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News and Topics



Doctors Decreased by 16% in Five Years.

A survey by the Muroran Medical Association showed that the number of doctors working part-time and full-time for five key hospitals in Muroran and Noboribetsu, had decreased to 197.8, as of April 1st this year. This is 16% decrease from 234.18 over a five-year period. (The decimal numbers above indicate the part-time doctors who are working in days or hours.)

Even in Muroran, which is endowed with rather sufficient medical facilities in Hokkaido, the retrieve of doctors by university medical offices cast a shadow.

Looking at the situation more specifically, over the past five years nine doctors from Muroran Municipal Hospital, one doctor from Ohkawara Neurological Hospital and 6.58 doctors from Noboribetsu Kosei-Nenkin Hospital quit. The largest loss of doctors was at Nikko Memorial Hospital, which lost a total of 35 doctors (five in the circulatory department, three in the neurology department, 13 clinical doctors and the remainder from other departments). This was due to the resignation of the former chief as well as the retrieval of doctors by university medical offices.

At the same time, the number of doctors at Shin-Nittetsu Muroran General Hospital has increased by 15.2. Improved working conditions, plant investment and so on, has lead to more secure doctors.

Additionally, in contrary to the lack of obstetricians nationally, in Muroran the number has increased by 1.5 to a total of 9.5. Muroran Medical Association is worried that although Muroran has secured a

sufficient number of doctors for now, the burden of doctors in emergency situations will reach its limit, if the decrease continues.

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室蘭と登別にある5つの基幹病院の医師数が、5
ねんまえ くら じゅうろく げんしょ あき
年前と比べて 16% 減少していることが明らかにな
りました。

Muroran Citizens' Art Museum Open

The Muroran Citizens' Art Museum opened in the lower floor of Bunka Center in Chuo-cho on October 1.

Fifty persons concerned such as Mayor Shingu and members of the community that supported the museum to be opened attended the opening ceremony and the ribbon-cutting.

In his opening remarks the Mayor said, "I'd like to show my respect to all those who made an effort to open this museum for years. I hope that many citizens, especially children, will have an interest in fine arts and that new artist are born." Mr.Masanao Yamanaka, the chairman of the City Council, also said a few words, "I expect the citizens and community to closely manage this museum."

The Muroran Citizens' Art Museum was repaired by the city office, and will be managed by a citizen group. Admission hours are 10:00-17:00, and it is closed on Mondays or the following day if Monday is a national holiday, and the New Year holidays. Admission is free, except for project exhibitions.



むろらんしみんびじゅつかん じゅうがつつけたち ぶんか ちか
室蘭市民美術館が10月1日に文化センター地下に
オープンしました。休館日は月曜日と年末年始で、
かいがんじかん ごぜんじゅうじ ごごごじ
開館時間は午前10時から午後5時までです。

Foods from the 2008 Summit Meeting



Iburi District Office introduced 39 raw food materials produced in Iburi on its Internet homepage. They are the food supplied for the dining of top world leaders and at accommodations for the press people during the Summit Meeting. In addition to that, vegetables provided at the open market in Makkari just before Summit Meeting are also introduced. On the Internet you can see the features of each food and the shops which sell them. The office wants to sell these local foods nationwide, making use of the celebrated Summit Meeting.

The products from West-Iburi that are introduced include Japanese beef, sweet corn and cabbage from Toyako, strawberries and sausages from Toyoura, herbs from Date, cherries from Soubetsu, horseradish from Noboribetsu, and soy milk from Muroran.

The address is

<http://www.iburi.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/srk/iburisummitsyokuzailist.htm>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Iburi District Office website. The main title is 'いぶり・サミット食材リスト' (Iburi - Sammit Food List). Below it, there is a detailed description of the food list, mentioning that 39 raw food materials were introduced, including Japanese beef, sweet corn, cabbage, strawberries, sausages, herbs, cherries, horseradish, and soy milk. A call-to-action button says '商品・食材・ブランド名をクリックしてください。詳しい情報を見ることができます!!' (Click on the product, ingredient, or brand name. You can find detailed information!).

ほっかいどういぶりしちょう
北海道胆振支庁では、サミット開催中に提供された
いぶりかんない さんじゅく しょくざい
胆振管内の 39 の食材について、胆振支庁のホームページで紹介しています。

Information and Invitations

Local product market of west Iburi

[Date] November 6(Thur) – 10(Sun) 10:00a.m. ~

[Place] Marui-imai Department Store

[More Information] Marui-imai Department Store (Tel: 0143-43-1151)

Citizens Floor-Curling Rally



[Date] November 9(Sun) 8:45a.m. ~1:00p.m.

[Place] Kaiyo elementary school gym

[Conditions] Over elementary school-age students

[Course] Doubles (Two -person groups)

[Admission Fee] 500 yen (includes insurance)

[Application] Come to the Muroran Gymnasium by November 4 and pay the admission fee with the application form

[More Information] Muroran Gymnasium (Tel: 0143-44-7521)



Making Traditional Kites

[Date] November 24(Mon) 10:00a.m. ~ 12:00noon

[Place] Muroran Historical Folklore Museum

[Limit] first 20 people

[Admission Fee] 500 yen

[Application] by telephone from November 1

[Entrance Fee] 300 yen (under junior high school age and over 70: free)

[More Information] Muroran Historical Folklore Museum (Tel: 0143-59-4922)

Exhibition of Muroran Landscape: *the port, factories, and nature.*

[Date] November 11(Tue) — December 7(Sun)

10:00a.m.~

[Place] Muroran Citizens Museum (Underground at Muroran cultural center)

[More Information] Muroran Citizens Museum (Tel: 0143-22-1124)

Muroran Institute of Technology orchestra's regular concert

[Date] November 22 (Sat) 2:30 p.m. ~

[Place] Muroran Citizen's Hall (*Wanishi Shimin-Kaikan*)

[More Information] Mr.Takasuka (Tel: 090-6269-0154)

Exercise Class

[Date] November 29(Sat) 2:00p.m. ~ 4:00p.m.

[Place] Sun Life Muroran

[Contents] Learn while moving the body through stretches that improve the flow of the lymph and blood systems.

[Limit] first 20 people
 [Admission Fee] 500 yen
 [Application] by telephone from November 1
 [More Information] Sun Life *Muroran* (Tel: 0143-55-3040)

Making Christmas Cards with personal computers

[Date] December 14(Fri) 9:00a.m. - 0:30p.m.
 [Place] Muroran IT
 [Conditions] 4th - 6th grade in elementary school
 [Limit] 10 people (if applicants exceed limit, application will be determined by a drawing) *The child's guardian may also participate.

[Application] Come to Muroran Institute of Technology, and apply with the application form or pick up the application form from Muroran IT Homepage
 [More Information] Muroran Institute of Technology Regional Alliances Promotion section (Tel: 0143-46-5023)

Japanese Cooking 204

Chicken and Egg on Rice 親子丼



- Ingredients (serve four) -		
hot cooked rice	6 bowls	780 g
chicken, dark meat		400 g
leek		1/2
mituba (trefoil)		1 bunch
egg		4

《Sauce》

• broth	300 cc
• mirin	3 tablespoons
• soy sauce	3tablespoons

Directions

- Cut chicken into 1.5cm cubes.
Slice the leeks thinly diagonally.
- Cut the roots off mituba, and chop roughly.
- Beat the eggs in a bowl.
- Combine all of the sauce ingredients in a pan, place over high heat and bring to the boil, add chicken, reduce heat to medium.
- When the chicken is almost cooked, pour eggs

over the top with a circular motion.

- When the egg is half-cooked, turn off the heat and add mitsuba.
- Put hot rice in bowls, place (6) onto the cooked rice.

QUIZ

“National Holidays in Japan” Matching Game

On the left are “Japanese National Holidays.” These holidays should be in the months listed on the right. Can you match the holidays with the month?

こどもの日	● 1月	いちがつ
Children’s Day	January	
体育の日	● 3月	さんがつ
Health & Sports Day	March	
天皇誕生日	● 4月	しがつ
Emperor’s Birthday	April	
成人の日	● 5月	ごがつ
Coming of Age Day	May	
敬老の日	● 7月	しちがつ
Respect for the Aged Day	July	
海の日	● 9月	くがつ
Ocean Day	September	
昭和の日	● 10月	じゅうがつ
Showa Day	October	
春分の日	● 11月	じゅういちがつ
Vernal Equinox Day	November	
勤労感謝の日	● 12月	じゅうにがつ
Labor Thanksgiving Day	December	

About Japan

Life and Customs

Japanese Marriage



<What is the most common kind of wedding ceremony in Japan?>

About 70% of Japanese weddings are conducted in Shinto style. The next most common are those conducted in Christian style, followed by Buddhist-style weddings. Most couples do not associate their chosen style of wedding with a religious faith.

In olden times the wedding ceremony was held in the husband's home. Ceremonies in shrines became common in the Meiji period (1868 – 1912).

Christian-style ceremonies in churches are usually open only to Christians, but recently some churches admit couples who have taken classes on Christianity.

Hotels and wedding halls have facilities for both Shinto-style and Christian-style ceremonies, where Shinto priests and ministers come to preside over the ceremonies.

After the ceremony, commemorative photos are taken and wedding receptions are held. A wedding reception is an event to make the couple's marriage public, to which friends and acquaintances are invited.

<How much does it cost to hold a wedding?>

A 2003 survey by a women's magazine showed that the average cost of a wedding ceremony and reception is 2,800,000 yen, and the average number of people attending the reception including the bride, bridegroom, and go-between, is 80. That means it costs about 35,000 yen per person.

Marriage is considered to unite not only the couple, but also the families of the couple. Rather elaborate wedding receptions, called *hiroen*, are common. In their planning and execution, pains are taken to look respectable in the eyes of the families of both marriage partners.

However, the style of weddings has gradually changed as more people express a desire to hold unique weddings suitable to themselves.

<How many international marriages are registered every year?>

The Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry's *Vital Statistics* show that, among the couples who got married in 2002, the number of couples consisting of a Japanese husband and a foreign wife was 27,957 and the number of couples consisting of a foreign husband and a Japanese wife was 7,922.

The number of cases where Japanese men marry foreign women has increased by seven times during the past 20 years.

According to their nationalities, wives from China constitute 38.5% of foreign wives, while second place is held by wives from the Philippines (27.3%).

For foreign husbands, 30% are Koreans, 18.8% are Americans, and 10.3% are Chinese.

(Quotation from "Talking About Japan")

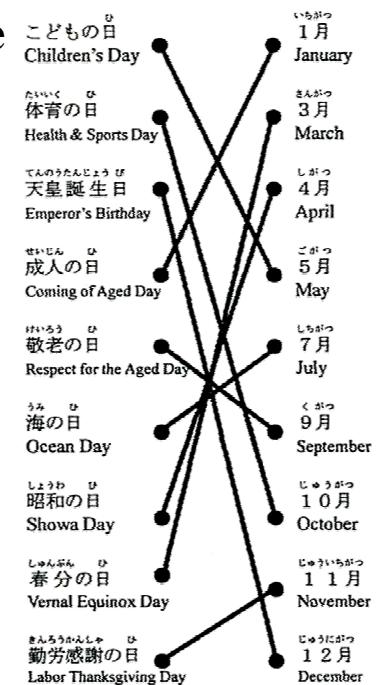
Cinema Guide

Muroran Gekijo (Higashi-machi)

1. RED CLIFF
2. ホームレス中学生
3. 容疑者Xの献身
4. 崖の上のポニョ



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