

## Events in November

1	TU	13:30 Nihongo Salon
2	WE	
3	TH	Culture Day - Closed
4	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
5	SA	
6	SU	Closed
7	MO	Closed
8	TU	13:30 Nihongo Salon
9	WE	
10	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
11	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
12	SA	
13	SU	9:30 Inbound Guide Monitor Tour 10:00 Children's Nihongo Hiroba
14	MO	Closed
15	TU	13:30 Nihongo Salon
16	WE	
17	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
18	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
19	SA	10:00 FIND English Conversation Club 14:00 JICA Desk Introduction
20	SU	Closed
21	MO	Closed
22	TU	13:30 Nihongo Salon
23	WE	Labour Thanksgiving - Closed
24	TH	18:30 Japanese Conversation Class (PM)
25	FR	10:00 Japanese Conversation Class (AM)
26	SA	13:30 Newsletter Preparation
27	SU	9:00 Children's Storybook Room 10:00 Children's Nihongo Hiroba
28	MO	Closed
29	TU	13:30 Nihongo Salon
30	WE	

## "FIND" English Conversation Club

AWIA member-led "FIND" is meeting again! FIND is a great way to meet people from all walks of life, interested in speaking English. Play games, do activities, and talk about different things. Contact the AWIA to join.

Date/Time	Saturday, Nov 19 10:00~11:30
Place	Aizu Wakamatsu City Learning Center 3F Room 1
Sign Up	Contact <a href="mailto:mail@awia.jp">mail@awia.jp</a> by Friday, Nov 18th



## Iizaka International Event

You can see what its like to participate in a Japanese Festival! Try out this unique experience!

**Date:** Nov 27 (Sun) 10:30-14:00

**Place:** Anabara Onsen, Yoshikawaya (Iizaka, Fukushima City)

**Fee:** Free! - about 15 spots left

**Open to:** Non-Japanese Fukushima Residents

**Details:**

Put together and carry a portable shrine, wear a festival coat, have lunch, and bathe in an Onsen (hot-spring bath)!

**Contact:** [iizk1433@sea.plala.or.jp](mailto:iizk1433@sea.plala.or.jp)



## Call for Newsletter Volunteers!

Come hang out with us while we fold, stamp, and pack our monthly publications for mailing! Chat with other AWIA members and enjoy this casual volunteer activity. No need to sign up, just drop by if you can!

**Date:** November 26th, Saturday **Time:** 13:30~

**Place:** Aizu Wakamatsu International Association Office

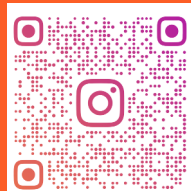
<http://facebook.com/awiajp>



Visit our Facebook page for the latest updates in multiple languages!

## We're on Instagram!

Follow us for photos and news about our upcoming events!



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## Association News

## Inbound Guide Monitor Tour

This time we're enjoying the arts and crafts of Aizu! Join the walking tour and learn about craftsmanship in Aizuwakamatsu.

**Date:** Nov 13 (Sun) 9:30~15:00

**Participants:** up to 10 people

**Cost:** FREE - but we ask for your feedback (You must pay for your lunch and any crafts)

**Route:** (It is a walking tour, so wear comfortable shoes)

**9:30 MEET @** Aizu Learning Centre (Keikodo)

Aizu Lacquerware - Suzuzen  
Aizu Cotton - Yamada Weaving  
Aizu Sake - Tsurunoe Brewery

**12:10-14:30** - Free Time

Split into groups:

A - History Course (temples, shrines, history)

B - Crafting Course (Candle Painting) (¥990)

C - Wandering Course (walking around Nanukamachi)

**14:45** - RETURN to Aizu Learning Centre

Contact AWIA ([mail@awia.jp](mailto:mail@awia.jp)) by **Nov 8th** to sign up!

Tell us **your name, phone number** and **which course** you would like to join in the afternoon.



This month's header photo is a photo we took with our volunteers before last month's International Festival. Thanks to all that came! Highlights inside.

## Children's Storybook Room

Learn about different cultures and languages through stories and games!

**Date:** Nov 27 (Sun) 10:00-12:00

**Place:** AizuWakamatsu City Learning Centre Rm 1, 2, 3

**Age:** Elementary School Students (Gr. 1 - 6)

**Participants:** up to 30

**Cost:** FREE!

**Languages:**

Italian -- Vietnamese -- English

Contact the Aizu Library to sign up:  
TEL **0242-22-4711**

## Become a Member!

**Want to get more involved with what we do?**

Become a Member of the Aizuwakamatsu International Association!

We're coming up to the end of the year, so if you haven't paid your membership fee this year, we'd love to hear from you!

**Fee:** ¥2000 (¥1000 for students)  
(If you no longer want to be a member, contact us)



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## November Updates and Events

### Satellite JICA Desk in Aizu

The "Satellite JICA Desk in Aizu" is starting up again!  
Ms. Satomi Matsuyama! Tell us about your experience teaching Japanese in Tanzania and Sri Lanka!!

**Date:** November 19th (Sat) - 14:00-15:30  
14:00-15:00 - Presentation  
15:00-15:30 - Free Talk (Questions etc.)

**Place:** AizuWakamatsu City Learning Centre - 3F Room 4

**Participants:** Limit 15 people

**Fee:** Free!

**Details:** Join us in hearing Ms. Matsuyama's story! The presentation will be in Japanese, but Ms. Matsuyama can speak English. Contact AWIA ([mail@awia.jp](mailto:mail@awia.jp)) to join.



Ms. Matsuyama (left) gave a seminar about Japanese Culture at a Sri Lankan high school.

### Let's meet Ms. Matsuyama!

Satomi Matsuyama is taking over the Satellite JICA Desk from Mr. Sasao, who left earlier this year. She will be joining us at the Association once a month starting in November. This is a great opportunity to hear about her experience! After her presentation, there is a free talk session, so you can ask her anything you like.

Ayubowan! Nice to meet you! I'm Satomi Matsuyama. I'm a member of JICA and responsible for the JICA Desk! I taught Japanese overseas as a Japanese Overseas Cooperation Volunteer in Tanzania and Sri Lanka. I returned to Japan this past July. I look forward to meeting you!

### Aizu PR Hashtag - #samurAizu

Aizuwakamatsu City wants to show its beauty off to the world. You can help! By using the hashtag #samurAizu you can show off the wonderful sights of Aizu.

Once you use the hashtag, your post could be reuploaded to the SamurAizu Instagram or facebook pages. Show your love for Aizu!

Follow and share with your friends!



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### Nihongo Salon

This is a great opportunity to learn some Japanese in a casual setting. The teacher can adapt to meet your needs.

Contact AWIA ([mail@awia.jp](mailto:mail@awia.jp)) to join!

Date:	Every Tuesday (except holidays)
Time:	13:30-15:00
Place:	AizuWakamatsu City Learning Centre
Fee:	Free (¥2000 AWIA Membership fee)

## COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Omicron Booster (BA.1)

The Omicron Vaccine is expected to provide more protection against severe disease, infections, and symptoms of COVID-19 than existing ones.

(All vaccinations are optional and not compulsory.)

#### Eligibility:

- Completed full dose (1st and 2nd)
- Aged 12+
- 3 months after last dose



#### How to Make an Appointment

- Online registration (24hours)
  - Phone registration (available from 9:00-18:00, including weekends and holidays)
- ※If you have lost your voucher, it can be re-mailed to you. (Please apply online through the City Homepage, or by phone through the Aizuwakamatsu City COVID-19 General Hotline)

Vaccine vouchers for the Omicron Booster will be sent out in chronological order by last vaccine date. You should receive yours by the end of the month before the one you are eligible to receive your next vaccine. Because many people have become eligible at all once, you may not be able to make an appointment right away.

(Please check the City website for the start date for December.)  
<https://www.city.aizuwakamatsu.fukushima.jp/>

## Looking Back: 2022 International Festival

# Thank You!

Last month we were able to hold our International Festival for the first time in 4 years. It was a great success! We had about 2000 visitors throughout the day. Thank you to all of the people who had booths or food stalls, and also to the volunteers who helped out. It was absolutely fantastic, and we could not have done it without you!

## Culture Booths



Many people joined the Festival for the first time! Thanks to them, everyone had a great time! Thanks Isuru, Udaoka (↑), Hiruni, and Miyuru (↓), from Sri Lanka, and Ms. M who supported them.



Many visitors enjoyed the chance to talk with people (↑), and even trying their hand at Ice Hockey. (←)

The Cosplay/Costume Parade was cute! Thanks for wearing your costumes!!



The Halloween hand-painting was very popular. We had great volunteers drawing the cute designs.



## Food Stalls



## Stage Performances

### Visitor's Voices

"It's so great that you can eat foods from around the world!"

"I was surprised to learn there are many people from so many different places living in Aizu."

"The macarena was so fun!!"



## Let's Dance the Macarena!

- ★ We have put the Home-Stay Booth posters up at the Association! Come and see them!
- ★ We have also uploaded many photos of the Festival onto our Facebook, so check it out!