

Okinawa City Hall 939-1212



Connecting Through Music

Okinawa International Asia Music Festival held on March 15-17. On Gate 2 Street, Murasaki, Taiwan's Asia 4 Front, youth from the Paiwan and Rukai tribes of Taiwan and many other musicians took the stage to entertain us. Approximately 15,000 visitors attended the 3 day event. (Gate 2 Street)

Okinawa City Population Statistics

TOTAL: 138,603 (+114)
Male: 67,116 (+60)
Female: 71,433 (+54)
Households: 55,642 (+78)

Foreign Residents:
Total: 1,195 (-3)
(From a total of 50 countries)
Male: 686 (-1)
Female: 509 (-2)

Dear Reader,
Happy April! What a month to celebrate new things. My step-daughter just started the 8th grade with new teachers and classmates, I have new co-workers that I very much look forward to working with this year, and we're starting to test out a new process for our newsletter! It's all very exciting @ I better work hard to keep my head screwed on straight! My work motto for the new fiscal year is: *Be eager, be efficient!* Have a safe rest of the month, and enjoy a restful golden week!
- Naom

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**Okinawa Zoo & Museum
Koinobori-raising Ceremony
April 24 (Wednesday) AM 10:30~11:00**

Children's Day is just around the corner, and golden week is on just about everyone's mind! The Okinawa Zoo & Museum will be one jump ahead of the crowd with their koinobori-raising ceremony, which will be held in preparation towards the Kodomono Kuni Festival that will be held from May 3-6. The zoo's beloved elephant will join visitors to get the beautiful carp-shaped streamers swimming in the sky and entertain us with some impressive tricks! The ceremony will begin at 10:30 in front of the Children's Center. Please bring your children for this fun family event!

**Kodomono Kuni Festival 2013
May 3~6 • 9:00~18:00 @ Okinawa Zoo & Museum**



Festival Entrance Fee:
Adult.....¥500
13-18 yrs.....¥200
12 yrs and under.....Free*
*The indicated fees apply only for the duration of the festival.
Okinawa Zoo & Museum (098)933-4190

Visit Okinawa Zoo & Museum during Golden Week to see koinobori flying all around the park! A special performance by Nishihara High School marching band, a comedic theater performance brought to you by FEC Office, traditional Okinawan dance performances, and more special golden week events will take the festival's excitement to the max!

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