

The 12th Multicultural Festival: Carnival with a Multitude of Performances

The Tokachi International Relations Center (TIRC)'s annual Multicultural Festival is going to be held for the 12th time this November. Catch it on Nov 24th from 16:00 at TIRC!

An exhibition will be held in addition to stage events. This event is also *free of charge*! Participants can also take part in the prize lottery at no extra cost.

Stage events include performances from both local and foreign groups, which showcase dances, songs and musical performances unique to each group's country, as well as a fashion show where models don each country's traditional clothing.



Performances from the 11th Multicultural Festival

Recruiting Performers for the 12th Multicultural Festival

Tokachi International Relations Center is recruiting people (or groups) interested in sharing their culture to the local Japanese people.

Details are as follows:

1. Interested applicants must be able to showcase a *dance, song, martial arts or musical instrument* of their choosing. For those who wish to join the fashion show, you must wear your own traditional costumes.
2. Performance will be held on **Nov 24th (Sat)** from **16:00 to 18:30**; Rehearsals will be held on **Nov 23rd (Fri)** from **15:00 onwards**.

3. Participation is on a volunteer basis and compensation will not be provided. However, light refreshments will be provided.
4. A **maximum** of 10 minutes per group is allotted to performances, and 1 minute per country to the fashion show.
5. The deadline for application is on **Nov 9th (Fri), by 17:00**.

Contact **Gan** @ Tokachi International Relations Center to register or inquire more about the event.

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Events at TIRC and in Tokachi and Obihiro

| When | What | Contact |
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| 9/8, 9/22 (Sat) 16:00-18:00 | Japanese Conversation and Learning Table 日本語講座 Improve your Japanese language skills in a friendly environment. TIRC Winter Garden Fee: Free of charge Organized by the Tokachi International Association | Tokachi International Relations Center 森の交流館・十勝 0155-34-0122 tirc@city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp |
| 9/12 (Wed) 19:00-21:00 | International Mini-Volleyball Night 国際ミニバレー・ナイト Meet new friends from around the world while enjoying a fun and easy sport. TIRC Multipurpose Hall Organized by the Tokachi International Association | |
| 9/15 (Sat) 18:30-20:00 | 69th International Talk (Madagascar) 第69回インターナショナル・ポットラック・ナイト (マダガスカル) Learn more about the countries of the world. Our guest, an exchange student from Madagascar, will introduce his country and share more about Madagascar's bountiful plants and animals. TIRC Winter Garden Fee: Free of charge (no registration required) For junior high school students and older. Organized by the City of Obihiro | |
| 9/22 (Sat) 10:00-11:30 | 49th Kids Playground (Halloween) 第49回 キッズ・プレイグラウンド(ハロウィン) Come with your children to learn and play while meeting local families. In this month's Halloween special, you can enjoy activities such as trick-or-treating, storytelling and much more! TIRC Multi-purpose Hall Fee: Free of charge (no registration required) For children 0-6 years old and their parents/guardians. | |

Events Continued

| When | What | Where/Contact |
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| 9/1 (Sat) - 9/2 (Sun) | Honbetsu Town Festival 2018 East Hokkaido Fireworks Show 第22回本別きらめきタウンフェスティバル2018 東十勝花火大会 The Honbetsu Town Festival 2018 spans two days. The highlight of the first day is a firework show that sets off 6,000 fireworks. The second day's highlights include various performances and Mascot show. | Honbetsu Town Festival Executive Committee きらめきタウンフェスティバル 実行委員会 事務局: 本別町役場計画振興課 http:// www.town.honbetsu.hokkaido.jp |
| 9/29 (Sat) - 9/30 (Sun) | Tokachi Banei Horse Racing Festival とかちばん馬まつり Get to know more about the world's only sleigh pulling horse race, Banei. In addition to stalls selling local cuisine from all over Hokkaido, one of the highlights of this festival is Human Banei Race, where people pull the sleigh instead of horses. | Obihiro Young Entrepreneurs Group 帯広商工会議所青年部 0155-25-7121 |
| 9/29 (Sat) - 9/30 (Sun) | Hokkaido and Shintoku Soba Festival 北海道そば祭り 併催 しんとく新そば祭り This year's Shintoku Soba Festival will be held jointly with Hokkaido Soba Festival to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Hokkaido being named. You can try out different types of soba at this festival. | Shintoku Soba Festival Executive Committee しんとく新そば祭り実行委員会 0156-64-0522 http://sobanosato.com |

Japanese Conversation and Learning Table (TIRC)



Tokachi International Relations Center is recruiting participants for the free Japanese Conversation and Learning Table. Our Japanese language teaching volunteers cater to learners of different levels.

Details for the Japanese Conversation and Learning Table are as follows:

Date and time: 16:00 ~ 18:00, every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

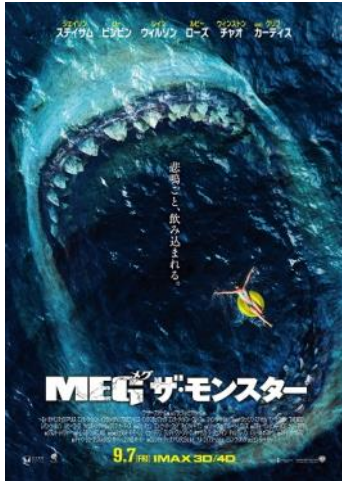
Items to bring along: Writing materials (pen, pencil, notebook etc.)

Contact Jun Jie at TIRC for more information!

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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 |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again! | Jpn Subtitles | All month |
| Incredibles 2 | Dubbed | Until 27th |
| Mission: Impossible— Fallout | Jpn Subtitles | Until 27th |
| Ant-man and The Wasp | Dubbed and Subtitles | All month |
| The Meg | Jpn Subtitles | From 7th |

September Sightseeing Spots in Hokkaido

Autumn in Hokkaido does not last for long. Before the temperatures dips below zero, Obihiro Pioneer recommends that you head out and do some exploring! Today, we will introduce some sightseeing spots in Hokkaido that is off the beaten track. You might want to consider visiting some of these hidden gems!

Catching the Autumn Leaves, Mount Daisetsu (Kurodake)



One of the best things to do in autumn is to catch the autumn leaves! Hokkaido is home to one of the best scenic spots to view the

autumn leaves at Kurodake. What's more, you can do so aboard the Sounkyo Kurodake Ropeway, which gives you a bird's eye view of the scenery!

Lake Notoro, Abashiri



The field of common glasswort surrounding Lake Notoro glows deep red from mid-end September and is a sight to behold.

Sunset on Nusamai Bridge, Kushiro

Crowned as one of the 3 most beautiful sunsets in the world, the sunset on Nusamai Bridge in Kushiro is definitely one not to be missed!



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