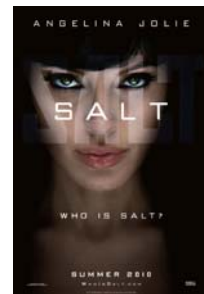
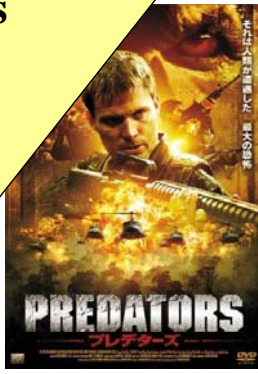


Title	Language	Starts - Ends
Predators	English	Ends Aug 6 th
The Last Air Bender	English	All month
Inception	English	All month
Salt	English	All month
Bayside Shakedown 3: Set the Guys Loose	Japanese	All month
The Sorcerer's Apprentice	Japanese	Starts Aug 13 th

Hanamizuki	Japanese	Starts Aug 21 st
The Karate Kid	Japanese	Starts Aug 28 th
Kamen Rider / Tensou Sentai Goseiger (double feature)	Japanese	Starts Aug 7 th
Toy Story 3	Japanese	All month
Pokemon: Phantom Ruler: Zoroark	Japanese	All month
The Borrower Arrietty	Japanese	All month
Naruto Shippuden 4: The Lost Tower	Japanese	All month
Metal Fight Beyblade / Duel Masters (double feature)	Japanese	Starts 21 st



Movies ending this month



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Japanese Classes

Having problems ordering food? Can't figure out what the sign on that mysterious shop next to your house says? Trouble making friends with people who only speak Japanese? If you don't speak Japanese it can be hard to get anything done! You may have tried to study Japanese on your own, but learning the basics can be very difficult, especially if you don't have a teacher. On top of this, there are absolutely no Japanese language schools in Obihiro or the Tokachi area.

To fill this lack of language instruction, the Tokachi International Association (TIA) in cooperation with the City of Obihiro hold free Japanese language classes in the city. The classes are taught by Japanese volunteers who have experience teaching Japanese as a second language, and each class is a different level with a different curriculum.

If you are interested in studying Japanese (especially the basics), then please come to one of these classes. Already know Japanese, but know someone who doesn't? Please tell them about these classes and encourage them to join. Learning Japanese will not only give you more confidence in your daily interactions, but it will also help you connect with the locals and make your daily life much easier and more enjoyable. Hope to see you in class!



Class details

Beginner 1 Class starts Sept. 21st (Tues.) on the 10th floor of Obihiro City Hall (West 5 South 7) starting at 7pm. This class is for beginners or people who have never studied Japanese before.

Beginner 2 Class starts Sept. 21st (Tues.) on the 10th floor of Obihiro City Hall (West 5 South 7) starting at 7pm. This class is for Advanced Beginners.

Fun Conversation Class starts Sept. 7th (Tues.) on the 10th floor of Obihiro City Hall (West 5 South 7) starting at 10:00am. This class is for people who want to learn about Japanese culture and language in a relaxed atmosphere.

All classes are held once a week, on Tuesdays. Fun conversation class ends on November 9th. Beginner classes end on November 30th.

How to sign up

Contact: Tokachi International Association at

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Heigen Festival & Bon Odori

Come join in the 63rd Annual Obihiro Heigen Festival & 52nd Annual Bon Odori!

The 63rd annual Obihiro Heigen Festival is being held in the center of town on West 2nd and will run from 8/14 until 8/16. During the Heigen Festival we will be holding the 52nd annual Bon Odori, one of the biggest events of the summer!

It's fun to just watch the dancing, but it's much more fun to join in and dance with everyone else! JICA staff, foreign exchange students and other foreigners in the area who were at the Friends of the World event will be joining in the dancing as well.

Foreigners wishing to join the event, please contact the Tokachi International Relations Center.

To Join or if you have questions contact:

Tokachi International Relations Center
TEL 0155-34-0122
FAX 0155-34-0165
E-mail tirc@city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp



Fall Tea Ceremony

We will be holding a fall tea ceremony.

This is for all foreign and Japanese residents of Tokachi to come together and experience one of the oldest parts of our culture. There will be a skilled instructor to serve you and an interpreter as well, so you don't have to worry even if you don't know anything about tea ceremony.

You can just come in and enjoy Japanese culture with us!

Incidentally, the last 2 sessions are special workshops about tea-serving manners.

Date : September 26th (Sun)

Time : 10:00am – 1:30pm

Place : TIRC Winter Garden

Fee : Free (First 70 people)

*1st – 7th (10 people / session) 20min / session

1st: 10:00am~10:20am Tea Ceremony

2nd: 10:30am~10:50am "

3rd: 11:00am~11:20am "

4th: 11:30am~11:50am "

5th: 12:00pm~12:20pm "

Break Time

6th: 1:00pm~1:20pm "

7th: 1:30pm~1:50pm "

Apply by September 24th (Fri)

Tel : 0155-34-0122

Organizer : City of Obihiro

Co-organizer : Northern Regions Center (NRC)

Urasenke Tankokai Obihiro-branch

When	What	Where/Contact #
8/5-8/8 (Thu-Sun)	56th Annual Obihiro Main Street Star Festival	帯広広小路商店街 Obihiro Main Street Shopping District TEL 0155-23-5675
8/7 (Sat)	55th Annual Tokachi Harbor Festival: Come enjoy the cool night air by the harbor and watch the fireworks. In the case of bad weather the event will be moved to Sunday.	十勝港第4埠頭 (広尾町) Tokachi Harbor, Warf 4 (Hirocho) TEL 0155-82-0177
8/8-8/12 (Sun-Thu) 17:00 - 21:00 8/14-8/16 (Sat-Mon) 11:00-21:00	13th Annual G Beer Street: There is nothing better on a hot day than to drink a nice cold beer! Come join in the fun and enjoy a nice cold one in downtown Obihiro!	帯広広小路商店街 Obihiro Main Street Shopping District TEL 0155-23-5675
8/13 (Fri) 19:30 - 20:45	60th Annual Tokachi Fireworks: Come enjoy the fireworks! In case of bad weather the event will be moved to Saturday 8/14.	帯広市十勝川河川敷特設会場 Obihiro Toakchi River TEL 0155-22-7555
8/14-8/15 (Sat & Sun)	4th Annual Obihiro Soba Festival: Come enjoy soba! Don't know what soba is? All the more reason to come and try some!	藤丸デパート7階催事場 Fujimari Department Store – 7th floor TEL 0155-62-3729
8/14-8/16 (Sat-Mon)	63rd Annual Obihiro Heigen Festival & 52nd Annual Bon Odori: One of the top 3 festivals in Obihiro! Come and dance the night away on Sunday the 15 th !	帯広市内中心部 Downtown Obihiro (West 2 nd near the station) 0155-22-8600
8/28 (Sat) 14:00 - 15:00	Story Telling Around the World: This month we will be reading a children's book from Thailand in both Thai and Japanese. We will also play some games and have a good time. For kids and people interested in storytelling. RSVP 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.obihiro.hokkaido.jp
8/28 (Sat)	21st Annual Doushin Tokachi River Fireworks: Come check out the fireworks!	十勝川・十勝大橋下流河川敷 Tokachi River / Tokachi Bridge TEL 0155-24-2154
9/5 (Sun)	25th Annual Obihiro Health Festival	帯広市保健福祉センター Obihiro Health and Welfare Center 0155-25-9721