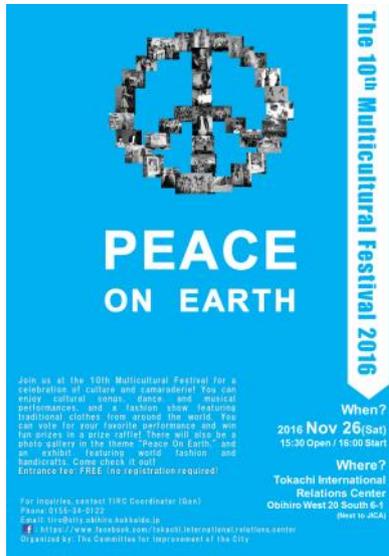


## 10th Multicultural Festival

For the 10th year in a row, the Tokachi International Relations Center will be holding its 「Multicultural Festival」 on **Saturday, November 26th.**

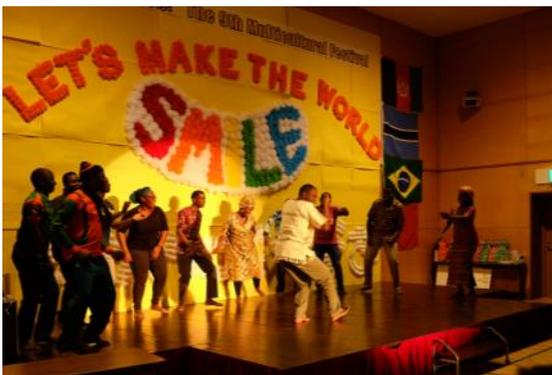
What is there to look forward to at the 10th Multicultural Festival? To commemorate the 10th year, there will be a special display of photos that show this year's theme, 「Peace on Earth」 that



were submitted by locals. As always, there will also be a fashion show of clothing from around the world, as well as various

performances including: upbeat dancing performed by students from Africa, a traditional Indian dance, a performance from the Yosakoi group 「Excla!matioN」 and more!

Check out **page 2** for more information. Hope to see you there!



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## 42nd Annual Wine Party

On **December 10th from 6 PM**, meet new friends from around the world at the **42nd Annual Wine Party** held by the Obihiro Committee for International Friendship. Enjoy a fun night of drinks and prizes with international students from Obihiro University and JICA participants. Purchase tickets during the month of November at the Tokachi International Relations Center or the International and Domestic Relations Section on the 3rd floor of Obihiro City Hall. Tickets may also be purchased on the day of the Wine Party.

## 第42回国際親善市民の夕べ

**What:** 42nd Annual Wine Party  
**Where:** Tokachi Noukyouren Building 5th Floor (Obihiro City, West 3, South 7-14)  
**When:** December 10th from 6 PM  
**Admission Fees:**  
 •Adults 2500 Yen  
 •University Students 1500 Yen  
 •Grade School Students 500 Yen  
 •Children under 6 Free  
 •JICA Participants & International Students from "Chikudai" Free  
**Contact:** •Tokachi International Relations Center TEL: 0155-34-0122  
 •International and Domestic Relations Section (Obihiro City Hall) TEL:0155-65-4133



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# Events at TIRC and in Tokachi and Obihiro

When	What	Where/Contact
11/5 (Sat) 18:00-19:30	<b>58th International Talk</b> Learn more about the countries of the world and exchange ideas with other participants. This month's guest is an ALT of Obihiro City from Sweden. He will talk about Swedish culture, customs and more.	Tokachi International Relations Center 森の交流館・十勝 0155-34-0122 tirc@city.obihiro.hokkaido.jp
11/9 (Wed) 19:00-21:00	<b>International Mini-Volleyball Night</b> Meet new friends from around the world while enjoying a fun and easy sport.	
11/12 (Sat) 16:00-18:00	<b>Japanese Conversation and Learning Table</b> Improve your Japanese language skills in a friendly environment. Japanese volunteers will be there to help you.	
11/13 (Sun) 10:00-14:30 Signup period: 10/25-11/10	<b>Winter Tea Ceremony</b> Come and experience the traditional Japanese way of serving tea. Sessions 1-4: Tea Ceremony 10:00/10:30/11:00/11:30 Sessions 5-6: Tea Serving Etiquette 13:00/13:50	
11/19 (Sat) 10:00-11:30	<b>38th Kids Playground</b> Come with your children to learn and play while meeting local families. This month, you can enjoy the Christmas themed games, hand plays and stories with an ALT of Obihiro City from the USA.	
11/26 (Sat) 16:00-18:30	<b>The 10th Multicultural Festival</b> Enjoy traditional dances, songs, music and fashion from around the world. There will also be a world photo gallery and handicrafts exhibit.	
11/1 - 3/31 (Tue-Sun)	<b>Winter Fest in Ecology Park</b> ウインターフェスinエコパ Enjoy snowshoe walking, snow raft tours, a foot spa, and other fun winter activities.	Tokachi Ecology Park 十勝エコロジーパーク 0155-32-6780 www.tokachi-ecopark.jp
11/3 - 7 (Thu-Mon) 9:00-16:00	<b>47th Obihiro Chrysanthemum Festival</b> 第47回おびひろ菊まつり Enjoy the Autumn festival with Chrysanthemum flowers at Tokachi Plaza for free.	Tokachi Plaza とかちプラザ 0155-22-8600
11/5 (Sat) 13:00-15:00	<b>Eco Park Expedition "Let's Learn About Chum Salmon"</b> エコパ探検隊「シロザケをしりたい」 Learn about artificial insemination of Chum Salmon.	Tokachi Ecology Park 十勝エコロジーパーク 0155-32-6780
11/5-6 (Sat-Sun) 10:00-15:00	<b>Summer Thanks Festa</b> 夏ありがとうフェスタ Day of appreciating fun Summer games at Ecology Park.	Tokachi Ecology Park 十勝エコロジーパーク 0155-32-6780 www.tokachi-ecopark.jp
11/6 (Sun) 10:00-15:00	<b>Nature Center Autumn Festival</b> 秋の自然館祭り Enjoy a dream-catcher, stone paint, craft corner, key holder making workshop.	Higashi Taisetsu Nature Center ひがし大雪自然館 01564-4-2323 <a href="http://www.ht-shizenkan.com/">http://www.ht-shizenkan.com/</a>

## Culture: American Thanksgiving

Although the long winter is soon to begin again here Hokkaido, Americans warmly welcome the change with various celebrations in November and December. In between the spooky festivities of October's Halloween and the jolly year end fun from Christmas and New Year's Eve, November's Thanksgiving is a tradition in most American families. In this month's edition of Obihiro Pioneer, American Coordinator for International Relations, Elaine, chimes in to share the fest that is American Thanksgiving!

On the fourth Thursday of every November falls Thanksgiving Day. While the origins of the American Thanksgiving is well debated over, modern Thanksgiving has become an extended weekend of food, family and...shopping! The fourth Thursday and the following Friday are national public holidays, making it a very popular period to travel. Thanksgiving itself is usually celebrated with a large feast of fall foods, shared together with close friends and family. The contents of the feast varies amongst families, but the most famous dish has to be the turkey. Considerably larger than commonly eaten chicken, a turkey takes several hours to cook and is accompanied by many other sides like mash potatoes and cranberry sauce.



A traditional Thanksgiving feast, including the star dish, a baked turkey.

Until the feast is ready to be served, the day is usually spent watching parades and/or football games that are held all over the country.



Like the name of the day implies, Thanksgiving Day is also a day to be thankful for the past year. This is usually expressed by giving back to community members who aren't well enough off to have such a feast, with donations of food/money or volunteering.

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## Winter Tea Ceremony

Dreading the cold days of winter? Warm up at the Winter Tea Ceremony at the Tokachi International Relations Center! Learn and experience one of Japan's traditional arts, Tea Ceremony. The Winter Tea Ceremony is open to all foreign residents of Tokachi and Japanese residents of Obihiro City. Please see details for more information and how to register for a session!



## 森の茶会～冬～2016

**What:** Winter Tea Ceremony  
**Where:** Tokachi International Relations Center  
**When:** November 13th 10:00–14:30  
•Morning Sessions: Tea Ceremony  
•Afternoon Session: Tea-Serving Etiquette  
**Registration Period:** October 25th–November 10th  
**Fee:** •Free for foreign residents  
•Japanese Participants: 300 Yen fee for a Tea Ceremony or 500 Yen for a Tea-Serving Etiquette session  
**Contact:** Tokachi International Relations Center  
**TEL: 0155-34-0122**

# Movies At Cinema Taiyo, in Obihiro

(Nishi 3, Minami 11)  
Tel: (0155) 20-1525

Times and movies are subject to change! (for space reasons not all movies are listed)  
To confirm, call or check online at: [http://www.taiyogroup.jp/cinema/theater/\\_obihiro/movie.shtml](http://www.taiyogroup.jp/cinema/theater/_obihiro/movie.shtml)



Title	Language	Dates
Jason Bourne	English	Until 11th
Star Trek Beyond	English	All Month
Inferno	English	All Month
Death Note: Light up the NEW World	Japanese	All Month
Jack Reacher: Never Go Back	English	From 11th
Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them	TBD	From 23rd



Customers rushing into a store on Black Friday to take advantage of the sales!

Business Saturday, Cyber Monday and Giving Tuesday. With only a little over a month left in the year, business take this opportunity to make attractive sales and “get into the black” (negative profit margins are considered “being in the red,” so a high number of sales on “Black Friday” help get businesses reach a positive profit margin, or “get into the black” ). In the spirit of giving thanks, Giving Tuesday is a reminder to help others who need it with donations.

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The days following Thanksgiving are not official holidays, but have been branded the following names: Black Friday, Small

Take some time this November to give thanks !

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