**Eriko’s List of Local Happenings**  
**Wednesday, 28 February 2018**

**Happy Hina Matsuri (Girl’s Festival)!**  
**March 3, 2018**

**No.1 Event this weekend!**  
**FFSC Girl’s Day Festival**

Sunday, 4 March  
0900-1200  
Fleet and Family Support Center Classroom (Building 310)

This is the most popular cultural event of FFSC. You will see the seven-tiered Hina doll set as well as Girl’s Day ornaments. How about taking pictures with them in kimonos? We will dress up girls in kimonos for free. Formal kimono dressing is for first 25 girls. Yukata (cotton kimono) fitting is also free and it’s for any ladies including mothers who come with their daughters. Please come to FFSC at 0830 on March 4th to sign up for the formal kimono fitting. Contact Eriko Kawahara at 252-3102 for more information. We do hair up and kimono fitting. But no make-ups or photo taking. Please bring your camera or take pictures with your cell phone.

**No.2 Event this weekend!**  
**The 20th Fire Prevention Bazaar**

Sunday, 4 March  
1150  
Shimanose Park

Goolge map coordinates: 33.172413, 129.720690  
This event is hosted by the local fire department. The attractions are charity bazaar, mochi (rice cake) pounding, fire department band concert, and fire prevention promotional displays. Please call the fire department office in Japanese at 0956-23-5121 for more information.

**No.3 Event this weekend!**  
**Nagasaki Lantern Festival**

Until Sunday, 4 March  
Nagasaki China Town, Haman-machi Arcade and satellite sites

According to the luna calendar, the new year’s day of 2018 starts on Friday, 16 February this year. It was used to be held for 15 days until last year. It’s extended two more days (17 days in total) this year. I believe it’s a good business chance for Nagasaki city. That’s why. About 15,000 lanterns and zodiac-themed objects will light up Nagasaki city very brightly. This is the must-see event in Nagasaki prefecture. Please call Nagasaki city hall in Japanese at 095-822-8888 for more information.

**The Saza River Kawazu-zakura (Early Blooming Cherry Blossoms) and Shirouo (White Fish) Festival**

**Thursday, 1 March** to Saturday, 31 March  
MR Saza Train Station area

Google map coordinates: 33.236746, 129.646867  
People believe that Shirouo (1 inch-long transparent fish) bring spring season to Saza-cho. The local fishermen catch them with a fine net by the river. On the banks of the
Saza River early blooming cherry blossoms will be seen while you enjoy Shirouo dishes. The traditional way to eat fish is very unique. They free some fish in a bowl of soy-sauce based soup. Then they eat them alive with the soup. I prefer cooked fish, though. Please contact Saza-cho Chamber of Commerce and Industry office in Japanese at 0956-62-3171 for more information.

Shirouo Fishing Experience  
**Thursday, 1 March** to Sunday, 25 March  
Fee: Y1,500 per family or group  
This is an opportunity for people who would like to catch them in authentic and traditional way. It’s not only fishing. You can take home the fish you caught. Please contact the Saza Sarayama Store in Japanese at 0956-62-5580 for more information.

**Hina Masturi (Festival) Tea Ceremony**  
**Saturday, 3 March**  
1330-1600  
Nagasaki Culture and History Museum in Nagasaki city  
Google map coordinates: 32.752906, 129.879488  
Fee: Y500  
Children who have learning tea ceremony will serve tea and a tea snack to you. The museum showcases the history of Nagasaki city and culture. Visit the museum and have a break at the tea ceremony! Call the museum in Japanese at 095-818-8366 for more information.

**Nagasaki Seiyokan Joyful Concert**  
**Saturday, 3 and Sunday, 4 March**  
1300  
Nagasaki Seiyokan  
Google map coordinates: 32.770997, 129.863118  
Admission: Free  
Nagasaki Seiyokan is a shopping center on Route 206. It’s located between Nagasaki Peace Park and Coco Walk Shopping Center. The design of the building is very unique. The Nagasaki streetcars (tram) runs through the building. I enjoyed looking at the display of the Nagasaki city diorama. Stop by if you visit Nagasaki city this weekend. Call the shopping center in Japanese at 095-843-9191 for more information.

**Sasebo Local Library 1700th Anniversary Story Telling**  
**Saturday, 3 March**  
1430-1530  
Sasebo Local Library  
Google map coordinates: 33.174613, 129.721180  
The local library has hosted the story telling every Saturday since 1979. To commemorate its 1700th anniversary, special one will be held this Saturday. I can’t imagine how special it will be. Please visit there and check it out. No need to sign up. Contact the library at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

**Hizen Emukae Mayudama (Cocoon Balls) Festival 2018**  
**Saturday, 3 March** to Sunday, 8 April  
1000-1600  
Emukae Shopping Street  
Google map coordinates: 33.308573, 129.629148  
Mayudama (Cocoon Balls) are displayed in Emukae-cho as well as Hina Dolls (Girl’s Festival dolls). The cocoon balls are now made of Styrofoam instead of real cocoons.
They are symbol of prosperity. They are like Easter eggs for them. The styroforam balls are wrapped with very colorful Japanese fabrics and look so beautiful. 5 to 10 balls are on a skewer looks like a model of the solar system stars on a skewer. Kimono fitting service (Y4,000) is also available. Contact either Yamashita-san at 080-6457-0872 or Watagawa-san at 090-5924-8576 in Japanese for more information.

**Love and Peace Music Concert**

**Sunday, 4 March**

Sasebo Baptist Church

Google map coordinates: 33.176925, 129.720495

This is a charity music concert to raise money to help victims of heavy rain in Fukuoka last year. Please call the church at 0956-23-1767 in Japanese for inquiry. Or visit the web page: [http://love-p.info](http://love-p.info)

**Flea Markets**

**Daito Shopping Center Flea Market**

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

Phone #: 0956-27-2222

**Wednesday, 28 February**

1000-1500

Wednesdays, 14 and 28 March

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.

**Sasebo Morning Market Flea Market**

Google map coordinates: 33.164545, 129.720377

Phone #: 0956-22-9890

Saturdays, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March

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 until 0900. You find the market the busiest from 0600 to 0730. Please visit the website: [http://sasebo-asaichi.com/](http://sasebo-asaichi.com/) to learn about it in details. Call in Japanese at 0956-22-9890 for more information.

**Top-kun Flea Market**

Sunday, 25 March

0950-1600

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! Red Hiro shows are held twice at 1200 and 1500. Kid’s games and air toys are available. Sounds exciting!

**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/](http://emd.syoutengai.com/)
Pearl Sea Center (former Saikai Pearl Sea Center) Information
Google map coordinates:  33.161243, 129.678967
Phone #:  0956-28-4187

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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, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 March
Google map coordinates: 33.161243, 129.678967 1130-1200, 1430-1500
Phone #: 0956-28-4187
Admission: Y620 (adult, Sasebo citizen), Y150 (child, Sasebo citizen)
Please show your ID card at the ticket office.
Some fish have skills to catch bugs by shooting water to them or hiding secretly between pebbles. They are like Ninjas. Check them out at the aquarium! Call the Pearl Sea Center office in Japanese at 0956-28-4187 for more information. Please remember the following campaign.

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.

Pearl Queen Sunset Cruise
Saturdays, Sundays, and Japanese holidays until Sunday, 29 October
Duration of the trip: about 60 minutes
Fee: Y1,400 (adult), Y700 (4 years old to middle school student)
The departure time depends on the sunset time of the day. Please check it by calling the office in Japanese at 0956-28-1999.

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.

**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/](http://www.kujukushima-visitorcenter.jp/)

**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

Google map coordinates: 33.151185, 129.689476

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.

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Annual Pass          older
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.

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
Google map coordinates: 33.186212, 129.714322
Phone #: 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.

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**Sasebo Local Library**  
Google map coordinates: 33.174613, 129.721180  
Phone #: 0956-22-5618  
Sunday 1000-1800  
Tuesday to Friday and Saturday 1000-2000  
Closed on Mondays and Japanese holidays. Contact the library at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

**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.

Have you ever visited the local library? There is a mezzanine where you saw the local authors’ information chronologically in the glass cases. The local library serves the space for everyone to display your art and crafts for free commencing in April this year. Give them a call in Japanese at 0956-22-5618 for more information.

**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](http://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.

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

Huis Ten Bosch Tulip Festival
Sunday, 15 April
Huis Ten Bosch
Google map coordinates: 33.086509, 129.787180
Admission: Y6,900 (adult, one day passport)
1,000,000 tulips in 700 different kinds are in bloom in Huis Ten Bosch. They will be lit up beautifully with lights at night. Tulip is a national flower in Holland. The tulip festival is a must go event at Huis Ten Bosch. If you don’t take any rides at the park, you can purchase the simple admission ticket with Y4,400.

Robot Kingdom Grand Opening!
Huis Ten Bosch
Do you like Robot Animes such as “Gundom?” 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.

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**
**English as a Second Language**
Tuesdays, 6, 13, 20, 27 March 1000-1100
Main Base FFSC Conference Room
Tuition: Free

**Hario Village English Café**
Hario Village Chaplain’s Building Classroom C and D
Tuition: Free
Note: Classes in March have been cancelled.

**Japanese Phrase Class**
Tuesdays, 6, 13, 20, 27 March 1130-1230
Main Base FFSC Conference Room
Tuition: Free
No need to sign up.

**Japanese Cafe**
Tuesdays, 6, 20, 27 March 1130-1230
Hario Village Chaplain’s Building Classroom E
Tuition: Free
Note: March 13 class has been cancelled. Families are welcome to this class. No need to sign up. Just show up!