

Point and Shoot Your Way to A Full Belly on Chigasaki's Rifle Street

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A few years ago, a friend and I traveled through Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Having very little Russian vocabulary we developed a sure-fire method of ordering our meals. We called it "Point-and-Shoot" and it worked a little like this:

Step 1: Show menu to server

Step 2: Confidently point at several items from different sections.

Step 3: Nod with poise when the food is delivered as if to say "Yes. This is exactly what we wanted."

I acknowledge that the "Point-and-Shoot" method of ordering is not completely failsafe. It is possible to end up with a table full of very odd and unappetizing things. The method does, however, add a certain intrigue and thrill that just doesn't come with a menu you can actually read.

Have you ever stood outside the frosted glass of a restaurant in Japan, eyeing the flapping curtain for some hint as to what the specialty might be? There is no wax food in the display case; no forks dangling high above the mysteriously levitating spaghetti, there aren't even discoloured dumplings (which preferably don't come with the dust). Have you ever decided not to enter one of these restaurants because you were afraid you wouldn't be able to read the menu?

If this sounds familiar, I welcome you to try our "Point-and-Shoot" method of ordering, tested successfully in several countries. And for a limited time only, I am throwing in the bonus offer of this list of delightful restaurants where the dishes are so delectable, you are guaranteed an excellent meal regardless of where your finger falls on the menu.

As the method is called "Point-and-Shoot", I thought it would be appropriate to focus on some of my favourite eateries on Rifle Street (Teppo Dori). All of these places can be reached on the 2 or 13 buses leaving from the South Side of Chigasaki Station. (The bus stops are listed in brackets.)

Guru Guru ぐるぐる 11:30am-3pm 6pm-9:30pm closed Monday (look for the red spiral near Heiwacho)

Guru Guru is unique in that it has a menu including food from Ogasawara Island. The couple running the restaurant are very friendly and the food is very fresh, varied, and reasonably priced. You will come out feeling healthier than when you went in.

Bhojan 11:30am-2:30pm 6pm-9:30pm closed Monday and Tuesday (near Hamasuka Iriguchi across from the Chigasaki Animal Hospital)

With the red brick exterior, cobbled path, and the soft colour of the walls lit by the skylights, *Bhojan* had already enchanted me before I even sat down at a table. Specializing in Indian food, the menu at *Bhojan* is incredible. (And, not to be crass, but make sure you check out the washroom, especially the soap-dispenser.)

Manpuku Tei まんぷく亭 11:30am-2:30pm 5:30pm-9pm (near Matsugaoka 2-chome across from Matsumoto Kiyoshi)

This place is so popular it is often difficult to get a seat. Specializing in Chinese food *Manpuku Tei* has a thoroughly delicious menu. Entering my dreams at night are the incredible Pari Pari Gyoza, dumplings served with a soup base rather than in vinegar and soy sauce. They are crispy, juicy deliciousness and, if you haven't tried them, you must.



Kaito 海渡 11:30am-2pm 6pm-1:30am (1 min from Chuzaishomae)

This little pub is fantastic. The atmosphere is very cool and the food is varied and amazing. The udon here is wonderful, especially the Mekabu Udon.

Regardless of your Japanese ability, all of these eateries are sure to hit the mark! Simply point, shoot and enjoy! Happy Eating!

Consultation for Foreign Residents

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Medical Information Series IX Doctors Available for Consultation in English

Moriya Adults & Children Clinic (I.m, G, S, Pe, D, P)

Higashi-kaigan kita 3-10-14 Tel.86-5885,5834

Yano Shohnika Clinic (Pe)

Tokiwa-cho 7-47 Tel.82-8561

Ebihara Jibika (Tr, E)

Nango 2-14-5 Tel.82-8053

Ozawa Seikei-Geka (O)

Hamami-daira 17-13 Tel.82-5181

Kozue Shinryoh Clinic (Pc, Pm)

Hamami-daira 17-13 Tel.82-1838

Sakuma Clinic (I.m, C)

Nango 2-13-31 Tel.89-2810

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I.m=Internal medicine G = Gastrointestinal

S = Surgery Pe = Pediatrics D = Dermatology

P = Proctology Tr = Trachea

E = Ear (otolaryngology)

O = Orthopedic surgery Pc = Psychiatry clinic

Pm = Psychosomatic medicine

C = Circulatory organs clinic

Everyday Conversation IX

What do you say in such situations?

At Police

1. Kōban wa doko desu ka.

交番はどこですか。

(Where is police box?)

2. Suri ni aimashita.

すりにあいました。

(I had my pocket picked.)

Suri: Pickpocket

3. Kodomo ga inaku nari mashita.

子供がいなくなりました。

(My child is missing.)

4. Eigo ga dekiru bengoshi wo yonde kudasai.

英語ができる弁護士を呼んでください。

(I need an English-speaking lawyer.)

Bengoshi: Lawyer

5. Amerika Taishikan ni shirasete kudasai.

アメリカ大使館に知らせてください。

(Please advise the American Embassy.)

Japanese Proverbs with the English Equivalents

• *Korobanu saki no tsue*

ころばぬ さきの つえ

Look before you leap.

• *No aru taka wa tsume o kakusu*

のう ある たか は つめ を かくす

He who knows most speaks least.

• *Shitashiki. naka ni mo reigi ari.*

したしき なかにも れいぎ あり

Familiarity breeds contempt.

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