

## Disaster Prevention in Japan: Typhoon 防災コラム(台風)

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In this issue of Obihiro Pioneer, we will introduce prevention tactics more specifically for typhoons, as they become more frequent from July until October. Many of the topics in this issues can also be used during other disasters.

### What is a Typhoon? (台風 taifuu)

A typhoon is a tropical cyclone which occurs due to temperature and pressure changes. The term "typhoon" is used in the northwest Pacific area, while "hurricane" is used to describe the same phenomenon in northeast Pacific and northern Atlantic areas. Japan calls these strong tropical cyclones 台風 taifuu.

### Prepare for Water and Wind

A typhoon is essentially strong winds

強風 *kyoufuu* and heavy rain 大雨

ooame happening at the same time.

Unlike an earthquake, typhoons can be predicted ahead of time, allowing one to get themselves prepared before the storm fully hits. Here are some of the likely disasters that may occur due to a typhoon:

### Flooding 洪水 *kouzui*

Those living near rivers should be especially alert when there are heavy rains.



Be prepared to move earlier than friends who live in other parts of town. You should avoid going outside if there is a flash flood warning, but if you are driving and are no longer able to proceed due to flooding, try to move yourself and the vehicle to a safe area, turn off the engine and wait for the storm to finish or for help to come.

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# Events at TIRC and in Tokachi and Obihiro

When	What	Where/Contact
7/10 (Wed) 19:00-21:00	<b>International Mini-Volleyball Night</b> 国際ミニバレー・ナイト Meet new friends from around the world while enjoying a fun and easy sport.	Tokachi International Relations Center 森の交流館・十勝 0155-34-0122 tirc@city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp
7/13, 7/27 (Sat) 16:00-18:00	<b>Japanese Conversation and Learning Table</b> 日本語教室 Improve your Japanese language skills in a friendly environment.  TIRC Winter Garden Fee: Free of charge Organized by the Tokachi International Association	
7/7 (Sun) 10:30-15:00	<b>Friends of the World 2019</b> 世界のともだち 2019 Come and join one of Tokachi's biggest international exchange events! Attractions: International Food Stands, Stage Performances, Kids Corner, Special Rally, NGO Booths etc.  TIRC and JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) Organized by the Friends of the World Executive Committee	
7/20 (Sat) 10:00-11:30	<b>54th Kids Playground (Malawi)</b> 第54回キッズ・プレイグラウンド(マラウイ) Come with your children to learn and play while meeting local families. This month's theme is Malawi. Chandiona, our guest from Malawi, will interact with children through songs, dances and arts and craft.	
7/20 (Sat) 18:30-20:00	<b>74th International Talk</b> (Farewell Talk: Reminiscing Life in Obihiro ) 第74回インターナショナル・トーク (思い出を語る、シンガポールから帯広へ～) Learn more about the countries of the world. This month's sub-theme is "Reminiscing Life in Obihiro". Our guest from Singapore, Obihiro City's CIR, will introduce his country and share his experience living in Obihiro, as well as the cultural differences he felt living here. Participants can interact with the guest through an easy English quiz and free conversation.  TIRC Winter Garden Fee: Free of charge (no registration required) For junior high school students and older. Organized by the City of Obihiro	
7/6 (Sat) 12:00-20:30	<b>GANKE FES 2019</b> Come to Shintoku's power spot "Ganke" to enjoy a festival of art, music, food, activities and even a market!	Kuttari Lake Inn Hot Springs Hotel 湯宿くったり温泉レイクイン <a href="http://www.ganke-fes.com/">http://www.ganke-fes.com/</a> #info

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### Strong Winds 強風 *kyoufuu*

Do your best to secure objects outside that may become displaced due to the strong wind. As mentioned in the “Earthquake” edition of this series, applying shatter-proof film to your windows will help keep glass from flying if it breaks suddenly. Taping a large “X” over your windows is also an alternative that helps to lessen the shattering. Again, do not go outside unless absolutely necessary. Strong winds will cause objects to go flying and take down trees and powerlines.

### Power Outage 停電 *teiden*

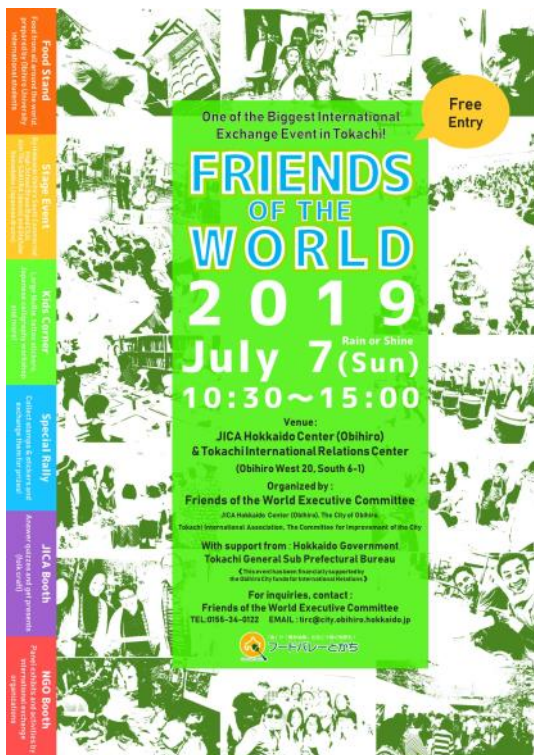
A power outage could occur for a number of reasons and is not usual during a typhoon. Because a power outage is sudden, you can only wait until the power comes back.

During that time, you should try to reserve your resources as long as possible. Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer to keep its contents cold. Secure water, just in case the power is out for a long period of time. In some cases your home’s water may not be running. If you are living on the 2nd floor or higher, this may be due to the building’s water pump not having electricity to move. While the power is out, be sure to switch off your circuit breaker and unplug your items. When the power does come back, it may affect any electronics or appliances plugged in and cause a fire. Look for your home’s breaker and learn how to turn it on and off before a real power outage comes.



Stay safe this summer and continue to read for more installments of this disaster prevention series!

## Friends of the World 2019 世界のともだち 2019



Come and join one of Tokachi’s biggest international exchange events!

**Date/Time:** July 7th (Sun), 10:30-15:00

**Location:** JICA Hokkaido Center (Obihiro) & Tokachi International Relations Center (Obihiro West 20, South 6-1)

**Cost:** Activities and stage performances are free! Food items will be sold (prices TBD)

**Attractions:** International Food Stands, Stage Performances, Kids Corner, Special Rally, NGO Booths etc.

# 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
Godzilla: King of Monsters	Jpn Sub/Dub	All month
Aladdin	Jpn Sub/Dub	All month
Men in Black International	Jpn Sub/Dub	Until 25th
X-Men: Dark Phoenix	Jpn Sub	Until 25th
Spiderman: Far from Home	Jpn Sub/Dub	All month
Toy Story 4	Jpn Dub	From 12th

## Events Continued

When	What	Where/Contact
7/6 (Sat) 14:00-20:30	<b>Satsunai Summer Festival</b> 札内夏まつり Celebrate summer with various stage performances and even a raffle filled with wonderful prizes!	Satsunai Chuo Park Makubetsu Chamber of Commerce 0155-54-2703
7/6 (Sat) 15:00-21:00	<b>39th Shihoro Summer Festival and Fireworks Show</b> 第39回しほろ夏祭り大会 Come and watch the summer's first fireworks show in Tokachi. Activities aimed mostly at children will be prepared for the day.	Shihoro Town Plaza Area Shihoro Summer Festival Committee 01564-5-2614 <a href="http://shihoro.net/yma2/">http://shihoro.net/yma2/</a>
7/13-15 (Sat-Mon) 9:30-14:00	<b>Recycle Flea Market</b> Have something at home that you can't throw away, but is still usable? Reduce waste and bring it to the recycle flea market!	Tokachi Ecology Park 0155-32-6780 <a href="http://www.tokachi-ecopark.jp/">http://www.tokachi-ecopark.jp/</a>
7/14 (Sun) 13:00-21:00	<b>Makubetsu Summer Fest 2019</b> まくべつ夏フェスタ 2019 There will be food and drink booths, live performances and more for everyone to enjoy. Look forward to the highlight of the night, the fireworks show.	Makubetsu Sports Park Makubetsu Town Tourism Department 0155-54-6606
7/28 (Sun) 10:00-15:00	<b>Summer Waku Waku Classroom</b> 夏休みわくわく教室 Keep learning over the summer vacation at the Obihiro Children's Hall. Experiments and activities will be offered for students.	Obihiro Children's Hall 帯広市児童会館 0155-24-2434

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