

## Goodies

The legendary  
tale of Oshin

**T**HE fictional character, Shin Tanokura, often called Oshin (阿信), first appeared on television 30 years ago in Japan (日本). Shin struggled hard for survival and she eventually became successful. Her toughness touched people around the world, and in Easter, a new musical about her will be on stage in Hong Kong.

## Editor's Note

Hi! When I first came to Hong Kong I was surprised to see a type of food people here love to eat. I am not referring to curry fish balls, but to chicken wings. I had never eaten one until I came to this city. And I have to say I avoid them whenever a plate of them is put on the dining table. I often wondered why these wings are bigger than the ones you see on free-range organic chickens. After reading the news, I know now. To make chickens grow bigger and faster, growth hormones are injected into them through their wings. This is not good for young children so be careful of what you eat. Turn to G06 to learn more.



Simon

This little Japanese girl on TV looks cute!

But she had a miserable childhood. We should learn more about her!



THE plot of *Oshin* (《阿信的故事》) is based on the real-life story of a Japanese businesswoman. Before becoming successful, Oshin faced many **setbacks**. But she did not give up, and her story **moved** many viewers.

## A tough life

THE story spans the whole life of Shin Tanokura, who is also called 'Oshin'. Oshin was born into a poor family in the 1900s. When she was seven years old, Oshin's father asks her to work as a babysitter to help make money. As she grew up, her life became harsh. She **strived** hard to survive both World Wars, natural disasters, economic problems and so on. But no matter how difficult her life was, Oshin still believed in herself and the people around her. Her **perseverance** makes her a good role model for us.

## A story for all ages

IN the past 30 years, Oshin's story has been turned into a television series and both a live action and animated movie, attracting audiences of all ages and places. This Easter, *Oshin* will debut in Hong Kong as a musical. The local theatre has invited children aged five to 12 to join the musical production, hoping to boost their **self-confidence**.

Though she looks poor, *Oshin* still has the grace and refinement of a lady!

## Braving adversity

THE story of Oshin teaches us to count our blessings, but not our **tragedies**.

In fact, we can learn from the many good qualities of Oshin. Here is a list of adjectives we can use to describe someone like Oshin who never gives up and is willing to take up challenges.

- Courageous 有勇氣的
- Persistent 堅持不懈的
- Strong-minded 意志堅強的
- Assiduous 刻苦耐勞的
- Optimistic 樂觀的



## Show details

*Oshin* (《阿信的故事》)

Date: 7-9, 13-16 April

Venue: Tuen Mun Town Hall, Sheung Wan Civic Centre