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Note: The Internet Website of the Japan National Tourism Organization is available at<<http://www.jnto.go.jp>>.

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in November 2009



A. Tokyo 東京

Oct.27 ~ Nov.3

Furuhon Matsuri (Secondhand Book Fair) at Kanda-Jimbocho secondhand bookstore quarter, Chiyoda-ku., is open from 10 am to 7 pm (to 6 pm on Nov. 3) daily during the festival period. When it rains, it will be canceled.

Access :(1)The Toei Mita, Toei Shinjuku or Hanzomon Subway Line to Jimbocho Sta.
(2)The Chiyoda Subway Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta.
(3)The JR Chuo, Sobu Line or the Marunouchi Subway Line to Ochanomizu Sta.

千代田区神田神保町
「古本まつり」

最寄駅: (1)都営三田線、都営新宿線及び半蔵門線神保町駅
(2)千代田線新御茶ノ水駅
(3)JR中央線、JR総武線又は丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅

© Oct.31 ~ Nov.3

Annual Autumn Festival of Meiji Shrine, Shibuya-ku. Performances are given on a makeshift stage in front of the Shrine main hall as follows: on Oct. 31st, *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) from 11 am; on Nov. 1st, *Hogaku & Hobu* (Japanese traditional music & dance) from 12 noon, *Sankyoku* (playing three traditional Japanese musical instruments, *Koto*, *Shamisen & Shakuhachi*) from 3:45 pm; on Nov. 2nd, *Noh* (classical masked drama) & *Kyogen* (Noh farce) from 11:45 am. On Nov. 3rd, Martial arts, such as *Kyudo* (Japanese-style archery) & *Aikido* (martial art of weaponless self-defense) from 9 am, *Kobudo* (traditional Japanese martial art) from 10 am, *Momote-shiki* (Japanese archery ritual) from 11 am and *Yabusame* (horseback archery) from 1 pm are demonstrated near Nishisando in the precincts of the Shrine.

Access :(1)The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta., or the Chiyoda Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. to see the events on Oct. 31st, Nov. 1st and 2nd.
(2)The Odakyu Line to Sangubashi Sta. to Nishisando to see the events on Nov. 3rd.

Note : *Koto*: Japanese harp
Shakuhachi: bamboo flute
Shamisen: banjo-like instrument

渋谷区 明治神宮
「明治神宮秋の大祭」

最寄駅: (1)10月31日、11月1日、2日に行われる行事は、JR原宿駅又は千代田線明治神宮前駅
(2)11月3日に西参道近辺で行われる行事は、小田急線参宮橋駅

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◇ Oct.31 & Nov.1

Dream Yosakoi Matsuri (folk dance festival) in Rinkai Fuku-toshin or Odaiba area, Tokyo. *Yosakoi* (folk dancing native to Kochi Pref. in Shikoku Island) is presented by about 4,000 participants, some of who come even from overseas to join, at the several sites such as Palette Town, Decks Tokyo Beach, Hotel Grand Pacific Meridian and so on from 1 pm to 8:30 pm on Oct. 31st, and from 10 am to 9 pm on Nov. 1st. The festival is carried out regardless of the weather on the day.

Access : (1)The Yurikamome originating at Shimbashi Sta. to Odaiba-Kaihinkoen Sta., Daiba Sta., Funenokagakuan Sta., Aomi Sta., or Kokusaitenjijo-Seimon Sta.
(2)The Rinkai Line (the Tokyo Rinkai Kosoku Tetsudo Rinkai Line) to Tokyo-Teleport Sta. or Kokusaitenjijo Sta.

東京臨海副都心全域

「ドリーム夜さ来い祭り」

最寄駅: (1)ゆりかもめ: 新橋駅よりお台場海浜公園駅、台場駅、船の科学館駅、青海駅、国際展示場正門駅
(2)りんかい線(東京臨海高速鉄道りんかい線): 東京テレポート駅、国際展示場駅

◇ Nov.1 ~ Nov.30

Takaosan Momiji Matsuri (Maple Leaf Festival) on Mt. Takao, Hachioji on the outskirts of Tokyo. Major events held near Kiyotaki Sta. on Mt. Takao are as follows; on the 1st, a brass band performance from 11 am, *Wadaiko* (Japanese drum beating) performance from 12:30 pm & 2 pm; on the 3rd, *Wadaiko* from 11 am & 12:30 pm; on the 7th, *Kuruma Ningyo* (traditional puppet play staged by puppeteers sitting on the tiny carriages) from 10:30 am & 1:30 pm; on the 21st, *Daidogei* (street performances) from 11 am & 2 pm; on the 23rd, *Wadaiko* from 10 am & 1 pm, *Sarumawashi* (monkey dancing, a popular form of festival entertainment) from 11:30 am & 2:30 pm; on the 28th, *Sarumawashi* from 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm; on the 29th, *Yosakoi Soran* (folk dancing) from 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm & 2:30 pm. Many more events are scheduled mainly on Saturdays and Sundays during the period.

Access : About 1 hr. by the Keio Takao Line from Shinjuku Sta. to Takaosanguchi Sta. (¥370 for one way), and then 12 min. by chair lift from Sanroku Sta. to Sanjo Sta. (¥470 for one way), or 5 min. by cable car from Kiyotaki Sta. to Takaosan Sta. (¥470 for one way)

八王子市高尾山

「高尾山もみじまつり」

最寄駅: 新宿より京王高尾線で約1時間 高尾山口駅下車(片道: ¥370)、山麓駅からリフトで12分山上駅下車、又は清滝駅からケーブルカーで5分 高尾山駅下車(双方とも片道: ¥470)

◇ ◎ Nov.3

Tokyo Jidai Matsuri (Festival of Eras) around Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku, features a procession of about 1,600 participants clad in costumes representing the historical eras of Tokyo, leaving Hanakawato Koen (park) next to Sangyo-Kaikan (hall), at around 12:30 pm, going along Umamichi-dori (street), passing by Kaminarimon Gate, and then terminating at "Sushiya-dori Iriguchi" near Tawaramachi Sta. on the Ginza Subway Line at around 4 pm.

Access : The Ginza or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta.

台東区 浅草寺周辺(花川戸公園~馬道通り~雷門~すしや通り入り口)

「東京時代まつり」

最寄駅: 銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

◇ ◎ Nov.3

Shirasagi-no-mai (White Heron Dance) of Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku., with a history of over 1,000 years, is presented in the precincts of the temple from around 11:30 am.

Access : The Ginza or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta.

台東区浅草

「白鷺の舞」

最寄駅: 銀座線 又は 都営浅草線浅草駅

◎ Nov.12 & Nov.24

Tori-no-Ichi (Good Luck Rake Fair) is held at Otori Shrines and Hanazono Shrine in Tokyo on the "Cock" Days in November every year. *Kumade* (bamboo rakes) adorned with ornaments symbolizing good fortune and prosperous business are sold at dozens of stalls at each of those Shrines all day long from midnight to midnight on both days. The biggest *Tori-no-Ichi* in scale is the one held at Otori Shrine in Taito-ku.

Access : (1)Otori Shrine in Taito-ku: The Hibiya Subway Line to Iriya Sta., and then walk 10 min.

(2)Otori Shrine in Meguro-ku: The JR Yamanote Line, the Namboku or Toei Mita Subway Line to Meguro Sta., and then walk 10 min.

(3)Otori Shrine in Toshima-ku: The Toden Arakawa Line (streetcar) to Kishibojinmae.

(4)Hanazono Shrine in Shinjuku-ku: The JR Yamanote Line to Shinjuku Sta., and then walk 10 min., or the Marunouchi or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinjuku-Sanchome Sta., and then walk 3 min.

台東区 鷲神社/目黒区下目黒大鳥神社/豊島区雑司ヶ谷大鳥神社/新宿区花園神社

「酉の市」

最寄駅: (1)台東区鷲神社: 日比谷線入谷駅下車、徒歩10分
(2)目黒区大鳥神社: JR山手線又は地下鉄南北線、又は都営三田線で目黒駅下車、徒歩10分
(3)豊島区大鳥神社: 都電荒川線で鬼子母神前下車
(4)花園神社: JR山手線新宿駅より徒歩10分、又は丸ノ内線及び都営新宿線新宿三丁目駅下車、徒歩3分

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◇ Nov.12

Joenji O-eshiki Festival of Joenji Temple, Meguro-ku, features *Manto-gyoretsu*, a parade of people holding 16 lighted lanterns varying in size and decorated with paper cherry blossoms, which starts from Yakumo Elementary School at 7 pm, proceeding through the shopping area and arrives at the temple around 9 pm.

Access : The Tokyu Toyoko Line to Toritsu Daigaku Sta., and then walk 5 min.

目黒区 常円寺
「常円寺お会式」

最寄駅: 東急東横線 都立大学駅より徒歩5分

Nov.14

Zenkoku Seinen Taikai ・ Kyodo Geino-no-Bu at Nihon Seinenkan Dai-Hall (big hall), Shinjuku-ku. *Kyodo Geino* (folkloristic entertainments) such as Japanese drum beating, traditional folk music and dances, are performed by about ten groups of people representing their home prefectures in Japan from 10 am to around 6 pm. Admission is free.

Access : (1)The JR Sobu Line to Sendagaya Sta. or Shinanomachi Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(2)The Ginza Subway Line to Gaenmae Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(3)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Kokuritsu-Kyogijo Sta., and then walk 7 min.

新宿区 日本青年館大ホール
「全国青年大会郷土芸能の部」

最寄駅: (1)JR総武線千駄ヶ谷駅又信濃町駅より徒歩7分
(2)地下鉄銀座線外苑前駅より徒歩7分
(3)地下鉄都営大江戸線国立競技場駅より7分

◇ Nov.15

Shichi-go-san (Children's Shrine-Visiting Day) throughout Japan. "Shichi-go-san" literally means "seven-five-three." On this day, three-year-old boys & girls, five-year-old boys and seven-year-old girls, all dressed in their best, are taken to the shrines by their parents to express their thanks to the tutelary deities for their good health and to pray for future blessings. The most popular Shrines in Tokyo for this festival are Meiji Shrine, Hie Shrine and Kanda Myojin Shrine. Many children and their parents usually visit the shrines on Saturdays and Sundays around November 15.

Access : (1)Meiji Shrine: The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta., or the Chiyoda Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta.
(2)Hie Shrine: The Ginza or Namboku Subway Line to Tameike-Sanno Sta., or the Ginza or Marunouchi Subway Line to Akasakamitsuke Sta., or the Chiyoda or Marunouchi Subway Line to Kokkai-Gijidomae Sta.
(3)Kanda Myojin Shrine: The JR Chuo or Sobu Line, or the Marunouchi Subway Line to Ochanomizu Sta.

都内各神社
「七五三」

最寄駅: (1)明治神宮へは、JR山手線原宿駅又は千代田線明治神宮前駅
(2)日枝神社へは、銀座線、南北線で溜池山王駅、又は銀座線、丸の内線で赤坂見附駅、又は千代田線、丸の内線で国会議事堂前駅
(3)神田明神へは、JR中央線、総武線、又は地下鉄丸の内線御茶ノ水駅

Nov.21

Zenkoku Minzoku Geino Taikai at Nihon Seinenkan Hall in Meiji Shrine Outer Garden, Shinjuku-ku, features the performances of folkloristic arts native to all 47 prefectures of Japan. This year, four kinds of which; *Shishi-odori* (Lion Dance) of Morioka in Iwate Pref., *Sawara-bayashi* (festival music and dance) of Katori in Chiba Pref., performing arts for celebrating a new-year of Oshima Island in Tokyo and *Okuishi Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) of Izumo in Shimane Pref., are to be performed from 1 pm to 5 pm. Admission is free.

Access : (1)The JR Sobu Line to Sendagaya Sta. or Shinanomachi Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(2)The Ginza Subway Line to Gaenmae Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(3)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Kokuritsu-Kyogijo Sta., and then walk 7 min.

新宿区 日本青年館大ホール
「全国民俗芸能大会」

最寄駅: (1)JR総武線千駄ヶ谷駅又は信濃町駅より徒歩7分
(2)地下鉄銀座線外苑前駅より徒歩7分
(3)地下鉄都営大江戸線国立競技場駅より徒歩7分

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◇ Nov.23

Issa Matsuri Festival at Entenji Temple, Adachi-ku, is held in commemoration of *Issa Kobayashi*, a famous Japanese *Haiku* poet (1763-1827), usually at this time of a year. The main event of the festival is a *Haiku* poem contest to be held in the compound of the temple from 10 am to 1 pm. Anyone is welcome to participate in the contest. An entry fee for the contest is ¥500. *Koto* (Japanese harp music), *Daidogei* (street performances) and so on are to be demonstrated in the precincts. Hours are still to be arranged. The festival will end at around 3 pm.

Access : The Tobu Isezaki Line or the Hibiya Subway Line to Takenotsuka Sta. (East Exit), and then walk 10-12 min.

Note : *Haiku: a three-line poem with seventeen syllables in the pattern of 5-7-5*

足立区六月町炎天寺
「一茶まつり」

最寄駅: 東武伊勢崎線又は日比谷線竹ノ塚駅より徒歩10-12分

Nov.27

Doburoku Matsuri (*Doburoku* or unrefined *Sake* festival) at Koami Shrine, Chuo-ku. Free cups of *Doburoku* (unrefined *Sake*) are served from 9 am to 7 pm. *Sato Kagura-mai* (*Shinto* music & dance) is presented in the precincts of the Shrine at around 12:30 pm.

Access : The Hibiya or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Ningyocho Sta., and then walk 10 min.

中央区日本橋小網町 小網神社
「どぶろく祭」

最寄駅: 日比谷線又は都営浅草線人形町駅より徒歩10分

A. TOKYO 東京 "CHRYSANTHEMUM EXHIBITION" 「菊花展」

◇ Oct.15 ~ Nov.15

Sensoji Temple Kikka-ten at Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku
Hours: 10 am - 3:30 pm daily
Admission: free

Access : The Ginza or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta.

台東区 浅草寺
「浅草寺菊花展」

最寄駅: 銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

◇ Oct.16 ~ Nov.5

Yasukuni Jinja Kikka-ten at Yasukuni Shrine, Chiyoda-ku
Hours: around 6 am - 6 pm daily
Admission: free

Access : The Tozai, Hanzomon or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Kudanshita Sta.

千代田区九段 靖国神社

「靖国神社菊花展」

最寄駅: 東西線、半蔵門線又は都営新宿線九段下駅

Oct.25 ~ Nov.22

Kameido Tenjin Kikka-ten at Kameido Tenjin Shrine, Koto-ku
Hours: 7 am - around 5 pm daily
Admission: free

Access : The JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta., and then walk 10 min.

江東区 亀戸天神社

「亀戸天神菊まつり」

最寄駅: JR総武線亀戸駅より徒歩10分

◇ Oct.25 ~ Nov.23

Meiji Shrine Kikka-ten at Meiji Shrine, Shibuya-ku
Hours: 5:40 am - 4:40 pm daily (Oct.); 6:10 am - 4:10 pm daily (Nov.)
Admission: free

Access : (1) The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta.

(2) The Chiyoda Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta.

渋谷区 明治神宮

「明治神宮菊花展」

最寄駅: (1) JR山手線原宿駅
(2) 千代田線明治神宮前駅

Oct.27 ~ Nov.23

Jindai Shokubutsu Koen Kikka-ten at Jindai Botanical Garden, Chofu
Hours: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (Please enter by 4 pm.)
Closed on Mon.

Admission: ¥500

Access : The Keio Line to Chofu Sta. (North Exit). From there, 15 min. by bus for Mitaka or for Kichijoji, and then get off at Jindai-Shokubutsu-Koen Bus Stop.

調布市 神代植物公園

「神代植物公園菊花大会」

最寄駅: 京王線調布駅(北口)より三鷹行又は吉祥寺行バスで15分、神代植物公園下車

Nov.1 ~ Nov.15

Shinjuku Gyoen Kikka-ten at Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden, Shinjuku-ku
Hours: 9 am - 4:30 pm daily (Please enter by 4 pm.)
Admission: ¥200

Access : The Marunouchi Subway Line to Shinjuku-Gyoenmae Sta.

新宿区新宿御苑

「新宿御苑菊花展」

最寄駅: 丸ノ内線新宿御苑前駅

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◇ Nov.1 ~ Nov.23

Tokyo-to Kanko Kikka Taikai at Hibiya Park, Chiyoda-ku
Hours: 10 am - 4 pm daily (10 am-12 noon on the 23rd)
Admission: free

Access : The Hibiya, Chiyoda or Toei Mita Subway Line to Hibiya Sta.

千代田区日比谷公園

「東京観光菊花大会」

最寄駅: 日比谷線、千代田線 又は、都営三田線 日比谷駅

Nov.1 ~ Nov.23

Yushima Tenjin Kiku Maturi at Yushima Tenjin Shrine, Bunkyo-ku
Hours: 6 am - sunset daily
Admission: free
Life-size dolls made of chrysanthemum flowers are also exhibited.

Access : The Chiyoda Subway Line to Yushima Sta.

文京区湯島天神

「湯島天神菊まつり」

最寄駅: 千代田線 湯島駅

B. KANTO 関東

Oct.17 ~ Nov.23

Kasama Inari Shrine Kiku Matsuri (chrysanthemum festival) at Kasama Inari Shrine, Kasama, Ibaraki Pref. Potted chrysanthemums are displayed in the precincts of the Shrine. An exhibition of chrysanthemum dolls is held from 8:30 am to 4 pm daily during the festival period (Admission is ¥800.). On Nov. 3rd, *Yabusame* (horseback archery) is held in the horseback-riding grounds near the Shrine twice at 10 am and 2 pm.

Access : The JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta., and then walk 20 min. to the Shrine, or 10 min. by bus to Inari-mae Bus Stop.

茨城県笠間市 笠間稲荷神社周辺

「笠間稲荷の菊まつり」

最寄駅: 笠間神社へは、JR水戸線笠間駅より徒歩で20分、又はバスで10分、稲荷前 下車

Oct.31 ~ Nov.4

Mashiko-yaki Toki Ichi (Mashiko Pottery Fair), Mashiko-machi, Haga-gun, Tochigi Pref. The fair is held at several sites in Mashiko, such as Kyohan Center, Tsukamoto Seitoshō and Togeï Mura, from 8 am to around 6 pm during the fair period.

Access : (1) The JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Oyama Sta., and then change to the Mito Line to Shimodate Sta. From there, the Mo'oka Railway to Mashiko Sta., and then walk 20 min.

(2) The JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Utsunomiya Sta. (West Exit). From No. 14 Bus Stop, 1 hr. by bus for Mashiko and get off at Togeï Messe Iriguchi Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min.

栃木県芳賀郡益子町

「益子焼陶器市」

最寄駅: (1) JR東北本線小山駅より水戸線で下館駅へ、そこより真岡鉄道で益子駅下車、各駅より徒歩20分

(2) JR東北本線宇都宮駅西口14番バス乗り場より益子行きバスで1時間、陶芸メッセ入口下車、徒歩10分

Oct.31 ~ Nov.3

Takumi-no-Matsuri (Potters Festival) is held at Geijutsu-no-Mori Koen (park) decorated with a number of potted chrysanthemum flowers, Kasama, Ibaraki Pref., from 9 am to 4 pm daily during the festival period. About 160 stalls selling Kasama-yaki (Kasama potteries), Inada-granite products and agricultural products are set up in the park daily.

Access : About 10 min. by shuttle bus (¥160 for one way) from JR Kasama Sta. to the festival site during the festival period.

茨城県笠間市 笠間芸術の森公園 イベント広場

「たくみのまつり / 匠のまつり」

最寄駅: 期間中はJR笠間駅より会場へ10分程で行く有料シャトルバス(¥160)運行

◇ Nov.1

Fuigo Matsuri (Bellows Festival) at Wakamiya Hachimangu Shrine, Kawasaki, Kanagawa Pref., features *Kagura-mai* (*Shinto* music & dance) from 6 pm to 6:30 pm, following the *Shinto* rites which starts from 5:30 pm.

Access : The Keihin Kyuko Daishi Line originating at Keikyu-Kawasaki Sta. to Kawasaki-Daishi Sta., and then walk 2 min.

神奈川県川崎市 若宮八幡宮

「ふいご祭」

最寄駅: 京浜急行大師線川崎大師駅下車、徒歩2分

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Nov.1 ~ Nov.3

Homotsu Kaze-ire (Airing of Art Treasures) takes place at Kenchoji Temple and Engakuji Temple, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref. on the same days every year. Many treasures including rare masterpieces stored in both temples are open to the public from 9 am to 4 pm (to 3:30 pm on the 3rd) during the period. Admission is ¥ 800 for each temple.

Access : The JR Yokosuka Line to Kita-Kamakura Sta., and then walk 1 min. to Engakuji Temple. From there, walk 10 min. to Kenchoji Temple.

神奈川県鎌倉市 建長寺 円覚寺

「宝物風入れ」

最寄駅: JR横須賀線 北鎌倉駅より円覚寺へは徒歩1分、建長寺へは徒歩10分

◇ ◎ Nov.3

Hakone Daimyo Gyoretsu (Feudal Lord's Procession), Hakone-Yumoto, Hakone-machi, Ashigara-Shimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref. A procession of about 170 people dressed in the costumes of the Edo period (1603-1867), accompanied by many groups of brass bands and dancers, starts from Yumoto Elementary School near Sounji Temple at 9:45 am, parading on Hakone *Kyu-kaido* (old highway) and returns to Yumoto Fujiya Hotel around 2:20 pm. The total number of participants in the procession is roughly 450. When it rains heavily, the event will be canceled.

Access : (1) 15 min. by the Hakone Tozan Railway from Odakyu Sta. on the Odakyu Railways or Odakyu Sta. on the JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Hakone-Yumoto Sta.

(2) 1 hr. 30 min. by Odakyu Railway's Limited Express "Romance Car" from Shinjuku Sta. to Hakone-Yumoto Sta.

神奈川県足柄下郡箱根町 箱根湯本 早雲寺

「箱根大名行列」

最寄駅: (1)箱根湯本駅へは小田急小田原駅より、又は、JR東海道本線 小田原駅より、箱根登山鉄道で15分
(2)箱根湯本駅へは新宿駅より小田急"ロマンスカー"で1時間半

◇ Nov.3

Yabusame (horseback archery) at Muroo Shrine, Yamakita-machi, Ashigara-Kami-gun, Kanagawa Pref., is held as one of the events related to an annual festival of Muroo Shrine. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) depart from Muroo Shrine at 8:30 am, parading through the town, and come back to the Shrine at around 2 pm. *Yabusame* is held on the road in front of the Shrine from 2:30 pm to 4:50 pm, after the Shinto ritual.

Access : The JR Gotemba Line to Yamakita Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 5 min.

神奈川県足柄上郡山北町 室生神社

「流鏝馬」

最寄駅: JR御殿場線山北駅(南口)より徒歩5分

◇ Nov.3

Yabusame (horseback archery) at Izumo Iwai Shrine, Moroyama-machi, Iruma-gun, Saitama Pref., is performed by students of three junior high schools from 9 am to around 9:30 am, and from 2 pm to around 4 pm.

Access : The Tobu Tojo Line originating at Ikebukuro Sta. to Sakado Sta. From there, take the Tobu Ogose Line to Higashimoro Sta., and then walk 5 min.

埼玉県入間郡毛呂山町 出雲伊波比神社

「流鏝馬」

最寄駅: 池袋より東武東上線で城戸駅、そこから東武越生線に乗り換え東毛呂駅下車、徒歩5分

◇ Nov.3

Yabusame (horseback archery) at Kasama Inari Shrine, Kasama, Ibaraki Pref., is performed by 12 or 13 people on National Road No. 355 in front of Kasama Elementary School, twice from 10:30 am to 11:30 am, & from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. *Shinto* rites are conducted in the precincts of the Shrine for 30 min., prior to each *Yabusame* in the morning & in the afternoon,

Access : The JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta., and then walk 20 min. or 5-10 min. by bus to Inari-mae Bus Stop.

茨城県笠間市笠間稲荷神社、笠間小学校前の国道

「流鏝馬」

最寄駅: JR水戸線笠間駅より徒歩20分 又はバスで5-10分、稲荷前下車

◇ Nov.3

Kannonzaki Festa (lighthouse festival) at Kannonzaki Todai (lighthouse), Yokosuka, Kanagawa Pref., features various kinds of attractions such as Hawaiian dancing, live music & songs, quiz show, games and so on from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Kannonzaki Koen (park) and its vicinity. When it rains, it will be canceled.

Access : The Keihin Kyuko Line to Uruga Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus for Kannonzaki, and then get off at Kannonzaki Bus Stop.

神奈川県横須賀市 観音崎公園

「観音崎フェスタ」

最寄駅: 京浜急行浦賀駅より観音崎行バスで15分、観音崎下車

◇ Nov.3

Kohku Matsuri or Air Show at Iruma Air Base in Iruma, Saitama Pref. A thrilling acrobatic flying show by aircrafts is demonstrated from 9 am to 3 pm.

Access : 40 min. by Seibu Ikebukuro Line's Rapid Train from Ikebukuro Sta. to Inariyama-koen Sta., and then walk 1 min.

埼玉県入間市 自衛隊入間基地

「航空祭」

最寄駅: 池袋駅より西武池袋線急行で40分稲荷山公園駅下車、徒歩1分

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Nov.8

Shibayama-machi Haniwa Matsuri Festival at Shibayama-machi, Sambu-gun, Chiba Pref., features ancient rituals conducted by participants in costume of the *Kofun* (tumulus) period (300-710 AD), and their parade from 9:30 am to 4 pm in Shibayama Koen (park). There are about 500 old mounds in this area. *Haniwa* (clay images) excavated from the Shibayama Mounds, are exhibited at Shibayama Kofun Haniwa Museum, and Shibayama Haniwa Museum in the compound of Shibayama Nioson Kannon-kyo Temple.

Access : From Higashi-Narita Sta. on the Keisei Line, take the Shibayama Railway to Shibayama-Chiyoda Sta. From there, free shuttle buses to the festival site are available (9 am - 4:30 pm) during the festival period.

千葉県山武郡芝山町 芝山仁王尊観音教寺

「芝山町はにわ祭」

最寄駅：京成線東成田駅より芝山鉄道芝山千代田駅下車、祭り期間中 会場へ無料シャトルバスあり (9 am - 4:30 pm)

Nov.12 & Nov.24

Tori-no-Ichi (Good Luck Rake Fair) at Otori Shrine in Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. *Kumade* (bamboo rakes), adorned with ornaments symbolizing good fortune and prosperous business, are sold at dozens of stalls from 12 noon to midnight on both days.

Access : 20 min. by the Yokohama Shiei (Municipal) Subway from Yokohama Sta. to Bandobashi Sta., and then walk 10 min.

神奈川県横浜市 大鷲神社

「大鷲神社 酉の市」

最寄駅：横浜駅より横浜市営地下鉄で20分、阪東橋駅下車、徒歩10分

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C. HOKKAIDO & TOHOKU 北海道・東北

◇ Oct.1~Nov.23

Nihonmatsu Chrysanthemum Dolls Exhibition at Kasumigajo Koen (park), Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Pref., is held from 9 am to 5 pm daily during the period. *Dangaeshi* (Chrysanthemum manipulated dolls show with a storytelling) is presented every 40 min from 9:30 am to 4:40 pm daily during the period. Admission is ¥ 1,000.

Access: The JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Nihonmatsu Sta., and then walk 15-20 min.

福島県二本松市 霞ヶ城公園

「二本松の菊人形」

最寄駅: JR東北本線二本松駅より徒歩15-20分

◇ Nov.1~Nov.3

Fujiwara Matsuri Festival at Hiraizumi-machi, Nishi-Iwai-gun, Iwate Pref. Performing folk arts of this region are presented at three venues in turn: in front of Hiraizumi Sta., Chusonji Temple and Motsuji Temple, from 10:30 am to around 3 pm on the 1st, and from 10:30 am to around 1 pm on the 2nd. On the 3rd, *Ennen-no-mai* (*Shinto* sacred dance) at Motsuji Temple from 11 am to 12:30 pm, and *Noh* (classical masked drama) and *Kyogen* (*Noh* farce) at Chusonji Temple from 1 pm to around 2:30 pm are scheduled.

Access: The JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Ichinoseki Sta. From there, 8 min. by the JR Tohoku Honsen Line (local train) to Hiraizumi Sta., and then walk 25 min., or 10 min. by shuttle bus to the festival site.

岩手県西磐井郡 平泉町(中尊寺 毛越寺)

「藤原まつり」

最寄駅: JR東北新幹線一ノ関駅で東北本線に乗り換え8分で平泉駅下車、徒歩25分、又は会場へのシャトルバスで10分

Nov.14

Taimatsu Akashi (Bonfire Festival) is held on Mt. Goro in Midorigaoka Koen (park), Sukagawa, Fukushima Pref. This festival with a 400-year history is counted as one of the three grandest fire festivals in Japan. One big torchwood and many other smaller ones are prepared and carried by townspeople from the center of the city up to Mt. Goro from 3:30 pm to around 5 pm, and then the torches are lit from 6:30 pm to around 9 pm.

Access: The JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Sukagawa Sta., and then walk 10 min.

福島県須賀川市 翠ヶ丘公園(五老山)

「松明(たいまつ)あかし」

最寄駅: JR東北本線須賀川駅より徒歩10分

D. CHUBU 中部

Oct.31~Nov.3

Daidogeji (street performances) **World Cup in Shizuoka** are held on Aoba-dori (street), Gofukumachi-dori (street), at Sumpu Koen (park) and other over 20 venues in Shizuoka, Shizuoka Pref. The performances are demonstrated by 182 participants from 23 countries from around 11 am to around 8:30 pm (to 5 pm on Nov. 3rd) every day during the period.

Access: The JR Tokaido Honsen Line or the JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Shizuoka Sta., and then walk 2-3 min. to Aoba-dori Street & Sumpu Koen (park).

静岡県静岡市 駿府公園 青葉通り ほかに市内各所

「大道芸ワールドカップ in 静岡」

最寄駅: JR東海道本線、又は東海道新幹線静岡駅から徒歩2-3分で青葉通り・駿府公園

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◇ Nov.3~Nov.5

Fujinomiya Aki Matsuri (Fujinomiya Autumn Festival) at Sengen Shrine, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka Pref., features about 20 floats parading in the neighborhood in turn every day during the period. The main event of this festival is held on the 4th, when all the floats of the towns gather at the Shrine at 4 pm and *Ohayshi* (festival music) is competitively played in the precincts. Then all the floats parade through the city until 9 pm.

Access : The JR Minobu Line to Fujinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.

静岡県富士宮市 浅間大社

「富士宮秋まつり」

最寄駅: JR身延線富士宮駅より徒歩10分

◇ Nov.5

Ojin-sai Festival at Kimpu Shrine, Nagaoka, Niigata Pref., is scheduled from 10 am to 11:30 am. After *Shinto* rituals, a Shrine priest in traditional attire demonstrates the skills, handed down from generation to generation, of how to cut a salmon, which is caught in the Shinano River and dedicated to the Shrine, only by using a knife and a pair of iron tongs. The performer never touches the fish with his hands, and places its fillets in the shape of a *Torii* gate. This is a very unusual event.

Access : The JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Nagaoka Sta. (Nishi Ote-guchi Exit). From there, 15 min. by bus to Kita Nagaoka-Shako Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.

新潟県長岡市西蔵王 金峰神社

「王神祭」

最寄駅: JR上越新幹線長岡駅(西大手口)よりバスで15分、北長岡車庫下車、徒歩5分

◇ Nov.23

Bunka Bunsei Fuzoku Emaki Gyoretsu, Tsumago, Nagiso-machi, Kiso-gun, Nagano Pref. People dressed as warlords, postmen, priests, pilgrims, merchants' daughters, farmers, comb venders and others of the Edo period, parade 6-km along Nakasendo (old highway) from Nagiso Sogo Ground, starting at 10:30 am, passing by Tsumago-juku (an old post town) around 12 noon, and terminate at Kyu-Tsumago Elementary School at 3 pm.

Access : The JR Chuo Line to Nagiso Sta. From there, 10 min. by Ontake Kotsu Bus to Tsumago Bus Stop.

Note : *Bunka Bunsei* is a name of an era (1804-1830) in the Edo period (1603-1867)

長野県木曾郡南木曾町妻籠

「文化文政風俗絵巻行列」

最寄駅: JR中央線南木曾駅より御岳交通バスで10分妻籠下車

Nov.23

Nagano Ebisuko Enka Taikai fireworks display at Saigawa Daini-ryokuchi Koen (park), Nagano Ohashi Nishigawa, Nagano, Nagano Pref., takes place from 6 pm to around 8 pm. It is held in late autumn unlike the other fireworks displays which usually take place in high summer. This fireworks display dating back to the feudal times, boasts the skills necessary to make fireworks balls of huge size for a gorgeous fireworks display.

Access : The JR Nagano Shinkansen Line to Nagano Sta. (East Exit or Zenkoji-guchi Exit), from there shuttle buses (¥170) are available to the site.

長野県長野市 (打ち上げ会場)長野大橋西側・犀川第2緑地公園
「長野えびす講煙火大会」

最寄駅: JR長野新幹線長野駅東口、又は善光寺口より犀川第2緑地公園へはシャトルバス(¥170)が運行

E. KINKI 近畿

◇ Sep.20~Nov.25

Toji Homotsu-kan Shuki Tokubetsu-ten (Special Autumn Exhibition in Treasure Hall) at Toji Temple, Minami-ku, Kyoto. *Homotsu-kan* (Treasure Hall) of Toji Temple is open to the public from 9 am to 4:30 pm daily during the exhibition period. (Please enter by 4 pm.) Admission is ¥500.

Access : (1) Walk 15 min. from JR Kyoto Sta.
(2) The Kintetsu Line to Toji Sta., and then walk 5 min.

京都市南区 東寺

「東寺宝物館秋季特別展」

最寄駅: (1)JR京都駅より徒歩15分
(2)近鉄東寺駅より徒歩5分

◇ Oct.1~Nov.23

Ninnaji Meiho Tokubetsu-ten at Ninnaji Temple, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto. Treasures of Ninnaji Temple are open to the public from 9 am to 4:30 pm daily only during the special exhibition period. (Please enter by 4 pm.) Admission is ¥500.

Access : 40 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 26 from JR Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Omuro-Ninnaji Bus Stop.

京都市右京区 仁和寺

「仁和寺名宝特別」

最寄駅: JR京都駅より市バスNo. 26で40分、御室仁和寺下車

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◇ Oct.1~Nov.30

Kissho Tennyozō Kaihi at Joruriji Temple, Kamocho, Kizugawa, Kyoto Pref. Wooden Image of *Kissho Tennyozō* (designated as one of National Important Cultural Properties) stored at Joruriji Temple is shown to the public from 9 am to 5 pm daily during the exhibition period. (Please enter by 4:30 pm.) Admission is ¥300.

Access :30 min. by bus for Kamo from Kintetsu-Nara Sta., and then get off at Joruriji-mae Bus Stop.

Note : *Kissho Tennyozō*: a goddess of great happiness bringing peace, wealth and virtue.

京都府木津川市加茂町 浄瑠璃寺
「吉祥天女像開扉」

最寄駅：近鉄奈良駅より加茂行バスで30分、浄瑠璃寺前下車

◎ Oct.24~Nov.12

The 61st Annual Exhibition of Shoso-in Treasures at the Nara National Museum, Nara, Nara Pref. A variety of the precious National Treasures from olden times stored in Shoso-in (Treasure Repository) are shown to the public from 9 am to 6 pm daily specially during the period. (Please enter by 5:30 pm.) However, on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays during the exhibition period, it is open until 7 pm. (Please enter by 6:30 pm.) Admission is ¥1,000.

Access : (1)The Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu-Nara Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2)10 min. by bus from JR Nara Sta. or Kintetsu-Nara Sta., and then get off at Kokuritsu Hakubutsukan Bus Stop.

奈良市 奈良国立博物館
「第61回 正倉院展」

最寄駅：(1)近鉄奈良駅より徒歩15分
(2)JR奈良駅又は近鉄奈良駅よりバスで10分、国立博物館下車

Oct.29~Nov.1

2009 Zenkoku Dento-teki Kogei-hin Matsuri・Kyoto (All Japan Traditional Crafts Festival) at Miyako Messe, Okazaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto, Kyoto Pref., is held from 10 am to 5 pm (to 4 pm on Nov. 1st). It is a good chance to see and to buy many different Japanese traditional handicrafts from all over Japan. Potteries, wood, bamboo and lacquer wares, papers, stationery items, woven goods and dyed stuffs are on display. Admission is free. This event is held every year, but in a different region of Japan.

Access :Take municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 100 or No. 5 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Kyoto Bijutukan-mae Bus Stop, and walk 3 min.

京都市左京区岡崎 みやこめッセ
「2009全国伝統的工芸品まつり・きょうと」

最寄駅：京都駅より、市バスNo. 100 又は No. 5で、京都美術館下車、徒歩3分

Nov.1~Dec.6

Tofukuji (Tentoku-in & Shorinji) Tokubetsu Kokai at Tofukuji Temple, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto. Tentoku-in & Shorinji of Tofukuji Temple are open to the public from 9 am to 4 pm daily during this special period. Admission is ¥300 for Tentoku-in, and ¥600 for Shorinji.

Access : (1)The JR Nara Line to Tofukuji Sta.
(2)Take a municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 208 from JR Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Tofukuji Bus Stop.

京都市東山区 東福寺 天得院 勝林寺
「東福寺 天得院・勝林寺特別公開」

最寄駅：(1)JR奈良線東福寺駅
(2)JR京都駅より市バスNo. 208東福寺下車

Nov.1~Nov.30

Aki-no-Ningyo-ten (Dolls Exhibition) at Hokyōji Temple, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto. Old Japanese dolls are exhibited at Hokyōji Temple, noted for its collection of dolls, from 10 am to 4 pm daily during the period. (Please enter by 3:30 pm.) Admission is ¥600.

Access :20-30 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 9 from JR Kyoto Sta. to Horikawa Terano-uchi Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.

京都市上京区 宝鏡寺
「秋の人形展」

最寄駅：JR京都駅より市バスNo. 9 で20~30分堀川寺ノ内下車、徒歩3分

◇ Nov.1~Nov.10

Gion Odori Dance at Gion Kaikan Theater, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto. The performance is scheduled twice a day from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, and from 4:30 to 5:30 during the period. Admission is ¥3,500 or ¥4,000 (with a bowl of maccha green tea served) for a show. Please call Gion Kaikan for reservations. Tel.: 075-561-0224

Access :10 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 206 (bound for Higashiyama-dori Kitaoji Bus Terminal) from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Gion Bus Stop.

京都市東山区 祇園会館
「祇園踊り」

最寄駅：京都駅より市バスNo. 206 (東山通り北大路バスターミナル行き)で10分、祇園下車

Nov.1~Nov.10

Kyoto Goshō Ippan Kokai at Kyoto Imperial Palace, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto. Kyoto Imperial Palace is open to the public from 9 am to 4:15 pm daily during the period. (Please enter by 3:30 pm.) During this special period, authorization is not required for a visit to Kyoto Imperial Palace. Admission is free as always.

Access :The Karasuma Subway Line to Marutamachi Sta., and then walk 7 min.

京都市上京区 京都御所
「京都御所一般公開」

最寄駅：地下鉄烏丸線丸太町駅下車、徒歩7分

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◇ Nov.3

Kemari Matsuri (festival of ancient ball-kicking) at Tanzan Shrine, Sakurai, Nara Pref. Priests of Tanzan Shrine demonstrate *Kemari* from 11 am to around 12 noon.

Access : The Kintetsu Line or the JR Sakurai Line to Sakurai Sta. From there, about 30 min. by bus for Tanzan Jinja, and then get off at the last stop.

奈良県桜井市 談山神社

「けまり祭り」

最寄駅: 近鉄、又はJR桜井線桜井駅より談山神社行バスで30分、談山神社(終点)下車

◇ Nov.3

Bunka-no-Hi Manyo Bugaku Enso-kai (performance of ancient court music & dances) at Kasuga Taisha Shin-en in the precincts of Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Nara, Nara Pref., takes place from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm. (An entrance fee for Shin-en is ¥500.) When it rains, it will be performed at the roofed space in front of Honden (main hall) of Kasuga Taisha Shrine.

Access : From Kintetsu-Nara Sta., take a city circular bus to Kasuga Taisha Omote-sando Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min., or 15 min. by bus bound for Kasuga Taisha Honden-yuki, and then get off at the last stop.

奈良市 春日大社神苑

「文化の日万葉舞楽演奏会」

最寄駅: 近鉄奈良駅から市内循環バスで「春日大社表参道」下車、徒歩10分、又は春日大社本殿行きバスで約15分終点下車

Nov.7~Dec.6

Eikando Aki-no Jiho-ten (An exhibition of temple treasures in autumn) at Eikando (Zenrinji Temple), Sakyo-ku, Kyoto. The old paintings including one designated as a National Treasure, stored in Eikando (Zenrinji Temple), are open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm daily during the period. (Please enter by 4 pm.) Admission is ¥1,000. Lighting up Eikando is scheduled from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm from Nov. 7th to Nov. 30th. (The entrance is closed at 9 pm.) Admission is ¥600.

Access : 30 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 5 from JR Kyoto Sta. to Nanzenji Eikando-michi Bus Stop.

京都市左京区 永観堂

「永観堂秋の寺宝展」

最寄駅: JR京都駅より市バスNo. 5 で30分、南禅寺・永観堂道下車

◎ Nov.8

Arashiyama Momiji Matsuri (Maple Festival) around Togetsu-kyo Bridge, Arashiyama, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto. From around 10:30 am to 12 noon, people in the 10th-century court costume play music and dance on the sacred boats, which sail down the Oi River, while various kinds of Japanese traditional music are again played on each boat from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. Open-air tea ceremony demonstrated by *Oiran* (courtesan) is scheduled on the riverbank of the Oi River from around 1:40 pm to 2:40 pm, after the rituals which starts from 1 pm. When it rains, all the events will be canceled.

Access : (1) 20 min. by the JR San-in Line from Kyoto Sta. to Saga-Arashiyama Sta., and then walk 15 min. to Arashiyama Togetsu-kyo Bridge.
(2) 50 min. by Kyoto Bus from Kyoto Sta. to Arashiyama Bus Stop.

京都市右京区 嵐山渡月橋付近

「嵐山もみじ祭」

最寄駅: (1) 京都駅よりJR山陰線で20分 嵯峨嵐山駅下車、徒歩15分
(2) 京都駅より京都バスで50分 嵐山下車

◇ Nov.23

Momiji Matsuri (Maple Festival) at Jishu Shrine, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto, features a performance of *Kagura* (*Shinto* music and dance) from 2 pm to around 2:30 pm.

Access : 15 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 206 (bound for Higashiyama-dori Kitaoji Bus Terminal) from Kyoto Sta. to Kiyomizu-michi Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min.

京都市東山区 地主神社

「もみじ祭」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 206 (東山通り北大路バスターミナル行き)で15分 清水道下車、徒歩10分

F. CHUGOKU & SHIKOKU 中国・四国

◇ Nov.15

Hi-watari-shiki (rigorous religious practice of walking on burnt charcoal) at Daisho-in Temple, Miyajima, Hatsukaichi City, Hiroshima Pref., is held from around 1 pm (setting a fire) to around 3 pm.

Access : (1) The JR Sanyo Honsen Line to Miyajima-guchi Sta., and then walk a few min. to Miyajima-guchi Pier. From there, 10 min. by ferryboat to Miyajima, and then walk 15 min. to the temple.
(2) 30 min. by streetcar or by bus from JR Hiroshima Sta. to Hiroshima Ujina Port. From there, 30 min. by hydrofoil to Miyajima, and then walk 15 min. to the temple.

広島県廿日市市 宮島町 大聖院

「火渡り式」

最寄駅: (1) JR山陽本線宮島口駅より徒歩数分の宮島口栈橋からフェリーで10分宮島下船、徒歩15分
(2) JR広島駅より市電又はバスで30分広島宇品港下車、高速船で30分宮島下船、徒歩15分

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◇ ◎ Nov.22~Nov.24

Ichijo Taisai Autumn Festival at Ichijo Shrine, Shimanto, Kochi Pref., features *Sumo* by high school students in the city at Yasunami Undo Koen (park) from 11 am, and *Chigo Gyoretsu* (procession by children in fancy attire) leaving Gion Shrine at 2:30 pm for Ichijo Shrine to arrive there around 4:30 pm on the 23rd. Some more events are scheduled in the precincts of the Shrine, and many open-air stalls are set up along the streets in the city during the period.

Access : 2 hrs. by Limited Express of the JR Dosan Line from Kochi Sta. to Nakamura Sta. (from Kubokawa Sta. to Nakamura Sta. on the Tosa Kuroshio Railway), and then walk 30 min.

高知県四万十市 一条神社 祇園神社 安並運動公園
「一条大祭」

最寄駅: 高知駅よりJR土讃線特急で2時間、中村駅(窪川駅-中村駅間は土佐くろしお鉄道)下車、徒歩30分

G. KYUSHU & OKINAWA 九州 沖縄

Oct.30~Nov.3

2009 Saga International Balloon Fiesta is held over the riverbank of the Kase River on the Saga plain from Oct. 30th to Nov. 3rd with over 110 participants from 14 countries. The competitions take place from around 7 am to 9 am & from 3 pm to 5 pm daily during the festival period. On Nov. 2nd and 3rd, *La Mongolfier Nocturne* (the event of live music and lights with tethered balloons on display) is held at the Launch Area from around 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Many other events are also scheduled during the festival period.

Access : The JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to (temporary) Balloon Saga Sta.

佐賀県佐賀市嘉瀬川河川敷

「2009 佐賀インターナショナルバルーンフィエスタ」

最寄駅: JR長崎本線バルーンさが駅(臨時)駅下車すぐ

◎ Nov.1~Nov.5

Nabeshima Han yo Aki Matsuri (Ceramic Fair), Ohkawachi-yama, Ohkawachi-machi, Imari, Saga Pref., is held from 9 am to 5:30 pm daily during the period. Many stalls selling the ceramics are set up on Nabeshima Han yo-saka Street.

Access : 1 hr. 30 min. by JR Limited Express "Midori" (the JR Nagasaki & Sasebo Line) from Hakata to Arita Sta. From there, 25 min. by Matsuura Railways (the Nishi Kyushu Line) to Imari Sta., and then 15 min. by bus to the terminal Ohkawachi-yama Bus Stop or 10 min. by taxi (about ¥1,500).

佐賀県伊万里市大川内町 大川内山
「鍋島藩窯秋まつり」

最寄駅: 博多より(JR長崎本線と佐世保線)特急"みどり"で1時間半有田駅まで行き、松浦鉄道・西九州線に乗り換えて25分伊万里駅下車、そこからバスで15分終点大川内山下車、又はタクシーで10分(およそ¥1,500)

◇ Nov.2&Nov.3

Ohara Matsuri Festival, Kagoshima, Kagoshima Pref. The main event of this festival is *Soodori* (grand dancing parade) in which people in *Kimono* demonstrate Japanese folk dances to the tune of *Ohara bushi* and *Han-ya bushi* (folk musics of this locality). On the 2nd, *Ohara Ogojo Daiko* (Japanese drum beating by girls) is demonstrated at 6:45 pm, and then *Soodori* starts from Takamibaba Kosaten (intersections), parading through the city's main streets toward Sakurajima-sanbashi (pier) until 9 pm. On the 3rd, *Ohara Ogojo Daiko* starting at 10:20 am, is followed by *Soodori* and a parade of dancing & performing arts which lasts until 5 pm. The expected number of participants in this festival is about 22,000 in total.

Access : The JR Kagoshima Line to Kagoshima-Chuo Sta. From there, 5 min. by streetcar to Tenmonkan-dori Stop.

鹿児島県鹿児島市 高見馬場 桜島棧橋
「おはら祭」

最寄駅: JR鹿児島線鹿児島中央駅前より市電で5分、天文館通下車

◇ ◎ Nov.2~Nov.4

Karatsu Kunchi (Festival of Karatsu Shrine), Karatsu, Saga Pref., features a parade of 14 *Hikiyama* (colorful floats) pulled by young men in *happi* coats to the tune of *Ohayashi* (festival music) on the city's main streets, from 7:30 pm to 10 pm on the 2nd, from 9:30 am to 5 pm on the 3rd, and from 10:30 am to 5 pm on the 4th.

Access : The JR Karatsu Line to Karatsu Sta., and then walk 15 min. to the Shrine.

佐賀県唐津市 唐津神社
「唐津くんち」

最寄駅: JR唐津線唐津駅より唐津神社まで徒歩15分

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Nov.21~Nov.25

Arita no Chawan Matsuri (Arita Ceramic Festival) at Aritayaki Oroshi Danchi in Arita-machi, Nishi-Matsuura-gun, Saga Pref. This festival features a ceramics fair at Aritayaki Oroshi Danchi, where *Haruchawan Kokan*, the event of exchanging a chipped rice bowl for a brand-new one with the autumn design for free of charge, is held from 9 am to 5 pm daily during the festival period.

Access : 1 hr. 30 min. by JR Limited Express "Midori" (the JR Nagasaki Line & the Sasebo Line) from Hakata to Arita Sta., and then 5 min. by taxi (about ¥1,000).

佐賀県西松浦郡有田町 有田焼卸団地内
「有田のちやわん祭」

最寄駅: 博多よりJR長崎本線と佐世保線特急"みどり"で1時間半
有田駅下車、タクシーで5分(おおよそ¥1,000)

◇ Nov.23

Myoken Sai Festival, Yatsushiro, Kumamoto Pref., with a 400-year history is noted for a big procession in which *Kida* (a giant turtle & snake-like shaped float, 130 kg in weight, as large as four *Tatami* mats, and having a one-meter-long snakelike neck, carried by five adults), *Mikoshi* (portable shrine), beautiful floats, *Kazariuma* (decorated horses) and people dressed as warriors parade through the city's busiest streets. The procession leaves Shioya Hachimangu Shrine at 7:30 am, stopping by Yatsushiro Sta. at 9:20 am, Yatsushiro Shrine at 11 am, and arrives at Tosaki-no-Kawara at 12:30 pm. There, *Shishimai* (Lion Dance) and other performances are demonstrated from 12:30 pm to around 4:30 pm.

Access : (1) The JR Kagoshima Line to Shin-Yatsushiro Sta. From there, walk 5 min. to Kumamoto-ken Yatsushiro Chiiki Shinko-kyoku Building, and then take a free shuttle bus to the festival site.
(2) 5 min. by taxi from JR Yatsushiro Sta. to the festival site.

熊本県八代市 塩谷八幡宮 八代神社 砥崎の河原
「妙見祭」

最寄駅: (1) JR鹿児島線新八代駅より徒歩5分の熊本県八代地域
振興局から、会場まで無料シャトルバスが運行される。
(2) JR八代駅より会場までタクシーで5分