

Aizu Wakamatsu International Association's

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MARCH 2020

ASSOCIATION NEWS

## Spring Japanese Classes

Get ready to kick off your Japanese studies in 2020 with our upcoming spring semester of classes! Whatever your level, we'll be sure to match you with a teacher and class that are right for you.

**Thursday evening classes:** April 2-June 18, 6:30pm-8pm

**Friday morning classes:** April 3-June 19, 10pm-11:30am

**For:** Anyone who wants to improve their Japanese in small, individual groups geared to his/her level

**Cost:** 4,000 yen for members / 6,000 yen for non-members (for a total of 12 classes)

**Sign up** by Wednesday, March 25.



## March Mixer Cancelled

The AWIA members' mixer has been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak. We apologize and hope to bring you many more fun events in the future—including our biennial international festival which will take place on Jun 28 this year!



## Fundraising for Masks

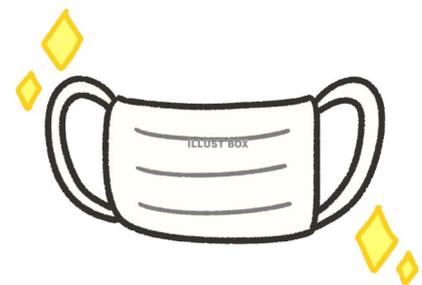
We are fundraising for fask masks and other medical equipment to send to our sister city in China, Jingzhou, which is located next to Wuhan in Hubei Province. If you're interested in aiding the effort, please furikomi your donation to the account below or stop by the AWIA to drop it on our donation box by Tuesday, March 31.

Bank Name: 東邦銀行 (Touhou Ginkou)

Branch: 会津支店 (Aizu Shiten)

Account number: 普通 (Futsuu) 2499357

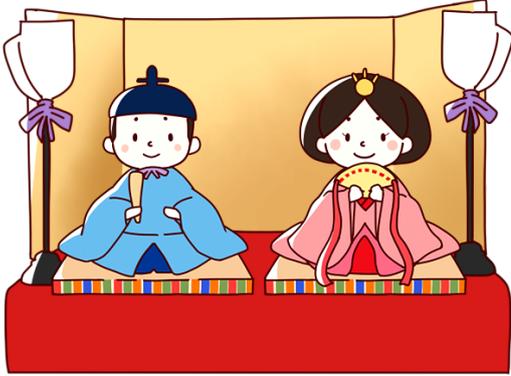
Name: 友好都市荆州市がんばろう募金 (Yuukou Toshi Keishuushi Ganbarou Bokin)



## Hina Dolls Around Town

Aizuwakamatsu, Kitakata, Aizumisato, Aizubange, Inawashiro, and Yugawa

Now until Tuesday, March 3, 2020



You can see valuable hina dolls and hanging scrolls that have been passed down for generations in these six areas. There will be stamps placed in each area, and if you collect them all, you'll be able to enter a lottery to win one of 30 prizes!

In Aizuwakamatsu, stores in the 1.5km stretch between Aizuwakamatsu Station and Noguchi Seishun-dori will be displaying their special hina dolls, so you can enjoy them over a leisurely stroll. The stamp locations are Endo Clock Shop and Seki Pharmacy.

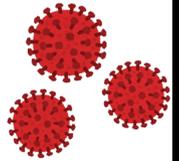
Find out more on the website here: [https://www.gurutto-aizu.com/detail/index\\_238.html](https://www.gurutto-aizu.com/detail/index_238.html)

## Take Care Against Coronavirus

Many scheduled events have been cancelled due to the coronavirus outbreak.

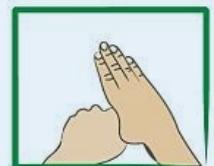
Here is more information about the virus, including what to do if you might have it, and how to protect yourself from it.

- **Coronavirus (COVID-19)** is an infection virus that affects the respiratory system, which causes coughing, fever and pneumonia. The virus is transmitted through coughing, sneezing, and direct contact with contaminated surfaces.
- Please contact the **Aizu Health and Welfare Office (0242-29-5203)** if you have cold symptoms or a fever above 37.5 degrees C lasting four or more days (two or more days for the elderly and those with preexisting health conditions), physical fatigue or trouble breathing.
- You can help prevent the spread of infection the following ways:
  - By not going to work or school if you have a cold or fever.
  - By washing your hands with soap and water or using an alcohol-based disinfectant after going outside
  - By wearing a mask, or sneezing or coughing into a tissue or the crook of your elbow instead of your hands.



## Proper Hand-Washing

- ◇ Lather your hands with soap and thoroughly wash the palms and backs of your hands.
- ◇ Carefully wash your fingertips and around your nails.
- ◇ Wash in between your fingers.
- ◇ Wash your thumbs in a twisting action (see picture to the right).
- ◇ Don't forget to wash your wrists.
- ◇ Rinse the soap off with running water and dry your hands with a clean towel.



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