

## 4th Multicultural Festival!

Join us for a night of fun and learn about other cultures!

It's that time of the year again to discover the various cultures of the world at the Multicultural Festival. Last year, over 300 people came to the Tokachi International Relations Center (TIRC) to see and enjoy the cultural exhibitions and performances from around 30 different countries. This year marks the fourth installment of the event, and we hope to create an even more spectacular cultural display, with participants from more countries performing for an even bigger audience.

The annual Multicultural Festival is an event that aims to increase cross-cultural awareness and promote a society of multicultural coexistence, with the theme of "From the World to Obihiro, from Obihiro to the World". It is organized by the Committee for the Improvement of the City with support from the City of Obihiro, the Obihiro University International Students Association, and many other local organizations. This year's Multicultural Festival will be held on the 28th of November (Sunday) at the TIRC.



Last Years Festival

In order to continue the success of this event, we need your help! We are looking for international residents and visitors who can introduce their own culture through performance, dance, or fashion. You can play your country's traditional musical instrument, showcase your country's unique dance moves or martial arts, or just wear your country's traditional clothes proudly and take part in the fashion show. It will be a great opportunity to introduce your own culture while meeting people from all over the world.

If you are interested, please visit us at the TIRC or contact us through the following:

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第4回国際文化祭は11月28日(日)に森の交流館・十勝で開催します。踊りや歌の披露を通して世界中の文化を楽しむことができます。母国の踊りや歌、伝統楽器の演奏、民族衣装のファッションショーに参加したい在住外国人を募集していますので、是非ご応募ください。  
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### Event Details

**Date:** November 28<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)  
**Time:** 18:00 to 20:00  
**Location:** Tokachi International Relations Center (TIRC) (West 20 South 6)  
**Price:** FREE!  
For more info contact **Hector** at the TIRC  
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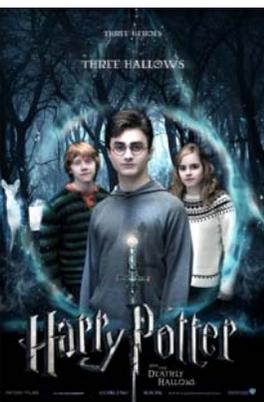
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The Expendables	English (R15+)	Ends 18 <sup>th</sup>
Eat Pray Love	English	6 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>
Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 1	Japanese	Starts 19 <sup>th</sup>
Mobile Suit Gundam 00 The Movie	Japanese / Anime	Starts 27 <sup>th</sup>
Thirteen Assassins	Japanese	Ends 12 <sup>th</sup>
Kimi Ni Todoke: For Me To You	Japanese	Ends 26 <sup>th</sup>
The Incite Mill	Japanese	Ends 26 <sup>th</sup>



Kimi ga Odoru, Natsu (You Dance, Summer)	Japanese	6 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>
Ghost: I want to embrace you once more	Japanese	Starts 13 <sup>th</sup>
Akunin (Villain)	Japanese (PG12)	Starts 27 <sup>th</sup>
Umizaru: The Last Message	Japanese	All Month
Ooku (Oh! Oku)	Japanese	All Month
Raiou	Japanese	All Month
SP: The Motion Picture (Yabou-hen)	Japanese	All Month

### Movies ending

#### this month

Kimi ga Odoru, Natsu  
Thirteen Assassins  
The Expendables  
Knight and Day  
Kimi ni Todoke  
The Incite Mill  
Eat Pray Love



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# November Events in Tokachi and Obihiro



4th Multicultural Festival



Chrysanthemum Festival



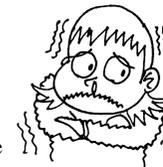
Manpuku Festival

## Winter Preparedness

### *It's getting colder!*

Winter is just around the corner and it's important to be ready for it, especially if you're from a warmer climate and have never had to deal with the joys the cold weather brings.

**Anyone from a colder area** should already be familiar with what needs to be done as the temperature drops, but for those of you who are from warmer areas here are some tips on how to survive the winter.



Another thing to keep in mind is that home construction in Japan isn't always concerned with having things insulated properly so you need to keep on eye on your plumbing to **make sure the pipes don't freeze**. While it is tempting to keep that door to the bathroom closed it might be a better idea to keep it open so warm air from the living areas can make its way in and keep things from freezing.

First of all you should make sure you are prepared from a clothing standpoint. If you don't already have one, get yourself a nice winter jacket. Keeping your core warm goes a long way towards keeping the rest of you warm in the cold. Expect the temperatures to drop down around -20°C in January and February. That may seem like a long way off but it sneaks up on you fast. Also invest in a good pair of winter boots, it will make any time you spend outside much more enjoyable. You should also consider purchasing some nice warm long underwear, they really do make life much more enjoyable in the winter, especially for those individuals who have to wear dress pants to work (those things aren't exactly designed to be warm).

Another thing to seriously consider purchasing, especially if you own a car or live in a house, is a snow shovel. When the snow starts to fly you're going to be very happy to have one. Don't know what to do with the snow? No worries, apparently you can purchase machines to melt the snow. Just toss the snow in the box and it will be heated up and melted.

You should also make sure you have plenty of warm blankets and a heater for your house if it doesn't already have one. Remember to be careful if you are using a kerosene heater, it is very easy to suffocate from the fumes so please exercise caution if you are using one.



Watch For Burst Pipes!

帯広・十勝の冬は寒いので、非常に気をつけてください。気温は-20度以下に下がる可能性があるため、特に水道凍結に気をつけなければなりません。そして、自分の体を大事にしましょう。暖かい服がなければ、購入するべきです。車を持っている方は冬のためのタイヤを交換しましょう。

#### Japanese Corner

冬(ふゆ)	Fuyu	Winter
寒い(さむい)	Samui	Cold (weather)
冷たい(つめたい)	Tsumetai	Cold (touch)
雪かき(ゆきかき)	Yukikaki	Snow Shoveling
スコップ	Sukoppu	Snow Shovel/Scoop
長靴(ながぐつ)	Nagagutsu	Rubber Boots (help keep your feet dry when things get slushy)
タイヤ交換(たいやこうかん)	Taiya Koukan	Tire Change (remember to put winter tires on your car before it snows)
加湿器(かしつき)	Kashitsuki	Humidifier (help combat the dryness of winter)
元栓(もとせん)	Motosen	Stopcock (to shut off water main)
水道凍結(すいどうとうけつ)	Suidoutouketsu	Freezing of water pipes (happens a lot in Obihiro)

When	What	Where/Contact #
10/28 - 11/3 (Thurs - Wed) 9:00-16:00	<b>41st Chrysanthemum Festival:</b> (第41回帯広菊まつり) Come enjoy a fun fall flower themed festival. This is one of the 3 largest festivals in Obihiro, so come join in the fun! Entry Fee is ¥300 for high school students and older, ¥150 for groups (of 20 or more), and Free for children and the disabled (※must provide certificate of proof of disability)	帯広市中央公園北側広場 Obihiro Central Park - North Side Plaza (West 3 South 6) TEL 0155-22-8600
11/3 (Wed) 10:00-12:00	<b>Tokachi Daiheigen Exchange Center Harvest Festival:</b> (とち大平原交流センター収穫体験まつり)	とち大平原交流センター Tokachi Daiheigen Exchange Center 0155-53-4780
11/7 (Sun) 11:00-13:30	<b>Japanese Food Culture Festival:</b> (日本食文化紹介講座) This is one of famous event introducing Japanese food culture in Obihiro. Fee is free. Participants: only international people. Please register by TEL, FAX, or Email	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 ono.tirc@gmail.com
11/20 (Sat) 10:00-11:30	<b>Kids' Playground:</b> (キッズ・プレーグラウンド) Want to have fun with your kids on the weekend? Bring them to our playground! They can play and interact with Japanese kids and you can make friends with other parents! Babies and infants from 0 to 6 years old are welcome!	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
11/20 (Sat) 19:00-21:00	<b>22nd International Talk:</b> (第22回インターナショナル・トーク) This months talk will be about the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. Please register by TEL, FAX or Email	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
11/21 (Sun) 10:00-12:00	<b>Winter Tea Ceremony:</b> (冬のお茶会) Come join us for a traditional Japanese Tea Ceremony. Free for the first 42 people. There will be 3 tea serving sessions and 1 tea ceremony manners session. Please signup by the 17th (Friday).	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
11/20-11/21 (Sat - Sun) 10:00-16:00	<b>All Tokachi Manpuku ("I'm Full") Festival 2010:</b> (オール十勝まんぶくフェスタ2010) A large array of freshly harvested crops from the Tokachi area, fresh seafood and dairy products have been lined up! Come join us at the track and eat till you're stuffed!	帯広競馬場 Obihiro Horse Racing Track 0155-65-4169
11/28 (Sun) 18:00-20:00	<b>4th Multicultural Festival:</b> (第4回国際文化祭) Come enjoy traditional dance and musical performances from all over the world, including a cultural fashion show.	森の交流館・十勝 Tokachi International Relations Center TEL 0155-34-0122 FAX 0155-34-0165 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp