



Title	Language	Starts - Ends
Inception	English	Ends 10 <sup>th</sup>
Salt	English	Ends 9 <sup>th</sup>
The A-Team	English	Ends 24 <sup>th</sup>
Resident Evil: Afterlife (Bio Hazard 4)	English	Starts 10 <sup>th</sup>
BECK	Japanese	Starts 4 <sup>th</sup>
Matataki	Japanese	11 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>
Hissshiken Torisashi (Frantic Sword, Bird Catcher)	Japanese	11 <sup>th</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>
The Last Message: Umizaru	Japanese	Starts 18 <sup>th</sup>

Kimi ni Todoke	Japanese	Starts 25 <sup>th</sup>
Thirteen Assassins	Japanese / PG12	Starts 25 <sup>th</sup>
Bayside Shakedown 3: Set the Guys Loose	Japanese	All month
Hanamizuki	Japanese	All month
Pokemon: Phantom Ruler: Zoroark	Japanese / Anime	Ends 12 <sup>th</sup>
Naruto Shippuden 4: The Lost Tower	Japanese / Anime	Ends 12 <sup>th</sup>
Toy Story 3	Japanese Dub / Animation	Ends 17 <sup>th</sup>
The Sorcerer's Apprentice	Japanese Dub	Ends 17 <sup>th</sup>
Kamen Rider W / Tensou Sentai Goseiger	Japanese / Double Feature	Ends 19 <sup>th</sup>
Metal Fight Beyblade / Duel Masters	Japanese / Animation / Double Feature	Ends 30 <sup>th</sup>
The Karate Kid ("Best Kid")	Japanese Dub	Ends 30 <sup>th</sup>
Go! Anpanman: Black Nose and the Magic Song	Japanese / Anime	11 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>
The Borrower Arrietty	Japanese / Anime	All Month



## Movies ending this month

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## Won't you join us for a round of Park Golf?

Have you ever heard of "park golf"? Perhaps you've seen people, early in the morning or on a day off, on the grass with something that looks like a golf club and colorful balls. If you have, that is park golf. Both young and old, male and female can participate in this easy sport.

Park golf was born in 1983 in Obihiro's neighboring town of Makubetsu. It was named park golf simply because it was first played in a park.

Park golf is less about technique and more about manners and etiquette. If you participate, please be mindful of others while playing and help keep everything clean and fun. Furthermore, communication is critical. It is important that those who know how to play the game convey the rules to those who do not. We should all keep in mind, both young and old, that communication is important, while having fun!

We will be holding a park golf event this year as always, but the time and location have not yet been determined. When a location has been determined, posters will be put up at both JICA and the Tokachi International Relations Center. Once they are, please sign up!

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This year's park golf event is sponsored by the Obihiro Committee for International Friendship.

## A message from our new CIR, Hector



Hello everyone, my name is Hector Atom Posadas, and I started working as a CIR in the Tokachi International Relations Center in early August. You can call me Hector. My second name Atom was most likely an influence of my parents' physics background. My family name Posadas comes from the Spanish word for "inn", also known as "ryokan" here in Japan.

I come from Quezon City, the largest and most populous city in the National Capital Region of the Philippines. I also lived for some time in Indonesia and Singapore during my senior high school and university years. I previously worked in the Philippines as a coordinator/translator for a Japan-based software company before I came to Japan. I like cooking, driving, and building Gundam plastic model kits.

I have been to Tokyo a number of times before, but this is my first time to Hokkaido. Although it has been quite hot and humid recently (even hotter than the hottest days in my tropical hometown), I think Obihiro is a very beautiful city, and one that I can call home for many years. I heard that the weather should be getting cooler soon, and as I have never been through a Hokkaido winter before, I'm looking forward to the new experiences and opportunities it will bring.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Obihiro citizens, especially my colleagues at work who have been very kind and helpful to me. As a CIR, I hope I can return the favor by helping others in similar situations as mine. I will also work hard to promote the exchange of ideas and experiences, as well as foster friendships between the citizens of Obihiro and the rest of the world.

Please feel free to talk to me if you see me in Obihiro or anywhere in Hokkaido. I look forward to meeting you all. As we say in the Philippines, mabuhay!

**Hector Atom Posadas is the newest CIR in Obihiro. He arrived at the start of August and can be found at the TIRC**

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## A Goodbye Message from departing CIR, Tun

### Let's meet again!

Up until now I have been the one to send off a lot of international students, JICA participants and other people who have come to Obihiro, but now the time has come for me to leave. Time flies. 4 years and 4 months has passed since I've come to Obihiro. During the past 4 years I've met a lot of people, been introduced to delicious food, seen the wonderful nature of the area, and was able to experience a lot of things I would not have been able to elsewhere.

There are a lot of things I won't be able to forget about from my time here, but in particular I will never forget all of the people from all over the world and all of the kids I was able to meet.

To put it frankly, leaving is tough, but less than feelings of sadness, my heart is filled with feelings of happiness and thanks for all the people I was able to meet during my stay here.

4 years is a long time but it felt very short. The time spent here was one of the most important parts of my life. It was a very enriching 4 years. I give my deepest thanks to everyone from the bottom of my heart.

My job here working for the city of Obihiro consisted of 3 things: advancing international relationships (creating a welcoming environment, promoting relationships with other cities); advancing international cooperation (promoting agricultural techniques, promoting mutual trade relationships); creating an environment that is more international (creating an easier to live in environment for foreigners, promoting exchange student programs, promoting networking among residents, promoting internationalization).

In those jobs, the one I had particular interest in was internationalizing the city. Over the past 4 years I have put a lot of effort into this activity. My motivation was to try and make Obihiro an easier place for foreigners to live, help the citizens of the area have opportunities for cultural exchanges, creating networks, having discussions about life (providing information about administration, medical care, legal, etc.), and information to make living in the area easier for everyone. My goal was



always to make it easy as possible for people to get information as easily as possible. However, this is not something I could simply do by myself, and with the help of a large number of Obihiro's citizens and international students at the Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, we were able to accomplish a lot. But there is still more that can and should be done.

I was hoping to be able to spend another 2 years or so in Obihiro, working along with everyone, but in September, I am unfortunately leaving Obihiro. In order to pursue my dream I will be heading to Hokkaido University's Public Policy Department as a graduate student, where I will be studying to get closer to my future goals.

I won't be returning to my home country, I will be heading to Sapporo, so I will probably return to Obihiro to visit from time to time. When that time comes I hope everyone will welcome me back. If you are ever in Sapporo, please contact me, we'll go out to eat and have a drink together.

With that I say good bye until we meet again.

**Khin Maung Tun has been a CIR working at the Tokachi International Relations Center for over 4 years and we wish him the best of luck in his future and hope he comes back to visit often.**

When	What	Where/Contact #
9/4-9/5 (Sat-Sun)	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Annual All Japan Gate Ball Tournament</b>	芽室南公園運動広場他 Memuro South Park Exercise Plaza TEL 0155-62-9725
9/5 (Sun)	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Annual Obihiro Health Festival</b>	帯広市保健福祉センター Obihiro Health and Welfare Center TEL 0155-25-9721
9/18 (Sat) 14:00 - 15:00	<b>Story Telling Around the World:</b> This month we will be reading a children's book from France in both French and Japanese. We will also play some games and have a good time. For kids and people interested in storytelling. <b>RSVP by TEL, FAX, or email.→</b>	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
9/18 (Sat)	<b>International Talk Night:</b> This month's talk will be about Egypt. <b>RSVP by TEL, FAX, or email.→</b>	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
9/23-9/25 (Thurs-Sat)	<b>2010 Obihiro Shrine Fall Festival:</b> Celebrate the anniversary of the creation of the shrine. There will be lots of fun things to do, see, and eat so please come check it out!	帯廣神社他 Obihiro Shrine (Hwy 38, East 3) TEL 0155-23-3955
9/23 (Thurs) 9:00~14:00	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Obihiro Taisho Mayqueen Festival:</b> The may queen potato harvest is in!	大正ふれあい広場 Downtown Taisho (South of Obihiro on 236) TEL 0155-64-4591
9/25 (Sat)	<b>Potluck Night:</b> Come join us for a night of fun and make some new friends! Make sure you bring something delicious along to share with everyone! If you cooked it yourself that's great, but if you don't cook feel free to bring drinks or store bought food. <b>RSVP by TEL, FAX, or email.→</b>	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
9/26 (Sun) 10:00 - 13:30	<b>Fall Tea Ceremony:</b> Take a break from your busy schedule to relax and enjoy some traditional Japanese Tea. The head sensei will teach you about the various tools and meanings behind the decorations, etc. Signup deadline is September 24th. Sign up now before all spots fill up! For detailed information please see last month's WHIO article. <b>RSVP by TEL, FAX, or email.→</b>	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp