

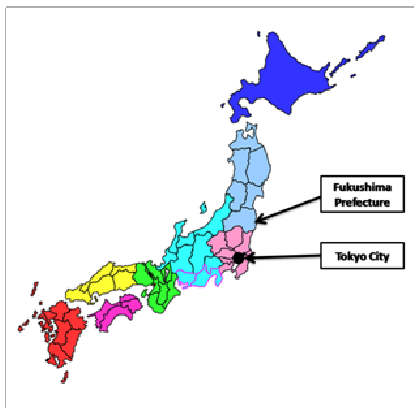
# I LOVE YOU BABY ふくしま福島!

## Warm Up

What comes to mind when you think of Fukushima?

## Learn

ふく福 means *fortune* and しま島 means *island*. What a fantastic name! Fukushima has Japan's fourth largest farming area and because of its good climate many of the agricultural products grown in Japan (including rice) are produced in Fukushima. It also has livestock and the areas haul of fish is among Japan's largest.



Look at the symbol of Fukushima - can you guess what hiragana it comes from?

(It's ふ for Fukushima!)



Look at the Fukushima flag. It contains the Fukushima symbol on a background colour of deep orange. This colour represents 「あいじょう」 *affection* and 「きぼう」 *hope*. Let's give Fukushima both!

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Finally, look at the coloured symbol of Fukushima. The colours represent the: sky, ocean, lake, ponds, rivers, nature, towns, and sun. The shape represents a flower. The design as a whole shows Fukushima as a land with big possibility, full of nature and affection, all communicating with each other as one harmonious entity - like a flower, made up of many different parts, but existing together as a beautiful whole.

## Discuss

How does what you have just learnt about Fukushima compare to your first thoughts?

## BAND いなわしろこ猪苗代湖ズ



まつた松田 しんじ 晋二 やまぐち山口 たかし 隆 わたなべ渡辺 としみ 俊美 やない 箭内 みちひこ 道彦

<http://www.inawashirokos.jp/>

This band is made up of musicians and creators born in Fukushima – it's a Fukushima-jin band!

The band is named after the lake i-na-wa-shi-ro-ko which is located in the centre of Fukushima prefecture and is Japan's 4<sup>th</sup> largest lake. The group wanted to sing for Fukushima to express support their home prefecture. The song was released in record time on May 20 and a version with people from all over Japan singing along was released shortly after. Check it out via the following link and sing along! <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CQJuAN2BEY>. All proceeds from sales go to support Fukushima.

## I love you & I need you ふくしま 福島

ふくしまに ふくしまに ふくしまに  
*In Fukushima, in Fukushima, in Fukushima*  
お置いてきたんだ ぼく僕は ほんとう本当のじぶ  
ん自分を

*I left behind my true self*  
ふくしまで ふくしまで ふくしまで  
*At Fukushima, at Fukushima, at Fukushima*  
あい愛したいんだ ぼく僕は ほんとう本当のきみ  
君を

*I want to love the true you*

あした明日からかがはじまるよ ステキなだよ  
*What will tomorrow bring? Great things.*  
あした明日から なに何かがはじまるよ きみ君の  
ことだよ  
*What will tomorrow bring? It will bring you.*

*I love you baby ふくしま I need you baby ふくしま*  
*I want you baby ぼく僕らは ふくしまがす好き*  
*(x2)*

ふくしまで ふくしまで ふくしまで  
*At Fukushima, at Fukushima, at Fukushima*  
きみ君が すばらしいってこと かめさせて  
*You let me confirm that you are wonderful*  
ふくしまで ふくしまで ふくしまで

*At Fukushima, at Fukushima, at Fukushima*  
ゆめ夢みたいな ひび日々と うつく美しいきみ君  
*Dream like days and an exquisite you*

あした明日から なに何かがはじまるよ ステキな  
こと事だよ

*What will tomorrow bring? Great things.*  
あした明日から かがはじまるよ のことだよ  
*What will tomorrow bring? It will bring you.*

***I love you baby ふくしま I need you baby ふくしま***  
***I want you baby ぼく僕らは ふくしまがす好き***  
***(x2)***

あした明日から すべ全てがはじまるよ きみ君の  
だよ

*Tomorrow will bring everything, It is your day*  
あした明日から あたら新しいひび日々だよ きみ  
君のひび日々だよ  
*Tomorrow is a new day, it is your day.*

***I love you baby ふくしま I need you baby ふくしま***  
***I want you baby ぼく僕らは ふくしまがす好き***

I love you baby はま浜どお通り\* I need you baby な  
かどお中通り\*

I want you baby あいづ会津ちほう地方\* ふくしま  
がす好き

I love you baby の野ば馬お追い\* I need you baby  
あか赤べこ\*

I want you baby つる鶴ヶじょう城\* ふくしまがす  
好き

***I love you baby ふくしま I need you baby ふくしま***  
***I want you baby ぼく僕らは ふくしまがす好き***  
***(x2)***

\*Place names in Fukushima

## Act

Share the love with Fukushima! Check out the encouraging posters at the 'Pray for Japan' website and use them as inspiration to make your own. 'Pray for Japan' is a project launched by Mr. Tomo Machida, a public elementary school teacher in Japan for the purpose of relieving the stress of students after the recent earthquake. This project has been so encouraging that it has been covered by the Japanese media! There are some great Japanese phrases that you can learn to encourage people. For example:

- ひとりじゃないよ
- 日本がんばろう
- 日本協しよう
- 日本は一つ
- 仲間がいるよ
- がんばって
- いっしょだよ
- だいじょうぶだよ

English support site: <http://www.geocities.jp/prayforjapanca/index.html>

Home page: <http://prayforjapan.tomosen.net/>