

Eriko's List of Local Happenings
Wednesday, 2 November 2016

Please watch my video show as well:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-ZGtHlgAchrEdiH4bwKaPw>

No.1 Event this weekend!

99 Island Pearl Sea Center "Oyster Festival" in Fall

Thursday, 3 November (Japanese holiday)

Saturday, 5 and Sunday, 6 November 1000-1600

Saturday, 12 and Sunday, 13 November 1000-1600

Saturday, 19 and Sunday, 20 November 1000-1600

Wednesday, 23 November (Japanese holiday) 1000-1600

Saturday, 26 and Sunday, 27 November 1000-1600

Fee: Oysters in shells: Y700 (1 kg, or 2 pounds), charcoal: Y200 (1 kg, or 2 pounds), a work glove and an oyster opener: Y250

The oyster season has come to Sasebo! 400 BBQ grills are lined up at the lawn area of the Pearl Sea Center. As well as 99 island oysters, side dishes and snacks are available. Even you don't eat oysters, you can enjoy the BBQ. Bringing food and drink to the site is prohibited. Please enjoy the food and drinks there. There are small stools but I recommend you to bring a camp chair. The stools are too small for most of Americans in general. Call the administrative office in Japanese at 0956-28-4187 for more information.

It's a bit too early but good to know information.

"Oyster Festival" in Winter

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 5 February 2017 1000-1600

Saturday, 11 and Sunday, 12 February 2017 1000-1600

Saturday, 18 and Sunday, 19 February 2017 1000-1600

Saturday, 25 and Sunday, 26 February 2017 1000-1600

No.2 Event this weekend!

Sasebo Okunchi Festival

Until Thursday, 3 November

Wednesday, 2 November

Matsuura Park

Google map coordinates: 33.174503, 129.717817

1400 Hot water purification ritual

Thursday, 3 November

Matuura Park

Google map coordinates: 33.174503, 129.717817

0930 JMSDF Brass Band Performance

0945 Sasebo Fujiyama Dance Team, Japanese dance

0955 Motoshima-cho, dance

1025 Yamagata-cho, dance

1045 Matsuyama-cho and Mantoku-cho, kids dance

1050 Asoka Kindergarten, Japanese drum performance

- 1105 Chuo Day Care Center, Sword dance
- 1120 Oroshidanchi, Japanese drum performance
- 1130 Sasebo Sanka-cho, Dragon dance

Shrine Parade from Matsuura Park to Kameyama Hachiman Shrine

Kameyama Hachiman Shrine: Google map coordinates: 33.181860, 129.717261

No.3 Event this weekend!

Saikai Bridge Autumn Whirlpool Festival

Until Sunday, 13 November

Saikai Bridge Park, Saikai-cho side

Note from the park office: Please use the Route 202 instead of tunnel to get there.

Google map coordinates: 33.049968, 129.758052

This weekend events:

1. Park Cleaning Volunteer + Sweet Potato Digging

Thursday, 3 November (Japanese holiday) 0900-1600

Saturday, 4 and Sunday, 6 November 0900-1600

Saikai Bridge Park Sweet Potato Field, Saikai-cho side

The volunteers who would attend the cleaning of the park are granted to experience the sweet potato digging. And the sweet potatoes are your reward for cleaning the park. It's "give-and-take" in Saikai-cho style.

2. Petting Zoo

Thursday, 3 November (Japanese holiday) 0900-1600

Clock Tower Park in Saikai Bridge Park, Saikai-cho side

Cuddly animals of Bio Park will visit Saikai Bridge. Some fee (Y100) is asked for if you would like to feed the animals.

3. Street Performance Show

Thursday, 3 November (Japanese holiday) 1300, 1600

Saikai Bridge Park Administrative office area in Saikai Bridge, Saikai-cho

Jugglers and balloon artists of Huis Ten Bosch will visit Saikai Bridge. The rain day is Sunday, 13 November.

It's not held in Sasebo, but it's a big event.

22nd FAI World Hot Air Balloon Championship, or "Balloon Festival"

Until Sunday, 6 November

Google map coordinates: 33.256454, 130.244988 (the balloon may show nothing but the riverside. But that's where the venue of the festival. Or find "the Kase River" in the map.)

Food stalls, balloon festival novelty goods, and game stalls lined up along with the River. A lot of hot air balloons in different designs are lit up at night. It's very romantic to see them. And that's why it's listed as a good date spot. Please visit the website:

www.sibf.jp

99 Island Zoological and Botanical Garden "Rose Festival"

Until Sunday, 6 November

99 Island Zoological and Botanical Garden 0900-1715

Google map coordinates: 33.151-220, 129.689513

Admission: Y820 (adult), Y210 (child) Note: Please show your ID card at the gate, you can get some discount. Please call the zoo in Japanese at 0956-28-0011 for more information.

Guided Rose Garden Tours:

Thursday, 3 November	1100, 1400
Saturday, 5 November	1100
Sunday, 6 November	1100, 1400

Rose Garden Quiz

Thursday, 3 November	1000-1500
Sunday, 6 November	1000-1500

Huis Ten Bosch Events

Google map coordinates: 33.086328, 129.78720

The HTB Admission is asked for to observe the following events in addition to the fee mentioned below.

World Flower Garden Competition

Until Thursday, 3 November

World Garden Exhibition

Until Thursday, 3 November

October Fest Beer Festival

Until Sunday, 6 November

- 1) Tornado Dispensed Asahi Super Dry All-you-can-drink beer tasting for 60 minutes Y2,000
- 2) Beer in Ice Glass Y1,200
Refill Y 400
Note: 20 ice glasses per day.
- 3) Fruity Beer, Non-alcohol Beer, and Kyushu Beers are available!
The price differs individually

Wine Festival

Until Sunday, 6 November

- 1) Amsterdam Circle
Wine Tasting (all day) Y2,600
Wine Tasting (3 hours) Y2,100
Cheese Tasting (1 hour) Y3,000
- 2) Attraction Town
Mini Wine Tasting (5 wine tastings out of 100 kinds) Y1,000
Glass wine Y 600~
- 3) European Village
Baby bottle wine and canned wine are available

Shimanose Art Center Exhibition

The followings exhibitions are held at the Shimanose Art Center. Unless it's mentioned, the admission of the exhibition is free of charge.

Address: 6-22 Shimanose-cho Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-0806

Google map coordinates: 33.172705,129.720686

Phone #: 0956-22-7213

Old Stone Age “Caves and Vestiges in Nishi-Kyushu” Exhibition

Until Sunday, 13 November

Do you know how many old caves of the Stone Age in Sasebo city? 31! Especially Fukui Doketsu (Cave) was estimated to have used from 19,000 years to 10,000 years ago. I went to see it. It was great if you are interested in the local history!

Sasebo Bonsai Fun Club Exhibition

Wednesday, 2 to Friday, 4 November

About 20 Bonsai trees are exhibited. If you are interested in them, please drop by and take a look at them. The admission is free.

Images of Buddha Exhibition

Until Thursday, 3 November

The local wood curving class members have worked for one year to prepare for this exhibition. They should be great. Please stop by. The admission is free.

The 50th Otori (Phoenix) Festival

Saturday, 12 and Sunday, 13 November

Nagasaki Prefectural University in Ainoura-cho

Google map coordinates: 33.185860, 129.666792

Otori Festival is the annual festival of Nagasaki Prefectural University. It's the 50th anniversary. About 40 food stalls line up there and the highlight of the events is a concert. This year “Silent Siren” is invited to the festival on Saturday, 12 November at 1600. Please call the festival committee office in Japanese at 0956-48-4187 for more information.

Flea Markets

Sasebo Morning Market Flea Market

Google map coordinates: 33.164545,129.720377

Phone #: 0956-22-9890

Saturdays, **5**, 12, 19, 26 November 0300-0900

Morning Market across water from the Navy Lodge

The enroll fee to have a space for your store is Y500. You don't have to open your store at 0300. Whenever you're ready to 0900. You find the market the busiest from 0600 to 0730. Please visit the website: <http://sasebo-asaichi.com/> to learn about it in details.

Call in Japanese at 0956-22-9890 for more information.

Daito Shopping Center Flea Market

Address: 14-2 Daito-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-1161

Phone #: 0956-27-2222

Wednesday, 9 November 1000-1500

Wednesday, 23 November 1000-1500

AEON Daito Shopping Center Parking Lot (2nd floor of the three-story high parking next to the main building of the store. Please find Mr. Donuts, leave the main building, and you will find it on your left.)

The bi-monthly flea market is held on the **2nd Wednesday and 4th Wednesday** every month. You can reserve your stall for several hundred yen. Please contact Mr. Yasunaga in Japanese at 090-4572-1899 for more information. It will be held rain or shine.

Top-kun Flea Market

Sunday, 27 November 1000-1600

Sasebo Bicycle Race Arena on Route 11, next to the Sasebo Minato Interchange

Google map coordinates: 33.155455,129.730262

Phone #: 0956-31-4797

About 60 stalls welcome the shoppers! Bring your bike, and you can ride your bicycle on the race track. Please bring your helmet.

EM Design organizes this flea market. If you would like to participate in any of these, please contact EM Design in Japanese at 0956-66-8770 for more information. Please visit the website: <http://emd.syoutengai.com/>

Activities to Attend

Have Fun on the Run “Sasebo Hash House Harriers”

It’s similar to an orienteering club in US. Please visit the website for more information: www.sasebohhh.com or on facebook at “sasebo hash house harriers.”

99 Island Pearl Sea Center (former Saikai Pearl Sea Center) Information

Google map coordinates: 33.161243, 129.678967

Phone #: 0956-28-4187

Parking Lot Fee:

	1-30 minutes	31-60 minutes	For 2 hours	For 3 hours	For 4 hours	For 5 hours	For 6 hours
#1 & #2 Car Parking	0	Y200	Y200	Y200	Y200	Y300	Y400
#3, #4, #5 Car Parking	0	0	0	0	Y200	Y300	Y400
Bus	0	Y600	Y600	Y600	Y600	Y900	Y1,200

Parking fee increases by Y100 for an hour for over 5 hours at any car parking. Bus parking fee increases by Y300 for an hour for over 5 hours. The highest car parking fee is Y600 up to for 12 hours and bus parking fee is Y1,800.

Note: The parking fees remain the same as before the tax increase.

I know this chart may be different from the one you find in the pamphlet you get from the Sasebo city hall. However, this chart is much easier to understand the fee. When I got

the chart, I didn't understand it at first. I called the Sasebo city hall and made sure the fee increase along with the length you park.

You may be wondering which ones are #3 to #5 car parking. Because you don't have to pay anything until you park your car over 4 hours. If you know the supermarket, "Marina," you know them. The car parking left to the supermarket is #3, and the one in front of the supermarket is #4. Car parking #5 is on Route 11 next to the 99 Island Hotel. If you are staying there over 5 hours, any car parking fee is the same. The car parking #1 is in front of the aquarium. The car parking #2 is located in the left of #1 close to the beach.

If you park your car for 4 hours or less, park either #3 or #4. If you are planning to stay there longer, any car parking fee is the same. But if you are staying there over 6 hours, spend there all day for Y600 of car parking. You may spend a lot more money for your meals (breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks), though.

It's not only bad news from the Pearl Sea Center. The other day, I found they have new equipments at the aquarium called "AQUA SCOPE." It's a radio-shaped portable mechanical guide that gives you explanation in the aquarium. When you move to the certain spots, it speaks automatically. It's like a friend who knows about the aquarium very well explains when you visit there with him/her. It's a very cool device. I believe your kids would love it. The service is available in different languages (Chinese, English, Korean and Japanese). The service is free of charge. Please ask whichever you like to listen.

99 Island Pearl Sea Resort Aquarium

Y1,440 (high school student or older), Y720 (4 years old to middle school student)

Special Discount for Sasebonians (Sasebo habitants): Y1,020 (high school student and older), Y520 (4 years old to middle school student). Please show your Military ID card

Please call the office at 0956-28-4187 for more information.

Class

Amamoba (Shallow water) Playroom in Umikirarra (Shining Ocean) Aquarium

If not mentioned, the tuition is free. The admission to the aquarium is still required, though.

Saturdays, 5, 12, 19, 26 November

1130-1200, 1430-1500

Sightseeing Boats

Pearl Queen Cruise

Everyday

1000, 1100, 1300, 1400, 1500

Duration of the tour: 50 minutes

Fare: Y1,400 (middle school student or older), Y700 (4 years old to middle school student, 9th grade), Free for children 3 years old or under

Note: children ages under 3 years old are free of charge. Please ask the staff about the admission fee.

99 Island Visitor Center Programs

Programs held at the 99 Island Visitor Center require small amount of fee. Contact the center at 0956-28-7919 or visit website: <http://www.kujukushima-visitorcenter.jp/>

Sea Kayak Experience

Every Sunday and Japanese holidays till October 1100-1530
99 Island Marina

Note: It's not a tour but an experience. The kayaks never go out from the bay.

Fee: Y520 (single), Y1,030 (tandem, two passengers)

After 10 minutes lecture, you will paddle around the kayak in the marina. The class starts every 30 minutes and the duration of the class is 45 minutes. You don't have to sign up ahead of time.

Sailboat Experience

Everyday 1110, 1210, 1310, 1410, 1510, 1610

Duration of the experience: about 60 minutes

Fee: Y2,050 (adult), Y1,30 (4 years old to middle school student)

The max number of passengers is 10

The participants take a sailboat and cruise in the 99 Islands. You have a chance to navigate the boat.

99 Island Relax Cruise

Everyday 1120, 1220, 1320, 1420, 1520, 1620

Duration of the cruise: about 50 minutes

The max number of passengers is 12

The river boat takes you to where big boats can't go. The boat cruises very smoothly and you are so close to the water. You feel like you are flying over the water.

Saikai National Park Kujukushima Zoological and Botanical Garden Events

The phone number there is 0956-28-0011. Tuition for the following classes is free unless it is specifically noted. You only pay the zoo admission fee.

The whole zoo becomes non-smoking area. Please be careful.

Address: 2171 Funakoshi-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-1231

Phone #: 0956-28-0011

The Penguin Aquarium

The new penguin aquarium has been finished at the 99 Island Zoological and Botanical garden lately. 22 penguins entertain the visitors. The admission fees to the 99 Island Zoological and Botanical Garden have been changed. Please see the chart below. Please show your ID card with your driver's license at the entrance, which proves you live in Sasebo city. You can get the Sasebo citizen discount. The car park at the zoo remains free.

Kind of Ticket	Category	Admission Fee
One Day Ticket	General Ticket / Adult	Y820
	General Ticket / 4 years old to middle school student (up to 7 th grade)	Y210
	Sasebo citizen / Adult	Y620
	Sasebo citizen / elementary school student or middle school student	Y150
	Sasebo citizen / 5 years old or under	Free
Annual Pass	High school student or older	Y2,060
	4 years old to middle school student	Y520

Animal Photos that Zookeepers Took!

Please visit the facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/sasebo.morikirara>

The photos that only zookeepers could have taken are exhibited on the facebook.

Note: The volunteer activity “SAZANBOS” has been in hiatus, meaning they are not doing the volunteer activities now. I checked it on Friday, 24 June 2016. It’ll be announced in monthly Sasebo Newsletter when they restart the activities.

Autumn Rose Festival 2016

Until Sunday, 6 November

As usual a small paper cup of rose tea is served to the visitors. There are classical live music concerts, craft making class, flower arrangement class and raffle drawings. The climate should be cooled off by then. You’ll enjoy the smell of roses along with herbal tea and some music.

“Mouncing-mouncing” Photo Exhibition

Until Sunday, 27 November

How do the animals eat food? The zookeepers will explain how they eat food and why they do.

The Original Post Cards and Magnets are for Sale

Now the amazing photos of zoo animals and plants are printed on magnets and post cards. Original magnets are 14 different pieces (Y394 each), and post cards are 20 different pieces (Y108 each).

Note: The nursing room is available in the zoo. The facility is for parents with babies. The facility has a nursing room to change diapers and feed babies. Please refrain from bringing your pets to the zoo.

Mt. Eboshi Sports Village Information

Address: 128 Eboshi-cho, Sasebo, Nagasaki 857-0001

Phone #: 0956-24-6669

“Dog Run” Park has been completed!

It’ opens now at Mt. Eboshi Sports Village

Wednesdays, Saturdays, Saturdays, Sundays and Japanese Holidays.

Admission: Y300 per dog, Annual membership: Y3,000 per dog

Do you know what we mean when we say “Dog Run”? Now, I know it’s been very difficult for you to find parks to walk or run your pet dogs freely in Sasebo. This facility is only for dogs but they must be pre-registered at the park office. The registration fee is Y500. The owner of dogs should be at least 18 years. Your dog’s shot records and owner’s ID card is required when you register your dog(s). Please call Sasebo City Hall Park Maintenance Office at 0956-24-1111 for more information.

Youth Science Museum

Address: 12-31 Hotate-cho, Sasebo-shi, Nagasaki Prefecture 857-0031

Phone #: 0956-23-1517

Wednesday to Sunday and Monday 0900-1700

Closed on Tuesday and Japanese holidays. Phone number: 0956-23-1517

Sasebo Planetarium was closed and newly the Youth Science Museum opened in Hotate-cho. Visit there once. It’s a new facility with decent and free parking lot.

Planetarium

Max number of attendees is 68. The duration of the show is 45 minutes.

Admission: **Y310 (adult), Y150 (4 years old to middle school student)**

Closed on Tuesdays and Japanese holidays.

	1000	1100	1300	1400	1500	1600
Weekday except Tuesday	Educational Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	One Piece Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	The Stars in Season
Saturday	Educational Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	One Piece Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	The Stars in Season
Sunday	One Piece Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	One Piece Show	Yokai (hobgoblin) Show	The Stars in Season

Sasebo Local Library

Google map coordinates: 33.174613, 129.721180

Phone #: 0956-22-5618

Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday 1000-1800

Thursday and Friday 1000-2000

Closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. Contact the library at 0956-22-5618 for more information. The local library opens until **2000** on Thursdays and Fridays until December.

The History of Sasebo Data Base Exhibition

Whenever the library is open 1000-1755

Please come to the local history section on the 2nd floor. You can observe the historical information.

CD Check Outs

Commencing February this year, you can borrow 6 CDs instead of 3 CDs.

Huis Ten Bosch Events

I try my best to get correct and current information of the theme park but flyers I get occasionally from Huis Ten Bosch confuse me. I think I'm very patient to get the information of events usually. I called the information center but I'm afraid the staff works there do not answer my questions promptly. I have to say the following information is the one **to my best knowledge**. They can be reached at 0570-064-110. However, you can't dial the number from the base phones. I used my cell phone to call and only the recording guidance in Japanese answered. I had an impression that they don't want to be reached. It seems you pay how much ever you are told at the gate of Huis Ten Bosch and enjoy whatever available on that day. The following number in Fukuoka is better to get hold of them: 092-411-0800. Or visit their web site:

www.huistenbosch.co.jp

Google map coordinates: 33.086328, 129.787208

Address: 1-1 Huis Ten Bosch-cho, Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture 859-3292

Phone #: 0570-064-110

Despite their unfriendly attitude, Huis Ten Bosch is well-known all through Japan and pays taxes to Sasebo city. They hire local people, too. Let's support the theme park.

Below is the admission chart and fee for the New Huis Ten Bosch. You can bring your pet with you. Of course it's not free. You pay Y500 per pet.

ADMISSION FEE

	Adult (18 years old or older)	High School (junior or high school student)	Child (4 years old to elementary school student)	Senior (60 years old or older)	Note
One Day					Admission

Passport	Y6,700	Y5,700	Y4,300	Y6,200	to the park and the pay facilities
Enjoy Huis Ten Bosch Ticket	Y4,700	Y3,700	Y2,400	Y4,700	Admission to the park, Palace Huis Ten Bosch, Canal cruiser, and Muse Hall
Stroll Ticket (all day)	Y4,200	Y3,200	Y1,900	Y4,200	Admission to the park
Night of Light Stroll Ticket (1800-)	Y3,800	Y2,800	Y1,800	Y3,700	Admission to the park

Please call the information center at 0570-064-110 using your cell phone. The base phones don't work to call the number.

Robot Kingdom Grand Opening!

Huis Ten Bosch

Do you like Robot Animes such as "Gundam?" Please do not miss this chance. There will be "Gundam Show," "Battle King Show" and other robot shows. You can enjoy dining at the "Hen-na Restaurant." A robot chef prepares your dish. I'm going to check the kingdom this weekend.

White Ferris Wheel!

Huis Ten Bosch

Ticket to ride: Y700

New "**White Ferris Wheel**" is now in service. The tickets are Y700 for 11-minute ride. 1% of ticket sales go to the charity fund for the Northern Japan Earthquakes and Tsunami Victims. Please see Huis Ten Bosch information section. There are a lot of events scheduled. Call Huis Ten Bosch at 0570-064-110 for more information.

The Japan First English-speaking Hotel Open

Watermark Hotel Nagasaki, Huis Ten Bosch

The manager is Australian. All the clerks speak in English. The hotel is celebrating its 5th anniversary now. You would like to stay in this hotel? Please contact the hotel at 0956-27-0785 to make a reservation.

Huis Ten Bosch Wander Vehicle "Duck Tour"

Everyday, 1000, 1100, 1200, 1400, 1500, 1600

Fee: Y2,500 (adult), Y1,800 (3 to elementary school student), Y500 (2 years old and under)

Have you seen the amphibious bus at the Huis Ten Bosch yet? When I saw it, it was crossing the street. Yes, it looks like a boat but yet can drive on the road! The bus drives on the road for 25 minutes and ducks in the water for 20 minutes. You don't have to sign up, come to the Huis Ten Bosch Entrance 15 minutes prior to the tour that you wish to take. I'm thinking to take my brother and his family to ride on this bus. Please call HTB Tourism Office at 0956-27-0360 for more information.

Adventure Park

A little birdie told me that the **Adventure Park** is open at the Huis Ten Bosch. The park opened March 3rd. There are two facilities in the park; "Tenku-no-shiro (Castle in the Sky)" and "Shooting Star (Zip-line)."

The 5-story high mega maze, "The Maze" opened at the Adventure Park.

"Shooting Star (Zip-line)" consists of a pulley suspended on a cable mounted on an incline. It is designed to enable a user propelled by holding on or attaching to the freely moving pulley. One at the park goes over the channel and it is 300 meters (1000 feet) long.

"Tenku-no-shiro (Castle in the Sky)" is a big jungle gym that reminds you a boot camp. The highest point of the jungle gym is 9 meters from the ground (30 feet high).

Please call Camp Ten Bosch Administrative Office at 0956-27-0284 for detailed information. If you do not speak Japanese, please ask any Japanese friends to help you. Why don't you go there with them? That should be fun!

FFSC Classes

Hario Village Japanese Class Fridays, **4**, 18 November 1030-1130

Hario Community & Education Center Classroom

https://twms.navy.mil/selfservice/online_training/modules/iaa_cyber3/launchPage.htm?cid=617891&cur=1&tot=0&module=iaa_cyber3/launchPage.htm&audio=no&guid=a24c1e26-11aa-4368-957e-bdae0448834e

English as a Second Language Tuesdays, **8**, 15, 22, 29 November 1000-1100

FFSC Conference Room

Tuition: Free

Japanese Phrase Class Tuesdays, **8**, 15, 22, 29 November 1130-1230

Tuition: Free

No need to sign up. You don't have to complete the course. Please stop by and learn Japanese phrases.