### Online Information in English from Niihama City

☆ **A Guide for Living in Niihama**



☆ **The Niihama Medical Institution Map**



☆ **How to Sort Your Trash and Garbage**



☆ **What's New? in English**



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