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The Living Guide Morioka which has been published since 1993 is now 100 issues old.

In 1993, there were 958 foreign citizens in Morioka. Currently, that number has risen to 1,574 (as of the 31st October 2020).

Living Guide Morioka will continue to provide useful information to foreign citizens living here.

If there is any kind of information you would like to know more about, please contact us at the Morioka International Relations Association.



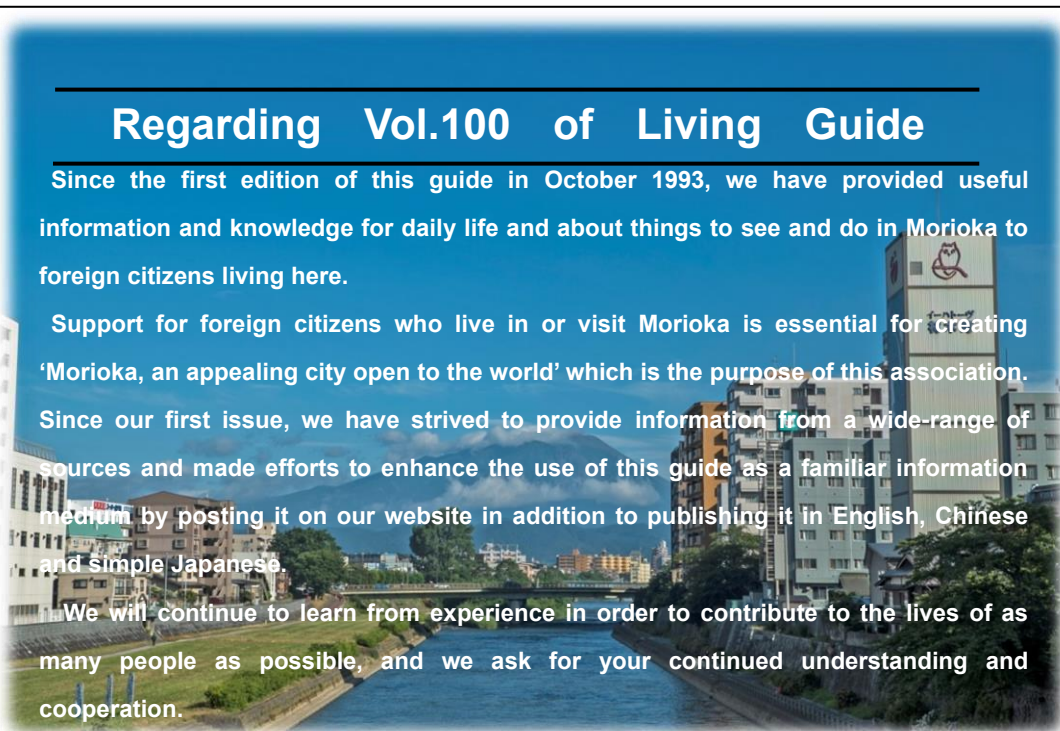
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Regarding Vol.100 of Living Guide

Since the first edition of this guide in October 1993, we have provided useful information and knowledge for daily life and about things to see and do in Morioka to foreign citizens living here.

Support for foreign citizens who live in or visit Morioka is essential for creating 'Morioka, an appealing city open to the world' which is the purpose of this association. Since our first issue, we have strived to provide information from a wide-range of sources and made efforts to enhance the use of this guide as a familiar information medium by posting it on our website in addition to publishing it in English, Chinese and simple Japanese.

We will continue to learn from experience in order to contribute to the lives of as many people as possible, and we ask for your continued understanding and cooperation.



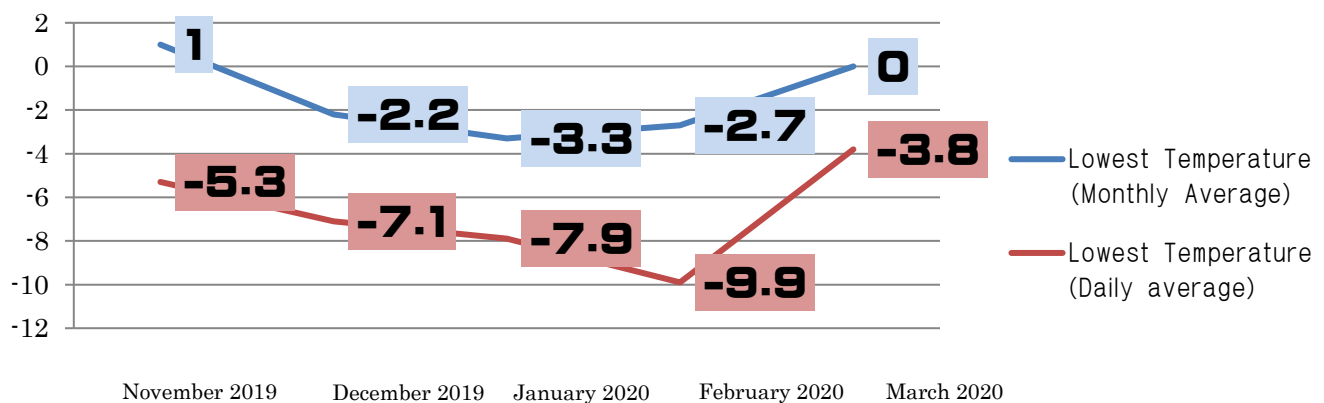
To spend the cold winter of Morioka in comfort...

① Know the average winter temperature in Morioka!

Morioka gets colder and colder from around November onwards. When do you think Morioka is at its coldest?

The blue line in the graph below shows the average monthly lowest temperature from November 2019 to March 2020. January was the lowest average at -3.3°C followed by February at -2.7°C . In short, January and February is the coldest time of the year in Morioka.

The red line represents the actual lowest temperature of each month. During this period, the coldest day was the 9th February 2020 with a low of -9.9°C .



② Know your winter appliances and products!

●Kerosene appliances



Kerosene fan heater

- Kerosene fan heater
- Kerosene stove
- Etc.

●Electrical appliances

- Kotatsu (a table over an electric heater with a hanging quilt)
- Air conditioner
- Heated carpet
- Electric stove
- Electric blanket
- Fan heater
- Etc.



Kotatsu

●Appliances that use hot water



Yutanpo

- Yutanpo (hot water bottle that you put in your bed/futon to warm it up before sleeping)

●Other

- Tsukaisute kairo (disposable heating pad - you can use it by sticking it to your clothing etc.)



Tsukaisute kairo

③ Q&A for heating appliances that use kerosene

There are various types of heating equipment, but it seems that heating equipment that uses kerosene as fuel is not widely used in countries other than Japan.

Therefore, here is the summary of the questions about heating equipment that uses kerosene (called “oil heaters”) in a Q & A format.

Kerosene heaters



Q1

Do I need permission before using a kerosene heater?

There are some cases that permission is necessary depending on where you live. If you live in a rental apartment, please contact the landlord or the apartment management company to check if you need permission.

Q2

Where can I buy a kerosene heater?

You can buy them at home electronics stores or home improvement/DIY stores.

Q3

What can I buy kerosene ?

You can buy it gas stations and home improvement/DIY stores. You can also have it delivered to your home.

Q4

What do I need when buying or refilling the appliance with kerosene ?



Plastic kerosene container



Kerosene pump

Q5

What are the main precautions to take when using a kerosene heater ?

☞ You definitely can't use gasoline instead of kerosene.

- ☞ Be sure to turn the heater off when refueling
- ☞ Do not use spray cans or release gas around kerosene heaters
- ☞ Do not put anything that catches fire easily nearby.
- ☞ Be sure to ventilate the room once or twice an

☞ Be sure to turn the heater off when you go to bed or go out

Be sure to follow the instructions for using the kerosene heater and when using the heater for the first time, ask someone who knows to show you how to use it.

You can get information about the work and activities of the Morioka International Relations Association (MIRA here.)



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