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## TAKE A WALK IN A PERFECT ALPINE TOWN IN A PERFECT LOCALE

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Innsbruck, in Austria's Tyrol region, has hosted two Winter Olympics and is an almost-perfect alpine town with mountainous views to die for. But it's also got more than its share of picturesque fairytale buildings and oodles of fascinating history.

## HOW TO COPE IN A WORLD WITHOUT PLASTIC STRAWS

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Consider the humble straw. It's a convenient part of modern-day living. We often think we couldn't do without it. But perhaps we can — or at least, maybe we can do without the disposable plastic straw. Tan Ying Zhen makes the case in her essay inside.



Children participate in an *uchimizu* (water-sprinkling) event held in Tokyo's Roppongi district on July 23 as Japan recorded its highest temperature.

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# Heat wave sends mercury to all-time high of 41.1 in Saitama

Japan recorded its highest temperature ever July 23 as the mercury hit 41.1 in Kumagaya, Saitama Prefecture, amid a **deadly** heat wave, the **Meteorological Agency** said.

**Scorching** weather killed 77 people and sent more than 30,000 to hospitals across the nation from July 9 to July 22, according to the **Fire and Disaster Management Agency** and a Kyodo News tally.

At least nine people died July 23. The heat wave also set a new re-

cord in Tokyo, where a **sizzling** temperature of 40.8 degrees **was logged** in Ome, the agency said.

The record-setting heat wave comes just two years before Tokyo hosts the Olympics.

The temperature in Kumagaya hit 41.1 degrees at 2:16 p.m., **eclipsing** the **previous** record of 41.0 set in August 2013 in Shimanto, Kochi Prefecture.

The temperature also **hovered** near a record high in Tajimi, Gifu

Prefecture, which saw the mercury touch 40.5 on July 23 after hitting 40.7 on July 18, the agency said.

The hot temperatures give rise to safety **concerns** about the 2020 Olympics, which will be held in July and August, **typically** the hottest months of the year. Olympic officials and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government are examining **measures** to deal with the heat.

(Kyodo, AFP-Jiji, The Japan Times)

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