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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 February 2010



A. Tokyo 東京

Jan.27 ~ Feb.1

Dento-teki Kogei-hin-ten 2010 or Japan Traditional Crafts Exhibition is held at Nihombashi Takashimaya Department Store from 10 am to 8 pm (to 6 pm on Feb. 1st). It is a good chance to see and buy many articles of different kinds of Japanese traditional handicrafts; pottery, woven goods, dye stuffs, Japanese paper, stationery items, lacquer ware, wood and bamboo ware, from all over Japan. Admission is free.

Access : (1) The Ginza, Tozai or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nihombashi Sta.
(2) Walk 8 min. from JR Tokyo Sta. (Yaesu Exit)

中央区 日本橋高島屋8階催事場
「伝統的工芸品展 2010」

最寄駅: (1) 地下鉄銀座線、東西線 又は 都営浅草線日本橋駅
(2) JR東京駅より徒歩8分

Jan.30 ~ Mar.28

Tsubaki Matsuri (Camellia Festival) on Oshima Island.

Various species of camellia are usually in bloom on this island during the festival period. Main events are scheduled as follows: (1) on Jan. 31st, an opening ceremony starts at 9 am, and a parade of *Edo-Mikoshi* (portable shrines) goes around the town hall from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. (2) on Feb. 11th, a beauty contest for Miss Camellia starts from 10 am. (3) on Feb. 21st, Camellia marathon races of 5 km and 10 km start from the town hall, start both at 9:30 am. Everybody who wants to join the race is asked to call the town hall by Jan. 22nd for applications at Tel.: 04992-2-1446 (speaking in Japanese only).

Access : (1) 8 hrs. by Tokai Kisen ferryboat or 1 hr. 45 min. by hydrofoil boat from Takeshiba Pier to Oshima Island. (The Yurikamome Line from Shimbashi Sta. to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk 1 min. to the pier, or the JR Yamanote Line to Hamamatsuchō Sta., and then walk 7 min. to the pier.)
(2) 30 min. by air from Tokyo (Haneda Airport) to Oshima Island.

大島

「椿まつり」

最寄駅: (1) 竹芝桟橋よりフェリー(東海汽船)で8時間、又は高速船で1時間45分、大島下船(竹芝桟橋へは、ゆりかもめ新橋駅から竹芝駅下車徒歩1分、又はJR山手線浜松町駅下車徒歩7分)
(2) 東京(羽田空港)より飛行機で大島まで30分

Feb.1 & Feb.13

Tako Ichi (kite fair) at Oji Inari Shrine, Kita-ku. Kites, regarded as a talisman for preventing fire, are sold at some stalls among totaling 150 open-air stalls, which are set up in the precincts and along the approach to the Shrine from around 9 am to sunset.

Access : The JR Keihin Tohoku Line or the Namboku Subway Line to Oji Sta., and then walk 7 min.

北区 王子稲荷神社
「凧市」

最寄駅: JR京浜東北線又は南北線王子駅より徒歩7分

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in February 2010

◎ Feb.3

Setsubun (bean-throwing ceremony) at the noted temples and shrines all over Japan. According to the lunar calendar, "Setsubun" marks the last day of winter. People throng temples and shrines to vie with another for lucky beans which are thrown by priests or personalities who shout "*Fuku-wa-uchi, Oni-wa-soto!*" (Fortune in, Devils out!) to drive away imaginary devils. Bean-throwing ceremonies are scheduled at the following major temples and shrines in Tokyo:

1. Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 12 noon & 2 pm. After that, well-known personalities join bean-throwing ceremonies four times from 4 pm to 5 pm.

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

台東区浅草寺

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: 銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

◎ Feb.3

2. Zojoji Temple, Minato-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) joined by well-known personalities takes place from around 12 noon to 1 pm.

Access : (1)The Toei Mita Subway Line to Onarimon Sta., and then walk 3 min.

(2)The Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta., and then walk 5 min.

港区芝公園 増上寺

「節分ついな式」

最寄駅: (1) 都営三田線御成門駅より徒歩3分
(2) 都営浅草線又は大江戸線で大門駅より徒歩5分

◎ Feb.3

3. Gokokuji Temple, Bunkyo-ku. *Shishi-mai* (Lion Dance) and *Wadaiko* (Japanese drum beating) are performed from 1 pm, preceding *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) which takes place from 3:30 pm after the rites.

Access : The Yurakucho Subway Line to Gokokuji Sta.

文京区 護国寺

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: 有楽町線護国寺駅

◎ Feb.3

4. Hie Shrine, Chiyoda-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 12 noon to 12:20 pm, following the rites which start from 11:30 am.

Access : (1)The Ginza or Namboku Subway Line to Tameike-Sanno Sta., and then walk 5 min.

(2)The Ginza or Marunouchi Subway Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta., and then walk 8 min.

(3)The Hanzomon, Yurakucho or Namboku Subway Line to Nagatacho Sta., and then walk 10 min.

千代田区永田町 日枝神社

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: (1)銀座線又は南北線溜池山王駅から徒歩5分

(2)銀座線又は丸の内線赤坂見附駅から徒歩8分

(3)半蔵門線、有楽町線又は南北線永田町駅から徒歩10分

◎ Feb.3

5. Kanda Myojin Shrine, Chiyoda-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place several times from around 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, following the rites which start at 2 pm.

Access : (1)The Marunouchi Subway Line, the JR Chuo Line or JR Sobu Line to Ochanomizu Sta., and then walk 5 min.

(2)The Chiyoda Subway Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta., and then walk 5 min.

(3)The Ginza Subway Line to Suehirocho Sta., and then walk 5 min.

千代田区 神田明神

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: (1)丸の内線、JR中央線又はJR総武線御茶ノ水駅より徒歩5分

(2)千代田線新御茶ノ水駅より徒歩5分

(3)銀座線末広町駅より徒歩5分

◎ Feb.3

6. Kameido Tenjin Shrine, Koto-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from around 5:30 pm to 5:40 pm, following *Tsuina-shiki* (rites of driving away devils) which start from 5 pm.

Access : The JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta., and then walk 15 min.

江東区 亀戸天神

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: JR総武線亀戸駅より徒歩15分

◎ Feb.3

7. Ikegami Honmonji Temple, Ota-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 3 pm to 3:10 pm, following the rites which start from 2 pm.

Access : (1)The Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ikegami Sta., and then walk 10 min.

(2)The Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nishi-Magome Sta., and then walk 10 min.

大田区池上 池上本門寺

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: (1) 東急池上線池上駅より徒歩10分

(2) 都営浅草線西馬込駅より徒歩10分

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◎ Feb.3

8. Toyokawa Inari Betsuin, Minato-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 3 pm to 3:30 pm, following the rites which start from 2 pm.

Access : The Marunouchi or Ginza Subway Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta., and then walk 5 min.

港区 豊川稲荷別院

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: 丸ノ内線又は銀座線赤坂見附駅より徒歩5分

◎ Feb.3

9. Torigoe Shrine, Taito-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 3:45 pm to 6 pm.

Access : (1) The JR Sobu Line or the Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusabashi Sta., and then walk 5-10 min.
(2) The Toei Asakusa or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Kuramae Sta., and then walk 5-10 min.

台東区鳥越鳥越神社

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: (1) JR総武線又は都営浅草線浅草橋駅より徒歩5~10分
(2) 都営浅草線又は大江戸線蔵前駅より徒歩5~10分

◎ Feb.3

10. Shibamata Taishakuten Temple (Daikyoji Temple), Katsushika-ku. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 2 pm & 3 pm (each lasting for 10 min.).

Access : The Keisei Kanamachi Line to Shibamata Sta.

葛飾区 柴又帝釈天(題経寺)

「節分豆まき」

最寄駅: 京成金町線柴又駅

Feb.3

Daruma-kuyo or memorial services for used Dharma dolls at Nishiarai Daishi Temple, Adachi-ku. When people make a wish and it is granted, they paint eyes of Dharma dolls. The memorial service is conducted from 10 am to around 12 noon. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from around 3 pm to around 4:30 pm.

Access : The Tobu Isezaki Line to Nishi-Arai Sta., and then take the Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi-mae Sta.

足立区 西新井大師

「だるま供養」

最寄駅: 東武伊勢崎線西新井駅より東武大師線で大師前駅下車

Feb.3

Setsubun Mame-maki-shiki (bean-throwing ceremony) at Takahata Fudosen Temple, Hino in the suburbs of Tokyo, takes place from 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm, 3 pm and 4 pm. About 100 open-air stalls selling Dharma dolls are set up in and around the compound of the temple.

Access : The Keio Line or the Tama-Toshi Monorail to Takahata-Fudo Sta.

日野市 高幡不動尊

「節分豆まき式」

最寄駅: 京王線又は多摩都市モノレール高幡不動駅

Feb.3

Sohei-Gyoretsu or the procession of *Sohei* (monk soldiers) at Hosenji Temple, Nakano-ku. About 50 monks and parishioners attired in *Sohei* costumes leave Meitoku Inari Shrine at 3:30 pm and arrive at Hosenji Temple around 4 pm. The bean-throwing ceremony takes place in the compound of the temple from around 4:30 pm (lasting for about 20 min.). When it rains, "Sohei-Gyoretsu" will be canceled.

Access : The Marunouchi or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Nakano-Sakaue Sta., and then walk 5 min.

中野区 宝仙寺

「僧兵行列」

最寄駅: 宝仙寺へは丸ノ内線又は都営大江戸線中野坂上駅より徒歩5分

Feb.6 ~ Feb.28

Setagaya Ume Matsuri (Japanese Apricot Blossom Festival) at Hanegi Koen (park), Setagaya-ku. There are nearly 700 apricot trees in the park grounds. On the 21st, *Matcha* (powdered green tea) is served both at *Chashitsu* (tea ceremony room) and open-air from 10 am to 2:45 pm. On the 28th, *Sencha* (green tea) is served at *Chashitsu* from 10 am to 2:30 pm. Free tea tickets for *Matcha* and *Sencha* are distributed twice from 9:30 am and 11:30 am on both days, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Access : The Odakyu Line from Shinjuku Sta. to Umegaoka Sta.

世田谷区 羽根木公園

「世田谷梅まつり」

最寄駅: 小田急線梅ヶ丘駅

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Feb.7

Nihon O-Zumo Tournament or the 34th Grand Sumo Tournament takes place at Kokugikan Hall, Sumida-ku from around 12 noon to 5:30 pm. (The venue is open at 11 am.) The admission tickets range from ¥1,000 to ¥14,000. Advanced tickets are sold at ticket agencies, such as CN Play Guide, Ticket Pia in the major department stores, convenience store Lawson in Greater Tokyo. The day tickets are put on sale at Kokugikan Hall on the day. For further information, please call Nihon O-Zumo Tournament Jimukyoku at 03-5530-2052 (speaking in Japanese only).

Access : The JR Sobu Line or the Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ryogoku Sta.

墨田区 両国国技館

「日本大相撲トーナメント」

最寄駅: JR総武線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅

◇Feb.8

Hari-kuyo, memorial services for used and broken needles and pins, are offered at the following temples:

1. Shojuin Temple, Shinjuku-ku. The memorial service is held from 11 am to around 1:30 pm.

Access : (1) The Marunouchi Subway Line to Shinjuku-Gyoenmae Sta., and then walk 5 min.
(2) The Marunouchi or Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinjuku-Sanchome Sta., and then walk 5 min.

新宿区 正受院

「針供養」

最寄駅: (1) 丸ノ内線新宿御苑前駅より徒歩5分

(2) 丸ノ内線又は都営新宿線新宿三丁目駅より徒歩5分

◇Feb.8

2. Shinganji Temple, Setagaya-ku. The memorial service is held from around 1 pm, lasting for 30 min.

Access : The Keio Inokashira Line or the Odakyu Line to Shimokitazawa Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 10 min.

世田谷区 森巖寺

「針供養」

最寄駅: 京王井の頭線又は小田急線下北沢駅(南口)より徒歩10分

◇Feb.8

3. Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku. The memorial service is held from 11 am to 3 pm.

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

台東区 浅草寺境内

「針供養」

最寄駅: 銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

Feb.8 ~ Mar.8

Yushima Tenjin Ume Matsuri (Japanese Apricot Blossom Festival) at Yushima Tenjin Shrine, Bunkyo-ku. *Nodate* (open-air tea ceremony) is held at 11 am every Sunday during the festival period. Free tea tickets are distributed from 10 am on each day, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Access : The Chiyoda Subway Line to Yushima Sta.

文京区湯島 湯島天神

「湯島天神梅まつり」

最寄駅: 千代田線湯島駅

Feb.11

NHK Fukushi O-Zumo (Sumo for charity) at Kokugikan Hall, Sumida-ku, from 1 pm to around 5:20 pm. (The venue is open at 12:10 pm.) Some matches as well as demonstrations of wrestling styles and some comical sumo bouts for entertainment are featured. Admission tickets are ¥2,500, ¥4,000, ¥5,500, ¥6,000 & ¥7,000. The advanced tickets are sold at Ticket Pia and convenience stores such as FamilyMart and Lawson. (Some of the tickets left unsold are put in sale on the day at Kokugikan Hall from 11 am.) For further information, call Hello Dial at 03-5405-8686 (in English).

Access : The JR Sobu Line or the Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ryogoku Sta.

墨田区 両国国技館

「NHK福祉大相撲」

最寄駅: JR総武線又は都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅

◇Feb.11

Kenkoku Kinen-no-hi Hoshuku Parade or the parade in celebration on National Foundation Day, of a brass band and cars decorated with flowers, which starts from Meiji Park at 10 am, proceeding along Gaien-Nishi Street, Aoyama Street & Omote-Sando Street, and then reaches Meiji Shrine around 12 noon. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and a drum-beating group also join the parade at Omotesando crossing on Aoyama Street at around 10:30 am.

Access : (1) The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Kokuritsu-Kyogijo Sta., the JR Sobu Line to Sendagaya Sta. or Shinanomachi Sta. to go to Meiji Park. (the starting point near Nihon Seinen-kan)
(2) The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta. or the Chiyoda Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta. to go to Meiji Shrine.

渋谷区及び港区 明治公園～明治神宮

「建国記念の日奉祝パレード」

最寄駅: (1) 本隊パレード出発点の明治公園(日本青年館近く)へは都営地下鉄大江戸線で国立競技場駅下車、JR総武線千駄ヶ谷駅又は信濃町駅下車
(2) 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下車

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◇ Feb.11

Ta-asobi, symbolic or imitative ceremony to pray for bountiful crop, takes place at Tokumaru Kitano Shrine, Itabashi-ku, from about 6 pm to around 8 pm. This is designated as one of National Important Intangible Cultural Properties. About thirty people in traditional attire pantomime the process of rice cultivation on the plank stage representing a paddy field.

Access : (1) The Tobu Tojo Line to Tobu Nerima Sta., and then walk 10-20 min.
(2) From Narimasu Sta., 15 min. by bus bound for Akabane, and get off at Kobai Shogakko Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.

板橋区 徳丸北野神社
「田遊び」

最寄駅: (1) 東武東上線東武練馬駅より徒歩10~20分
(2) 成増駅から赤羽行きバスで15分紅梅小学校下車、徒歩5分

Feb.11

Tokyo Kyodo Geino Matsuri (Folklore Performing Arts Festival) at Tokyo Metropolitan Tama Social Education Center, Tachikawa in the suburbs of Tokyo. Various folk dances, *Ohayashi* (festival music), *Wadaiko* (Japanese drum beating) and the like native to Tama District are staged from 11 am to 4 pm.

Access : The JR Nambu Line to Nishi-Kunitachi Sta., and then walk 10 min.

立川市 都立多摩社会教育会館
「第38回東京都郷土芸能まつり」

最寄駅: JR南武線西国立駅より徒歩10分

Feb.13

Hatsu-uma Festival (year's first "Horse Day" festival) at Toyokawa Inari Betsuin Temple, Minato-ku. Open-air stalls are set up from 8:30 am to around 5 pm.

Access : The Marunouchi or Ginza Subway Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta., and then walk 5 min.

港区 豊川稲荷別院
「初午」

最寄駅: 丸ノ内線又は銀座線赤坂見附駅より徒歩5分

◇ Feb.13

Ta-asobi, symbolic or imitative ceremonies to pray for bountiful crop, take place at Akatsuka Suwa Shrine, Itabashi-ku, from 7 pm to around 9 pm. *Ta-asobi*, designated as one of National Important Intangible Cultural Properties, feature *Mikoshi* (portable shrines), *Shishi-Mai* (Lion Dance), *Tengu Mai* (dance by men with long red-nosed masks) and *Okagari* (ritual bonfire) in the precincts of the Shrine.

Access : The Toei Mita Subway Line to Shin-Takashimadaira Sta., and then walk 15 min.

板橋区 赤塚諏訪神社
「田遊び」

最寄駅: 地下鉄都営三田線新高島平駅より徒歩15分

Feb.21

The Ome Marathon starts at 10 am (for the 10-km race) and at 11: 50 am (for the 30-km race) from Nihon Tabako Sangyo Ome Eigyocho Higashi near JR Kabe Sta.

Access : The JR Ome Line to Kabe Sta.

青梅市河辺
「青梅マラソン」

最寄駅: JR青梅線河辺駅下車

Feb.28

Tokyo Marathon 2010 starts at Tocho (the Tokyo Metropolitan Government building), Shinjuku-ku at 9:10 am. The races pass through Iidabashi, Imperial Palace, Shinagawa, Ginza, Nihombashi, Asakusa Kaminarimon, Tsukiji, Toyosu, and eventually reach the finish line at Tokyo Big Sight (Ariake) in Odaiba.

Access : (1) Walk 10 min. from Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit) on the JR Yamanote Line or walk 2 min. from Tochomae Sta. (Exit A4) on the Oedo Subway Line to the Metropolitan Government Office.
(2) The Yurikamome Line originating at Shimbashi to Ariake Sta., and then walk 10 min. to the goal (Tokyo Big Sight).

新宿区 都庁～飯田橋～皇居前～品川～銀座～日本橋～浅草雷門～築地～豊洲～東京ビックサイト
「東京マラソン2010」

最寄駅: (1) 東京都庁へはJR山手線新宿駅より10分、又は地下鉄大江戸線都庁前駅(A4出口)より徒歩2分
(2) ゴール(東京ビックサイト)の有明へは、ゆりかもめ新橋駅より有明駅下車、徒歩10分

Feb.28

Edo Nagashibina is an event to welcome the arrival of spring by floating paper dolls near Shinsui Terrace of Azumabashi Bridge on the Sumida River, wishing safety and good health of children. *Nagashi-bina* starts at 12 noon and ends around 1 pm. Anyone can take part in this event for ¥800.

Access : The Tobu Isesaki Line, the Ginza or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Asakusa Sta., then walk 1 min.

集合場所: 吾妻橋、親水テラス、および隅田公園内
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最寄駅: 親水テラスへは東武伊勢崎線、銀座線、都営浅草線の浅草駅下車、徒歩1分

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Feb.28

Jingu-no-mori no Hina Matsuri (Dolls' Festival or Girls' Festival) in the precincts of Meiji Shrine, Shibuya-ku, takes place from 10 am to around 2:30 pm. *Nagashi-bina* (doll-floating ceremony) is held at Kita-ike (north pond) in front of Homotsuden (treasure house). Hours for *Nagashi-bina* are still to be arranged. Four hundred fifty parents and children who applied in advance over the phone are invited to join some activities. But anyone is welcome to see this event. For further information and a prior application, please call Tel. (03)3379-9123 (speaking in Japanese only).

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

「神宮の森のひなまつりこども大会」

最寄駅: (1) JR山手線原宿駅
(2) 千代田線明治神宮前駅

B. KANTO 関東

Jan.30 ~ Feb.28

Odawara Ume Matsuri (Japanese Apricot Festival) at Joshi Koen (park) and Soga Bairin (Japanese apricot garden) in Odawara, Kanagawa Pref. There are about 500 apricot trees in Odawara Joshi Koen and about 30,000 trees in Soga Bairin which consist of three gardens; Bessho, Nakagawara and Hara Bairin. *Yabusame* (horseback archery) is scheduled for 1 pm on Feb. 11 at Hara Bairin. When it rains, it will be postponed until Feb. 14. Many other events are scheduled for every Saturdays and Sundays during the festival period.

Access : (1) To Odawara Joshi Koen: the JR Tokaido Line to Odawara Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(2) To Nakagawara and Bessho Bairin: the JR Gotemba Line to Shimo-Soga Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(3) To Hara Bairin: the JR Gotemba Line to Shimo-Soga Sta., and then walk 7 min.

神奈川県小田原市 小田原城址公園、曾我梅林(中河原、原及び別所)

「小田原梅まつり」

最寄駅: (1) 小田原城址公園: JR東海道線小田原駅より徒歩10分
(2) 中河原会場及び別所会場: JR御殿場線下曾我駅より徒歩10分
(3) 原会場: JR御殿場線下曾我駅より徒歩7分

◎ Feb.3

Setsubun (bean-throwing ceremony) at the noted temples and shrines all over Japan. According to the lunar calendar, "Setsubun" marks the last day of winter. People throng temples and shrines to vie with another for lucky beans which are thrown by personalities who shout "Fuku-wa-uchi, Oni-wa-soto!" (Fortune in, Devils out!) to drive away imaginary devils. Bean-throwing ceremonies are scheduled at the following major temples and shrines in Kanagawa Pref.

1. Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine in Kamakura (about one hour by train from Tokyo). *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 1 pm, lasting for 15 min.

Access : The JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta., and then walk 10 min.

神奈川県鎌倉市 鶴岡八幡宮

「節分」

最寄駅: JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より徒歩10分

◎ Feb.3

2. Kenchoji Temple in Kamakura. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 12 noon to 12:25 pm.

Access : The JR Yokosuka Line to Kita-Kamakura Sta., and then walk 20 min.

神奈川県鎌倉市 建長寺

「節分」

最寄駅: JR横須賀線北鎌倉駅より徒歩20分

◎ Feb.3

3. Kamakuragu Shrine in Kamakura. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from around 3:30 pm to 4 pm.

Access : (1) The JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta., and then walk 25 min.

(2) 10 min. by bus from JR Kamakura Sta., and then get off at Daitonomiya Bus Stop.

神奈川県鎌倉市 鎌倉宮

「節分」

最寄駅: (1) JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より徒歩25分
(2) JR横須賀線鎌倉駅よりバスで10分、大塔宮下車

◎ Feb.3

4. Sojiji Temple in Yokohama. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place several times from around 12 noon to 2:30 pm.

Access : The JR Keihin Tohoku Line to Tsurumi Sta., and then walk 5 min.

神奈川県横浜市 総持寺

「節分」

最寄駅: JR京浜東北線鶴見駅より徒歩5分

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◎ Feb.3

5. Kawasaki Daishi Temple in Kawasaki. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from 11 am, 1:30 pm & 4 pm, lasting for about 5 min. respectively.

Access : The Keihin Kyuko Line to Keikyu Kawasaki Sta. From there, the Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki-Daishi Sta., then walk 5 min.

神奈川県川崎市 川崎大師

「節分」

最寄駅: 京浜急行京急川崎駅より京急大師線に乗り換えて川崎大師駅下車、徒歩5分

Feb.3

Oni-yarai (rites of driving away devils) take place at Chichibu Shrine, Chichibu, Saitama Pref. The bean-throwing ceremony is held every 30 min. from 10:30 am to 12 noon and 3 times in the afternoon: 1 pm, 2 pm & 3 pm. *Oni-yarai* is conducted from around 7:30 pm and is concluded by *Fukujin-mai* (Shinto dance with music) at around 9 pm.

Access : (1) 1 hr. 50 min. by Seibu Railways' Express Train (*Kyuko*) or 1 hr. 30 min. by Seibu Railways' Limited Express (*Tokkyu*), "Red Arrow," from Ikebukuro Sta. to Seibu-Chichibu Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2) The JR Takasaki Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, the Chichibu Tetsudo Railway to Chichibu Sta., and then walk 3 min.

埼玉県秩父市 秩父神社

「鬼やらい」

最寄駅: (1) 池袋駅より西武鉄道急行(1時間50分)又は特急"レッドアロー"(1時間30分)で西武秩父駅下車、徒歩15分
(2) JR高崎線熊谷駅より秩父鉄道に乗り換えて秩父駅下車、徒歩3分

◇◎ Feb.3

Setsubun, a traditional ceremony to dispel demons, is scheduled at Naritasan Shinshoji Temple, Narita, Chiba Pref. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place three times from 11 am, 1:30 pm & 4 pm (each lasting for about 5 min.).

Access : (1) The JR Sobu Honsen-Narita Line's Rapid Train "Airport Narita" from Tokyo Sta. to Narita Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2) The Keisei Line from Ueno Sta. to Narita Sta., and then walk 15 min.

千葉県成田市 成田山新勝寺

「節分」

最寄駅: (1) 東京駅よりJR総武本線・成田線快速"エアポート成田"で成田駅下車、徒歩15分
(2) 京成上野駅より京成線成田駅下車、徒歩15分

◇◎ Feb.3

Setsubun-e at Kawagoe Daishi Temple, Kawagoe, Saitama Pref. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place from around 1 pm to 1:30 pm.

Access : (1) The Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2) The Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoeshi Sta., and then walk 20 min.

埼玉県川崎市 川越大師

「節分会」

最寄駅: (1) 西武新宿線本川越駅より徒歩15分
(2) 東武東上線川越市駅より徒歩20分

◇ Feb.3

Tsuina-Gyoretsu at Hakone Shrine on the shores of Lake Ashi, Hakone, Ashigara Shimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref. A procession of about 150 people, including 20 of them in court costumes of the Heian period (794-1185), starts from Ichi-no-Torii at around 10:30 am and arrives at Hakone Shrine around 11:30 am. From 12 noon, *Tsuina-shiki* or *Oni-oi-shiki*, rites of driving away two torch-bearing devils, take place in the main hall of the Shrine, to precede *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) which lasts for 10 min.

Access : 50 min. by bus from Odawara Sta., get off at Moto-Hakone Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. to the Shrine. (To go to Odawara Sta., take the JR Tokaido Line or the JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line from Tokyo Sta., or take the Odakyu Railways from Shinjuku Sta.)

神奈川県足柄下郡箱根町 箱根神社

「節分祭追儺行列」

最寄駅: 箱根神社へは小田原駅よりバスで50分元箱根下車、徒歩5分(小田原駅へは東京駅よりJR東海道線、東海道新幹線、又は新宿より小田急線を利用)

◇ Feb.3

Yoroi Toshikoshi Shuko at Bannaji Temple, Ashikaga, Tochigi Pref. *Yoroi-gyoretsu* (armored warriors' procession) of some 200 participants leaves Orihime Kominkan (public hall) at 7 pm, proceeding along Odori Ave. (Old National Highway Route No. 50) and arrives at the temple around 8 pm. *Mamemaki* (bean-throwing ceremony) takes place at the temple at around 8:30 pm.

Access : (1) The Tobu Isezaki Line to Ashikaga-shi Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(2) 40 min. by the JR Ryomo Line from Oyama Sta. to Ashikaga Sta., and then walk 15 min.

栃木県足利市 ばん阿寺

「鎧年越修行」

最寄駅: (1) 東武伊勢崎線足利市駅より徒歩10分
(2) JR両毛線小山駅より40分足利駅下車、徒歩15分

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Feb.6 ~ Mar.14

Yugawara-bairin "Ume-no-Utage" or Japanese Apricot Festival at Makuyama Park in Yugawara, Kanagawa Pref. Visitors can enjoy the blossoms of 4,000 Japanese apricot trees in the park. Various events are also scheduled; Japanese dance from 12 noon on Feb. 6th and Mar. 1st, *Wadaiko* or Japanese drum beating from 11 am and 1 pm on Feb. 13th, and from 4 pm and 4:30 pm on Mar. 6th. The blossoms of apricot are lighted up from 6 pm to 9 pm from Feb. 20th to Mar. 7th.

Access :The JR Tokaido Line to Yugawara Sta., and then take a direct bus (10 min.) bound for Makuyama Park which is available during the period.

神奈川県足柄下郡湯河原温泉町 幕山公園

「湯河原梅林「梅の宴」」

最寄駅：期間中はJR東海道線湯河原駅 から幕山公園まで直通バス(約10分)あり

Feb.13 ~ Mar.7

Sankei-en Kanbai-kai or Ume Matsuri (Japanese Apricot Festival) at Sankei-en Garden, Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. This Japanese-style landscape garden has about 2,000 Japanese apricot trees and is open from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is ¥500. There are many events scheduled every Sat. & Sun. during the period, such as a performance of *Koto* (Japanese harp) on Feb. 13th, 20th, 27th and Mar. 6th, *Mochi-tsuki* (rice-cake making) & *Ohayashi* (festival music) on Feb. 14th, and *Jiuta-odori* (Japanese classical form of local dance) on Feb. 28th, and a performance of Japanese dance on Mar. 7th. Hours of those events are still to be arranged. Japanese apricot *Bonsai* (dwarf potted trees) are exhibited from Feb. 14th to 21st, and a cup of hot barley tea is served at Hatsune-Chaya (teahouse) in the garden for free of charge during the period.

Access :(1)The JR Negishi Line to Negishi Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus to Honmoku Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min.

(2)The JR Keihin Tohoku, JR Tokaido or the Tokyu Toyoko Line to Yokohama Sta. (East Exit). From there, 35 min. by bus to Honmoku Sankeien-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.

神奈川県横浜市 三溪園

「三溪園観梅会」

最寄駅：(1)JR根岸線根岸駅よりバスで10分、本牧下車、徒歩7分
(2)JR京浜東北線、JR東海道線又は東急東横線横浜駅(東口)よりバスで35分、本牧三溪園前下車、徒歩3分

◎Feb.14 ~ Feb.28

2010 Shunsetsu, Chinese New Year's Day, Feb. 14th, according to the lunar calendar in "Chinatown," Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. *Shishi-Mai* (Chinese Lion Dance) is performed throughout the Chinatown from 4 pm to 8 pm on the 14th. Many Chinese performing arts are demonstrated at Yamasita-koen (park) from 1 pm & 3 pm on the 20th, from 11 am on the 21st, and from 1 pm & 3 pm on the 27th. The parade of people in traditional attire is held in Chinatown from 2 pm on the 21st. Chinatown is decorated with thousands of lanterns after dark, until Feb. 28th.

Access :(1)The JR Negishi Line from Yokohama or JR Keihin Tohoku Line from Tokyo to Ishikawacho Sta., and then walk 10 min.

(2)The Tokyu Toyoko Line Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta.

神奈川県横浜市 横浜中華街

「春節」

最寄駅：(1)JR根岸線(東京からはJR京浜東北線が乗り入れ)石川町駅より徒歩10分

(2)東急東横線みなとみらい線元町・中華街駅下車

Feb.20 ~ Mar.31

Mito-no-Ume Matsuri (Japanese Apricot Flower Festival) at Kairakuen Japanese Apricot Garden, Mito, Ibaraki Pref. A performance of *Koto* (Japanese harp) is given from 10 am to 3 pm on both Feb. 21st & Mar. 28th. *Hina-nagashi* (the event of floating dolls down on a stream) is scheduled from 11 am to 12 noon on Feb. 28th, and from 10:30 am to 12 noon on Mar. 6th. *Nodate* (open-air tea ceremony) is held from 10 am to 3 pm on Feb. 28th, Mar. 7th, 14th & 21st respectively. Free of charge.

Access :(1)Direct local trains & Limited Express trains to Kairakuen Rinji Sta. (temporary station) on the JR Joban Line are operated, leaving Ueno Sta. from about 8 am to 1 pm on Saturdays and Sundays from Feb. 20th until Mar. 22nd.

(2)The JR Joban Line to Mito Sta. From there, 20 min. by bus to Kairakuen Bus Stop.

茨城県水戸市 偕楽園

「水戸の梅まつり」

最寄駅：(1)まつり期間中の3月8日迄の土、日に、朝8時位から午後1時位迄の間に上野駅発のJR常磐線特急及び普通列車は偕楽園臨時駅に停車する

(2)JR常磐線水戸駅よりバスで20分偕楽園下車

◇Feb.25

Hadaka Matsuri (literally, naked festival) at Mimusubi Shrine, Yotsukaido, Chiba Pref. Young men in loincloth jostle one another in a muddy rice paddy near the Shrine from around 1 pm to 3 pm.

Access :The JR Sobu Line to Yotsukaido Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 10 min.

千葉県四街道市和良比 皇産霊神社

「裸祭り」

最寄駅：JR総武本線四街道駅(南口)より徒歩10分

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C. HOKKAIDO & TOHOKU 北海道・東北

Dec.26~Mar.6

Zao Juhyo Light-up at Zao Onsen Ski Ground, Zao Onsen, Yamagata, Yamagata Pref., features lighting up *Juhyo* (trees covered with frost) along the ropeway and around Jizo Sancho ropeway Sta. on Mt. Jizo, from 5 pm to 9 pm daily from Feb. 1st to Mar. 6th. On Feb. 6th, skiers and snowboarders holding torchlights descend on Uwanodai slope under a fireworks display from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

Access : The JR Ou Line or JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta. From there, 45 min. by bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop.

山形県山形市 蔵王温泉 上の台ゲレンデ
「蔵王樹氷ライトアップ」

最寄駅: JR奥羽線又はJR山形新幹線山形駅より、バスで45分、蔵王温泉下車

Jan.23~Mar.22

Akan-ko Hyojo Festival on the shores of Lake Akan, Akan-cho, Kushiro, Hokkaido. Many snow creations are exhibited daily, and a fireworks display is held from 8:10 pm to 8:20 pm daily during the festival period.

Access : 2 hrs. by bus from JR Kushiro Sta. and then get off at Akan Kohan Bus Center.

北海道阿寒郡阿寒町 阿寒湖温泉
「阿寒湖氷上フェスティバル」

最寄駅: JR釧路駅よりバスで約2時間、阿寒湖畔バスセンター下車

Jan.23~Mar.28

Sounkyo Hyobaku Matsuri (Frozen Falls Festival) at Sounkyo Gorge, Sounkyo Onsen, Kamikawa-machi, Kamikawa-gun, Hokkaido. The gorge is the largest and deepest one in Hokkaido, extending 12.5 miles. The scene of the gorge suffused with the light of fireworks can be enjoyed from 8:30 pm to 8:40 pm on Feb. 5-7, 10, 11, 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, Mar. 1-6, 13, 20, 21 & 27.

Access : (1)The JR Hakodate Line to Asahikawa Sta. From there, 1 hr. 50 min. by bus for Sounkyo and then get off at Sounkyo Bus Stop.
(2)The JR Sekihoku Line to Kamikawa Sta. From there, 40 min. by bus for Sounkyo and then get off at Sounkyo Bus Stop.

北海道上川郡上川町 層雲峡温泉
「層雲峡氷瀑まつり」

最寄駅: (1)JR函館線旭川駅より層雲峡行バスで1時間50分、層雲峡下車
(2)JR石北線上川駅より層雲峡行バスで40分、層雲峡下車

Jan.29~Feb.14

Chitose Shikotsu Hyoto Matsuri or Ice Festival on the shores of Lake Shikotsu, Chitose, Hokkaido. Many ice sculptures are exhibited and are lighted up from 4:30 pm to 10 pm during the festival period. A fireworks display is scheduled from 6:30 pm to around 6:45 pm on Feb. 6, 7, 11, 13, & 14, respectively.

Access : 50 min. by bus from Shin-Chitose Airport, and then get off at Shikotsuko Bus Stop.

北海道千歳市 支笏湖温泉
「千歳・支笏湖氷濤まつり」

最寄駅: 新千歳空港よりバスで50分、支笏湖下車

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in February 2010

Feb.1~Feb.28

Ryuhyo Iceland Kyowakoku (Floes & Ice Land Republic) Festival, in Mombetsu, Hokkaido, features ice sculptures and snow statues at Kaiyo Koen (park) near Mombetsu Port during the period. A fireworks display is scheduled from 7 pm to 7:30 pm on the 13th. A wedding ceremony for a couple takes place on the floes from 2 pm to around 3 pm on the 14th. **Monbetsu Ryuhyo Matsuri** (Ice Floes Festival) also takes place at the same site from the 11th to the 14th.

Access : (1)The JR Hakodate Line to Asahikawa Sta. From there, 3 hrs. by bus to Mombetsu Bus Terminal and then walk 10 min. by bus (shibusu) to the festival site.
(2)The JR Sekihoku Line to Engaru Sta. From there, 1 hr. by bus to Mombetsu Bus Terminal, and then 10 min. by bus (shibusu) to the festival site.

北海道紋別市 海洋公園

「流氷あいすらんど共和国」

最寄駅: (1)JR函館線旭川駅よりバスで3時間紋別バスターミナル下車、そこより会場へはバスで10分
(2)JR石北線遠軽駅よりバスで1時間紋別バスターミナル下車、そこより会場へはバスで10分

◎ Feb.5~Feb.11

Sapporo Yuki Matsuri (Snow Festival) in Sapporo, Hokkaido. The festival is the biggest in scale of this kind. Many snow creations and ice sculptures are exhibited at three festival sites: O-dori Koen (park), Susukino (district) and Tsu-dome (district), each in the city. The International Snow Statue Contest has been one of the most popular events in winter since 1950. Participants from Japan and abroad compete in building the most fantastic snow creation. For more information, please refer to

<<http://www.snowfes.com/english/index.html>>

Access : (1)The JR Hakodate Line to Sapporo Sta.
(2) About 50 min. by bus from Shin-Chitose Airport to Sapporo Eki-mae Bus Terminal.

北海道札幌市 大通会場 すずきの会場 つどーむ会場

「さっぽろ雪まつり」

最寄駅: (1)JR函館線札幌駅
(2)新千歳空港よりバスで50分札幌駅前バスターミナル下車

Feb.6&Feb.7

Onuma Hakodate Yuki-to-Kori no Saiten (Festival of Snow & Ice) at Onuma Park, Nanae-cho, Kameda-gun, Hokkaido, features the exhibition of snow statues and ice sculptures lit up from 5 pm to 8 pm on both days.

Access : The JR Hakodate Line to Onuma-Koen Sta., and then walk 5 min.

北海道亀田郡七飯町 大沼公園

「大沼函館雪と氷の祭典」

最寄駅: JR函館本線大沼公園駅より徒歩5分

Feb.6~Feb.14

Iwate Yuki Matsuri (Snow Festival) of Koiwai Bokujo Ranch, Shizukuishi-cho, Iwate-gun, Iwate Pref. The festival is highlighted by ice sculptures, snow carvings and around 70 *Kamakura* (huts made of snow). A fireworks display with music, called "fantasy night," is scheduled from 7:30 pm to 7:40 pm every night during the festival period.

Access : (1)The JR Tazawako Line to Koiwai Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus for Koiwai Nojo, and then get off at Iwate Yuki Matsuri Kaijo Bus Stop.
(2)The JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, 35 min. by bus to Iwate Yuki Matsuri Kaijo Bus Stop.

岩手県岩手郡雫石町 小岩井農場

「岩手雪まつり」

最寄駅: (1) JR田沢湖線小岩井駅より、小岩井農場行バスで岩手雪まつり会場下車

(2) JR東北新幹線盛岡駅よりバスで35分、岩手雪まつり会場下車

Feb.6~Feb.11

Asahikawa Fuyu Matsuri (Winter Festival), Asahikawa, Hokkaido. Many snow creations and ice statues are exhibited on the riversides of the Ishikarigawa River, at Tokiwa Koen (park), on Heiwa-dori (street) and around City Hall. A fireworks display is held from 7 pm to 7:15 pm every day during the period.

Access : The JR Hakodate Line to Asahikawa Sta., and then walk 20-30 min.

北海道旭川市 石狩川河畔 常盤公園 平和通り 市役所

「旭川冬まつり」

最寄駅: JR函館線旭川駅より徒歩20-30分

◇ Feb.10

Otsuna-hiki (tug of war) in Kariwano, Daisen, Akita Pref., with a 500-year history is designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. Townspeople lay out a giant straw-rope (70 centimeters in diameter and 150 meters long) for a fight on Omachi-dori (street) around 7 pm, and then the tug-of-war starts at 9 pm.

Access : The JR Ou Hosen Line to Kariwano Sta., and then walk 5 min.

秋田県大仙市 刈和野大町通り

「大綱引き」

最寄駅: JR奥羽本線刈和野駅より徒歩5分

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Feb.11 ~Feb.14

Abashiri-Okhotsk Ryuhyo Matsuri (Ice Floes Festival) around Abashiri Port, Abashiri, Hokkaido, features thousands of ice floes covering over the sea, and about 40 ice carvings on exhibition, which are lit up at night until 10 pm during the festival period (until 4 pm on the 14th). A fireworks display is held from 6 pm to 6:30 pm on the 13th. A popular song-show is staged from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm on the 14th. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period.

Access : The JR Sekihoku Line to Abashiri Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus to Michi-no-eki "Ryuhyo Kaido Abashiri" Bus Stop.

北海道網走市 網走商港埠頭広場

「あばしりオホーツク流氷まつり」

最寄駅: JR石北線網走駅よりバスで10分、道の駅「流氷街道網走」下車

Feb.11 ~Feb.14

Hirosaki-jo Yukidoro Matsuri (Snow Lantern Festival) at Hirosaki Castle, Hirosaki, Aomori Pref. About 150 snow lanterns and about 300 *Mini Kamakura* (small snow huts) are made and lit up from around 4:30 pm to 9 pm daily during the festival period.

Access : The JR Ou Line to Hirosaki Sta., and then walk 20 min.

青森県弘前市 弘前城跡公園

「弘前城雪灯籠まつり」

最寄駅: JR奥羽線弘前駅より徒歩20分

◇ Feb.11

Daito Ohara Mizu-kake Matsuri (Water Pouring Festival) at Ohara Hachiman Shrine, Daito-machi, Ichinoseki, Iwate Pref. This festival has a 350-year history. A giant *Shimenawa* (sacred straw festoon) weighing 72 kg is dedicated to Ohara Hachiman Shrine, from which about 300 half-naked men rush to the central part of the town, while townspeople dash cold water over the rushing men from 3 pm to around 3:50 pm.

Access : The JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Ichinoseki Sta. and then take the JR Ofunato Line to Surisawa Sta. From there, 20 min. by bus for Ohara, and then get off at Daito Bus Center Bus Stop.

岩手県一関市大東町大原八幡神社

「大東大原水かけまつり」

最寄駅: JR東北新幹線一ノ関駅より大船渡線摺沢駅まで行き、大原行バスで20分、一六下車

◇ Feb.11 Feb.16 Feb.17

Bonden Festival in Daisen on the 11th, and in Yokote on the 16th & 17th, Akita Pref. Dozens of *Bonden* or bamboo baskets, each being 30 kg in weight, and 5 meters in length, decorated with colorful cloths and streamers are carried by young men who vie with another to be the first in dedicating *Bonden* to Izusan Shrine in Daisen and Asahiokayama Shrine in Yokote. On the 11th, two boats go back and forth between Hanadate Pier and the other side of the Omono River from around 9:30 am to 12 noon to transfer totaling 15 *Bonden* to the other side. And then, people carry all these *Bonden* up to Izusan Shrine on the mountain. On the 16th, *Bonden* Workmanship Contest is held at the festival site near Yokote Chiiki-kyoku, Yokote City Hall branch office, from 9:30 am to 12 noon. On the 17th, men carrying about 40 *Bonden* leave Yokote Chiiki-kyoku at around 10 am for Asahiokayama Shrine, to which *Bonden* are dedicated around 12 noon.

Access : (1) The Omono River in Hanadate: The JR Akita Shinkansen Line or Ou Honsen Line to Omagari Sta., and then walk 30 min. to the festival site.
(2) Yokote Chiiki-kyoku (Yokote City Branch Office): the JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(3) Asahiokayama Shrine: the JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta. From there, by bus for Mitsumata Onsen to Osawa Bus Stop, and then walk 40 min.

秋田県大仙市花館 伊豆山神社 横手旭岡山神社 横手地域局
「ぼんでん」

最寄駅: (1)花館のぼんでんを見物するには、JR秋田新幹線又は奥羽本線大曲駅より雄物川まで徒歩20分
(2)JR奥羽本線横手駅より横手地域局へは徒歩10分
(3)横手市旭岡山神社へは、JR奥羽本線横手駅より三又温泉行バスで大沢下車、徒歩40分

◇ ◎ Feb.12 ~Feb.14

Namahage Sedo Matsuri Festival at Shinzan Shrine, Oga, Akita Pref. The festival, designated as one of National Important Intangible Cultural Properties, features about 15 *Namahage* (men wearing devil masks) running around, dancing wildly and then serving *mochi* (rice cakes) to people thronged in the precincts of the Shrine from around 6 pm to 8 pm during the festival period.

Access : The JR Oga Line to Oga Sta. From there, about 1 hr. to the Shrine by Rinji-basu (special bus) run every day during the festival period.

秋田県男鹿市 真山神社

「なまはげ柴灯祭」

最寄駅: 期間中、JR男鹿線男鹿駅より真山神社まで約1時間の臨時バスが運行

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Feb.13&Feb.14

Inukko Matsuri Festival in Yuzawa, Akita Pref., has a 380-year history. Akita-*inu* (dog) has been considered as a tailsman by local people. In Chuo Koen Hiroba (park), *Inukko* (dog dolls made of rice flour) are placed on both sides of the snow miniature shrines lighted up with candles. A fireworks display is held from around 7:30 pm on the 14th.

Access : The JR Ou Line to Yuzawa Sta., and then walk 10 min.

秋田県湯沢市

「犬っこまつり」

最寄駅: JR奥羽線湯沢駅より徒歩10分

Feb.13& Feb.14

Kitami Fuyu Matsuri (Winter Festival) features ice statues and snow carvings at Tamokuteki-Hiroba (multipurpose square) on the south side of JR Kitami Sta., Kitami, Hokkaido. Street dance performances are demonstrated on the makeshift stage from 11:30 am to 3 pm on the 14th.

Access : The JR Sekihoku Line to Kitami Sta., and then walk 5 min.

北海道北見市 多目的広場

「北見冬まつり」

最寄駅: JR石北線北見駅より徒歩5分

Feb.13&Feb.14

Uesugi Yukidoro Matsuri (Snow Lantern Festival) at Matsugasaki Koen (park), Yonezawa, Yamagata Pref. About 300 *Yuki-doro* (snow lanterns) and more than 3,000 *Yuki-bonbori* (snow handy lanterns) are made by participants (who apply in advance), and lit up from 5:30 pm to around 9 pm on both days.

Access : The JR Yamagata Shinkansen or JR Ou Honsen Line to Yonezawa Sta. From there, 6 min. by bus to Uesugi Jinja-mae Bus Stop or to Matsugasaki Koen Bus Stop. (Shuttle buses (¥100) from Yonezawa Sta. run between 10 am and 9 pm during the festival period. The last shuttle bus to Yonezawa Sta. leaves 9:30 pm.)

山形県米沢市 松が岬公園

「上杉雪灯籠まつり」

最寄駅: JR山形新幹線又は奥羽本線米沢駅よりバスで6分、上杉神社前又は松が岬公園下車(期間中、米沢駅よりシャトルバス(¥100)運行: 3pm-9pm, 会場発最終バスは 9:30pm)

◇◎Feb.15&Feb.17

Kuromori Kabuki (local *Kabuki* Play) with a more-than-250-year tradition is performed on the makeshift stage set up in the precincts of Hie Shrine at Kuromori, Sakata, Yamagata Pref. The rites and *Shonen-Taiko* (Japanese drum beating by boys) start at 10 am, and the *Kabuki & Kyogen* (*Noh* farce) take place from around 12 noon to 4 pm on both days.

Access : The JR Uetsu Honsen Line to Sakata Sta. From there, 25 min. by bus for Yunohana, and then get off at Naka-Kuromori Bus Stop.

山形県酒田市黒森 日枝神社

「黒森歌舞伎」

最寄駅: JR羽越本線酒田駅より湯野浜行バスで25分、中黒森下車

◇◎Feb.15&Feb.16

Yokote Kamakura (snow huts) in Yokote, Akita Pref. Playing in snow huts is a popular pastime in winter for children living in the heavy snowfall areas. They make snow huts called "*Kamakura*" in which they play games and eat traditional delicacies. About 100 snow huts, and a number of snow creations are built on Kamakura-dori (street) in front of Yokote City Hall branch office, and at Yokote-jo (castle). The best time to see this event is from 6 pm to 9 pm on both days.

Access : (1) The JR Ou Honsen Line to Yokote Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(2) 3 min. by bus from JR Yokote Sta. to Yokote-Chiikikyoku-mae Bus Stop.

秋田県横手市 かまくら通り 横手城

「横手かまくら」

最寄駅: (1) JR奥羽本線横手駅より徒歩10分
(2) JR横手駅よりバスで3分、横手地域局前下車

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◇ Feb.17~Feb.20

Emburi Festival (designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties) is a harvest festival native to Hachinohe and its vicinities in Aomori Pref., with an 800-year history. It features a parade of grouped villagers in fancy costumes, each playing the role of a dancer, a drum beater, a flute player, a flag holder and the like along the trail up to Mt. Choja. On the 17th, grouped people go down from Chojasan Shinra Shrine to the center of the city from 7 am, and then parade through the city from around 10 am to 11:20 am, and perform *Emburi* (local dance) at Shimin Hiroba (civic square) from 12:30 pm. *Emburi* performances are staged at Hachinohe-shi Kokaido Bunka Hall (community center) from 1 pm to 4 pm on the 17th & 18th (admission: ¥1,000). *Emburi* can also be observed for free of charge from 1 pm and from 2 pm on the 19th & 20th, and three times from 6 pm, 7 pm and 8 pm every day during the period at Shimin Hiroba. The latter, held at night is called "*Kagaribi-emburi*", local dance under the torchlights.

Access : The JR Hachinohe Line to Hon-Hachinohe Sta., and then walk 30 min. or 10 min. by taxi to Shinra Shrine, or walk 5 min. to Hachinohe-shi Kokaido-mae Hiroba.

青森県八戸市 長者山新羅神社
「えんぶり」

最寄駅: JR八戸線本八戸駅より、新羅神社へは徒歩30分、又はタクシーで10分、八戸市公会堂前広場へは徒歩5分

D. CHUBU 中部

Nov.22~Feb.14

Karuizawa Winter Festival in Karuizawa-machi, Kita-Saku-gun, Nagano Pref. The main streets of the city are illuminated until Jan. 10th, and from Feb. 1st to Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day. A fireworks display is held at Yagasaki Koen (park) from 7 pm to 7:15 pm on Feb 13th. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period.

Access : The JR Nagano Shinkansen Line to Karuizawa Sta., and then walk 5 min to Yagasaki Koen.

長野県北佐久郡 軽井沢町 矢ヶ崎公園
「軽井沢 ウィンターフェスティバル」

最寄駅: JR長野新幹線軽井沢駅から徒歩5分で矢ヶ崎公園

Jan.9~Mar.7

Atami Baien Ume Matsuri or Japanese Apricot Festival at Atami Baien (Japanese apricot garden), Atami, Shizuoka Pref. There are about 800 Japanese apricot trees in the garden and they are usually in bloom from the end of January to the end of February. There are various events such as a performance of *Koto* (Japanese zither with thirteen strings) & *Shakuhachi* (Japanese bamboo flute) from 10 am to 3 pm on Feb 11th, and a demonstration of *Waraku Taiko* (Japanese drum beating) from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm on Feb. 21st.

Access : (1) The JR Ito Line to Kinomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.

(2) The JR Tokaido Line or JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Atami Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus for Aino-hara-Danchi or Baien, and then get off at Baien-mae Bus Stop.

静岡県熱海市 熱海梅園
「熱海梅園梅まつり」

最寄駅: (1)JR伊東線来宮駅より徒歩7~10分
(2)JR熱海駅より相ノ原団地行バス又は梅園行バスで15分、梅園前下車

Feb.6~Mar.10

Kawazu Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festival) in Kawazu, Kamo-gun, Shizuoka Pref. One could enjoy cherry blossoms along the Kawazu River during the period, and the cherry blossoms are lighted up from 6 pm to 9 pm from Feb. 6th to Mar. 10th.

Access : (1) 2 hrs. 30 min. by JR Limited Express "Odoriko" from Tokyo Sta. to Kawazu Sta.

(2) 50 min. by the Izukyuko Line from Ito Sta. to Kawazu Sta.

静岡県賀茂郡河津町
「河津桜まつり」

最寄駅: (1)JR特急踊り子号で東京駅から河津駅まで2時間30分
(2)伊東から伊豆急行で河津駅まで50分

◇ Feb.10&Feb.11

Oni Matsuri (Devil Festival) at Akumikanbe Shinmeisha Shrine, Toyohashi, Aichi Pref., features several kinds of *Kagura* (*Shinto* dance with music) dedicated to the Shrine to dispel evil spirits and to pray for a good harvest in the new year. The highlight of this festival is "*Dengaku*" local performing arts including *Oni-odori* in which "*tengu*" or a long-nosed goblin banter red devils from around 2 pm to 3 pm. This is designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties.

Access : The JR Tokaido Line or JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Toyohashi Sta. From there, 10 min. by streetcar to Toyohashi Koen-mae Station, and then walk 2 min. to the Shrine.

愛知県豊橋市中入町 安久美神戸神社
「鬼まつり」

最寄駅: JR東海道線又はJR東海道新幹線豊橋駅より市電で10分豊橋公園前下車、徒歩2分

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Feb.13~Feb.14

Pure World 2010 or a winter event in Kiyosato Highland, Hokuto, Yamanashi Pref., features the many candles lit up and displayed on the main street leading to JR Kiyosato Sta. from 5 pm to 9 pm on both days.

Access : 2 hrs and 10 min. by JR Limited Express "Azusa" from Shinjuku Sta. to Kobuchizawa Sta. on the JR Chuo Line., and then 27 min. by the JR Koumi Line to Kiyosato Sta.

山梨県北杜市清里 清里駅前通り
「ピュアワールド2010」

最寄駅: 新宿駅よりJR中央線小淵沢駅まで特急「あずさ」で2時間10分、そこでJR小海線に乗り換え27分、清里駅下車

◎ Feb.19~Feb.21

Tokamachi Yuki Matsuri (Snow Festival) in Tokamachi, Niigata Pref., is noted for its exhibitions of snow creations in the city. A music show and a *kimono* show, both being participated by citizens are held at Tokamachi High School ground from 6:30 pm on the 19th. Tokamachi is famous for its silk fabrics. A music and dance show by popular artists and a fireworks display are held at the convention & fair site "Jogaoka Pure Land" from 6 pm to 7:30 pm on the 20th. Performing arts native to Niigata Pref. are staged at Shimin Taiiku-kan (citizens' gymnasium) from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on the 21st.

Access : The JR Joetsu Line or JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Echigo-Yuzawa Sta. From there, take the Hokuohoku Line to Tokamachi Sta.

新潟県 十日町市
「十日町雪まつり」

最寄駅: JR上越線又はJR上越新幹線越後湯沢駅より、ほくほく線で十日町駅下車

Feb.20

Donzuki Matsuri Festival at Akatanisan Shrine, Shibata, Niigata Pref. The festival with an over 700-year history takes place from 7 pm to 8 pm. Men dressed only in loincloth jostle one another in the precincts of the Shrine to pray for a good harvest and good health throughout the year.

Access : The JR Uetsu Line to Shibata Sta. From there, 30 min. by taxi to the Shrine.

新潟県新発田市 赤谷山神社
「どんづき祭」

最寄駅: JR羽越線新発田駅よりタクシーで赤谷山神社まで30分

◎ Feb.27&Feb.28

Katsuyama Sagicho (burning piles of used New Year's decorations) at Katsuyama, Fukui Pref. The festival is to pray for a good harvest, and is with a 300-year history. Performing arts are demonstrated in accompaniment to *Ohayashi* (festival music) on a dozen of *Yagura* (wooden high stages) in the city from 1 pm to around 9 pm on the 27th, and from 10 am to 8:30 pm on the 28th. *Dondo-yaki* or setting fire to New Year's decorations and ornaments is scheduled on the riverbank of the Kuzuryu River from 9 pm on the 28th.

Access : The JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Fukui Sta. From there, take the Echizen Railways to Katsuyama Sta., and then walk 5 min. to the site.

福井県勝山市本町
「勝山左義長」

最寄駅: JR北陸本線福井駅よりえちぜん鉄道で勝山駅下車、会場まで徒歩5分

E. KINKI 近畿

◇ Feb.1~Feb.5

Ya Ya Matsuri Festival at Owase Shrine, Owase, Mie Pref. The festival with a 300-year tradition is known as a "quarreling" festival. Young men in traditional white costumes jostle one another through the city from 7 pm to 9 pm. *Kori-kaki* (jumping into icy water by people) takes place in the Yanokawa River from 8 pm, on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th. On the 5th, *Daimyo-gyoretsu* (feudal lord procession) to the Shrine on Kyu-Kumano Kaido (old Kumano roads) takes place from 12 noon to 4 pm. Japanese archery from 7 pm and *Shishi-mai* (Lion Dance) from 8:40 pm are dedicated to the Shrine.

Access : The JR Kisei Honsen Line to Owase Sta., and then walk 10 min.

三重県尾鷲市北浦町 尾鷲神社 矢の川
「ヤーヤ祭り」

最寄駅: JR紀勢本線尾鷲駅より徒歩10分

Feb.1

Fushimi Inari Hatsu-uma (the year's first "Horse Day" festival) at Fushimi Inari Shrine, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto. The Shrine is thronged with people from all over the country to pray for the business prosperity and the safety of the family. Open-air stalls are set up along the approach to the Shrine.

Access : (1) The JR Nara Line to Inari Sta., and then walk 2 min.
(2) The Keihan Railways to Fushimi-Inari Sta., and then walk 4-5 min.

京都市伏見区 伏見稲荷大社
「伏見稲荷初午大祭」

最寄駅: (1) JR奈良線稲荷駅より徒歩2分
(2) 京阪電鉄伏見稲荷駅より徒歩4~5分

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in February 2010

◎ Feb.3

Mantoro (Lantern Festival) at Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Nara, Nara Pref. *Bugaku* (ancient court dance with music) are performed from 5:30 pm. More than 3,000 stone and bronze lanterns in the precincts are lit up from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

Access : (1) The Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta., and then walk 30-40 min.
(2) Take Shinai-junkan Bus at Kintetsu Nara Sta. and then get off at Kasuga Omotesando Bus Stop.

奈良市春日野町 春日大社
「万灯ろう」

最寄駅: (1) 近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より徒歩30~40分
(2) 近鉄奈良駅より市内循環バスで春日表参道下車

Feb.3

Oni-oi-shiki (rites of driving away devils) take place at the two temples; Horyuji Temple in Ikaruga-cho, Ikaruga-gun, Nara Pref., and Kofukuji Temple in Nara, Nara Pref. Both are listed as UNESCO World Cultural Heritage sites. The rites are conducted at Horyuji Temple from around 5 pm to 7:30 pm, and at Kofukuji Temple from 6:30 pm to 8 pm.

Access : (1) The Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu-Nara Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Kofukuji Temple.
(2) The JR Kansai Honsen Line to Horyuji Sta., and then walk 25 min. to Horyuji Temple. (or 5 min. by bus from JR Horyuji Sta. to Horyuji-mae Bus Stop.)

奈良市興福寺、
奈良県生駒郡斑鳩町法隆寺
「鬼追い式」

最寄駅: (1) 興福寺へは、近鉄奈良線近鉄奈良駅より徒歩5分
(2) 法隆寺へは、JR 関西本線法隆寺駅より徒歩25分(又は JR 法隆寺駅よりバスで5分法隆寺前下車)

Feb.5~Feb.28

Gion Corner Tokubetsu Koen at Gion Corner, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto. In this special winter season, the demonstration of seven kinds of traditional Japanese entertainments and arts is staged from 7 pm every Friday, Saturday, Sunday in February and on Feb. 11th (National Foundation Day). Admission is ¥3,150. For further information, call 075-561-1119 (in English).

Access : 25 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 206 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Gion Bus Stop.

京都市東山区 祇園ヤサカ会館内京都ギオンコーナー
「ギオンコーナー特別公演」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 206で約25分、祇園下車

Feb.7

Asuka-no-Onda Matsuri (rice field work pantomime) at Asuka-ni-imasu Shrine, Asuka-mura, Takaichi-gun, Nara Pref. Masked men pantomime a process of rice farming in the precincts of the Shrine from 2 pm to around 3:30 pm.

Access : The Kintetsu Kashihara Line to Kashihara Jingu-mae Sta. From there, take a bus for Okadera and then get off at Asuka Daibutsu-mae Bus Stop.

奈良県高市郡明日香村 飛鳥坐神社
「飛鳥のおんだまつり」

最寄駅: 近鉄橿原線橿原神宮駅より岡寺行バスで飛鳥大仏前下車

Feb.14~Feb.21

Shunsetsu-sai (Chinese New Year's Day according to the lunar calendar) is celebrated at Nankincho-hiroba (square) in Chinatown of Kobe, Hyogo Pref. On the 13th, an eve of the festival, Chinese Dragon Dance is performed at Nankinmachi Hiroba (square) from 8 pm. On the 14th, *Shishi-mai* (Lion Dance) is performed for several times from 11:30 am to around 7:30 pm. Colorful & various events including Lion Dance, Chinese dance, and Chinese martial arts are demonstrated from time to time, from 12 noon to 7 pm from the 15th to the 19th, and from 10:30 am to 8 pm on the 20th and the 21st.

Access : (1) Walk 5 min. from Motomachi Sta. on the JR Tokaido Honsen Line.
(2) Walk 5 min. from Hanshin-Motomachi Sta. on the Hanshin Railways.

Note: Chinese New Year's Day is Feb. 14th this year.

兵庫県神戸市 南京町
「春節祭」

最寄駅: (1) JR東海道本線元町駅より徒歩5分
(2) 阪神電鉄阪神元町駅より徒歩5分

◇ Feb.23

Daigoji Godairikison Nin-no-e at Daigoji Temple, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto. A contest, in which young men and women show their strength in lifting *mochi* (rice cakes), weighing some 150 kilograms (for men) and 90 kilograms (for women), is held from 12 noon for women, and from 1 pm for men, in front of Kaido Hall of the temple.

Access : The Tozai Subway Line to Daigoji Sta. (No. Exit), and then walk 10 min.

京都市伏見区 醍醐寺
「醍醐寺五大力尊仁王会」

最寄駅: 地下鉄東西線醍醐駅1番出口より徒歩10分

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in February 2010

◇ Feb.24

Kamigamo Sanyare-sai Festival at Kamigamo Shrine, Kita-ku, Kyoto. The festival takes place from around 11 am to 12 noon. A group of boys who have become the age of 15, solemnly go up the steps in line to the altar for their *Genpuku* (historical Japanese coming-of-age) ceremony. In the feudal ages, a boy was considered to be an adult at the age of 15.

Access : By municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 4 from Kyoto Sta. to Kamigamo-Jinja Bus Stop, or bus No. 9 to Kamigamo Misonobashi Bus Stop.

京都市北区 上賀茂神社

「上賀茂さんやれ祭」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 4で上賀茂神社前下車、又は、バスNo. 9で上賀茂御薮橋下車

◇ Feb.25

Baika-sai (Japanese Apricot Blossom Festival) at Kitano Tenmangu Shrine, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto. *Nodate* or open-air tea ceremony (Fee: ¥1,500 per person) is held from 10 am to 3 pm near Sanko-mon gate. Admission to the Japanese apricot-tree garden is ¥600, and is open from 10 am to 4 pm.

Access : About 40 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 50 or 101 from Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Kitano Tenmangu Bus Stop.

京都市上京区 北野天満宮

「梅花祭」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 50又は101で40分、北野天満宮下車

F. CHUGOKU & SHIKOKU 中国・四国

◎ Feb.20

Saidaiji Eyo or Hadaka Matsuri (literally Naked Festival) of Saidaiji Temple, the largest in scale of this kind, is held at Saidaiji Temple, Okayama, Okayama Pref. Some 9,000 young men wearing only loincloth vigorously purify themselves by continuously pouring cold water over their bodies in the Yoshii River, and then vie with another for a pair of *Shingi* (amulets) which are thrown by the priest in the compound of the temple around midnight. The gallery tickets are sold at the temple on the day, each costing ¥500 or ¥1,000. For a reserved seat costing ¥5,000, please call Okayama Chamber of Commerce Saidaiji branch office at Tel: 086-942-0101 (speaking in Japanese only).

Access : (1) The JR Ako Line to Saidaiji Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2) The JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Okayama Sta. From there, 40 min. by special bus (Rinji-basu) to the temple.

岡山市 西大寺観音院

「西大寺会陽」

最寄駅: (1) JR赤穂線西大寺駅 徒歩10分
(2) JR岡山駅より臨時バスあり、所要時間40分

G. KYUSHU & OKINAWA 九州 沖縄

Jan.16~May.5

Okinawa Flower Carnival 2010 is held at many towns and places in Okinawa Pref., from mid-January to early May. Many kinds of semitropical flowers are usually in bloom. A variety of events and entertainments are scheduled for the period.

Access :

沖縄県各地

「沖縄花のカーニバル2010」

最寄駅:

◇ Feb.3

Konaki Sumo (baby-crying bout) takes place from 10 am to 2 pm in the compound of Saikyoji Temple, Hirado, Nagasaki Pref. Two babies, less than 1 year old each, helped by their mothers, sit face to face on a carpet. An umpire presiding over *Konaki Sumo* stands between the babies and encourages them. The baby who cries first wins, following the old saying "Crying babies grow fast." It is a traditional local event with a long history.

Access : The JR Sasebo Line to Sasebo Sta. From there, 1 hr. 20 min. by bus for Hirado Sanbashi to Shinmachi Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.

長崎県平戸市 最教寺

「子泣き相撲」

最寄駅: JR佐世保線佐世保駅より、平戸桟橋行バスで1時間20分、新町下車、徒歩5分

Feb.7

Kitabaru Mannengan Festival to pray for a long life is held at Harada Shrine, Nakatsu, Oita Pref. *Kitabaru Ningyo Shibai* (local puppet dramas native to Kitabaru) are dedicated to the Shrine from 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Access : The JR Nippo Line to Nakatsu Sta. From there, 15-20 min. by taxi to the Shrine.

大分県中津市 原田神社

「北原万年願」

最寄駅: JR日豊線中津駅より神社まではタクシーで15-20分

Calendar Events *to be enjoyed in February 2010*

Feb.14 ~Feb.28

2010 Nagasaki Lantern Festival is a picturesque Chinese event featuring 15,000 lanterns in the shape of various creatures lit up every day during the festival period. Chinese Dragon Dances and some other performing arts are demonstrated at Minato Koen (park), Chuo Koen (park), Kofukuji Temple and other sites every day during the festival period. *Kotei-gyoretsu* (Chinese emperor's parade) marches from Chuo Koen to Minato Koen (park) from 2 pm to 4:30 pm on both the 20th and the 27th. *Maso-gyoretsu* (procession of the goddess of voyage) starts from *Koshi-byo* to Kofukuji Temple from 2 pm to 5:20 pm on the 21st, and from Kofukuji Temple to Nagasaki ANA Hotel from 2 pm to 5:10 pm on 28th. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period.

Access : (1)Minato Koen (park): By street car from Nagasaki Sta. to Tsukicho Sta. and then walk 3 min.
(2)Chuo Koen (park): By bus from Sasebo Sta. on the JR Sasebo Line, and then walk 3 min.
(3)Kofukuji Temple: 5 min. by street car bound for Hotaru-chaya from Nagasaki Sta. and get off at Kokaido-mae Sta., and the walk 5 min.

Note : *Koshi-byo: Joss (house) for Koshi or Kongzi (BC551-BC479)*

長崎市 湊公園、中央公園、興福寺

「2010 長崎ランタンフェスティバル」

最寄駅: (1)湊公園:長崎駅から市電築町下車、徒歩3分
(2)中央公園:JR佐世保線佐世保駅からバスで6分松浦下車、徒歩3分
(3)興福寺:JR長崎駅より蛍茶屋行き路面電車で5分公会堂前下車、徒歩5分