

Events in October

1	SU	Closed
2	MO	Closed
3	TU	
4	WE	
5	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
6	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
7	SA	10:00 FIND: English Conversation Club
8	SU	Closed
9	MO	Closed (Sports Day Holiday)
10	TU	
11	WE	
12	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
13	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
14	SA	10:00 AtsuHana: Japanese Convo. Club
15	SU	Closed
16	MO	Closed
17	TU	
18	WE	
19	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
20	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
21	SA	9:30 Hello World Club 10:00 JICA Desk 15:00 Farm Visit
22	SU	Closed
23	MO	Closed
24	TU	
25	WE	18:30 Little Trip: Central Asia
26	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
27	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
28	SA	13:30 Newsletter Preparation
29	SU	Closed
30	MO	Closed
31	TU	18:00 Culture of Dracula

Other Information

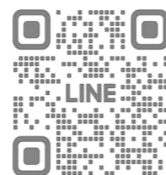
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Use #samuraizu and show off Aizu to the world!

Happy English Time for Kids

A children's Halloween party with AILA! Do Halloween activities, trick or treating, crafts etc. and have a great time! It's a great opportunity to have fun in English with a native English teacher.



Ages: toddlers to elementary aged kids
Date: Oct 28th (Sat) 10:30-11:10
Place: Jonan Community Centre
(1 Chome-11-2, Higashinengu)
Fee: ¥700/person
(includes crafts and candy)
Inquiries: Ozawa (0242-93-7621)



Contact AILA on LINE to sign up

Satellite JICA Desk - Oct 21st 10:00-17:00

Ms. Matsuyama speaks English very well! Come chat with her about her experience in Sri Lanka and Tanzania, etc.
Drop in or make an appointment. (An appointment is best)

Junior College of Aizu Culture Festival

The Junior College of Aizu is holding a Culture Festival! Enjoy different stalls, and activities like a haunted house, casino and more! If you have time, go see the effort the college students have put into their festival.



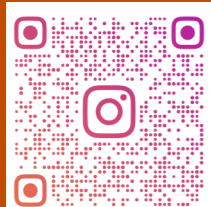
Organizer	Junior College of Aizu
When	Oct 14th (Sat) - 9:00 - 16:30 Oct 15th (Sun) - 9:00 - 14:30
Where	Junior College of Aizu: Ikkimachi Oaza Yahata, Kadota- 1 -1

Call for Newsletter Volunteers!

Come help us fold, stamp, and pack our monthly publications for mailing! No need to sign up, just drop by if you can!

Date: October 28th, Saturday **Time:** 13:30~

Place: Aizu Wakamatsu International Association Office



We're on Instagram!

Follow us for photos and news about our upcoming events!

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<https://facebook.com/awiajp>



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Use this QR Code and access our email form to sign-up for events

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Association News

FIND: English Convo. Club

Come meet people and chat in English! Anyone is welcome, no matter your English level. Play a game, then have time for free talk. Why not speak English with people from all walks of life and maybe make some new friends?

When	Saturday, October 7th 10:00~11:30
Place	Aizu City Learning Centre (Keikodo) 3F Rm 1
Sign Up	Contact mail@awia.jp by Friday Oct 6th

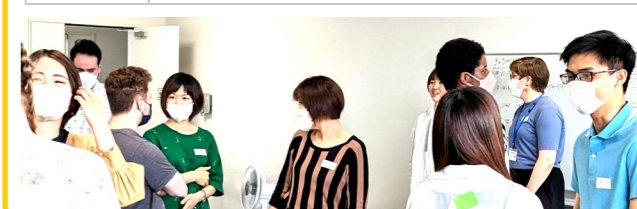


Due to the nature of FIND and AtsuHana, we ask that participants wear masks. Thank you for your understanding.

AtsuHana

Come have fun and talk to others in Japanese! Starting off with a game followed by Free Talk Time, use Japanese in a casual way.

When	Saturday, October 14th 10:00-11:30
Place	Aizu City Learning Centre (Keikodo) 3F Rm 1
Sign Up	Contact mail@awia.jp by Friday Oct 13th



The Culture of The Horror of Dracula



Come freely of your own will to celebrate Halloween with AWIA by exploring the culture, tropes, history and true origin of Dracula! After a culture intro, we'll watch the 1958's Horror of Dracula starring Christopher Lee. Costumes welcome! Come have a good time on Halloween with Dracula!

Date: **Oct 31st (Tue) 18:00-20:00** **Limit:** 15 people
Age: 12+ **Place:** AWIA Office
(2-14 Sakaemachi, Lion D'or Garden Bldg. 5F)
Cost: Members: Free! Non-members: ¥100
Enjoy light snacks and a drink!
Sign-up by **Oct 28th (Sat)** to mail@awia.jp - Re: Dracula

Little Trip Series: Central Asia

Join us on a whirlwind trip through Central Asia with this Little Trip Series! The guests are here as part of a JICA Development Studies Program to Aizu to learn about farming practices. They will introduce their cultures so you can learn about things to see and eat in different areas. 7 countries will be represented, so why not come learn about a wonderful area?



Countries represented:
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Date: Oct 25th (Wed) 18:30-20:00
Place: Aizu City Learning Centre (Keikodo) Rm 3
Limit: 30 people **Cost:** FREE
Sign-up: contact us at mail@awia.jp by **Oct 24th (Tue)**



会津若松市国際交流協会

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AIZU WAKAMATSU INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION

This Month in Aizu

Tsuruga-jo Free English Tours!

Enjoy a **FREE** tour of the Castle grounds!
Select days until November

Want to learn more about Tsuruga-jo Castle and the history of Aizu? Get a free tour in English! A volunteer guide will show you around the Castle grounds, giving you an in-depth look at the history of the Castle. Maybe you'll learn something you never expected!

Place: Tsuruga-jo Tourist Information Centre (観光案内所)

Time: 10:00-15:00 - no reservation needed!



Free!

10:00 - 15:00

DATE	DAY	DATE	DAY
Oct 6	FRI	Nov 3	FRI
Oct 14	SAT	Nov 4	SAT
Oct 20	FRI	Nov 10	FRI
Oct 27	FRI	Nov 18	SAT
Oct 28	SAT		

Tea Ceremony Exhibition + Workshop

Exhibition

Enjoy traditional Japanese tea! This Exhibition celebrates the men who helped shape modern tea ceremony: Sen-no Shoan and Gamo Ujisato. Local Tea Ceremony groups will hold ceremonies for you to join in their different styles. Experience tea ceremony!

Date: Oct 15 (Sun) 10:00-15:00

Place: Tsuruga-jo Castle Grounds

Cost: ¥500/cup

Contact: AizuWakamatsu Tourism Bureau

Workshop/Experience

Have a much more up close and personal Tea Ceremony Experience! Head into the Rinkaku Tea House and enjoy tea and a Japanese sweet while listening to an explanation of tea ceremony. It will be explained simply, so no experience required! (Japanese only) Tea ceremony experiences are usually quite expensive, so this is an amazing opportunity.

Date: Oct 28th(Sat)

11:00, 12:45, 14:00 (~45mins each)

Limit: 6 ppl/session **Cost:** Adult ¥1000 Child ¥800

Sign-up: City Tourism Division (0242-39-1251)

Misato Aizu Wine Fest

10/7 (Sat) + 10/8 (Sun) Enjoy Aizu Wine!

Try a collection of wine from local wineries in Aizu and Fukushima! There will be performances and food stalls, so enjoy what Aizu has to offer!

◆ **Time:** Oct 7th 10:00-17:00 Oct 8th 10:00-16:00

◆ **Place:** AizuMisato Fureai Forest Park (Shimonagao-2398 Tsurunobe, Aizumisato)

◆ **Access:** Shuttle Busses available:

Wakamatsu (¥500 each way)

Close lots (free)

Hongo + Takeda (free)

◆ **More Info:** <https://misatono.jp/blog/event/71440>



Aizu Shiokawa Balloon Fest

10/8 (Sun) + 10/9 (Mon)

See hot air balloons up close and personal!

Place: Nippashi River Green Belt Park (Biwanago Shiokawamachi Tota, Kitakata)

Balloon Flight: 6:30am-9:00am

Night Glow (light up): Oct 8th 17:30-18:00

(Event subject to weather: May be cancelled)

More Info: <https://www.city.kitakata.fukushima.jp/soshiki/sangyo-s/39123.html>



Ozatoro Sight-Seeing Train

Travel the Aizu Tetsudo / Tadami Line! Join this special train tour on the Aizu Tetsudo Railway/Tadami Train Line. Enjoy great food, and see Aizu by train! Try out the Mugenkyou no Watashi Bune (Misty Boat Crossing) and distillery tours!

Date: Nov 17 (Fri) ~7:25~19:00

Cost: ¥2000 (Lunch included)

Meet at: 7:25am @ NishiWakamatsu Stn. (Scheduled to be back at around 19:00)

Sign-up Period: Oct. 2nd (Mon) - 20th (Fri) 9:00-17:00

Contact [Aizu Tetsudo \(0242-36-6162\)](tel:0242-36-6162) to sign up

Aizu COVID-19 Vaccine/Booster Updates

While the situation has calmed down, it is still important to protect yourself against infection. (Vaccines are not mandatory.)

If you are not high-risk, and were last vaccinated/boosted between Sept 16 2022 - May 7th 2023, your next voucher will be sent out starting Oct 10 (Tue). They will be sent out by age, so please keep an eye out.



AWIA Spotlight

Fukushima-Sri Lanka Relations

The Fukushima-Sri Lanka Friendship Association had their first event on Sept 9th. Matsuyama Satomi, who runs the Satellite JICA Desk, helped out alongside a lot of Sri Lankan Aizu Residents. Thanks everyone for your hard work! We asked Matsuyama-san about the Fukushima-Sri Lanka Friendship Association:



The Friendship Associations is currently accepting applications. There are already more than 150 members and we just started! We want to promote projects that can benefit both Sri Lanka and Fukushima. For example, a Tatami Shop in Sukagawa will be sending their tatami to be used in Sri Lankan schools! There are more and more students studying Japanese in Sri Lanka, so this sort of collaboration is great. The Friendship Association is hoping to have Sri Lanka booths at various events, put on classes about Sri Lanka curry and tea, and promote Sri Lankan culture in Fukushima. I personally want to spread the greatness of Sri Lanka and convert more people into fans of the great country. It would be



great to have more Sri Lankan students come study and work here in Fukushima as well.

Japan-China Friendship Association

Aizu's Japan-China Friendship Association is hosting an event! A Gyoza Party and Imoni-kai brings the best of both worlds. Interested in meeting interesting new people and playing a few games? Join the fun!

Date: Oct 7th (Sat) 11:00-14:00 (doors open at 10:30)

Fee: ¥1000 (Students ¥500)

Place: AizuBange Nosonkankyokaizen Center (Tsumumikaeri-2115 Mimyo, Aizubange)

Sign-up by: Oct 5th (Thu) @

mail@awia.jp



Feel free to stop by the event whenever you have time!

Be a Guest on the Radio!

Want a chance to be on the radio? AWIA collaborates with FM Aizu (76.2) with a segment once a week: Chikyuu Marutto Tele-report (World-wide Tele-report). Guests can share their experience of living in Aizu or abroad. Each segment is about 5-10mins, so no pressure! Guests can join live, or come and pre-record their interview. Interested? Contact us!

When: Wednesday Nights ~17:40 (5-10min segment) (interview is in Japanese only)

If you have time, why not listen in?

ON AIR

New Temporary CIR: Jonathan Stockton



Jonathan loves reading both cute stories and scary stories

We have so much going on this fall, with various events, tour guide training, etc. that we've had to call in some reinforcements. Jonathan is joining as a temporary CIR, and is looking forward to trying new things! He's been working really hard to prepare and plan the 'The Culture of the Horror of Dracula' Night, and has watched about 5 Dracula films in preparation. (See the front page for more info, and join us!) Now, let's let him introduce himself:

Hello and nice to meet you! I'm Jonathan Stockton, new temporary staff at AWIA from September. Lately I am being called Jona-chan-san here at the Association.

Originally from the UK, I moved to Japan 6 years ago. Starting out in Hinoemata Village, then moving to Tajima town, this summer I graduated to big city Aizu-Wakamatsu. It's been a wonderful (if sometimes challenging) experience that's allowed me to meet lots of great friends and enjoy many aspects of life here in Aizu. Now I'm excited to lend a hand organizing our upcoming events at the International Association.

My hobby is repairing and using old film cameras to document my life. I'd love to have a real photographic darkroom to develop my own prints someday. Recently I've been reading the charming manga series Yotsubato! and Flying Witch, and challenging my Japanese ability with ghost stories anthology Reiwa Kaidan. My favorite movie right now is Shin Godzilla, but last year it was Ghost in the Shell, then Mad Max: Fury Road. I'm also a big fan of Evangelion and love hearing different people's thoughts on the series.



I'm excited to meet you, so I hope you'll stop by the Association, or come to one of our events sometime soon! Yoroshiku onegaishimasu!