

The 10th Multicultural Festival: Photo Contest & Performers

The Tokachi International Relations Center (TIRC)'s annual 「Multicultural Festival」 has reached its 10th anniversary! To celebrate, there will be a special photo contest open to anyone. This year's theme is "Peace on Earth." Photos must be original works that display this year's theme. Submit to have your work displayed on the TIRC Facebook page and a chance to win some wonderful prizes!



"Peace begins with a smile"

『平和は笑顔から始まる』

Smiles of Korean and Japanese students: 韓国入留学生と日本人大学生の笑顔
Photographer: Gan Bongkoch(Thailand) from Tokachi International Relations Center

Above: Photo contest example entry
Below & left: Performers from last year.



As always, the Multicultural Festival will include performances and a fashion show of cultures from all around the world. As part of this world, you too can be a part of this international festival!

10th Multicultural Festival Performer/Fashion Show Participants

Rehearsal: Nov. 25 from 18:00

Performance: Nov. 26 16:00~18:30

Performer Requirements:

- Anyone who can dance, sing, do martial arts, or play a musical instrument
- Performance must be 10 mins long
- Standard stage equipment will be available; please provide your own CDs, instruments, costumes, etc.
- Performance/transportation fees will not be provided

Fashion Show Participants:

- Anyone who wants to wear traditional clothes for the fashion show

Apply by Nov. 12

10th Multicultural Festival Photo contest entry rules:

- Must be an original work displaying the theme, "Peace on Earth"
- Retouched photos will be accepted
- Must be submitted by Nov. 11, 17:00
- Write your name, country, school/company name, and address
- Provide a description with your photo
- Size: up to 5 MB (JPEG)

Send to mcf-fotocon@gmail.com
Please wait for a confirmation email.

For any questions, applications, comments, please contact **Coordinator Gan** at the Tokachi International Relations Center!

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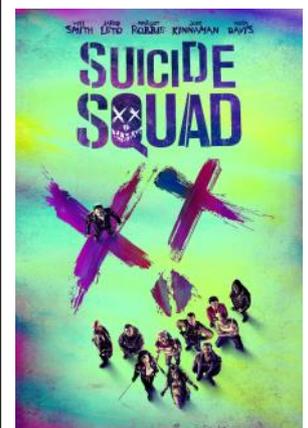
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Events at TIRC and in Tokachi and Obihiro

When	What	Where/Contact
9/10 and 24 (Sat) 16:00-18:00	Japanese Conversation and Learning Table Improve your Japanese language skills in a friendly environment. Japanese volunteers will be there to help you.	Tokachi International Relations Center 森の交流館・十勝 0155-34-0122 tirc@city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp
9/14 (Wed) 19:00-21:00	International Mini-Volleyball Night Meet new friends from around the world while enjoying a fun and easy sport.	
9/17 (Sat) 10:00-11:30	37th Kids Playground Come with your children to learn and play while meeting local families. This month, you can enjoy the Halloween themed games, hand plays and stories with teachers from an English conversation school.	
9/24 (Sat) 18:00-19:30	57th International Talk Learn more about the countries of the world and exchange ideas with other participants. This month's an Obihiro University International Student from Greece will talk about Greece's history, culture, customs and more.	
9/2 (Fri) 17:00-21:00 9/3 (Sat) 10:00-21:00 9/4 (Sun) 10:00-16:00	Tokachi Marche とかちマルシェ Enjoy local Tokachi cuisine, fresh local produce, other packaged foods, and stage events.	Obihiro Station and Tokachi Plaza 帯広駅及びとかちプラザ周辺 0155-25-7121, 0155-65-4169 www.tokachimarche.com/
9/3-4 (Sat-Sun) 19:00-20:30	Honbetsu-Kirameki Town Festival 2016 & East Tokachi Fireworks 本別きらめきタウン フェスティバル2016 東十勝花火大会 First day, enjoy 6,000 shots of fireworks show. Second day, have fun with the cute characters show, J-pop music and more.	Toshibatsugawa Riverside Event Grounds 利別川河川敷地特設会場 0156-22-2141 www.town.honbetsu.hokkaido.jp/
9/3-4 (Sat-Sun) 10:00-16:00	Michi no Eki Marche 2016 道の駅マルシェ 2016 Enjoy a flea market, local produce, and food stands. There will be also games for children.	Michi no Eki Nakasatsunai 道の駅なかさつない 0155-68-3390
9/10 (Sat) 10:00-20:00	Space Forest Festival 2016 宇宙の森フェス2016 Enjoy music, art, food, nature and many fun activities in the town of space, Taiki-town.	Kamui Kotan Park Camp Ground カムイコタン公園キャンプ場 uchunomorifes@gmail.com www.uchunomori-fes.com
9/11 (Sun) 10:00-15:00	Tokachi-Obihiro Airport "Sky Day" Aviation Festival とかち帯広空港「空の日」記念航空まつり Enjoy a guided tour of the airport and tower, food stands, a fire truck's water cannon demonstration, and more.	Tokachi Obihiro Airport とかち帯広空港 0155-64-5320 www.city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp/
9/11 (Sun) 9:00-14:30	2016 "Sea and Earth Festival" ; Toyokoro Industry Festival 2016「海と大地の祭典」とよこ産業祭り Local produce and salmon will be on sale. There will also be shows, games, and salmon-catching.	JA Toyokoro Event Ground JAとよこ多目的広場 015-574-2216
9/17 (Sat) 10:00-15:00	Yotsuba Milk Festa ; Tokachi Main Factory Open Day よつ葉ミルクフェスタ十勝主管工場開放 DAY Local milk products will be on sale. There will also be butter & milk factory tours, stage events, raffles, and more.	Yotsuba Tokachi Main Factory Event Ground よつ葉乳業(株)十勝主管工場イベント会場 0155-42-2121
9/18 (Sun) 9:00-14:30	41st Hakurin Park Festival 第41回柏林公園まつり Beef, local produce, and crafts will be on sale. There will also be stage shows and salmon-catching.	Taiki Town Hakurin Park 大樹町柏林公園 01558-6-2114

Fall: The Last Hooray Before Winter!

Especially for those in the English-teaching community, this may be your first time in Hokkaido! Although winter seems to take up majority of the year, we're lucky to have 4 beautiful seasons up north. Your first month (August) has both been regular and irregular at the same time, with the first typhoon(s) to hit Hokkaido in years! We also experienced those famous 30 degree Tokachi days for a short while. Now we are entering Fall, the last chance for most harvesting before everything is covered in white again. In this month's Obihiro Pioneer, we will introduce some of the quintessential things of fall that you've probably never given much thought before.

1. Rice!

A staple part of the Japanese diet, rice is harvested during this time of the year. Although you can buy rice any time of the year, you may not be buying "fresh" rice. Look for the 新米 *shinmai* or "new rice" seal next time you buy a bag!



2. Ginkgo Nuts ぎんなん *gin-nan*

Most non-Asian people have probably never heard of a ginkgo tree, let alone eating from it! During fall, you may notice that your local park may have started to smell like someone hasn't been picking up after their

dog. And on top of that, there has been an increase of older aged visitors walking around with plastic bags.

Chances are, they're out collected fallen ginkgo nuts! The flesh around the nut tends to smell rather foul, but if properly removed and prepared, ginkgo nuts can be healthy! Just don't consume too many at once. They actually contain a small amount of toxin...



3. Being Outside

Obliviously, as the weather cools down, we're less likely to spend time outside in the cold. Fall is a chance to go outside without it being too hot or too cold. In Obihiro City, we have Hokkaido's last



marathon of the year: The Food Valley Marathon. The race usually happens around the end of October, bringing in runners who wear costumes to celebrate Halloween at the same time. This race has 3 different courses for participants of all levels. There will be prizes for winners as well as a raffle for all runners!

Get out there and enjoy the snowless Hokkaido while you can!

Autumn Tea Ceremony 森の茶会～秋～

Whether or not you like it, winter is coming again! But, not without autumn in between! Experience the changing of the seasons while enjoying traditional Japanese tea at the Tokachi International Relations Center's Autumn Tea Ceremony event. There will be 4 tea ceremony sessions in the morning and 2 etiquette sessions in the afternoon.

Autumn Tea Ceremony

•September 25th (Sunday) 10:00–14:30
@ Tokachi International Relations Center Winter Garden

•Open to up to 50 foreign residents of Tokachi & 10 Japanese residents of Obihiro City

*There will be a fee for Japanese residents (300 Yen for a tea ceremony session, 500 Yen for an etiquette session)

•Please register by contacting TIRC 9/2-9/21
Contact: Tokachi International Relations Center



Movies At Cinema Taiyo, in Obihiro

(Nishi 3, Minami 11)
Tel: (0155) 20-1525

Times and movies are subject to change! (for space reasons not all movies are listed)

To confirm, call or check online at: http://www.taiyogroup.jp/cinema/theater/_obihiro/movie.shtml



Title	Language	Dates
Finding Dory	Dubbed	Until 16th
The Jungle Book	Dubbed	Until 24th
Ghostbusters	Dubbed	Until 30th
Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Out of the Shadows	Dubbed	Until 30th
Suicide Squad	Subbed	From 10th

Events Continued

When	What	Where/Contact
9/19 (Mon) 13:30~	Santa Land Concert サンタランドコンサート Enjoy beautiful music at the mountain of Santa. An outdoor concert will be held at Daimaruyamashinrin park in Hiroo town.	Daimaruyama Shinrin park, Hiroo town 広尾町大丸山森林公園 01558-2-0177(Mon-Fri) 01558-2-2111(holiday)
9/23-25 (Fri-Sun)	Rally Hokkaido ラリー北海道 The only international rally event in the country. The rally cars will run on the routes to each places in Tokachi.	Kita Aikoku Community Square, etc. 北愛国交流広場ほか 0155-22-8600 www.rally-hokkaido.com/en
9/24-25 (Sat-Sun) 10:00-15:00	15th Shintoku Shin-Soba Festival 第15回しんとく新そば祭り 併催第22回日本そば博覧会in十勝新得町 Enjoy shin-soba from freshly harvested ingredients. There will be many food stalls, a soba-eating contest and stage shows. First day, there will also be fireworks(18:30-19:30).	Shintoku Nagomi Welfare Center 保健福祉センター「なごみ」 0156-64-0522
9/25 (Sun)	17th Onnetoh Lake's Story 第17回オンネトー物語 Fully enjoy with the nature of Onnetoh lake, nature community classroom and easy-listening concert. Also agricultural products and more will be sold.	Onnetoh National Camping Ground オンネトー国設野営場外 0156-25-6131
9/25 (Sun) 10:00-15:20	41st Urahoro Hometown Festival 第41回うらほろふるさとのみのりまつり A harvest festival with local produce, rice cake-throwing, salmon-catching, stage shows, and prize raffle.	Urahoro Shinrin Park うらほろ森林公園 015-576-2181
6/19-9/11 (Sun) 11:00-16:00	Obihiro Downtown Street Festival 2016 オビヒロホコテン2016 Enjoy various performances and activities, with plenty of local food on sale every Sunday at Downtown Obihiro.	Obihiro West 2 South 8-9/Hirokoji 帯広市西2条南8丁目・9丁目、広小路 0155-23-4510

Obihiro Pioneer can be found at the following locations: Obihiro City Hall, Tokachi International Relations Center, Obihiro University International Center, Obihiro Tourism and Convention Center inside the Obihiro JR Station, Obihiro Public Library, Tokachi Plaza, Cinema Taiyo, Joy English Academy and online at www.city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp (click on "Information for Foreigners")

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