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Population of HIRO
 at the end of August
 (in comparison to July)
 Population 43,590 (-99)
 ●M E N 21,174 (-70)
 ●WOMEN 22,416 (-29)



Things don't always go the way you want them to. When important matters don't turn out as you hope, it's about how you handle them. Genjiro, you must not give up. Only those who haven't abandoned hope will find a path opening up.
 Sanada Masayuki

Story about 753(shichi-go-san)

It's the season where we transition from the hot summer to feel the arrival of autumn. When we think of autumn, we think of beautiful foliage, bountiful harvests, and stunning sunsets. It's a season when the landscapes of our wide district warmly welcome us. This is also the season of the "Wide District Education Festival," a wonderful opportunity to enjoy diverse cultures, arts, and interactions. The Wide District Education Festival not only strengthens the bonds within our community but also creates opportunities for new discoveries and friendships. Currently, our staff is working hard to ensure that it becomes a memorable experience for everyone in the community.



Now, speaking of November events, "Shichi-Go-San" also comes to mind. While it's commonly said to take place on November 15th, it's not necessarily restricted to that day.

The schedule varies based on shrines, temples, and local customs. It's often celebrated when boys turn 3 and 5, and girls turn 3 and 7. In the past, with high child mortality rates, children were treated as "gods' children" until the age of 7. At ages 3, 5, and 7, celebrations were held to express gratitude for growth, and it seems that at age 7, a child finally became a proper person. For boys and girls at 3 years old, there's the "Hair Placement Ceremony," for 5-year-old boys, the "Hakama Wearing Ceremony," and for 7-year-old girls, the "Obi Unfastening Ceremony." Odd-numbered ages are chosen because it's said that at 3 they understand words at 5 wisdom emerges, and at 7 milk teeth are replaced. "Chitose Ame", a long red-and-white stick candy, is a traditional Japanese sweet used for celebratory occasions and special events. The term "Chitose" literally means "thousand years" and symbolizes longevity and good fortune.

While Shichi-Go-San is a celebration of children's growth, it's also important to share feelings of gratitude with parents and grandparents.

Director Hosokawa.

Request Payment Second Term Regular Course Tuition

We are accepting tuition fees for the second term of our regular courses. If you attended the previous term, your enrollment will automatically continue. We kindly request that you make the payment by the end of October. For courses that have not reached their maximum capacity, we also have new enrollments available. For more details, please contact Hiro C. D. C. ☎71-2151.

Information from Hiro C.D.C.

① Basics of Tea Ceremony: Christmas Tea Ceremony

Participant: Elementary school students to adults

**3rd graders & below must be accompanied by a guardian*

Date and Time: Dec. 17th (Sun) from 16:00 to 17:30

Participation cost: ¥600 (Materials fee required for accompanying guardians as well)

Seating Capacity: 25 (first come, first served)



② Hand-Kneaded Bread Making Class

Let's make the Perfect Pizza for Christmas

Participant: Elementary school students

(parental accompaniment is required)

Date and Time: Dec. 17th (Sun) 10:30~13:30

Participation cost: ¥1,600 **Seating Capacity:** 12



③ Happy New Year Container Gardening

Plant Leaf Peonies and others in Tin Containers

Participant: 18 years and older.

Date and Time: Wed. Dec. 20th from 10:00 to 12:00

Participation cost: ¥2,400 **Seating Capacity:** 12



How about Walking with us?

◎**Event Date:** November 23rd, Thursday 2023

◎**Meeting Point:** Hiro Civic Center

◎**Meeting Time:** 9:00 AM

RAIN OUT!

Course:

Aga Cultural and Educational District Walk 5 km

Hiro Civic Center ~ Nijimura Bridge ~ Hoei Park ~
 Aga J.H.S. ~ Hiro O-Hashi Bridge ~ Hiro Civic Center

*Please note that the event may be canceled or the course may change due to weather conditions or other circumstances.

For inquiries, contact: **Hori** at 080-1919-6088.

Please provide your name at the reception for recreational insurance coverage.



Information from Hiro Civic Center Hiro District Turning 20 Gathering

Date and Time: Mon, Jan. 8th, 2024, 11:00 AM start.

Location: Hiro Civic Center, 3F HALL



In early Dec., we plan to send information to those who are eligible, born between Apr. 2nd, 2003, and Apr. 1st, 2004, and residing in Hiro Town.

If you do not receive the information or if you live outside Hiro Town due to school or work reasons, such as graduates of elementary and middle schools in Hiro, and wish to participate in the "Hiro District Turning 20 Gathering," please contact Hiro Civic Center (☎:73-7191) and we will send you the information.

Anyone who can make a Pledge?

We are recruiting one male and one female representative to take the "Oath of Turning 20" on behalf of the new adults. Please contact Hiro Civic Center (☎:73-7191) by Fri. Nov. 24th.



Information from HIRO Collaboration Center

"I'm interested in volunteering and community activities, but I don't know much about them. I want to know more about what kind of volunteer work there is. I can't do it right now, but I want to try it someday..."

Let's chat about what you think and what you're curious about in your daily life! Feel free to join us.

*Kids Corner are suspended & Tea service has resumed.

Date and time: Nov. 24th (Fri.), 2023 10:00 to 12:00

Capacity: No limit

Target: Those who live in Kure City

Participation fee: Free

Application: Not required

Location: Hiro Collaboration Center (Hiro Civic Center 4F)

*Our center is closed every Wednesday. *You can come and go as you please, so feel free to come. ☎71-0321



75th Hiro District Educational Festival



<1st Floor Citizens' Gallery>

Joint Elementary and Preschool Art Exhibition:

Nov. 3rd (Fri) to Nov. 5th (Sun)

Hiro Children's Association United Exhibition:

Nov. 19th (Sun) to Nov. 23rd (Thu)

Children's Association Wall Newspaper & Essay Display

Theme: "This year's Summer Vacation"

Elementary and J.H. School 'Letter' Art Exhibition:

Nov. 19th (Sun) to Nov. 23rd (Thu)



<3rd Floor Hall (Stage Presentations)>

Hiro Cultural Association Stage Presentations:

Nov. 11th (Sat) 12:00 to 15:20: *Nenenokai *Tatsumeikai

*Youjironokai *Shouseikai *Kagakyonokai *Riokai *Rihoukai

*Shijuhfukunokai

Nov. 12th (Sun) 11:00 to 15:30: *Ondo Kiyomori Taiko

Hozonkai *WORKOUT STUDIO *Yuzurihanarukokai

*Kyushu Hawaiian Association Hiroshima * STUDIO E.M.I

*Enjoy Kimono Dokokai *Kawaguchi Ballet Studio

Lecture and Circle Stage Presentations:

Nov. 18th (Sat) 13:00 to 15:30: *Japanese Dance (Fujima

School) *Chorus *Classical Ballet *Manabi Ballet

Nov. 19th (Sun) 10:00 to 11:40: *Healthy Hula *Himawarikai

*Himawari 21 *3B Exercise *Tai Chi

<5th & 6th Floors Exhibition Presentations>

Nov. 21st (Tue) to Nov. 23rd (Thu) 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

5F:Room 501: *Sewing Club, Room 502: *Calligraphy

*Painting *Haiku *Senryu *Bamboo Craft *Japanese Painting,

Room 503: *Suzumekai *Origami Dokokai, Room 504:

*Ikebana Saga Goryu and Ikebana Akatsukikai (from 22nd)

6F:Room 601: *Painting and Letter Circle, Room 604:

*Urasenke Tea Ceremony (23rd), Room 605: *Ikebana

Ikenobo (Experience Corner, 22nd), Room 606: *Ikebana

Ikenobo (Exhibition, from 22nd)



<7th Floor Awards Ceremony>

Nov. 21st (Tue) to Nov. 23rd (Thu) 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM

7F:Room 702: "Hiro Sports Association Sports Merit Award"

Information from HIRO Sports Association

The 55th Hiro Machi Residents and Hiro District Nearby Interaction Women's Volleyball Tournament Results

Block A: 1st Hiro Club JKJ 2nd With

Block B: 1st Hiro Club KKD 2nd GOD·HAND

29th Hiro Residents Archery Tournament Results

High School Girls Division

1st Kiyoka Kamesako 2nd Sakura Arashita 3rd Ayana Maemura
(Kure Mitsuta) (Ichi Kure) (Ichi Kure)

High School Boys Division

1st Hiu Ishimoto 2nd Shotaro Hara 3rd Shu Moritaya
(Ichi Kure) (Kure Mitsuta) (Ichi Kure)

General Women's Division

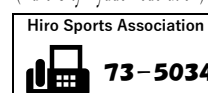
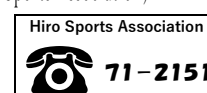
1st Naomi Hamasaki 2nd Chiyo Obayashi 3rd Noriko Fukui
(Kure City Kyudo Federation) (Hiro Sports Association) (Kure City Kyudo Federation)

General Men's Division

1st Shun'ichi Ueda 2nd Seiki Shindo 3rd Takahiro Inoue
(Kure City Kyudo Federation) (Hiro Sports Association) (Kure City Kyudo Federation)

Best Award (the most in the middle)

Shun'ichi Ueda
(Kure City Kyudo Federation)



22nd Hiro Residents Mini Basketball Tournament

Date and Time: Nov. 12th, 2023 (Sun), 9:10 AM

Location: Shishin-Yo Oak Arena

Eligibility: Elementary school teams from the Hiro

District and invited elementary school teams.

Application Contact: Hiro Sports Association Office

Application Deadline: Oct. 8th, 2023 (Sun), until 5:00 PM

Inquiries: Hiro Sports Association, Basketball Department,

Kiyonobu Tsubokawa ☎ 090-1353-3916

58th Prefecture Open Soft Tennis Tournament

Date and Time: Dec. 10th (Sun), 2023 9:00 AM

Location: National Kure Technical College Tennis Courts

Eligibility: Men & Women (participants must be above high school age)

Application Contact: Hiro Sports Association Office

Application Deadline: Nov. 17th (Tue), 2023, until 5:00 PM

Inquiries: Hiro Sports Association, Yatsu

(Soft Tennis Department Head) ☎ 090-8363-1400

65th Hiro Residents Martial Arts Tournament Judo

Date and Time: Nov. 19th, 2023 (Sun), 10:00 AM

Location: Shishin-Yo Oak Arena Martial Arts Hall

Eligibility: Children living in the Hiro District or neighboring areas, Children from elementary schools in the Hiro District or neighboring areas

Application Contact: Hiro Sports Association Office

Application Deadline: Nov. 3rd, (Thu), until 5:00 PM

65th Hiro Residents Martial Arts Tournament Kendo

Date and Time: Nov. 23rd, 2023 (Thu), 10:00 AM

Location: Shishin-Yo Oak Arena Martial Arts Hall

Eligibility: Reside in the Hiro, or students of Hiro, or work at Hiro

Application Contact: Hiro Sports Association Office

Application Deadline: Oct. 31st, (Tue), until 5:00 PM

69th Hiro Town Civic Running Road Race

Date and Time: Nov. 26th, 2023 (Sun), 8:30 AM

Location: Around H. I. U. Kure Campus

Participation Categories: (1) Family Run-Parents with preschool children, (2) Elementary School Division-Boys and girls from 1st to 6th grade in the wide-area elementary schools, (3) Middle School Division-Boys and girls from 1st to 3rd grade in the wide-area middle schools, (4) High School Division-Boys and girls from high schools, (5) General Division-Boys and girls excluding high school students.

For the 1-kilometer course, we have the Family Run category & elementary school students (grades 1 to 4).

For the 2-kilometer course, there are categories for elementary school students (grades 5 & 6), high school girls, general women (all age groups), and general men (50 years and older). For the 4-kilometer course, there are categories for high school boys and general men (ages 39 and under, and ages 40 to 49).

Application Contact: Hiro Sports Association Office

Application Deadline: Oct. 30th, (Mon), until 5:00 PM

Information from Hiro Library

【Opening Time】 from 9:30 to 20:00

【Closing Days】 Thursdays and National Holidays

Closed days in Nov. : 2nd·3rd·9th·16th·23rd·30th

Contact: Hiro Library ☎ 71-7470

*Picture Books Reading Session will not be held in Nov.

Editorial Note What is "Koharu-Biyori"?

The time around November is called "koharu", and the days from late autumn to early winter that are warm and calm like spring are called koharu-biyori. The mild and clear sky in the beginning of winter is called "koharu-zora", the warm and calm sea in early winter is called "koharu-nagi", and sunbathing in koharu-biyori is called "koharu-hinata". There is a haiku by Masaoka Shiki that says "koharu-hinata ni neko mo nesoberi ker", which means "a cat also lies down in the koharu-hinata". I wonder if you would write a haiku while thinking about such things on a koharu-biyori day. ㊦

Our office is normally closed on 4th Monday
Nov. Monday 27th