

**Eriko's List of Local Happenings**  
**Wednesday, 10 October 2018**

**No.1 Event this weekend!**

**Sasebo Sweets (Dessert) Festival**

**Saturday, 13 to Sunday, 14 October** 1000-1600

Saibu Gas Company Showroom

Google map coordinates: 33.166329, 129.720435

Desserts are called "Sweets" in Japan. About 20 different dessert stores compete who will impress people the most with their desserts. They have built a real candy house in the fairy tale, "Hansel and Gretel." I'm afraid you can't eat it, though. You can take pictures with it for sure. It's on the way to Gobangai New Mall. It's not so far. Please visit and find the best dessert for you. If you like to attend the dessert making class, please call Saibu Gas Company in Japanese at 0956-59-5008 to sign up.

**No.2 Event this weekend!**

**The 8<sup>th</sup> Takashima Island Dot-koi (Come Together) Festival**

**Sunday, 14 October** 0900

Takashima West Bay Park

Google map coordinates: 33.170660, 129.591953 (Takashima Ferry Boat Terminal)

33.193321, 129.654363 (Ainoura Port Ferry Boat Terminal)

Takashima Island is famous for *chikuwa* fishcakes. Including the *chikuwa* and other fish products are on sale for the festival. Fun events such as bare hand fish catching game are scheduled. A chartered [free ferry boat](#) will take you from Ainoura Port in Sasebo (leaving Ainoura at 0815) to Takashima Island. It's a good chance to visit Takashima. Call the festival committee in Japanese at 090-1877-4271 for more information.

**No.3 Event this weekend!**

**Sasebo Citizen's Hiking**

**Sunday, 14 October** 0900

Mr Kaize Train Station

Google map coordinates: 33.213272, 129.701761

Fee: Y100

The attendees will hike to Mt. Shokandake. The hiking will be about 11 km (about 6.8 miles) long and take about 5-hour hike for the participants to complete. Please be in comfortable clothing and mountain walking shoes. Please call Furukawa-san in Japanese at 0956-32-5577 for more information.

**Ono Okunchi Festival**

**Wednesday, 10 and Thursday, 11 October**

Google map coordinates: 33.209307, 129.720697 (Norito Shrine)

It's an annual harvest festival in Ono-cho. It's close from OONO mall on Route 204.

The Norito Shrine float will parade around on Thursday, 11 October in the morning. The traditional dance will be dedicated in the afternoon. Music concerts and fun events will be followed. Please call Hirata-san in Japanese at 070-5277-4646 for more information.

**Shimanose Art Center Information**

The following art exhibitions are held at Sasebo Shimanose Art Center. The center opens at 1000 and closes at 1800. Unless it's mentioned, the admission is free of charge. You can call the art center at 0956-22-7213.

Google map coordiantes: 33.172776, 129.720672

**The 63<sup>rd</sup> Nagasaki Prefecture Art Exhibition**

**Until Sunday, 14 October**

Admission: Y250 (adult), Y150 (high school student), Y200 (70 years old or older), Free for middle school student or under

Award-winning 262 artworks of calligraphy, Japanese style paintings, photos, and sculptures will be exhibited. Please call the art center office in Japanese at 095-825-6058 for more information.

**Modern French Painting and Masterpieces of Lalique Glasswork**

Saturday, 20 October to Sunday, 2 December

Admission: Y1,200 (adult), Y1,000 (high school, university student), Y800 (middle school student), Free for elementary school students or under

Tuesday, 23 October 1530-1630 Listen to French Records with Masahiko Nakamura

Sunday, 28 October 1000-1600 Introduction to French Home Cooking (Y2,900) by Hiroko Yoshihara

Saturday, 3 November 1400-1500 How to Sketch a Nude Models Legaly by Yasumasa Oka

Sunday, 4 November 1000-1800 Beads Accessory Workshop (Y2,000) by Kaori Itayama

Saturday, 10 November 1400-1500 Chanson Music Show by Yoichi Araki

Sunday, 11 November 1400-1500 Funny Opera Show by Toshinari Matsuo

Saturday, 17 November 1400-1500 Special Lecture on Masterpieces of Lalique Glasswork by Sayo Hayashida

Sunday, 18 November 1400-1500 How to Draw Pencil Schetch (Y2,000) by Takeshi Eguchi (Please sign up for the class at 0956-22-7213)

Saturday, 24 November 1400-1500 Tenpei Nakamura Museum Piano Concert

**Hisata Gakuen Women's High School Festival**

**Saturday, 13 October** 1300-1600

Arkas Sasebo Convention Center

Google map coordiantes: 33.166060, 129.724304

Medium Hall 1300-1500

Chorus Concert

Quick Draw Sword Demonstration

Naginata (Japanese halberd) Demonstration

Kimono Fashion Show

Event Hall 1500-1600

Japanese Tea Ceremony

Ikebana Flower Arrangement

Obi (Kimono sash) Tying Display

Home-made cookies on sale

PTA Bazaar

**Nanatsugama Cave Cosmos Festival**

**Sunday, 14 October** 1000-1600

Nanatsugama Limestone Cave in Hasami-cho

Google map coordinates: 33.023889, 129.660690

A stamp rally to collect stamps by visiting different stamp stations in Saikai-cho, treasure hunting in cosmos flower garden, and a raffle drawing will attract the visitors. The events are held in the cave property, but not in the cave. Of course, you can visit the cave.

Please call the festival committee office in Japanese at 0959-33-2303 for more information.

**The 21<sup>st</sup> YOSAKOI Sasebo Festival**

Friday, 19 October 1200-2100

Saturday, 20 and Sunday, 21 October 0900-2000

Nakiri Festival Main Site, 99 Islands Pearl Sea Resort, Sasebo Gobangai (New Mall), JMSDF Kurashima Wharf

Google map coordinates: 33.175289, 129.720739 (Nakiri Festival Main Site)

Feel the passion! One of the most exciting festival will come back again this year!

Unless you see their performances, I can't describe what they are like in words. I'll inform you when I get the detailed information.

**The 22<sup>nd</sup> Kawatana Y100 Market**

Saturday, 20 October 1100-1400

Sakaemachi Shopping Mall in Kawatana-cho

Google map coordinates: 33.068687, 129.862313

Three times a year, the shopping mall in Kawatana-cho turns into Y100 stores for 3 hours. It's fun to stroll around and find something very unique. Fine pieces of Hasami chinaware are sold for Y100. 3 small bottles of milky drink are for Y100. A small cup of pudding is Y100. 4 to 5 pieces of delicious fried chicken are for Y100. You will be surprised to find how much you can stretch your 100 yen coin. There are no sufficient car park for everyone, please catch a JR train to get there.

Train schedule: Fare Y460 (adult, one way)

Sea Side Liner

Sasebo	Huis Ten Bosch	Kawatana
1009	1032	1044
1109	1129	1143

Sea Side Liner

Kawatana	Huis Ten Bosch	Sasebo
1322	1336	1405
1420	1434	1458

**Saga Meiji Restroration Festival**

Saturday, 20 October 1500-2200

Former Saga Castle in Saga city

Google map coordinates: 33.245308, 130.302373

The Nabeshima Domain (Saga) was one of the four influential domains in Japan: Satsuma (Kagoshima), Choshu (Yamaguchi), Tosa (Kochi) and Hizen (Saga). To commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Meiji Restroration that was taken place in 1868, Saga city is hosting the festival for the first time. You will see the parade of people in attires 150 years ago. The former castle will be lit up in the evening. Newly created dance will be dedicated to the ceremony. Please visit the web: <http://www.saga-ishinmatsuri.jp/> to see the images of the festival. Call the festival committee in Japanese at 0952-25-7253 to learn more about the festival.

**Hirado Kunchi (Harvest) Festival**

Saturday, 20 October 1100-1800  
Sunday, 21 October 1330-1700

Hirado Castle Town

The relay Kagura dances will last all day. I'm afraid I can't watch them all. The Haiya dance team parade down the main street. Y300 dishes are available at 51 restaurants from 1100 to 1800 on Saturday, 1030-1700 on Sunday.

### **Hirado, the Story of Ocean (3D Projection Mapping)**

Until Wednesday, 31 October, 1830-2130 (except 10/24-10/25, Hirado Okunchi Festival)

Hirado Castle in Hirado city

Google map coordinates: 33.368571, 129.557541

Admission: Y1,000 (adult), Y500 (elementary school student to high school student)

In addition to the **projection mapping** on the wall of **Hirado Castle**, performers from the “**Cirque du Soleil**” show off at the stage over lights and music! Enjoy the collaborated digital art show! This event has been held to commemorate the Hirado original castle's 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The admission is very reasonable! The general admission fee to the castle is **Y510**. The show costs only **Y490**. Please call Hirado city hall Culture and Tourism Promotion Department in Japanese at 0950-22-4111 for more information.

### **Saga International Balloon Festival**

Wednesday, 31 October to Sunday, 4 November

Kase-gawa River in Saga

Google map coordinates: 33.251800, 130.245035

Very popular festival. I'll inform you when I get the detailed information.

### **Umegae Sake Factory Fall Festival**

Saturday, 3 and Sunday, 4 November

Umegae Sake Factory in Joma-cho

Google map coordinates: 33.089926, 129.814645

Umegae Sake factory has 237 years of history. The Shochu “Ginta” has received the best shochu of the year award two years in a row in the Fukuoka Regional Taxation Bureau Sake Fair! Omedeto (Congrats), Umegae Sake factory! I'll inform you when I get the detailed information.

### **Saikai-don Festival**

Until Saturday, 10 November

Saikai-cho, Saikai city (beyond the Saikai bridge)

Google map coordinates: 33.086218, 129.703659 (Funabansho Restaurant)

Good news for service members who work at Yokose. Saikai-cho is celebrating the Saikai-don (steamed rice topped with variety of fresh seafood) Festival for two months. Bring a pair of your own hashi (permanent chopsticks), and you will get something nice such as free dessert. 17 different restaurants are attending the festival. Try out each one of them. Call Saikai city tourism office in Japanese at 0959-37-5833 for more information.

### **Flea Markets**

Sasebo Morning Market Flea Market

Google map coordinates: 33.164545, 129.720377

Phone #: 0956-22-9890

Saturdays, 6, 13, 20, 27 October 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/> to learn about it in details. Call in Japanese at 0956-22-9890 for more information.

#### Daito Shopping Center Flea Market

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

Phone #: 0956-27-2222

Wednesday, 10 October 1000-1500

Wednesday, 24 October 1000-1500

AEON Daito Shopping Center Parking Lot (2<sup>nd</sup> 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 **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### Top-kun Flea Market

Sunday, 28 October 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! Kid's games and air toys are available. Sounds exciting! It will be held rain or shine!

**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/>

#### **Pearl Sea Center (former Saikai Pearl Sea Center) Information**

Google map coordinates: 33.161243, 129.678967

Phone #: 0956-28-4187

#### **Parking Lot Fee:**

	1-30 minutes	31-60 minutes	For 2 hours	For 3 hours	For 4 hours	For 5 hours	For 6 hours
#1 & #2 Car Parking	0	Y200	Y200	Y200	Y200	Y300	Y400
#3, #4, #5 Car Parking	0	0	0	0	Y200	Y300	Y400
Bus	0	Y600	Y600	Y600	Y600	Y900	Y1,200

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, 6, 13, 20, 27 October 1130-1200, 1430-1500

Google map coordinates: 33.161243, 129.678967

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, 9<sup>th</sup> 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), Y1,300 (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/>

#### 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.

Kind of Ticket	Category	Admission Fee
One Day Ticket	General Ticket / Adult	Y820
	General Ticket / 4 years old to middle school student (up to 7 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Y210
	Sasebo citizen / Adult	Y620
	Sasebo citizen / elementary school student or middle school student	Y150
	Sasebo citizen / 5 years old or under	Free
Annual Pass	High school student or older	Y2,060
	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

Wednesday to Sunday and Monday 0900-1700

Closed on Tuesday and Japanese holidays. Phone number: 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**

	1010	1110	1300	1400	1500	1600
Weekday except Tuesday	Educational Show	Educational Show	Educational Show	Educational Show	Educational Show	The Stars in Season
Saturday	Educational Show	Pokemon Show	Pokemon Show	Secret of Gravity	Pokemon Show	The Stars in Season
Sunday	Secret of Gravity	Pokemon Show	Pokemon Show	Secret of Gravity	Pokemon show	The Stars in Season

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### ADMISSION FEE Revised June 2018

	Adult (18 years old or older)	High School (junior or high school student)	Child (4 years old to elementary school student)	Senior (60 years old or older)	Note
One Day Passport	<b>Y7,000</b>	<b>Y6,000</b>	<b>Y4,600</b>	<b>Y6,500</b>	Admission to the park and 50 facilities
Stroll Ticket (all day)	<b>Y4,500</b>	<b>Y3,5000</b>	<b>Y2,200</b>	<b>Y4,500</b>	Admission to the park
After 5	<b>Y5,000</b>	<b>Y4,200</b>	<b>Y3,300</b>	<b>Y4,500</b>	Admission

Passport					to the park and 50 attractions
After 5 Admission Ticket	<b>Y4,100</b>	<b>Y3,100</b>	<b>Y2,100</b>	<b>Y4,000</b>	Admission to the park

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

**Wine Festival**

Until Sunday, 4 November

Fee: Y2,500 (all-you-can-taste for 3 hours)

Attraction Town

This annual event is very popular. The attendees enjoy tasting various kinds of wine from 25 different countries for 3 hours. You will get drunk very easily. If the quality is more important than quantity of wine to you, please see the following information.

**“Mariage de Vin et Fromage”**

Until Sunday, 4 November

Amsterdam Square

The title in French means “marriage of wine and cheese.” You can enjoy the high-quality cheese and wine selected by the professionals. How much? It depends on wine and cheese that you will choose. I believe they take credit cards.

**Robot Kingdom Grand Opening!**

Huis Ten Bosch

Do you like Robot Animes such as “Gundam?” 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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**

#### **White Rice Sensei Evening Japanese Lesson**

Mondays, **8**, 15, 22, 29 October 1700

Main Base FFSC Classroom

The level of this Japanese class is basic. The class is for 13 years old or older. Contact Phillip Hinnant, FFSC at 252-3112 for more information.

English as a Second Language Tuesdays, **9**, 16, 23, 30 October 1000-1100

Main Base FFSC Conference Room

Tuition: Free

Hario Village English Café Tuesdays, **9**, 16, 23, 30 October 1000-1130

Hario Village Chaplain's Building Classroom C and D

Tuition: Free

**Restarted** in October! Please come to the class!

Japanese Phrase Class Tuesdays, **9**, 16, 23, 30 October 1130-1230

Main Base FFSC Conference Room

Tuition: Free

No need to sign up.

Japanese Cafe Tuesdays, **9**, 16, 23, 30 October 1000-1100

Hario Village Chaplain's Building Classroom E

Tuition: Free

**Note:** Families are welcome to this class. No need to sign up. Just show up!