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Hokkaido News Top 5



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Aug 23

Fire ants, a highly venomous species of ant, were found at the Tomakomai international container terminal, located in the Tomakomai ferry terminal's east port area. Two dead worker ants were caught in one of 100 traps. Fortunately, fire ants can't survive in a subzero environment so they are unlikely to reproduce in Hokkaido. If you get bitten by a fire ant and get hives, try to stay calm for about 30 minutes. If you feel that the pain is getting worse, seek medical attention immediately.

Sep 5

Typhoon Jebi (the 21st typhoon of the season and classified as a super typhoon) hit Hokkaido and caused serious damage. Hokkaido experienced strong winds throughout the prefecture, especially in Kutchan Town, where the maximum instantaneous wind speed recorded was 42.4 m/s. 434 building damage reports were submitted, and six people from five cities were injured.

Sep 6

An earthquake reaching a maximum of 7 on Japan's seismic intensity scale struck Hokkaido. The epicenter of the earthquake was located in the eastern Iburi region and was felt throughout the prefecture. Asahikawa City reached an intensity of 4 for the first time in 15 years. The quake crippled public transportation infrastructure, making it hard for citizens to commute. Around 3 million houses were left without power, affecting telephone services as well as information and communication networks.

Sep 15

The Hokkaido government estimates that accommodation reservations for at least 940,000 people were cancelled, causing losses of 11.8 billion yen. The figure jumps to 29.2 billion yen if meal and transportation expenses are included. In addition, this figure is expected to increase as the Japan Ryokan and Hotel Association's Hokkaido branch collects more data from accommodation facilities. The number of tourists visiting Hokkaido reached all-time high last year with 56,100,000 guests.

Sep 16

Reports from the Hokkaido government estimate the damage to Hokkaido's agricultural, forestry, and fishing industries from the earthquake to total 39.7 billion yen. For the agricultural industry, damage caused by sediment accumulating on farm land and the disposal of raw milk due to loss of power totaled ¥11.4 billion; for forestry, large-scale collapses in woodlands and the destruction of paths totaled ¥27.3 billion; and for fishing, damage to port facilities amounted to ¥1 billion.



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Exhibition of Gifts at Gallery Puru Puru**プルプルのおくりもの展**

The works of twelve renowned local Hokkaido artists are being showcased in this exhibition! You'll find a variety of ceramics, glass art, wooden crafts, and stuffed animals—all handmade. Just looking at these carefully crafted works will make you want to give them as a gift. Unlike previous exhibitions, the featured items will even be available for sale! Get one for your family, your friends, or treat yourself for a change!

Date: Now – 11/3 (Saturday)

Time: 10:00-18:00

Venue: Gallery Puru Puru (7-jo dori 8-chome)

Admission: Free

For Further Information Contact: 0166-73-8289

Notes: Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

**Women in Japanese Modern Art****描かれた女たち**

The new rotating exhibition at the Hokkaido Asahikawa Museum of Art will arrive mid-September! It will focus on the female image in Japanese modern art, and will explore the motifs of “form,” “reality,” and “dreams.”

Date: Now – 11/7 (Wednesday)

Time: 9:30-17:00

Venue: Hokkaido Asahikawa Museum of Art

Admission: General ¥1,000, High school ¥600, Junior high and below is free

For Further Information Contact: 0166-25-2577

Notes: The museum is closed on Mondays. If a national holiday falls on a Monday, the museum will close the next day on Tuesday.

**FM Riviere 25th Anniversary Concert****FM りべーる開局25周年記念コンサート**

FM Riviere gives coverage on the region to provide you with info on important events and emergency information. This 25th anniversary concert will feature talk show personalities MORIYAMA Ryo and Madame Keroko. On the main stage, the piano duo “Kenban Danshi” will blow you away! They are well known for their high-speed piano duet performances as well as their ability to turn even pop and rock songs into piano masterpieces.

Date: 10/8 (Monday, Holiday)

Time: Opens 17:30, Starts 18:00

Venue: Asahikawa Taisetsu Crystal Hall, Concert Hall (Kagura 3-jo 7-chome)

Admission: Purchase in advance ¥4,000, Purchase day of ¥4,500

Ticket Office: Gyokkodo, Fukido (Suehiro/Toyoka/Minami 6-jo), Coach and Four, Taisetsu Crystal Hall Shop, FM Riviere

For Further Information Contact: 0166-27-1171

**Asahikawa Eiryō High School Wind Ensemble 3rd Autumn Concert****旭川永嶺高校吹奏楽部 第3回 オータムコンサート**

Come watch talented young musicians at Eiryō High School perform your favorite pieces! Guest saxophonist ORITA Nobotta will play numerous songs with the wind ensemble and dancers from the HAPPY Dance Studio will make an appearance as well! Songs from the program include “Wine-Dark Sea,” “Over the Rainbow,” “September,” “The Sound of Music,” and special songs that the band will play while dancing at the same time!

Date: 10/13 (Saturday)

Time: Opens 17:00, Starts 17:30

Venue: Asahikawa Civic Culture Hall, Large Hall (7-jo-dori 8-chome)

Admission: “S” Seating ¥1,500 (In front of the stage), “A” Seating (Any seating behind the main center pathway), Free seating, Adult ¥1,000 (Purchase day of ¥1,500), High school and under ¥500 (Purchase day of ¥1,000)

Ticket Office: Lawson Ticket (L code: 11653), Asahikawa Civic Culture Hall, Taisetsu Crystal Hall Museum Shop, Yamaha Music Store, Coach and Four, Gyokkodo

For Further Information Contact:

Notes: Tickets for “A” Seating and “S” Seating can only be bought through Lawson Ticket.



“The Newspaper” Comedy Troupe in Asahikawa 2018 ザ・ニューズペーパー in 旭川 2018

“The Newspaper” formed out of three comedy groups that had recently become jobless following the death of Emperor Showa in 1989. They decided to focus their comedy on foreign politics, the economy, recent events, celebrities, and the state of society. They are especially talented when imitating the current and past prime ministers of Japan, almost to the point that you wonder if they are the same people. Watch comedic impersonations of President Trump, Prime Minister Abe, renowned figure skater HANYU Yuzuru, and more!

Date: 10/23 (Tuesday)
Time: 1st Showing Opens 13:30, Starts 14:00. 2nd Showing Opens 18:00, Starts 18:30
Venue: Asahikawa Public Hall (Inside Tokiwa Park)

Admission: Reserved seating ¥4,000

Ticket Office: Machinaka Bunkagoya, Gyokkodo, Coach and Four, Junkudo, Asahikawa Civic Culture Hall, Asahikawa Civic Theater, Kodomo Fukido, Ticket Pia (P code: 487-979)

For Further Information Contact: 0166-23-2801



HAPPY Dance Studio Recital JOYFUL Vol. 2

HAPPY ダンススタジオ発表会 JOYFUL Vol. 2

Get ready for HAPPY Dance Studio's second-ever recital! About 70 children will be dancing their hearts out on stage, so come out and root them on! If you have a child interested in dancing or getting active, this is a great opportunity to introduce them to dance!

Date: 10/27 (Saturday)
Time: Opens 17:00, Starts 17:30
Venue: Asahikawa Public Hall (Inside Tokiwa Park)

Admission: General ¥1,000

Ticket Office: Happy Dance Studio (Toyooka 8-jo 8-chome 1-4)

For Further Information Contact: 0166-74-6099

Notes: There is no designated parking for the recital. Please either use public transportation or paid parking.



2018 Final Concert For Kenya

2018 ファイナルコンサート フォー ケニア

31 years ago, Bert CHIBA received a letter from a woman in New York helping children throughout the world. In it were six pictures of children in need, and 3-year old Habiba Kalif's picture spoke to him. He sent her ¥7,000 yen a month until she turned 18, and then set his sights on helping an even larger number of children. He decided to sing and raise money for children in need and has held 35 concerts so far in both Asahikawa and Sapporo. Thanks to donations through his concerts, a school called the “Dream Room” has been completed. By attending this concert, even you can make a difference in the lives of Kenyan children!

Date: 11/1 (Thursday)
Time: Opens 17:30, Starts 18:00
Venue: Community Support Center CoCoDe (Miyamae 1-jo 3-chome)

Admission: ¥1,000 (All money goes to Kenya), High school and under is free

For Further Information Contact: 080-6096-7957 or email rebirthad2011@yahoo.co.jp



Big Band Jazz Swing Messengers Orchestra 17th Charity Concert

ビッグ・バンド・ジャズ スイング・メッセンジャーズ・オーケストラ 第17回 チャリティー・コンサート

The Swing Messengers Orchestra is bringing back all of your favorite songs from musicals and movies in a big band jazz concert! Hear songs from “West Side Story,” “The Sound of Music,” “Mary Poppins,” “Rhapsody in Blue,” and much more!

Date: 11/4 (Sunday)
Time: Opens 18:00, Starts 18:30
Venue: Asahikawa Taisetsu Crystal Hall, Concert Hall (Kagura 3-jo 7-chome)

Admission: Purchase in advance ¥1,500, Purchase day of ¥1,800, Elementary school and under is free

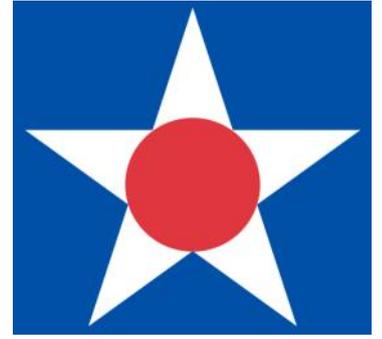
Ticket Office: Yamaha Music Store, Kawai Music Shop, FM Revier e, Asahikawa Civic Culture Hall Ticket Shop, Asahikawa Taisetsu Crystal Hall Shop, Fukido, Coach and Four

For Further Information Contact: 090-2053-5582 (Ask for MURAOKA)



EVENTS IN ASAHIKAWA FOR OCTOBER

Explore Asahikawa!



In this edition we interviewed Ms. Tajika, the owner of Organic Restaurant 0831. In a city with scarce vegetarian and vegan options, Ms. Tajika opened her shop hoping to introduce tasty and innovative vegetable dishes to the public and help people eat healthier! Read more about Organic Restaurant 0831 and Ms. Tajika's thoughts in the interview below!

AIC: Did you set your sights on becoming a chef from when you were younger?

Ms. Tajika: No, I didn't. My family had a business selling kamaboko (fish cakes) out of our family home, so when I got older I started working for them.

AIC: So how did you become interested in health foods?

Ms. Tajika: I never imagined that I would be working at a restaurant. When my son was a child he suffered from asthma, so we went to a hospital and they gave him medication for it. When he took the medication the symptoms were repressed, but I was wondering if there was anything else I could do to help my son's health. When he was in fifth grade in elementary school a transfer student came to his school, and the transfer student's mother recommended that we eat genmai (brown rice) because it's better for your health. After that, we started eating it in our own home and I've been interested in food and health ever since.



An original, homemade veggie burger is now on the menu!



A variety platter with genmai, cutlet, seasoned vegetables, kiriboshi daikon, and more!

AIC: Why did you decide to open up your own shop?

Ms. Tajika: I'm 70 now, and about 20 years ago I ran a restaurant similar to this one. This will probably be my last chance to run a shop, so I want to take this opportunity to spread the message of healthy food. Good food can help you live a happy and healthy life. I probably won't be able to run a shop when I'm 80 or 90, so I am doing it now!

AIC: What kind of food do you serve here?

Ms. Tajika: Vegetables. We only have vegetables (laughs). We don't use any meat or fish, and we also try to avoid using sugar in our cooking. However, we do use just a little bit in the pound cake on our dessert menu.

AIC: Why did you decide on vegetables and vegetarian food?

Ms. Tajika: Eating lots of vegetables can help promote healthy blood, and eating too much meat can have an adverse effect on your blood health. It's important to have a diverse diet that has good balance. People may eat a lot of meat at home, so when they come here they can be sure to balance out their diet and get a lot of veggies.

AIC: Why did you decide on the name "Organic Restaurant 0831"? Specifically, why "0831"?

Ms. Tajika: The 0831 can be read O-ya-sa-i in Japanese. ("o-yasai" or "yasai" in Japanese is "vegetable")

AIC: Wow. I can't believe I missed that (laughs).

Ms. Tajika: That's why I was thinking about doing something special on August 31st. Maybe a buffet... we'll see!



Linguine with marinara sauce



Freshly baked carrot cake. Yum!

AIC: Do you have any goals from here on out?

Ms. Tajika: We're only open during lunch hours right now, but we hope to open for dinner hours as well in the near future. We were thinking 6-7pm would be just right. That way, customers that can't make it during the day can still come and enjoy our food.

AIC: What are some popular items on your menu?

Ms. Tajika: I like making vegetables taste like other foods that people are more familiar with. For example, one of our dishes is a deep-fried daikon radish. It's not a traditional way of preparing daikon in Japan, so people are thrilled when they taste it and find out what it really is. Our most popular menu item is our Grilled Carrot. We take a large, whole carrot and roast it slowly for an hour and a half. We then add a special homemade sauce for flavor. We love creating original vegetable dishes that surprise our customers. We don't use meat like beef and pork in our cooking, so we take vegetables and prepare them so that they taste similar to meat dishes everyone recognizes. Every morning we decide what our lunch special will be and we post it on our Facebook page, so many people decide to go with that!



A lunch set combo with a smoothie, coffee, soup, and pumpkin bread!

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Ms. Tajika: We also have an Amazake Berry Smoothie that is popular with customers. Amazake has many vitamins as well as digestive enzymes so it is incredibly beneficial for digestion. Since there are many people that don't like to drink it plain, we found that by mixing it in a smoothie, these people can still enjoy the benefits of drinking amazake. We always make sure to bring it out before the meal! In addition, we add different fruits and vegetables into the smoothie depending on the season. Right now we are growing a lot of raspberries in our garden so the current smoothie we have is raspberry-banana. In the fall, we serve an apple-carrot smoothie. We want our smoothies to capture the best flavors in each season.



Different flavors available depending on the season



Veggie burger set with chips and a smoothie!



**On the move?
Get a bento lunch box to go!**

AIC: **Lastly, please give a message for our readers!**
Ms. Tajika: Of course I like having vegetable-lovers come into the restaurant, but I'd actually love it even more if people who didn't like vegetables came in. I want to show them that adding just a little bit more vegetables into their diet can help them live an even happier and healthier life—and it can taste good, too! You are what you eat after all. There was some research in America conducted a while back that showed that excess sugar in your diet leads to variety of health complications, and the same is true with meat. Of course, people who practice martial arts or have physically demanding jobs need to eat enough meat or they may lack the energy to do their work, but I think regular people can afford to eat a little less. Lastly, one of our staff can speak English fluently, so you won't have to worry about a language barrier here. We're looking forward to having you visit!

0831 Staff: What I like about the restaurant is that it's the only vegan place in town, and I like seeing visiting vegan foreigners coming in and digging in the food. It feels like bliss for us, and hopefully for them too!

We would like to thank Ms. Tajika of Organic Restaurant 0831 for granting us the opportunity for an interview. Thank you for reading and be sure to visit at: 4-jo-dori 7-chome, Cross Building 1F. TEL: 090-5952-6809





Hello Asahikawa!

Name: Ji Ga Young
Home Country: South Korea
Interviewed: September 12th, 2018

If you live in Asahikawa or are just passing through and would like to be interviewed for "Hello Asahikawa," email us at cir_kokusai@city.asahikawa.hokkaido.jp!

AIC: **Let's start this interview! What brings you to Japan?**
Ga Young: I'm a civil servant working here as a part of an exchange program between the sister cities of Asahikawa and Suwon. Every year, a new civil servant is sent from Suwon to Asahikawa and vice versa.

AIC: **Welcome! So you must be from Suwon, right?**
Ga Young: Yes, I am from the city of Suwon in South Korea. It is the largest city in South Korea's most populous province. The population is about four times as big as Asahikawa's, so it's crowded wherever you go.

AIC: **Do you have a favorite place in Asahikawa?**
Ga Young: I love Don Quijote. I think Korean people would really like this type of shopping mall.

AIC: **You can buy almost anything there! So, do you have any hobbies?**
Ga Young: I have been doing Pilates for the past two years, but there aren't any Pilates classes near me so I have been watching videos and doing exercises at home.

AIC: **Is there anything you like about Japan or Asahikawa in particular?**
Ga Young: I love Japanese festivals. Especially the fireworks! You don't get very many chances to see fireworks in Suwon...



AIC: **Do you like snowboarding or skiing? Have you ever been?**
Ga Young: I've actually never been skiing or snowboarding. Not even once. I want to try learning some winter sports once it starts snowing.

AIC: **Is there anything you miss about your home country?**
Ga Young: I want to see my boyfriend... Of course, my family and friends as well!

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AIC: What other languages do you speak?
Ga Young: I can speak a little bit of Japanese—enough not to starve. If I were living in an English-speaking country I think I would have already starved to death by now (laughs).

AIC: How long do you plan to be in Asahikawa?
Ga Young: Until May of next year.

AIC: Lastly, how do you feel about Karaoke?
Ga Young: I don't really like it that much. Back in Korea I was forced to go with my superiors at work so I have a lot of bad memories. At work parties we would usually go eat at a restaurant, go somewhere for a drink after, and then go out for karaoke. I really just wanted to go home!

AIC: That sounds awful. I wouldn't like it either. Thank you so much for letting me interview you!
Ga Young: You're welcome!



★ Movies ~ October ★

*The 1st day of every month is “Movie Day” in Asahikawa. Admission (tax included) is ¥1,100 for Adults, ¥800 for High School Students and Under at all theaters.

*<Aeon Cinema Only> Every Monday is “Happy Monday.” Admission is ¥1,100 (tax included) for all.

★ **Aeon Cinema:** Miyashita-dori 7-chome / 0166 – 74 – 6411

URL: cinema.aeoncinema.com/wm/asahikawa (Japanese)

Now Showing

- Sweet Bean (Japanese)
- Chiri Tsubaki (Japanese)
- One Cut of the Dead (Japanese)
- Room Laundering (Japanese) ~10/4
- Cafe Funiculi Funicula (Japanese)
- Waka Okami wa Shogakusei (Japanese/Anime)
- Eating Women (Japanese/PG12)
- 3D Kanojo: Real Girl (Japanese)
- Hibiki (Japanese)
- Christopher Robin (English)
- The Predator (English/R15+)
- Kasane (Japanese)
- Okasan to Issho: Hajimete no Boken (Japanese)
- The Meg (English)
- Sunny: Tsuyoi Kimochi Tsuyoi Ai (Japanese/PG12)
- Ant-Man and the Wasp (English)
- Killing for the Prosecution (Japanese)
- Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again (English)
- Drive Head the Movie: Tomika Hyper Rescue Mobile Emergency (Japanese/Anime)
- Gintama 2 (Japanese)
- Mission: Impossible - Fallout (English)
- The Incredibles 2 (English/Anime)
- Mirai no Mirai (Japanese/Anime)

Coming Soon

- Perfect World (Japanese) 10/5
- Anoko no Toriko (Japanese) 10/5
- Monster Strike the Movie: Sora no Kanata (Japanese/Anime) 10/5
- Are You Ready? Hey You Girl! (Japanese) 10/12
- The House With a Clock in its Walls (English) 10/12
- Nichi Nichi Kore Kojitsu (Japanese) 10/13
- Asako I & II (Japanese) 10/19~10/25
- Million Dollar Man (Japanese) 10/19
- The Traveling Cat Chronicles (Japanese) 10/26
- Antiquarian Bookshop Biblia's Case Files (Japanese) 11/1
- Venom (English) 11/2
- Smartphone o Otoshita dake nanoni (Japanese) 11/2

Movie schedules change often. Please call the theater for confirmation and details.

★ Movies ~ October ★

*<Cineplex 7 Asahikawa and Dinos Cinemas Only> Every Wednesday is “Ladies’ Day.” Admission is ¥1,100 (tax included) for women at all theaters.

*<Dinos Cinemas Only> Every Thursday is “Men’s Day.” Admission is ¥1,100 (tax included) for men.

★ **Cineplex 7 Asahikawa:** Nagayama 12-jo 3-chome Western Powers Nagayama / 0166 – 49 – 1000

URL: <http://www.unitedcinemas.jp/asahikawa/index.html> (Japanese)

Directions: Take Dohoku Bus No. 66, 72 or 665 at Bus stop No. 18 in front of Feeeal Asahikawa Department Store (1-jo-dori 8-chome). Get off at “Nagayama 10 (ju)-jo 3 (san)-chome.”

Now Showing

- Girls und Panzer: Dai 63 Kai Senshado Zenkoku Kokosei Taikai (Japanese/Anime 4DX)
- Chiri Tsubaki (Japanese)
- DTC -Yukemuri Junjyo Hen- from HiGH&LOW (Japanese)
- Skyscraper (English 2D, 4DX)
- Cafe Funiculi Funicula (Japanese)
- Christopher Robin (English)
- The Predator (English 2D, 4DX/R15+) 10/4
- 3D Kanojo: Real Girl (Japanese)
- The Meg (English 2D, 4DX3D) 10/4
- Kasane (Japanese)
- Ant-Man and the Wasp (English)
- Sunny: Tsuyoi Kimochi Tsuyoi Ai (Japanese/PG12)
- Killing for the Prosecution (Japanese)
- Gintama 2 (Japanese)
- Mission: Impossible - Fallout (English 2D, Japanese 4DX3D) 10/4
- The Incredibles 2 (Japanese/Anime) 10/4

Coming Soon

- You are the Apple of My Eye (Japanese) 10/5
- Monster Strike the Movie: Sora no Kanata (Japanese/Anime) 10/5
- The Equalizer 2 (English/PG12) 10/5
- Perfect World (Japanese) 10/5
- Onryo o Agero Tako! Nani Utatten no ka Zenzen Wakanne Nda Yo!! (Japanese) 10/12
- Uchu no Hou: Reimei-hen (Japanese/Anime) 10/12
- Detective Conan: Zero Executor (Japanese/Anime) 10/19~11/8
- Hotel Transylvania 3: A Monster Vacation (Japanese/Anime) 10/19
- Hanalei Bay (Japanese/PG12)
- Death Wish (English/R15+) 10/19
- Kimi no Tori wa Utaeru (Japanese) 10/26
- Oz Land (Japanese) 10/26
- HUGtto! Precure Futari wa Precure: All Stars Memories (Japanese/Anime) 10/27
- Antiquarian Bookshop Biblia's Case Files (Japanese) 11/1
- Venom (English) 11/2
- The Last Sharknado: It's About Time (English 4DX) 11/2

★ **Dinos Cinemas:** Taisetsu-dori 5-chome / 0166 – 21 – 1218

URL: <http://cinema.sugai-dinos.jp/pc/> (Japanese)

Directions: Take Dohoku Bus No. 61, 62, 67 or 667 at Bus stop No. 18 in front of Feeeal Asahikawa Department Store (1-jo-dori 8-chome). Get off at “Nippon Seishi mae.”

Now Showing

- Natsume Yujincho: Utsusemi ni Musubu (Japanese/Anime)
- A Quiet Place (English)
- The Predator (English/R15+)
- Hibiki (Japanese)
- I Love Irene (Japanese/R15+)
- 3D Kanojo: Real Girl (Japanese)
- Christopher Robin (English)
- The Meg (English)
- Let Me Eat Your Pancreas (Japanese/Anime)
- Ant-Man and the Wasp (English) 10/11
- Killing for the Prosecution (Japanese)
- Gintama 2 (Japanese)
- Mission: Impossible - Fallout (English)
- The Incredibles 2 (English/Anime) 10/4
- Code Blue (Japanese)
- Mirai no Mirai (Japanese/Anime)

Coming Soon

- The Equalizer 2 (English/PG12) 10/5
- Monster Strike the Movie: Sora no Kanata (Japanese/Anime) 10/5
- Uchu no Hou: Reimei-hen (Japanese/Anime) 10/12
- Non Non Biyori Movie: Vacation (Japanese/Anime) 10/13~11/2
- Ai Ai Gasa (Japanese) 10/26
- Venom (English) 11/2
- Smartphone o Otoshita dake nanoni (Japanese) 11/2
- Johnny English Strikes Again (English) 11/9
- Bohemian Rhapsody (English) 11/9
- You, I Love (Japanese) 11/9

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Russian Federation Friendship City: Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk Chamber Music Orchestra Concert
友好都市ロシア連邦ユジノサハリンスク市
室内管弦楽団演奏会

An orchestra from Asahikawa's friendship city of Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk is coming to Asahikawa to perform for one night only! You will hear "Concerto for Two Violins" (Bach), "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires – Summer" (Astor Piazzolla), "The Four Seasons of Buenos Aires – Winter" (Astor Piazzolla), "Serenade for Strings" (Tchaikovsky), and more! Brought to you by our very own International/City Affairs Division!

Date: 10/17 (Wednesday)

Time: Opens 18:00, Starts 18:30

Venue: Asahikawa Public Hall (Inside Tokiwa Park)

Admission: Free (An entry ticket is necessary in order to attend the concert. Pick one up at the office listed below)

Registration: International/City Affairs Division, Tourism, Sports and International/City Affairs Dept. (1-jo-dori 8-chome, Feeal Asahikawa 7th Floor)

For Further Information Contact: 0166-25-7491



Learn About American Culture Through Snacks

Do you know the best way to enjoy root beer? Have you always wanted to try a butter popcorn flavored Jelly bean? Come learn about (and eat) American snacks at the Asahikawa International Center! Mr. Frank Young from the U.S. Consulate General Sapporo will be leading the fun. Watch funny commercials, listen to interesting facts about famous snacks, and most anticipated of all, do some taste testing for yourself! Be sure to sign up within the application period so we can prepare your portion of the treats.

Date: 10/21 (Sunday)

Time: 13:00-14:30

Location: Asahikawa International Center (AIC) Lounge Area

Cost: Free

Capacity: 36 participants

Application Period: 9/25 (Tuesday) - 10/19 (Friday)

For More Information Contact: 0166-25-7491



Interesting activities, such as quizzes, discussions, songs, games, handcrafts and many more, all in English! Come meet new people, relax, and relate on Fun Fridays!

FUN FRIDAYS

Dates: October 12th & 26th, November 9th & 22nd, December 14th & 28th

Times: 1:00pm-2:00pm ~Afternoon~ 2nd and 4th Friday of the month
6:30pm-8:30pm ~Night~ 2nd Friday of the month

Location: Asahikawa International Center, Common Meeting Room (1) (Feeal Asahikawa 7F 1-jo-dori 8-chome)

Charge: ¥1,500 for 3 months (Free for volunteer leaders)

The AIC offers many services to make your life in Asahikawa more enjoyable. Here are just a few:

Volunteer Guide: Volunteers are registered to help translate and interpret.

Event Volunteer: The AIC plans many exciting events throughout the year, such as Friendship Parties. Why not become a volunteer and help plan these events?

Homestay: Families are registered to welcome you into their homes for an overnight stay or just for an afternoon visit.

For further information or to register, please contact AIC.



The Asahikawa International Center (Feeal Asahikawa 7F 1-jo-dori 8-chome) has free wifi available for public use free of charge. Registration for a user card is needed, if you are residing in Asahikawa. Please feel free to come by anytime, as well as check out some of the other services and activities available at the Asahikawa International Center.

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