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ASSOCIATION NEWS

Little Trip Around the World: Vietnam



Are you interested in learning more about Vietnam? The land of the floating markets and terraced rice fields, pho and fresh spring rolls, Vietnam has a rich culture and complex history. Come learn more about this beautiful country with 15 people from Vietnam who are visiting Japan with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Wednesday, October 23, 6:30pm-8pm
Aizu Keikodo, Floor 3 Room 3
Free to attend; RSVP with the AWIA.

Nihongo De Hanasou

We want you to hear your Japanese! Show off how much you've progressed since you started learning the language, or set a goal to advance your speaking skills at our annual Japanese speech event for non-native speakers. To sign up to speak at the event, contact the AWIA by Saturday, November 2nd.

Saturday, November 16th, 10am-12pm
Aizu Keikodo, Floor 3, Rooms 5 & 6



Let's Try Yoga... In Chinese!

Certified yoga instructor and Aizu resident Li Kuiyu will be leading a few relaxing sessions of yoga using simple phrases in Chinese and Japanese. This is a great chance to warm up your body and stay active as the days grow shorter and colder. If you already do yoga, this might be a fun way to meet new people and learn a new language!

Dates: Fridays from November 8–December 20 (6 sessions*), 12pm-1pm

Place: Aizu Keikodo 1st Floor Health Studio

Fee: 300 yen/session for members, 500 yen/session for non-members

What to bring: yoga mat, towel, and water bottle

*You can come to one or all sessions! Sign-up with the AWIA at least two days in advance of each session.

“Nighttime Economy” Event Series



The castle and surrounding grounds will also be lit up from Oct. 18th to Nov. 17th.

Are you on the lookout for fun things to do in the evenings in Aizu? If so, the “Nighttime Economy” event series is just for you! On Saturday evenings through the end of October, the castle will come alive with stage performances, free food and sake, geigi (geisha) performances, and more!

Saturdays through the end of October, from 6:30pm on Tsurugajo Obikuruwa (near the restrooms)

6:30pm—free Aizu sake and snacks

6:45pm—local folk entertainment performances

7:10pm—performances by Higashiyama geigi



Stage schedule:

Oct. 5: Aizu Noh Society, Higashiyama geigi

Oct 12: Aizu Gagaku Society (Japanese classical music), Higashiyama geigi

Oct 19: Gojin (Yosakoi dance), Higashiyama geigi

Oct 26: Daidai Kagura (Shinto theatrical dance), Higashiyama geigi



Tsurugajo Castle Tower Open at Night

On Saturday evenings through the end of October, Tsurugajo Castle Tower will be open until 8pm (last entry at 7:30pm). The fee is 410 yen, the same as in the daytime.

Onsen & Gastronomy Walk



*Monday, October 14, from 10am
Ashinomaki Onsen Area
3,500 yen for adults; 2,500 yen for children*

Enjoy the beautiful natural landscape of the Ashinomaki Onsen area while walking along this 10km course with seven stops for traditional Aizu food and local sake along the way.

For more details and to sign up:

<https://www.sportsentry.ne.jp/entry/t/80841/e>



Kitakata Kirarihaku 2019

*Now until the end of October
Kitakata*



Kitakata Kirarihaku is an annual city-wide fair featuring special desserts, recommended meals, bars, and sake breweries, as well as handcrafted items and experiences such as hot air balloon rides on the 19th and 20th! For more details, check out the event PDF:

http://www.kitakata-kanko.jp/event/event_pdf/pdf_000138.pdf

