

## Inuyama Multilingual Newsletter 2025, Featuring Tourism Cover Message

I am Virginia Yumi Oshima, a Multicultural Social Worker in the Diversity Promotion Division at Inuyama City Hall.

Let me start with a request for everyone. Please share this Newsletter with your entire family! We are very happy that we can deliver this Multilingual Newsletter to everyone again this year. When we started this project last year, we received many opinions at our consultation desk from foreign residents, such as:

“Delivering the Newsletter to the addresses of foreign households was very helpful.”,  
“I can’t quite keep up with recent digitization, so I prefer reading on paper rather than getting information from the internet.”, “This really helped because I cannot get information online when I am financially struggling and cannot pay for the internet.”

Additionally, in the survey for foreign residents from two years ago, nearly 60% of people requested that information on public services from city hall be delivered by post. In response to such opinions and survey results, we decided to deliver the “Multilingual Newsletter” in printed form to your houses. Continuing to the future, the Diversity Promotion Division is committed to prioritizing support for the lives of foreign residents.

Now, in this cover message, there are two things that I really would love to share with all of you.

The first is that, this year’s newsletter will differ from last year’s by focusing on specific themes or fields, allowing you to keep it and refer to it whenever needed.

For this time, we are featuring “Tourism in Inuyama City”.

At the consultation desk, we naturally receive many inquiries about city hall procedures, systems, and allowances. However, we also often get questions about fun places to visit and sightseeing spots in Inuyama.

Since everyone wants the most up-to-date information about administrative systems and services, we encourage you to check the city’s multilingual Facebook page or official website

Secondly, as some of you may already know, digitization is being promoted across many fields. We are being encouraged to make our work more paperless. The idea behind going paperless is to help protect the environment by minimizing paper usage and shifting to electronic data wherever possible. In response to this trend, government bodies have been established to promote digitization. For example, in Japan, the Digital Agency was created to lead these efforts.

Nowadays, we can complete procedures more efficiently and easily access the latest information. For an “analog person” like me, this shift has been a bit challenging - I used to rely on my daughter to handle all sorts of digital tasks. However, I realized that things would not go smoothly if I continued not to change

myself. When I temporarily returned to my hometown in Brazil, I was surprised to find that digitization seemed more advanced among ordinary citizens than in Japan. One major reason is public safety in Brazil – carrying cash in Brazil can be risky due to the possibility of theft. As a result, almost no one carries cash, and most people use debit cards or electronic money. In fact, there were more places accepting electric payments than in Japan, including small festival food stalls and local markets. At restaurants in the city, I encountered machines called “TOTEM,” which are similar to Japan’s ticket vending machines. Surprisingly, these machines didn’t have any slot for cash - they were card-only. Since I only had cash, I asked if cash payment was possible, and was met with puzzled looks. A young staff member, looking concerned, said, “We have never had such a case before, so I will ask the manager.” After a short wait, the manager came and explained, “Recently, no one uses cash anymore, so the machines are not designed to accept cash.” Seeing that I was in trouble in paying, the manager with a sense of hospitality kindly placed the order for me using his own personal card, and I handed the cash in return to the manager.

I can laugh about this kind of experience now, but I strongly felt that if I didn’t try to keep up with the trend of digitization, I might be left behind. Of course, if it had just been about eating, I could have found another restaurant. But if I remain as an “analog person,” I may struggle with completing various procedures or accessing useful information for daily life. With support from my daughter and younger coworkers, I have decided to adapt myself to the digital world. At first, I found it a bit troublesome, but as I gradually learned, I realized how convenient and fast it could be. I was able to get the information I needed while saving a lot of time. For example, instead of waiting for the printed “City Bulletin”(KOHO) from city hall to arrive, I can now access daily updates on the city’s website or receive emergency alerts about earthquakes and disasters through mobile apps.

Delivering printed information by reflecting the feedback from everyone’s survey responses may seem to go against the current global trend. However, I don’t believe it is necessary to transition to the digital world all at once. I simply encourage everyone to gradually become more familiar with digital tools so that no one is left behind. Let’s continue doing our best – especially to stay informed and prepared in



## New Interpretation Service by Inuyama city hall Inuyama Interpretation Center

Available time: 8:30a.m. to  
5:15p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Both at the counter or by phone.

This is a new system that allows people who do not understand Japanese, to use various departments in the city hall and other municipal facilities without worries. It's also convenient because it's available during lunch breaks. Please make use of this.



1. If you want to call the city hall or other city facilities, please dial the following dedicated phone number.

(0568) 44-0305

2. If you don't understand Japanese, please tell the operator your language. For example: Vietnamese, Tagalog, Portuguese, Chinese, and Spanish, etc.

If you understand a little Japanese, please tell the operator who answered the phone, your language, the name of the facility and department where interpretation is needed.

For example: "Supeingo/Zeikin" (Spanish·Tax)

3. Once the interpreter and the city staff are connected, the interpretation begins.

Telephone interpretation language :Vietnamese, Tagalog, Portuguese, Chinese, Spanish, Nepal, Indonesian, English, Korean, Burmese, French, Russian, Thai, Hindi, Mongolian, Persian, and Cantonese

4. City facilities where telephone interpretation service can be used.

Various departments of the city hall, various facilities operated by the city (nursery schools, *Kodomo-Mirai-En*, health centers, children's clubs, branch offices and libraries etc.)

※If you need an interpreter at the city hall or facility counter, please tell the staff your language directly. A staff member will connect you to a telephone interpreter.

## About the Automatic Translation System on the Inuyama City Official Website

Until now, most foreign residents who do not understand Japanese have rarely accessed the city's website. However, starting in April, the translation system on the website has been changed.

While it is machine translation and not perfect, the quality of translation systems is steadily improving. We encourage everyone to give it a try. You can get timely information about city hall systems and new updates that are not posted on the multilingual Facebook page!

How to access Inuyama City's website in a foreign language

1. Please search for the link: <https://www.city.inuyama.aichi.jp/>



At first, the following Japanese-language page will be displayed ↓ ↓

2. Please tap on the area on the top right of the screen that says "Foreign language".



3. Then the following screen will appear. Select your preferred language, and the site will be automatically translated.



## Inuyama City's Multilingual Facebook Page

~ Articles written by foreigners, for foreigners, from a foreign perspective ~

Did you know that Inuyama City Hall launched a multilingual Facebook page in 2021?

Currently, pages are available in four languages: English, Portuguese, Spanish, and Japanese. The next goal is to add a Vietnamese language page.

The multilingual Facebook page contains a lot of information that is not available on the Inuyama City Hall website. We create articles based on columns written by staff members of foreign nationality or with foreign roots who work at the Diversity Promotion Division of Inuyama City Hall, and distribute them to foreign residents. These articles include things like challenges faced after coming to Japan, discoveries they've made, explanations of different systems, and insights into cultural differences—helping foreign residents live safely and securely.

Although we don't respond to comments or questions on the multilingual Facebook page, your opinions and article suggestions through comments are greatly appreciated.

Columns such as "Yumi's Japan Tips", "William's Japan Tips", and "Tonny's adventure" are posted almost weekly, so we hope you'll follow, give a "Like", and invite your friends to do the same.

To access the page, please scan the QR code below with your smartphone.



# Inuyama

Vamos trazer informações importantes para o seu dia-a-dia.

Les estaremos proporcionando información útil para la vida diaria.

You can get useful information for your daily life in this page.

生活に役立つ情報を お知らせしています。

Curta-nos!!!!

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A "FANPAGE" em português da Prefeitura de Inuyama é AQUI!!!!

LA "FANPAGE" en español de la Municipalidad de Inuyama es AQUI!!!

Please follow the link beside ! "Inuyama City Fanpage in English"

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português



español



English



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# Inuyama City Consultation Desk for Foreigners

Do you have any difficulty in your everyday life and job in Japan? We'll give advice to your problems that come from your daily life in Japan. And also, we help you with your procedures at Inuyama City Hall, and give you beneficial information on your daily living. Feel free to come and talk to us. The consultation is free and confidential.



## ■Language : Spanish • Portuguese :

■Date : Every Friday 「This schedule is subject to change」

■Time : 1 pm to 4:30 pm

■Location: 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Inuyama City Hall (Address: Inuyama Oaza Inuyama Aza Higashihata 36)

■Consultant: Virginia Yumi Oshima (Multicultural Social Worker)

## ■Language : English • Tagalog : ■DATE ↓ 「This schedule is subject to change」

① 2025, Apr. 25 (Friday)	② 2025, May. 23 (Friday)
③ 2025, Jun. 27 (Friday)	④ 2025, Jul. 25 (Friday)
④ 2025, Aug. 22 (Friday)	⑥ 2025, Sep. 26 (Friday)
⑦ 2025, Oct. 24 (Friday)	⑧ 2025, Nov. 28 (Friday)
⑨ 2025, Dec. 26 (Friday)	⑩ 2026, Jan. 23 (Friday)
⑪ 2026, Feb. 27 (Friday)	⑫ 2026, Mar. 27 (Friday)

■Time 1 pm to 4:30 pm

■Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Inuyama City Hall (Address: Inuyama Oaza Inuyama Aza Higashihata 36)

■Consultant: Virgie Ishihara, (FMC Filipino Migrants Center, Multicultural Social Worker)

## ■Language : Chinese : ■DATE ↓ 「This schedule is subject to change」

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⑪ 2026, Feb. 27 (Friday)	⑫ 2026, Mar. 27 (Friday)

■Time 1:30 pm to 5:00 pm

■Location: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Inuyama City Hall (Address: Inuyama Oaza Inuyama Aza Higashihata 36)

■Consultant: Sumire Kanda (Multicultural Social Worker)

※Consultations are also available in Japanese.

■Contact Diverse Society Promotion Division (Inuyama City Hall 3F)

TEL 0568-44-0343 8:30 am to 5:15 pm (weekdays only)

## Information about the 2025 Multicultural Exchange Marche

### Information on Inuyama City Hall's Intercultural Integration Program

As soon as the details for the following project are finalized, we will announce them on Inuyama City's multilingual Facebook page and the Inuyama City Hall website, so please make sure to check them regularly.

In November 2024, we held the first-ever Inuyama Multicultural Exchange Marche, which was very well received by performers, vendors, and visitors. Responding to many requests to hold it again, we are pleased to announce that it will be held again in 2025.

Date: Sunday, November 23, 2025

Location: Karakuri Hiroba East of Inuyama Station (in front of CASTA Inuyama )

The event will be held at the same venue as last year.

This year as well, we aim for active participation by many foreign residents, taking center stage with multinational cuisine, folk crafts, clothing, beauty treatments, and more.

Participants who helped energize last year's event ↓



# Featuring Tourism

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## ～Introduction～ Basic Information and History of Inuyama city

Inuyama, a famous city, is where you live. It has a long history and attracts many tourists from both within and outside the country.

Because we have “Inuyama castle”, national treasure, and “Inuyama festival” with a history of over 300 years, and “Cormorant fishing on Kiso-river” with a history of over 1,300 years.

Speaking of Inuyama, people think it's a tourist spot. There are many sightseeing spots. Even those from other countries are aware of this, and people often inquire about places to visit and tourist attractions at the consultation desk.

Monkey-Park, Little World, Open-air Museum *Meiji-mura*, and Inuyama Castle are famous tourist destinations in Inuyama.

The place name “Inuyama” uses the kanji characters for “dog” and “mountain”.

Inuyama city is the only city in Japan that has the word “dog” in its name. The city's official character, which is shaped like a cute dog and named after the city, is a popular mascot.

His name is “*Wan-maru-kun*”! I'm sure you've all seen “*Wan-maru-kun*” on envelopes from the city hall, at souvenir shops, or at events. Please remember Inuyama city's official mascot. This would make a great souvenir or gift!

Inuyama city is in Aichi prefecture. It's adjacent to Komaki city, Kasugai city, Oguchi town, and Fuso town. Crossing the Kiso River takes you into Gifu prefecture. The area of Inuyama city is 74.90 km<sup>2</sup>. It is a nature-rich area surrounded by forests and mountains.



### Basic information of Inuyama city (July 31, 2025)

	Inuyama city	The whole of Japan (Reference)
Area	74,90 km <sup>2</sup>	378,000 km <sup>2</sup>
Population	71,044 people	123.3 million people (July 2025) ※1
Foreign Population	2,963 people	3,768,977 people (December 2024) ※2
The ratio of foreigners	4.1%	3.0%

### Number of foreign citizens in Inuyama city

Nationality	Inuyama city	The whole of Japan (Reference) Dec 2024	※3
Vietnam	578	636,631	
Philippines	425	341,518	
Brazil	356	211,907	
China	332	873,286	
Nepal	309	233,043	
Peru	282	49,247	
Indonesia	182	199,824	
Korea	136	409,238	
Bolivia	76	6,659	

※1 : Statistics Bureau of Japan (<https://www.stat.go.jp/data/jinsui/new.html>)

※2・※3 : Immigration Services Agency ([https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/publications/press/13\\_00052.html](https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/publications/press/13_00052.html))

## National Treasure Inuyama Castle

Address : 65-2, Kitakoken, Inuyama, Inuyama city, Aichi pref.

Telephone number : (0568) 61-1711 (Inuyama Castle Administration Office)

Opening hours : From 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (Last entry is at 4:30p.m.)

Closed day : From December 29th to 31st

Admission Fee : Adults 550yen Elementary and middle school children 110yen

Young children are free. ※No pets allowed.



【Disability Certificate holder】 Those with a disability certificate(①～③) and 1 accompanying person are admitted free. (Wheelchair users and their 2 accompanying caregivers receive free admission.)

①Physical disability certificate ②Rehabilitation certificate

③Mental disability certificate

※You can use disability identification app “*Mirairo ID*”.

Notes : Large luggage, such as suitcases, is not permitted.



Inuyama castle main parking lot “Castle Parking” (city-run)

Parking Fee : Regular car 300yen per hour (Designated day 500yen per hour)

Maximum of 1,800yen per day (The full-24-hours period of the day)(Designated day 3,000yen per day)

Entrance: From 8: 30a.m. to 9:00p.m. (Opens at 8:00a.m. on weekend and holidays) Exit: 24hours a day

When your friends and relatives come to Japan from overseas, you might wonder where to take them?

Why don't you take them to Inuyama castle? This castle is historically worth visiting sight seeing spot.

There are many castles in Japan, but only 12castles are original. The construction dates back to before the Edo period. Inuyama castle is one of the 5 national treasure castles. They said it's the oldest castle tower in existing Japanese castles! Compared with the history of the world, you can see how long it has existed. The keep of Inuyama castle was said to be built from 1585 to 1590, when Mr.Oda Nobukatsu was the lord of this castle. He is the son of the famous warlord Mr.Oda Nobunaga.

In those days, the world was in the Age of Exploration, when European countries like Spain and Portugal were conducting large scale voyages.

By the way, have you ever worn a *Kimono*? It's a traditional Japanese clothing that is also popular overseas. Since you're living in Japan, why not experience it by walking around in *Kimono*?

If your friends are visiting from overseas, they would surely enjoy a *Kimono*-experience.

There are *Kimono* rental shops in the castle town, extending south from the castle, where you can get dressed in a *Kimono*. Please choose your favorite color and pattern of *Kimono* and walk along the street with preserved Edo-era townscapes. Let's take lots of pictures of you in *Kimono*. I think your family and friends back home will really enjoy it. Additionally, visitors may savor a variety of exquisite skewer cuisines in the castle town, including sweets and local delicacies such as "Gohei-mochi" and "Dengaku". (skewered and grilled rice cakes and skewered and grilled tofu with miso paste)

When you enter Inuyama castle, you can experience the wooden interior and steep staircases. Stepping outside from the top floor, you'll be greeted by a breathtaking 360-degrees view of the Kiso river and Nobi plain. This will definitely be an unforgettable memory for you and your special someone who travel from a far.

For more information about Inuyama castle, please check the official website.

Official website : <Japanese><https://inuyama-castle.jp/>  
<English><https://inuyamajo.jp/>



## Little World

Address: 90-48 Imai Narisawa, Inuyama City,  
Aichi Prefecture

Phone Number: (0568) 62-5611

Opening Hours: Weekdays: 10:00–16:00

Weekends & Holidays

(Mar–Jun, Sep–Nov) 10:00–17:00

(Aug) 10:00–20:30

(Jul, Dec–Feb) 10:00–16:00

Admission Fees: Adults: ¥2,200 / Elementary & Junior High Students:  
¥1,100 /

Children (3 years and older): ¥500 / Dogs: ¥300

Discounts:

With a Disability Certificate:

Type 1 or A: Half-price for the holder and one  
accompanying adult

Type 2 or B: Half-price for the holder only

With a Special Medical Expense Recipient Certificate:

Half-price for the holder only

Parking Fees: Cars: ¥1,000 / Motorcycles: ¥500

Official Website: <https://www.littleworld.jp/info/price/>



If you ever feel homesick, visiting Little World might ease that feeling.

For example, at the outdoor exhibit “Taiwanese farmhouse”, you can wear traditional costume Ao Dai of Vietnam, from where the most foreign residents live in Inuyama city. There are also many Chinese costumes, making it enjoyable for people from China.

Recently, we have more people from Nepal and Indonesia. You can see a real “Buddhist temple” from the Himalayas in Nepal and traditional “Noble house” from Bali, Indonesia. These exhibits may bring back memories of your homeland.

Another reason I find Little World important is that it allows children raised in Japan to experience their roots and their parents' cultures. For instance, at the “Peruvian Hacienda Owner's House,” you can dress your child in traditional Peruvian clothing and say, “This is your grandfather's country.” At the “House in Ishigaki island - Okinawa,” you can explain, “This is the culture of your grandmother's ancestors who emigrated to Peru.”

### What is Little World?

According to the official website (<https://www.littleworld.jp/about/>), Little World is a museum with the theme of “people and culture” that aims to build a better future by thinking about human history, technology, society, art, values, and the relationship with the environment. It is a place where you can learn about the diverse cultures that people around the world have created through fun and impressive experiences that use your five senses and make new discoveries.

True to its name, Little World is a place where you can enjoy a “small world.” It is located in Inuyama, where we live. Here you can see buildings, houses, and temples of different countries, as well as taste the cuisine of those countries. You can also enjoy wearing foreign costumes and taking a lot of photos. It is really fun to wear costumes from different countries, from children to adult.

The charm of Little World is that you can experience the culture and cuisine of other countries, naturally feel the importance of respecting, and respecting different cultures!



## Meiji Mura

Address: 1 Uchiyama, Inuyama City, Aichi Prefecture

Phone Number: (0568) 67-0314

Opening Hours: 9:30-17:00

\*Business hours may change depending on the season and the facility may be closed.

For details, please check the official Meiji Mura website.

Website: <https://www.meijimura.com/>



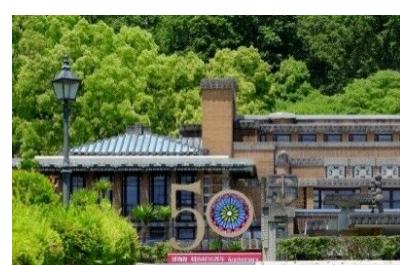
Have you ever heard of the Meiji period in Japan?

The Meiji period refers to the period from 1868 to 1912 in Japan's history. And just since the Meiji period, Japanese immigration began, so the Japanese grandfathers and grandmothers who immigrated to Brazil, Peru, the Philippines, Bolivia, etc., talked a lot about Japan during the Meiji period. The Meiji period was a time when people living in the countryside did not have good jobs and the people were in trouble, but it was also the time when Japan began to walk the path to a modern nation, and culturally developed very much. During this period, as Japanese began to adopt Western culture, the society faced a major change. This event was called "Bunmei Kaika" - civilization and enlightenment in history and attracted a lot of attention. Did you know that there is a theme park in Inuyama City where you can feel the impressive buildings, trains, and clothes made in that era?

When I went to visit Meiji Mura in Inuyama City, I felt like I was in Europe. You can see the inside of the buildings built in that era and take photos from various angles. Also, you can ride a steam locomotive, which is quite rare nowadays. I felt like I had gone to the past in a time capsule. Recently, since modern young people visits the park wearing costumes from that period or dressed in lolita fashion, you can get a better feel for the atmosphere of that time!

Meiji Mura is divided into five areas, from 1-chome to 5-chome. I recommend that you take plenty of time to go around all of them. There are so many wonderful buildings that makes you difficult to take time feeling nostalgic within the opening hours. It is a theme park where you can stay for all day. One suggestion is to buy a passport that can be used all year round and visit as many as to take your time to explore each area. Personally, the place that remains very impressive in Meiji Mura is the church. The stained glass of the St. Xavier's Cathedral are very beautiful. This church also offers wedding ceremonies..

I have another recommended place, it is the Imperial Hotel! This impressive hotel was built to make Japan recognized as a modern country by the world, and reconstructed in Meiji Mura. At that time, diplomats and presidents of other countries also stayed overnight. The Imperial Hotel of Meiji Mura was also chosen as filming location for TV shows and movies. I definitely recommend your visit!



## Japan Monkey Park

Address : 26, Kanrin, Inuyama, Inuyama-city, Aichi

Phone Number : (0568) 61-0870

Open: 10:00am~4:00pm (weekdays) 9:30am~5:00pm (weekends and holidays)

Closed : Please check the official website

Tickets : Adult (Jr. H.S and older)

weekdays 1,300yen weekends and holidays 1,500yen

Golden week/Obon holidays 1,700yen

Child (2years old and older)

weekdays 900yen weekends and holidays 1,000yen Golden week/Obon holidays 1,200yen

※ Separate admission fees are required for the park's attractions, swimming pool, and the Japan Monkey Center, which is located next to the park.

※ Rates are subject to change, so please check the official website.



### 【Guests with disabilities】

At the gate, please show the disability certificate (physical disability certificate, certificate for people with developmental delays, or specified medical care beneficiary certificate).

One accompanying guest (16 years old or older) also receives a discount.

※"Mirairo ID" application is available.

Tickets (ride on attractions, swimming pool, and zoo admission)

Adult (Jr. H.S and older)

weekdays 650yen weekends and holidays 750yen Golden week/Obon holidays 850yen

Child (2years old and older)

weekdays 450yen weekends 500yen Golden week/Obon holidays 600yen

Those who are raising children in Inuyama city!

Did you know that there is an amusement park in your city that can be enjoyed by both young children and adults?

If you have never taken your children to an amusement park, the Japan Monkey Park is a great place to go with your family. There are more than 30 various amusement rides at the Japan Monkey Park, and some of which can be enjoyed by children as young as 0-1-year-old if accompanied by an adult. Some can be ridden alone from the age of 2 or 6. It's also a great opportunity to capture your child's growth. Fees vary depending on how many attractions you ride in addition to the admission fees listed above. You have an option of purchasing a one-day passport if you want to try many attractions or just pay the admission fee if your child does not wish to ride them.

Summer in Japan is very hot. The sun can be very strong and sometimes making it difficult to play outside. On such days, why not take your children to the swimming pool? The Japan Monkey Park also has a swimming pool during summer. The "Monpool" has everything from a shallow pool with a depth of 15cm, perfect for children's first time in the pool, to a thrilling slide that children of all ages can enjoy!

Why not spend a fun day at the Japan Monkey Park on your next vacation?

It is the perfect place to make memories with your children!

For the details, please check their official sites: <https://www.japan-monkeypark.jp>



## Momotaro Shrine / Momotaro Park

In Japan, there is a famous fairy tale called “Momotaro”. Momotaro is a cheerful boy found inside a giant peach floating down the river, and this is the story of a hero who went on to battle and defeat demons (oni) and protect his village. The shrine is known as a place to go to pray and watch over children to grow up healthy and strong.

This fairy tale is the most famous folk tale known throughout Japan, and there is a legend that Momotaro was born in Inuyama city. In addition to Inuyama, there are several other places associated with the Momotaro legend, with Okayama prefecture being particularly famous.



I think that is the interesting part of folk tales and legends. However, since we live in Inuyama city, let's believe that this Momotaro Park is the birthplace of Momotaro and why not go there as a tourist spot where you can visit with your family and wish your children a happy and healthy life. This is also a memorable place for me as I went there several times when my children were small. Momotaro Shrine, located in Momotaro Park, has concrete statues of characters from the Momotaro fairy tale. For example, you will find a statue of a cheerful Momotaro coming out of a giant peach, and a statue of a demon that Momotaro and his group conquered. I am sure that children will enjoy taking pictures with these statues.

Momotaro Shrine's address : 853 Ohira, Kurisu, Inuyama, Aichi

Phone : 0568-61-1586 Website :

<https://inuyama.gr.jp/experience/detail/18/>



There are also souvenir shops around this sightseeing spot, and you can even try “dengaku”, a traditional tofu dish from Inuyama city.

There is also a pottery class, where you can have an interesting experience of making your own bows and other items.

For more information about the experience and fees at the pottery class, please contact the following.

Address : 35 Furuyashiki, Kurisu, Inuyama, Aichi

Phone : 0568-61-8195 Website :

<https://owaritouzankoubou.wixsite.com/home>

There is a campsite next to the park. This large park is full of greenery and is a great place for a family picnic. While the use of charcoal is prohibited, you can bring a portable gas stove and use a griddle. Please note that you must take all the trash home with you. Please do not disturb other visitors and follow the rules. For more information on how to use the park and details of the rules and fees, please contact the following.

Campsite (Kurisu Momotaro Development Association, Restaurant Momotaro)

Address : Furuyashiki, Kurisu, Inuyama, Aichi Phone : 0568-61-1576



## Kisogawa Ukai, Cormorant Fishing

Did you know that you can catch fish using birds instead of fishing rods?

Yes, that is a culture called "Ukai" that exists in some Asian countries. This is a traditional culture seen particularly in countries such as Japan and China.

Ukai is a traditional fishing method which uses cormorants to catch fish continued from over 1,300 years ago. The feudal lords and powerful figures in Japan's history loved and supported this culture, using Ukai as a form of entertainment for their guests. However, it may have been something that was out of reach for the common people at that time.

Nowadays, it is open to the public, and it is especially popular with tourists in spring and autumn. The most famous Ukai in Japan is performed in Nagara River in Gifu Prefecture, but Inuyama's Ukai is equally impressive. Kisogawa Ukai is conducted at the Kiso River flown on the North side of Inuyama castle.



Do you know what kind of fishing method Ukai is?

Actually, there is a training to learn Ukai technique and fishermen who have mastered the technique are called "Usho." The "Usho" of Inuyama are public servants who train cormorants and use them to catch fish in the Kiso River. They look really cool in their traditional costumes, fishing from boats, but behind that image lies a lot of hard training and effort.

Furthermore, it is worth noting of Kisogawa Ukai is that it was the first place in the Tokai region where female "Usho" was born. That is what made Inuyama Ukai very famous.

And one of the attractions of Inuyama Ukai is "daytime Ukai."

In fact, Inuyama is the only place in Japan that conducts daytime Ukai!

Although I have taken part in the night-time Ukai several times, I have never been to the daytime Ukai before.

In the night Ukai, when you take a pleasure boat ride down the Kiso River and gaze at the castle while watching the Usho maneuver their cormorants by the light of bonfires. It feels as if you have traveled back in time to over 1,000 years ago.

This year, I definitely want to see the Ukai at daytime. In addition, if you choose a plan that includes meals, you can enjoy the ship's delicious cuisine, which will undoubtedly make for a wonderful day.

### Ukai reservation

Kisogawa Kanko Co. Ltd.

Address : 2 Kitashiroyamadaira Inuyama Inuyama City, Aichi Pref.

Google Map : <https://maps.app.goo.gl/UD18hCvSkZXnegDj8>

Phone : 0568-61-2727 (Reservation hotline in Japanese only)

Ukai season : Jun. 1 (Sun) through Oct. 15 (Wed), 2025

Charge without meal : Adult: 3,500 yen, Child (age 4 to 12): 1,750 yen

Meal plans are charged separately, so please check our website for details. [www.kisogawa-ukai.jp](http://www.kisogawa-ukai.jp)



## Other Tourism Information in Inuyama City

In Inuyama city, there are still a lot more places to see. For example, as places to go play with children, the Sweets Castle, river rafting, to visit Naritasan temple and Haritsuna shrine, castle and town museum, IMASEN karakuri museum and etc.

We would like to show all of foreign citizens many more places, but the space of the information magazine is limited, so we cannot show you all. On the website of the Inuyama City Tourist Association (Inuyama Tourist Information), there are so many tourist information, so why do not you check it.

Inuyama Tourist Information <https://inuyama.gr.jp/>

[Tourist information in Inuyama city is available in Japanese, English, Chinese (Simplified Chinese and Traditional Chinese) and Korean.]

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Although there are no interpreters, if it is okay with only Japanese, the following places can provide tourist information in Inuyama City.

### (1) Inuyama City Tourist Association (Japanese only)

Phone : (0568) 61-2825

Address : 4-21 Matsumoto-cho, Inuyama city, Aichi pref. (in Inuyama community center Freude)

Opening hours : 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. (weekday only)

There are tourist information centers in Inuyama City that are open on Saturdays and Sundays.

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### (2) Inuyama Tourist Information Center (Japanese only)

It is in the Inuyama station.

Address : 14 Fujimi-cho, Inuyama, Inuyama city, Aichi pref.

Phone : (0568) 61-6000

Opening hours : 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Closed days] Dec. 30th through Jan. 3rd.



### (3) Inuyama Castle Tourist Information Center (Japanese only)

Address : 12-17 Kitakoken Inuyama Inuyama city

Opening hours : 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Closed days] Dec. 31st

