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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 October 2010



A. Tokyo 東京

◇ Sep.30, Oct.1 & Oct.3

Annual Festival of Igusa Hachimangu Shrine, Suginami-ku. On the 1st, *Nodate* or an open-air tea ceremony is held in the precincts from 10:30 am to 3 pm, and *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music is performed continually from 11 am to 10 pm. On the 3rd, a parade of Shrine's *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) carried by townspeople, a carriage on which people drum a huge Japanese *Taiko*, and a float on which *Ohayashi* or festival music is demonstrated, starts from the Shrine at 1 pm, going on Ome Kaido (old highway), and returns to the Shrine at 5 pm.

Access: The JR Chuo Line to Ogikubo Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Hachimangu-ura Bus Stop.

杉並区 井草八幡宮

「井草八幡宮大祭」

最寄駅: JR中央線荻窪駅よりバスで15分、八幡宮裏下車

Oct.1 ~ Oct.31

Aozora Kotto-ichi, an open-air Antique Fair takes place around Shinobazu Pond in Ueno Park, Taito-ku, from 9 am to sunset (around 5 pm). About 20 stalls are set up around the pond daily during the period.

Access: The JR Yamanote Line, the Ginza or Hibiya Subway Line to Ueno Sta.

台東区 上野公園不忍池

「青空骨董市」

最寄駅: JR山手線、地下鉄銀座線又は日比谷線上野駅

Oct.3

Ekoda-no-Shishimai or Lion Dance at Hikawa Shrine in Ekoda, Nakano-ku, with a 700-year history, is performed continually from 1:30 pm to around 10 pm. Open-air stalls are set up in the precincts of the Shrine.

Access: (1)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Shin-Egota Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(2)The JR Chuo Line to Nakano Sta., and then by bus to Ekoda-San-chome Bus Stop.
(3)The Seibu Railway Shinjuku Line to Numabukuro Sta., and then walk 10 min.

中野区江古田 氷川神社

「江古田の獅子舞」

最寄駅: (1)都営大江戸線新江古田駅より徒歩7分
(2)JR中央線中野駅よりバスで江古田3丁目下車
(3)西武新宿線沼袋駅より徒歩10分

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◎ Oct.4 ~ Nov.3

Annual Autumn Festival of Meiji Shrine, Shibuya-ku, is held in a larger scale this year because of the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Shrine in the year of 1920. On Oct. 4th, *Yokozuna Dezuiiri* or ring-entering ritual of *Sumo* is demonstrated by *Yokozuna*, Grand Champion of Japanese *Sumo* in front of the main hall from 10 am. Main events are as follows: On Oct. 30th, *Bugaku* (court dance with music) played on the stage in front of the main hall from 11 am; On Oct. 31st, *Hogaku & Hobu* (Japanese music & dance) played on the stage from 11:45 am and from 6:30 pm, *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade on Sando Streets from 3 pm; On Nov. 1st, *Noh* (masked drama) & *Kyogen* (*Noh* farce) on the stage from 12:45 pm and from 6:30 pm, a parade of Aomori *Nebuta*, huge papier-maches lighted from inside on Omote-Sando Street from 6 pm; On Nov. 2nd, *Sankyoku* (playing three musical instruments) played on the stage from 12 noon; On Nov. 3rd, Martial arts from 9 am, and *Yabusame* or horseback archery from 1 pm, both held near Nishi-Sando in the precincts.

Access : (1)The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta., or the Chiyoda Subway Line to Meiji-Jingumae Sta.
(2)The Odakyu Line to Sangubashi Sta. to Nishi-Sando to see the events on Nov. 3rd.

Note : *Sankyoku* (playing three musical instruments): *Koto*; Japanese harp, *Shakuhachi*; bamboo flute, *Shamisen*; banjo-like musical instrument

渋谷区 明治神宮

「明治神宮秋の大祭」

最寄駅: (1)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

◎ Oct.9 & Oct.10

Yosakoi-event of Fukuro Matsuri Festival is held near the West Exit of JR Ikebukuro Sta., Toshima-ku. *Yosakoi*, folk dancing native to Kochi Pref. in Shikoku Island, and other kinds of folk dancing are presented at Ikebukuro-Nishiguchi Koen (park), and near JR Ikebukuro Sta. (West Exit) from 11 am to 8 pm on the 9th. On the 10th, *Yosakoi* dancing competition is held at Ikebukuro Nishiguchi Koen from 11 am until 7 pm, and other folk dancing meet is held on Sun Shine 60-dori Street and at other sites from 11 am to 8:30 pm.

Access : The JR Yamanote Line to Ikebukuro Sta. (West Exit)

豊島区 池袋西口商店街一帯

「ふくろ祭(踊の祭典・東京よさこい)」

最寄駅: JR山手線池袋駅(西口)

◎ Oct.10

Shinjuku Geijutsu Tengoku or Parade & Art Heaven Festa in Shinjuku, has a 43-year history. The main event is a parade of university brass bands, baton twirlers and dancers, starting at 11:10 am from the intersection of Shinjuku-dori Ave. & Meiji-dori Ave., proceeding along Shinjuku-dori Ave., and near West Exit of JR Shinjuku Sta., arriving at Kogakuin University. Various entertainments are performed by "heaven artists (the street performers certified by the metropolitan government)" along Shinjuku-dori Ave., near East Exit of JR Shinjuku Sta. from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Many more performances are given at various sites around JR Shinjuku Sta. in the afternoon.

Access : The JR or the Subways to Shinjuku Sta.

新宿区 新宿二丁目交差点~新宿駅西口前~工学院大学前

「新宿芸術天国「パレード」&「アート Heaven Festa」

最寄駅: 新宿駅

◇ ◎ Oct.11 ~ Oct.13

O-eshiki Festival of Ikegami Honmonji Temple, Ikegami, Ota-ku, features *Manto-oneri-gyoretsu*, a procession of people carrying lighted lanterns on the evening of the 12th. About 100 lanterns varying in size, decorated with paper cherry blossoms, are carried by a number of groups of people, starting one after another from Tokumochi Kaikan (bldg.) near Ikegami Sta. to the temple from around 6 pm to 12 midnight. Many open-air stalls are set up along the streets from Ikegami Sta. to the temple everyday during the festival period.

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 12 min.

大田区池上 池上本門寺

「池上本門寺お会式」

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12分

Oct.11

Kusajishi-shiki or the Japanese archery ritual at Yasukuni Shrine, Kudan, Chiyoda-ku, is held twice from 11 am and from 1:30 pm, each lasting for about 40 minutes. No fee is required for observing the ritual. The archers dressed in ceremonial robes shoot arrows at the targets (figures of a deer) according to traditional *Ogasawara-ryu* (school) rites. When it rains, the ritual will be held in *Nohgakudo* Hall in the precincts.

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

千代田区九段 靖国神社

「草鹿式」

最寄駅: 東西線、半蔵門線又は都営新宿線九段下駅

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Oct.11

Shinjuku-Gyoen Mori-no-Takigi Noh or an open-air torchlight *Noh* performance at Shinjuku Gyoen (National Garden), Shinjuku-ku. The performance is given from 6:15 pm to 8:30 pm (The venue opens at 5:15 pm.). The visitors to this event are supposed to reach the venue via Okido-mon Gate only. An admission ticket costs ¥5,500 or ¥6,500. Three thousand advance tickets (all reserved seats) are on sale at Ticket PIA (ticket offices) starting from Aug. 1st. For further information, please call 03-3344-3160, Shinjuku Tourist Association. When it rains, the performance will be canceled.

Access : (1)The Marunouchi Subway Line to Shinjuku-Gyoenmae Sta., and then walk 5 min.
(2)The JR Yamanote Line or Sobu Line to Shinjuku Sta., and then walk 15 min.

新宿区 新宿御苑(大木戸門)

「新宿御苑森の薪能」

最寄駅: (1)丸ノ内線新宿御苑前駅より徒歩5分
(2)JR新宿駅より徒歩15分

◇ Oct.12 & Oct.13

O-eshiki Festival of Myohoji Temple, Horinouchi, Suginami-ku, features a procession of people carrying lighted lanterns into the temple compound from 7 pm to around 9:30 pm on the 13th. When it rains heavily, the parade will be canceled.

Access : The Marunouchi Subway Line to Higashi-Koenji Sta., and then walk 15 min.

杉並区堀ノ内 妙法寺

「妙法寺お会式」

最寄駅: 丸ノ内線東高円寺駅より徒歩15分

◇ Oct.13

Kangen-sai or Court Music Festival of Nogi Shrine, Akasaka, Minato-ku. The festival, associated with the mid-autumn full moon, features *Gagaku* or court music, and *Bugaku* or ancient court dance with music performed at the Honden main hall from 6 pm to 8 pm. Admission is free.

Access : The Chiyoda Subway Line to Nogizaka Sta.

港区赤坂 乃木神社

「管絃祭」

最寄駅: 千代田線乃木坂駅

◇ Oct.16 ~ Oct.18

O-eshiki Festival of Kishimojin Temple, Zoshigaya, Toshima-ku, features a procession of people carrying about 20 *Manto* or lighted lanterns, leaving Gokokuji Sta. on the Yurakucho Subway Line at 7:30 pm, and heading for Kishimojin Temple to arrive there around 8:30 pm on the 17th. On the 18th, the parade departs from near Ikebukuro Sta. (East Exit, in front of Seibu Department Store) at 7 pm and arrives at Kishimojin Temple around 9 pm. About 80 open-air stalls are set up in the compound of the temple and its neighborhood daily during the festival period.

Access : The JR Yamanote Line to Mejiro Sta. or Ikebukuro Sta., and then walk 15 min.

豊島区雑司ヶ谷 鬼子母神

「お会式」

最寄駅: 鬼子母神へはJR山手線目白駅又は池袋駅より徒歩15分

Oct.16 & Oct.17

Koto-Kumin Matsuri or Koto Citizens' Festival at Kiba Koen Park, Koto-ku, from 10 am to 4 pm on both days. Main events on the 17th are as follows: *Kiba-no-Kaku-nori* or acrobatic stunts on rolling squared timbers in the pond from 11 am to 12:30 pm; *Kiyari* or lumber-carriers' chant from 1 pm to 1:40 pm; *Shishi-mai* Lion Dance and *Teko-mai* or dance by *Geisha* female entertainers in male attire, both from 1:45 pm to 2:40 pm; and *Fukagawa-no-Chikara-mochi* in which men demonstrate their great strength by lifting straw bags filled with rice from 2:50 pm to 3:45 pm.

Access : The Tozai Subway Line to Kiba Sta.

江東区 木場公園内(入口広場イベント池)

「江東区民まつり(木場の角乗り、深川の力持ち)」

最寄駅: 東西線木場駅

◇ Oct.17

Annual Autumn Festival of Yakuoin Temple on Mt. Takao, Hachioji, features a parade of children in fancy attire, mountain priests and drum & fife bands. The parade starts at 11 am from "Ju-icchome Jaya", tea house near Sanjo (lift) Sta. and also near Takaosan (cable car) Sta., and arrives at Yakuoin Temple around 12 noon. When it rains, the event will be canceled.

Access : 1 hr. by the Keio Line from Shinjuku Sta. to Takaosan-guchi Sta. From there, take a cable car to Takaosan Sta. (located halfway up of Mt. Takao) or a lift to Sanjo Sta., and then walk to Ju-icchome Jaya.

八王子市高尾町 薬王院(高尾山)

「秋季例大祭」

最寄駅: 新宿から京王線で1時間、高尾山口駅まで行き、ケーブルカーに乗り換え(高尾山中腹にある)高尾山駅下車、又はリフトで山上駅下車、徒歩で十一丁目茶屋へ

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◇ ◎ Oct.17 ~ Oct.20

Annual Autumn Festival of Yasukuni Shrine, Chiyoda-ku. Many performing arts, such as Japanese dance, music of brass band, and *Kobudo* martial arts are presented at Nohgakudo Hall in the precinct of the Shrine during the festival period. Hours and dates of the performances are still to be arranged as of Sep. 10th.

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

千代田区九段 靖国神社

「靖国神社秋季例大祭」

最寄駅：東西線、半蔵門線又は都営新宿線 九段下駅

◇ Oct.18

Kinryu-no-mai or Golden Dragon Dance is presented in the compound of Sensoji Temple, Taito-ku, three times from 11:30 am, from 2 pm, and from 3:30 pm. When it rains, it will be canceled.

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

台東区浅草 浅草寺境内

「金竜の舞」

最寄駅：銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

◇ Oct.19 & Oct.20

Bettara Ichi or Japanese Pickles Fair on the streets near Takarada Ebisu Shrine, Chuo-ku, is held from around 12 noon to 9:30 pm on both days.

Access : (1)The Hibiya Subway Line to Kodenmacho Sta., and walk 5 min.
(2)The Ginza or Hanzomon Subway Line to Mitsukoshi-mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.

中央区 宝田恵比寿神社付近

「べったら市」

最寄駅：(1)日比谷線小伝馬町駅より徒歩5分
(2)銀座線又は半蔵門線三越前駅より徒歩5分

Oct.27 ~ Nov.3

Furuhon Matsuri or Secondhand Book Fair at the Kanda-Jimbocho secondhand bookstore quarter, Chiyoda-ku., is held from 10 am to 7 pm (to 6 pm on Nov. 3rd) during the festival period. When it rains, the fair 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.28

Kansho Matsuri or Sweet Potato Fair is held at Meguro Fudomon Temple, Meguro-ku. Snacks made of sweet potatoes are sold from 10 am until being sold out at the open-air stalls set up in the precincts of the Temple.

Access : (1)The JR Yamanote Line, the Namboku or Toei Mita Subway Line to Meguro Sta., and then walk 12 min.
(2)The Tokyu Meguro Line to Fudo-mae Sta., and then walk 10 min.

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「甘藷祭」

最寄駅：(1)JR山手線又は地下鉄南北線又は都営三田線 目黒駅より徒歩12分
(2)東急目黒線不動前駅より徒歩10分

◎ Oct.30 ~ Nov.3

Autumn Ginza 2010 in the Ginza area, Chuo-ku., features many events such as "Ginza Haccho Jinja-meguri" (stump rally tours visiting 10 Shrines in the Ginza area) from 1 pm to 4 pm daily from the 30th to Nov. 3rd. "Gincha", free open-air tea ceremonies are held at ten sites on Chuo-dori Street, from 1 pm to 4 pm on Oct. 31st. (The numbered tickets for "Gincha" participants are distributed at the two sites in Ginza district, one in front of the "Cartier" shop, and the other in front of the "Sapporo Lion" restaurant, both from around 12 noon.)

Access : The Ginza, Hibiya or Marunouchi Subway Line to Ginza Sta.

中央区銀座通り(中央通り)他

「オータム銀座2010」

最寄駅：銀座線、日比谷線又は丸ノ内線銀座駅

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◇ Oct.30 & Oct.31

Dream Yosakoi Matsuri or Folk Dance Festival is held in the Yurakucho, Marunouchi areas as well as Rinkai Fuku-toshin, Tokyo, being participated in by about 7,000 people. *Yosakoi*, folk dancing native to Kochi Pref. in Shikoku Island is presented by the participants, some of who come even from overseas, at the Rinkai Fuku-toshin area including the Palette Town site, in front of Hotel Grand Pacific Meridian, and so on, from 12 noon to 9 pm on the 30th, and from 10 am to 9 pm on the 31st. This year, *Yosakoi* is demonstrated specially also at ITOCIA-mae Square in front of JR Yurakucho Sta. from 1 pm to 2:30 pm, and on Marunouchi Naka-dori Street from 3:15 pm to 4:30 pm, both on the 31st. 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., Funenokagakukan 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.
(3)The JR Yurakucho Sta.

東京臨海副都心全域 有楽町ITOCIA前 丸の内仲通り
「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
(3)JR有楽町駅

Oct.31

Nihombashi Kyobashi Matsuri Festival features a parade of brass bands, baton twirlers, and folk dancers, along Chuo-dori Ave., Chuo-ku. The parade starts at 12 noon from "Kyobashi 3-chome" point near Subway Kyobashi Sta., passing by Nihombashi Sta., and then disbands near Mitsui Memorial Museum in the Muromachi 3-chome area at around 3 pm. When it rains heavily, the parade will be canceled.

Access : (1)The Ginza or Hanzomon Subway Line to Mitsukoshi-mae Sta.
(2)The Ginza, Tozai or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nihombashi Sta.
(3)The Ginza Subway Line to Kyobashi Sta.

中央区日本橋・京橋 中央通り(京橋3丁目～日本橋室町3丁目)

「日本橋・京橋まつり」

最寄駅: (1)銀座線又は半蔵門線三越前駅
(2)銀座線、東西線又は都営浅草線日本橋駅
(3)銀座線京橋駅

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.24 ~ Nov.12

Kameido Tenjin Kikka-ten at Kameido Tenjin Shrine, Koto-ku
Hours: 8 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

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Oct.27 ~ Nov.23

Jindai Shokubutsu Koen Kikka-ten at Jindai Botanical Garden, Chofu
Garden Hours: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (However, an indoor exhibition is open until 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

B. KANTO 関東

Oct.1

Kokkei-setsu or the anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China is celebrated at Chinatown in Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. A parade of an exotic Chinese Lion Dance, and Chinese folk dancing is held along the streets of Chinatown from 1 pm to 3 pm, and from 4 pm to 8 pm. When it rains heavily, the parade will be canceled.

Access: (1)The JR Negishi Line from Yokohama or the JR Keihin Tohoku Line from Tokyo to Ishikawacho Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(2)The Minato Mirai Line from Yokohama to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta.

神奈川県横浜市 中華街

「国慶節」

最寄駅: (1)横浜からJR根岸線、又は東京から京浜東北線で石川町駅下車、徒歩10分、
(2)横浜からみなとみらい線元町・中華街駅下車

◇ Oct.8 & Oct.9

Kamakura Takigi Noh or an open-air torchlight *Noh* performance at Kamakuragu Shrine, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref., is held from 5 pm to 8 pm on both days. *Noh* (masked drama) and *Kyogen* (*Noh* farce) are performed. A ticket costs ¥6,000. The number of tickets is very limited. Please call 0467-23-3545 (from 9 am to 4 pm) for more details.

Access: (1)The JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Daito-no-miya Bus Stop.
(2)The JR Yokosuka Line to Kamakura Sta., and then walk 25 min.

神奈川県鎌倉市 鎌倉宮

「鎌倉薪能」

最寄駅: (1) JR横須賀線鎌倉駅よりバスで15分、大塔宮下車
(2) JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より徒歩25分

◎ Oct.8 ~ Oct.10

Sawara-no-Taisai Aki Matsuri Festival, Katori, Chiba Pref. This festival is, with a 300-year history, and designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Assets. It features a parade of 14 beautifully sculptured floats with dolls on tops, marching through the streets in the city from 10 am to 10 pm daily during the festival period. The highlight of the festival is a parade of all the 14 floats which gather on Yokoshuku-dori Street and on Katori-kaido (old highway) around 5 pm on the 9th. *Sawara-bayashi* or festival music, and folk dance are demonstrated on the floats from 6 pm until 7:30 pm on the 9th.

Access: Temporary Limited Express "Ayame 92-Go" on the JR Narita Line leaves JR Shinjuku Sta. at 8:48 am for JR Sawara Sta. For returning, the train departs from JR Sawara Sta. at 6:15 pm back to JR Shinjuku Sta. (arrival time: 7:51 pm) on Oct. 9th and 10th.

千葉県香取市 佐原 新宿地区

「佐原の大祭秋祭り」

最寄駅: JR成田線の臨時特急列車「あやめ92号」は新宿駅発午前8時48分発の佐原行き、午後6時15分佐原発の新宿行き(新宿着午後7時51分)が10月9日、10日両日とも運行される。

Oct.9 & Oct.10

Kanuma Bu'tsuke Aki Matsuri Festival in Kanuma, Tochigi Pref. On the 9th, 26 magnificently sculptured floats are pulled into the precincts of Imamiya Shrine from 12:30 pm and are exhibited until 5:30 pm. And then the parade of floats goes through the town while various kinds of festive music are played competitively on the floats, which is called "*Bu'tsuke*", from 6 pm to 9 pm. On the 10th, *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) parades from the Shrine through the town from 9 am to 12 noon, and the floats parade on Omatsuri-road from 1 pm to 2 pm. *Daidai-Kagura*, *Shinto* dance with music is continually performed in the precincts of the Shrine from 3 pm to 6 pm on the 10th. Open-air stalls are set up on both days.

Access: (1)The JR Tohoku Shinkansen or Tohoku Honsen Line to JR Utsunomiya Sta. From there take the JR Nikko Line to Kanuma Sta., and then walk 20 min. to Imamiya Shrine.
(2)The Tobu Nikko Line to Shin-Kanuma Sta., and then walk 10 min. to Imamiya Shrine.

栃木県鹿沼市 今宮神社

「鹿沼ぶつつけ秋祭り」

最寄駅: (1)JR東北新幹線、又は東北本線で宇都宮駅へ行き、JR日光線に乗り換えて鹿沼駅下車、今宮神社まで徒歩20分
(2)東武日光線新鹿沼駅より今宮神社まで徒歩10分

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

◇ Oct.10

Sojusetsu or the anniversary of the Founding of the Republic of China is celebrated at Chinatown, Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. Traditional Chinese entertainments are demonstrated in the school grounds of Chuka Gakuin from 12:30 pm to 3 pm. A parade of Chinese-style Dragon Dancers and brass bands is held in Chinatown from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. *Shishi-mai*, Chinese Lion Dance performance is held on the main streets in Chinatown from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Access : (1)The JR Negishi Line from Yokohama or the JR Keihin Tohoku Line from Tokyo to Ishikawacho Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(2)The Minato Mirai Line from Yokohama to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta.

神奈川県横浜市 中華街 中華学院
「双十節」

最寄駅: (1)横浜からJR根岸線、又は東京から京浜東北線で石川町駅下車、徒歩10分
(2)横浜からみなとみらい線元町・中華街下車

◎ Oct.16 & Oct.17

Kawagoe Matsuri Festival in Kawagoe, Saitama Pref., features 17 floats parading through the city's main streets. On the 16th, the floats parade on the city's main streets, while *Ohayashi* festival music, *Taiko* drumming and *Fue* Japanese flute music are presented on the floats from 2:10 pm to 3 pm. The floats are exhibited on Chuo-dori Street from 6 pm to 7 pm, and then the floats are pulled by townspeople to the three points; the Fudanotsuji intersections, on the intersection of Nakamachi & Renjakucho Streets, and in front of Hon-Kawagoe Sta., from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm. On the 17th, the floats parade on the streets near the City Hall from 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm, and parade through the streets including the three points above mentioned from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

Access : (1)1 hr. by the Seibu Shinjuku Line from Seibu Shinjuku Sta. to Hon-Kawagoe Sta.
(2)40 min. by the Tobu Tojo Line from Ikebukuro Sta. to Kawagoe-shi Sta., and then walk 10 min.

埼玉県川越市
「川越祭」

最寄駅: (1)西武新宿駅から西武新宿線で1時間、本川越駅下車
(2)池袋から東武東上線で40分、川越市駅下車、徒歩10分

Oct.16 ~ Nov.23

Kasama Inari Shrine Kiku Matsuri or the 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 on the horseback-riding grounds near the Shrine twice from 10 am and from 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.17

Grand Autumn Festival of Toshogu Shrine, Nikko, Tochigi Pref. A gala procession of *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine), and about 800 armor-clad participants, starts from Toshogu Shrine at 11 am, parades on Omote-Sando Street, and arrives at *Otabisho*, a portable shrine resting place around 11:40 am. The procession restarts from *Otabisho* at 1 pm, and takes the same route for coming back to the Shrine to arrive there around 1:30 pm.

Access : 5 min. by bus from JR Nikko Sta. or Tobu Nikko Sta. on Tobu Railway, and then get off at Shinkyo Bus Stop, or walk 20 min. to Shinkyo Bridge from Nikko Sta.

Note : *Yabusame (horseback archery)* is held from 1:30 pm to 2 pm on Oct. 16.

栃木県日光市 東照宮
「日光東照宮秋季大祭(千人行列)」

最寄駅: JR又は東武日光駅よりバスで5分、神橋下車、又は日光駅より神橋へ徒歩20分

Oct.30 ~ Nov.3

Takumi-no-Matsuri, literally translated as Potters Festival is held at Geijutsu-no-Mori Koen (park), Kasama, Ibaraki Pref., from 9 am to 4 pm. About 160 stalls selling Kasama-yaki potteries, Inada-granite products, agricultural products, snack food and sweets are set up in the park during the period.

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

「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

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

Oct.30 & Oct.31

Kikusui Matsuri Festival at Futaarayama Shrine, Utsunomiya, Tochigi Pref. From around 9 am on both days, *Yabusame* or horseback archery is held in front of the Shrine. And then a parade of *Horen* or a sacred palanquin, armored warriors, and *Yabusame* horses starts from the Shrine at 9:30 am on both days, and going through the Shita-machi area on the 30th, but going through the Ue-machi area on the 31st, and then returns to the Shrine around 3:30 pm on both days. However, when it heavily rains, the event is canceled.

Access : 5 min. by Kanto Bus from JR Utsunomiya Sta., and then get off at Futaarasan Jinja-mae Bus Stop, or 15 min. walk from JR Utsunomiya Sta.

栃木県宇都宮市 二荒山神社

「菊水祭」

最寄駅：JR宇都宮駅より関東バスで5分、二荒山神社前下車、又はJR宇都宮駅から徒歩15分

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Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010



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* or a Chrysanthemum dolls show of ten scenes is presented every 15 min. from 9:30 am to 4:40 pm daily during the period. (Admission to both an exhibition and a show: ¥1,000.)

Access : The JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Nihonmatsu Sta., and then walk 15-20 min., or temporary buses are available from JR Nihonmatsu Sta. to the site during the period (¥210).

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、又は期間中、駅より会場まで臨時バスが運行(¥210)

◇ Oct.4 ~ Oct.6

Nihonmatsu Chochin Matsuri (lantern festival), or an annual festival of Nihonmatsu Shrine, Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Pref. On the 4th, a parade of seven floats decorated with many lighted lanterns, starts at 5:50 pm from the Kamegai Rotary traffic circle, going on the Motomachi-dori street for Eki-mae Hiroba Square to arrive there at 11:18 pm. On the 5th, the floats parade from in front of JR Nihonmatsu Sta. to the Kamegai Rotary from 8:35 am to 2:50 pm. On the 6th, two groups of seven lighted floats parade from 5:40 pm to 8:30 pm, with four of those floats going from the Kamegai-zaka point to Wakamiya-mitsuke, and the rest of the floats going from Minowa-mon Gate to Nesaki-mitsuke.

Access : The JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Nihonmatsu Sta.

福島県二本松市 亀谷ロータリー

「二本松提灯まつり」

最寄駅: JR東北本線二本松駅

Oct.8 ~ Oct.10

Akan Marimo Matsuri Festival on the shores of Lake Akan, Akan-cho, Kushiro, Hokkaido. *Marimo* (unique spherical green algae) is the nation's special natural monument and a symbol of this festival. The festival features dances and religious rites handed down by the *Ainu*. On the 9th, A *Marimo-odori* (folk dancing) parade starts from in front of Eco Museum at 1 pm heading for Ainu Kotan Hiroba Square to arrive there at 2 pm. *Ainu-odori* (traditional folk dance) is performed at the Square from 8:15 pm. On the 10th, to conclude the festival, the ritual in which the *Ainus* softly put *Marimo* down into the lake from a traditional *Ainu* boat is held from around 11:30 am.

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

北海道釧路市阿寒町

「阿寒湖まりも祭」

最寄駅: JR釧路駅よりバスで2時間、阿寒湖畔バスセンター下車

Oct.9 ~ Oct.11

Osorezan Aki-mairi, Autumn Festival (worship) is held at Osorezan-Bodaiji Temple situated at the entrance to the famed Sacred site surrounding Mt. Osore, Mutsu, Aomori Pref. About five blind women called *Itako* being said to invoke the spirits of the dead from the graves, recite an incantation in a peculiar rhythm with a beaded rosary in their hands in small makeshift hatches in the precincts. The gate of the temple is open from 5:30 am to 6 pm daily. Entrance fee to the temple's precincts is ¥500. Arriving at the temple by 4 pm is advised for receiving *Itako* service.

Access : Take the JR Ominato Line from Noheji Sta. on the JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Shimokita Sta., and then 40 min. by bus to Osorezan Bus Stop.

青森県むつ市恐山

「恐山秋詣り」

最寄駅: JR東北本線野辺地駅より、大湊線で下北駅下車、そこからバスで40分、恐山下車

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

Oct.15 ~ Oct.17

Kamaishi Matsuri Festival of Osaki Shrine and San Shrine, Kamaishi, Iwate Pref. On the 16th, the highlight of this festival is *Hikifune Matsuri* in which *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) of Osaki Shrine is carried onto the boat, which leaves the Aodashihama pier at 11:30 am for Kamaishi Port, and makes three rounds of sailing in Kamaishi Bay before arriving at Kamaishi Port around 1 pm, after which *Mikoshi* is carried out of the boat and heads for Satomiya of Osaki Shrine to arrive there around 2 pm. On the 17th, *Mikoshi* (two portable shrines) of San Shrine and Osaki Shrine, and about twenty floats gather at Showa-en grounds, the center of the city, at around 11:30 am, and then depart from there at 12:20 pm, parading together through the city, arrive at Sakana-ichiba at 3:30 pm. *Mikoshi* eventually return to each home Shrine respectively around 4:30 pm.

Access: The JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Shi-Hanamaki Sta. From there, 2 hrs. by the JR Kamaishi Line to Kamaishi Sta.

岩手県釜石市 尾崎神社 山(さん)神社 釜石湾 青出浜
「釜石祭」

最寄駅: JR東北新幹線新花巻駅よりJR釜石線で2時間、釜石駅下車

D. CHUBU 中部

◇ Oct.9 & Oct.10

Yokoo Kabuki, the local *Kabuki* or classical stage dramas with a 200-year-old tradition, handed down to villagers of Inasa-cho, Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Pref., are performed at Kaimeiza Theater of Higashi-Yomura Community Center in Inasa-cho, from 6 pm to 10 pm on both days. Admission is free.

Access: The JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Hamamatsu Sta. From there, 50 min. by bus for Okuyama, and then get off at Inasa Yokoo Bus Stop.

静岡県浜松市北区引佐町 横尾東四村コミュニティセンター内
開明座

「横尾歌舞伎」

最寄駅: JR東海道本線浜松駅より奥山行バスで50分、引佐横尾(いなさよこお)下車

Oct.9 & Oct.10

Seki-no-Hamono Matsuri or Cutlery Festival is annually held in Seki, Gifu Pref., noted for its production of exquisite cutlery. An exhibition of Japanese swords is held at Seki Kaji-denshokan (Seki Swordsmith Museum) from 9 am to 4:30 pm on the 9th & 10th. Demonstrations of making edged tools by swordsmiths are scheduled at this Museum from 10:30 am, 1:30 pm and 3 pm respectively on both days. About 50 stalls selling edged tools are set up along Honmachi-dori Street on both days.

Access: The Nagaragawa Railway from Mino-Ota Sta. to Hamono-Kaikan-mae Sta., and then walk 3 min.

岐阜県関市 関鍛冶伝承館

「関の刃物まつり」

最寄駅: 美濃太田駅より長良川鉄道で刃物会館前下車、徒歩3分

◇ ◎ Oct.9 & Oct.10

Takayama Matsuri Festival of Hachiman Shrine, Takayama, Gifu Pref. At most ten lavishly-decorated floats are exhibited along Omotesando Street, the approach to the Shrine, from 9 am to around 4 pm on both days. *Karakuri-ningyo* puppet plays are presented on one of those floats in the precincts of the Shrine from 12 noon & from 3 pm on the 9th, and from 11 am & from 1 pm on the 10th. On the 9th, four of these floats parade on Naka-Shinmachi Street and O-Shinmachi Hon-dori Street from 1 pm to 3 pm, and all the floats lighted with over 1,000 lanterns in total are carried through the town from 6 pm to around 9 pm.

Access: The JR Takayama Honsen Line to Takayama Sta., and then walk 20 min.

岐阜県高山市 八幡神社

「高山祭」

最寄駅: JR高山本線高山駅より徒歩20分

Oct.10 & Oct.11

The 33rd Tajimi Chawan Matsuri or Ceramic Festival at Tajimi Mino-yaki Oroshi Center in Tajimi, Gifu Pref., is held from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on both days.

Access: The JR Chuo Honsen Line from Nagoya Sta. to Tajimi Sta. (North Exit). From there, 15 min. by shuttle bus. (Shuttle buses are available from Tajimi Sta. to the fair site during the festival period.)

岐阜県多治見市 美濃焼卸センター

「第33回たじみ茶碗祭り」

最寄駅: 名古屋駅よりJR中央本線で多治見駅へ、駅北口よりシャトルバスで15分(陶器市期間中は、多治見駅から陶器市会場まで臨時バスあり)

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

Oct.14 & Oct.15

Ito Aki Matsuri Festival, (being held to coincide with the dates of the Autumn Festivals of Yukawa Shrine and Matsubara Shrine) takes place in Ito, Shizuoka Pref. A parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) proceeds through the town in the daytime on both days. The highlight of the festival is *Kaichu-togyo*, carrying *Mikoshi* into the sea off Ito Beach, three times during the time between 10 am and around 11 am on the 15th.

Access : The JR Ito Line or JR Limited Express "Odoriko" to Ito Sta., and then walk 5 min. to the Shrine.

静岡県伊東市 湯川神社 松原神社 伊東海岸
「伊東秋まつり」

最寄駅: JR伊東線またはJR特急"踊り子"号で伊東駅下車、湯川神社へは徒歩5分

◎ Oct.16 & Oct.17

Nagoya Matsuri Festival in Nagoya, Aichi Pref. On the 16th, a parade of Flower-car Carnival and three groups of people led by the three most famous feudal lords in the Japan's Warring States period; *Nobunaga Oda*, *Hideyoshi Toyotomi* and *Ieyasu Tokugawa*, departs from JR Nagoya Sta. at around 1:40 pm, proceeds along the city's busy streets, and arrives at Yaba-cho town around 3:40 pm. On the 17th, seven kinds of parade units; *Mikoshi* (portable shrines), floats and other groups start from the City Hall at 11 am and head for the Osu-Akamon area to arrive there at around 2:30 pm.

Access : (1) The JR Tokaido Shinkansen Line to Nagoya Sta. (to see the procession which starts from in front of JR Nagoya Sta. on the 16th).

(2) The Meijo Subway Line to Shiyakusho Sta. (to see the procession which starts from the City Hall on the 17th).

Note : *Nobunaga Oda (1534-1582)*
Hideyoshi Toyotomi (1536-1593)
Ieyasu Tokugawa (1542-1616)

愛知県名古屋市 矢場町(地下鉄名城線矢場町駅近く)
「名古屋まつり」

最寄駅: (1) 16日の行列を見るにはJR東海道新幹線名古屋駅下車
(2) 17日の行列を見るには地下鉄名城線市役所駅下車

Oct.23 & Oct.24

Miya Matsuri Festival of Yatsurugi Shrine and Wakamiya Shrine, Gamagori, Aichi Pref. On the 23rd, six huge floats from different districts parade through the city from around 12:50 pm, and gather at Yatsurugi Shrine one after another during the time between 1:40 pm and 6:20 pm, and return to each district arriving at 7:45 pm. On the 24th, *Kaichu-Togyo* or carrying four floats into the sea takes place on and off Miya-kaigan Beach from 10:45 am to 11:50 am, and then all the floats parade to Wakamiya Shrine arriving there at 12 noon, and then to Yatsurugi Shrine arriving there around 5:30 pm. *Taiko* Japanese drumming, *Kagura Shinto* dance with music, *Shishi-mai* Lion Dance and so on, are demonstrated one after another at Yatsurugi Shrine from around 2 pm to 6:20 pm on the 23rd, from 8:50 am to 9:15 am & from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm on the 24th, and at Wakamiya Shrine from 1:30 pm to 3:50 pm on the 24th.

Access : (1) The JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Mikawa-Miya Sta., and then walk 10 min. to Yatsurugi Shrine.

(2) The JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Mikawa-Miya Sta., and then walk 25 min. to Wakamiya Shrine.

愛知県蒲郡市 八剣神社 若宮神社 三谷海岸
「三谷祭」

最寄駅: (1) 八剣神社へはJR東海道本線三河三谷駅より徒歩10分
(2) 若宮神社へはJR東海道線本三河三谷駅より徒歩25分

E. KINKI 近畿

◇ Sep.20 ~ Nov.25

Toji Homotsu-kan Shuki Tokubetsu-ten or Special Autumn Exhibition at Treasure Hall of 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

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

◇ Oct.1 ~ Oct.5

Zuiki Matsuri Festival of Kitano Tenmangu Shrine, Kamigyō-ku, Kyoto. On Oct. 1st, three *Horen* (sacred palanquins) leave the Shrine at 1 pm for *Otabisho* where these palanquins are kept by the side of *Zuiki Mikoshi* (portable shrines made from vegetables) until Oct. 4th, when the three palanquins leave *Otabisho* around 1 pm for the Shrine to arrive there around 4 pm. On the 5th, *Chigo-mai*, or sacred dance performed by children, is scheduled in the Shrine precincts from 3:30 pm to 4 pm.

Access: 30 min. by municipal bus (Shibusu) No. 50 or No. 101 from JR Kyoto Sta., and then get off at Kitano Tenmangu Bus Stop.

京都市上京区 北野天満宮

「ずいき祭」

最寄駅: 京都駅より市バスNo. 50又はNo. 101で30分、北野天満宮下車

◇ Oct.1 ~ Nov.23

Ninnaji Meiho Tokubetsu-ten at Ninnaji Temple, Ukyō-ku, Kyoto. Treasures of Ninnaji Temple are open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm daily during this special exhibition period. (Please enter by 4:30 pm.) Admission is ¥500.

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

京都市右京区 仁和寺

「仁和寺名宝特別展」

最寄駅: JR京都駅より市バスNo. 26で40分、御室仁和寺下車

◇ Oct.1 ~ Nov.30

Kissho Tennyō-zo Kaihi at Joruriji Temple, Kamocho, Kizugawa, Kyoto Pref. Wooden Image of *Kissho Tennyō-zo*, designated as one of National Important Cultural Properties, stored at Joruriji Temple is open 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 Tennyō*: 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.1 ~ Oct.3

Kyoto Grand Antique Fair at PULSE PLAZA, Fushimi-ku, Kyoto, is held from 10 am to 5 pm (to 4 pm on the 3rd) during the fair period, with about 350 dealers participating in. Admission is free.

Access: The Kintetsu Kyoto Line or the Karasuma Subway Line to Takeda Sta., and then walk 15 min. to PULSE PLAZA. (Shuttle buses are available from West Exit of Takeda Sta. to the site during the fair period.)

京都市伏見区 パルスプラザ

「京都大アンティークフェア」

最寄駅: 京都駅より近鉄京都線又は地下鉄烏丸線竹田駅より徒歩15分でパルスプラザ(期間中は竹田駅西口より会場までシャトルバス運行)

Oct.9 ~ Oct.11

Shika-no-Tsuno-kiri or Deer Horn Cutting Event at Roku-en Garden in Nara Park, Nara, Nara Pref. The demonstration of cutting horns is held several times a day during the time between 12 noon and 3 pm at Tsuno-kiri-jo in Roku-en Garden daily during the period. Admission is ¥1,000. When it rains heavily, the demonstration of cutting horns will be canceled.

Access: 10 min. by bus from JR Nara Sta. to Kasuga Taisha-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 10 min.

奈良市奈良公園内 鹿苑角切り場

「鹿の角伐り」

最寄駅: JR奈良駅よりバスで10分春日大社前下車、徒歩10分

Oct.10

Ochamori at Saidaiji Temple, Nara, Nara Pref., features a tea ceremony in which huge tea bowls are used, from 9 am to 3:30 pm. Admission fee is ¥3,000 (for sharing a giant bowl of green tea, having a bowl of buckwheat-noodles served, and prayer service).

Access: The Kintetsu Nara Line to Yamato-Saidaiji Sta., and then walk 3 min.

奈良市 西大寺

「大茶盛」

最寄駅: 近鉄奈良線大和西大寺駅より徒歩3分

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

◇ ◎ Oct.14 & Oct.15

Kenka Matsuri or Fighting Festival at Matsubara Hachiman Shrine, Himeji, Hyogo Pref. On the 14th, seven *Yatai* floats from seven districts in the city gather at Matsubara Hachiman Shrine one after another from 11:30 am for worship ceremonies which lasts until 3:20 pm. On the 15th, three huge and gorgeous *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) are carried by the teams of parishioners who jostle each other in front of the main hall, and then leave the Shrine at 9:15 am, being followed by the seven floats, for *Otabisho* or a portable shrine resting place to arrive there at around 12 noon. There, the *Shinto* ritual is conducted, and the three *Mikoshi* and the seven floats parade back to the Shrine around 6 pm.

Access : The JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Himeji Sta. From there, take the Sanyo Dentetsu Line to Shirahama-no-miya Sta., and then walk 5 min.

兵庫県姫路市白浜町 松原八幡神社

「けんか祭り(松原八幡神社の例祭)」

最寄駅: JR山陽新幹線姫路駅より山陽電鉄で白浜の宮駅下車、徒歩5分

◇ ◎ Oct.22

Jidai Matsuri or Festival of Eras, one of the three main festivals in Kyoto. The festival is an annual event of Heian Shrine at Okazaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto. The highlight of the festival is a procession of over 2,000 people clad in the costumes representing each eras during the time when Kyoto was the capital of Japan. The procession starts from Kyoto Imperial Palace at 12 noon, and proceeds through the main streets, passing by Karasuma-Marutamachi around 12:30 pm, Karasuma-Oike at 12:50 pm, and eventually arriving at Heian Jingu Shrine at 2:20 pm. When it rains, the event will be postponed to the next day.

Access : (1)The Karasuma Subway Line to Marutamachi Sta. to go to Kyoto Imperial Palace and to Karasuma-Marutamachi.

(2)The Karasuma Subway Line to Karasuma-Oike Sta. to go to Karasuma-Oike.

京都市左京区岡崎 平安神宮

「時代祭」

最寄駅: (1)京都御所・烏丸丸太町へは、地下鉄烏丸線丸太町駅
(2)烏丸御池へは、地下鉄烏丸線烏丸御池駅

◇ Oct.22

Kurama-no-Himatsuri or Fire Festival at Yuki Shrine, Kurama, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto. Long lines of torches planted upright on the ground on both sides of the path leading to the Shrine are lit up at 6 pm, and gaily-dressed children bearing burning torches in their hands march to the Shrine, followed by adults bearing larger ones.

Access : The Eizan Dentetsu Eizan Line to Kurama Sta.

京都市左京区 由岐神社

「鞍馬の火祭」

最寄駅: 叡山電鉄叡山線鞍馬駅

◇ Oct.23 ~ Oct.25

Ueno Tenjin Matsuri Festival of Sugawara Shrine, Ueno, Mie Pref., designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, features a parade of nine lavishly-decorated *Danjiri* floats on the city's main streets. On the 23rd, all the floats are exhibited on Honmachi-dori Street and Ninomachi-dori Street from 7 pm to 9 pm. On the 24th, a parade of the nine floats proceeds on the two streets mentioned above from 1 pm to 4 pm, and the *Oni-gyoretu* procession of 100 ogres goes on Sannomachi-dori Street from 2 pm to 4 pm. Also, the nine floats lighted up with lanterns are exhibited on Honmachi-dori Street and Ninomachi-dori Street from 7 pm to 9 pm. On the 25th, *Mikoshi* (two portable shrines) of Sugawara Shrine and Kusha-Jingu Shrine, the 100 ogres and all the nine floats parade on Honmachi, Ninomachi and Sannomachi Streets from 9 am to around 4 pm.

Access : The Kintetsu Iga Line to Ueno-shi Sta., and then walk 3 min.

三重県伊賀市 菅原神社 九社神宮 本町通り 二之町通り 三之町通り

「上野天神祭」

最寄駅: 近鉄伊賀線上野市駅より徒歩3分

◎ Oct.23 ~ Nov.11

The 62nd 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 specially shown to the public from 9 am to 6 pm daily 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62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

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

F. CHUGOKU & SHIKOKU 中国・四国

◇ Oct.9 Oct.10 Oct.14 ~ Oct.17

Saijo Matsuri Festival, Saijo, Ehime Pref., is the festival of four Shrines in the city. The highlight of this festival is a parade of about 80 *Danjiri* (lavishly-decorated floats with lanterns) on the 15th & 16th. On the 15th, all the 80 floats gather at Isono Shrine one after another from 2 am to 6 am, and then parade back to their own four home Shrines, respectively. On the 16th, after parading through the city in the morning, four *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and 80 *Danjiri* gather at the bank of the Kamo River around 3 pm, and *Kawairi* (one *Mikoshi* and eleven *Danjiri* being carried into the water) takes place from around 4 pm to 5 pm. All the four *Mikoshi* and the 80 floats parade back to their own four home Shrines arriving there around 6 pm. Some more events are also scheduled at the four Shrines: at Kamo Shrine on Oct. 9th & 10th; at Iwaoka Shrine on Oct. 14th & 15th; at Isono Shrine on Oct. 15th & 16th; and at Iizumi Shrine on Oct. 16th & 17th.

Access : The JR Yoson Line to Iyo-Saijo Sta. From there, walk 20 min. to the Kamo River, or walk 40 min. or more to each of the four Shrines.

愛媛県西条市 伊曾乃神社 石岡神社 飯積神社 嘉母神社 加茂川

「西条祭」

最寄駅: JR予讃線伊予西条駅より加茂川へは徒歩20分、伊曾乃神社他の神社へは徒歩40分以上の時間がかかる。

◇ Oct.9 ~ Oct.11

Annual Festival of Kotohiragu Shrine, Kotohira-cho, Nakatado-gun, Kagawa Pref. On the 9th, *Yaotome-mai* (court dance by women) is performed in the precincts from 4 pm. On the 10th, *Yamato-mai* (court dance by men) is also demonstrated in the precincts from 10 am and from 4 pm, and a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) starts at 9 pm from the Shrine heading for *Otabisho* or a portable shrine resting place to arrive there around 12 midnight. On the 11th, *Yamato-mai* from 12 noon, *Kompira-mai* from 2 pm, and *Yaotome-mai* from 4 pm are scheduled all at *Otabisho*. And then *Mikoshi* parade back from *Otabisho* to the Shrine from 9 pm to 11:30 pm on the 11th.

Access : The JR Dosan Line to Kotohira Sta.

香川県仲多度郡琴平町 金刀比羅宮

「金刀比羅宮大祭」

最寄駅: JR土讃線琴平駅

◇ Oct.15 ~ Oct.18

Niihama Taiko Matsuri Festival in Niihama, Ehime Pref. Fifty-one huge gorgeously-adorned *Taiko* (literally meaning drums, but these are floats in fact), each of which parades along the city's main streets, being carried by over 150 men who jostle with one another at several places, from 4 pm to 9 pm on the 15th, from 8:45 am to 9 pm on the 16th, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm on the 17th, and from 8 am to 5:30 pm on the 18th.

Access : The JR Yoson Line to Niihama Sta.

愛媛県新居浜市 八幡神社

「新居浜太鼓祭り」

最寄駅: JR予讃線新居浜駅

◇ Oct.17

Matsue Sai Do-Gyoretsu Festival in Matsue, Shimane Pref., features a parade of about 20 floats, on each of which two or three huge drums, called "*Dou*," (2 meters in diameter each) are placed. *Dou* are beaten by men accompanying the floats, as the floats proceed. All the floats gather at the Matsue Castle site at 12 noon, and depart from the castle at 2 pm, going through the main streets of the city until 4 pm.

Access : The JR San'in Line to Matsue Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus for Shimane Daigaku, get off at Kenmin Kaikan-mae Bus Stop.

島根県松江市 松江城

「松江祭どう行列」

最寄駅: JR山陰線松江駅より、島根大学行バスで10分県民会館前下車

G. KYUSHU & OKINAWA 九州・沖縄

◇ ◎ Oct.7 ~ Oct.9

Nagasaki Kunchi or Okunchi Matsuri Festival in Nagasaki, Nagasaki Pref., designated as one of National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties, features three *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and Chinese-origin floats lavishly bedecked with umbrella-shaped decorations, parading on the city's main streets from Suwa Shrine to *Otabisho* (a portable shrine resting place) from 1 pm to 3 pm on the 7th. On the 9th, *Mikoshi* and the floats leave *Otabisho* at 12:30 pm for Suwa Shrine to arrive there around 3 pm. Demonstrations of dynamic local performing arts including *Ja-odori* Dragon Dance are scheduled at the four festival venues; Suwa Shrine, a square in front of Kokaido Hall, *Otabisho* and Yasaka Shrine, from 7 am to around 12 noon daily during the festival period. When it rains heavily, the events on the day might be postponed to the following day.

Access : The JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta.

長崎市 諏訪神社 公会堂前広場

「長崎くんち(おくんち祭)」

最寄駅: JR長崎本線長崎駅

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in October 2010

Oct.9 ~ Oct.11

Naha Matsuri Festival in Naha, Okinawa Pref., features five and drum bands, *Shishi-mai* Lion Dance, and folk dancing of *Eisa*, *Soran* and so on, on Kokusai-dori Street from 2 pm to 6:30 pm on the 9th. On the 10th, the *Hatagashira Gyoretsu* procession is held on Kokusai-dori Street from 12 noon to 2:30 pm, and *O-tsunahiki* or a tug of war is held on National Road No. 58 from 3 pm to around 5 pm. Band music and performing arts are demonstrated from 6 pm to 8:30 pm, and a fireworks display is held from around 8 pm, lasting for 10 min., both at Onoyama Sogo Undo Koen Park daily during the festival period.

Access : 10 min. by Toshi-monorail from Naha Airport to Kencho-mae Sta.

沖縄県那覇市 奥武山(おうのやま)運動公園
「那覇まつり」

最寄駅: 那覇空港より都市モノレールで10分、県庁前下車

Oct.22 ~ Oct.24

Agano-yaki Aki-no-Kama-biraki or Pottery Fair at Akaikemachi, Tagawa-gun, Fukuoka Pref. The fair is held at several sites in the town from 9 am to 5 pm daily during the fair period.

Access : About 1 hr. by rapid train (the JR Fukuhoku Yutaka Line) to Nougata Sta. From there, the Heisei Chikuho Railway to Akaikemachi Sta., and then 10 min. by taxi to the fair sites.

福岡県田川郡赤池町
「上野焼秋の窯開き」

最寄駅: JR博多駅からJR福北豊(ふくほくゆたか)線急行で1時間直方(のうがた)駅下車、直方駅より平成筑豊鉄道で赤池駅下車、会場へはタクシーで約10分

Oct.22 ~ Oct.24

The 13th Yosakoi Sasebo Matsuri or the folk dance festival, Sasebo, Nagasaki Pref. *Yosakoi* is a folk dance native to Kochi in Shikoku Island. The folk dance festival is held at the Nakiri Omatsuri Hiroba site from 6 pm to 9 pm on the 22nd, and at the Nakiri Omatsuri Hiroba site and other 12 sites in the city from around 9:30 am to 8 pm on the 23rd, from 9 am to 8 pm on the 24th.

Access : The JR Sasebo Line to Sasebo Sta.

長崎県佐世保市 名切お祭り広場
「第13回 YOSAKOI させぼ祭り」

最寄駅: JR佐世保線佐世保駅

Oct.23 & Oct.24

Tontonton Matsuri or Fighting Festival at Imari, Saga Pref. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade from Imari Shrine to Ryujin Shrine, jostling with one another from 2:30 pm to 4 pm on the 23rd, and going on the same way back from Ryujin Shrine to Imari Shrine from 2:30 pm to 5 pm on the 24th.

Access : 1 hr. 30 min. by JR Limited Express (the JR Nagasaki Line & Sasebo Line) "Midori" from Hakata to Arita Sta. From there, the Matsuura Railway to Imari Sta.

佐賀県伊万里市 伊万里神社
「トントン祭(伊万里のけんか祭り)」

最寄駅: 博多よりJR特急"みどり"で1時間半、有田駅にて松浦鉄道に乗り換えて伊万里駅下車

I. Ukai, Cormorant Fishing

May.11 ~ Oct.15

Nagaragawa Ukai, Nagara River, Gifu Pref.

Period of time: May 11th - Oct. 15th

(except Jul. 31st, Aug. 7th and Sep. 22nd)

Departure time: 7:15 pm (returns around 8:30 pm).

Charge: ¥3,000 (without meal) for weekdays,
¥3,300 (without meal) for Sat., Sun. and
national holidays.

Reservation: Please call 058-262-0104 (Gifu City Ukai Kanransen Jimusho), or reserve through JTB, travel agencies.

Ukai, Cormorant fishing is an ancient method of catching *Ayu* (sweetfish or trout-like fish) handling trained cormorants. This takes place at night under the blazing torches fastened to the prows of fishing boats. It will be held every day during the period except on the night of the full moon or when the water is excessively muddy.

Access : The JR Tokaido Honsen Line to Gifu Sta. From there, 15 min. by bus to Nagaragawa-bashi Bus Stop.

岐阜県岐阜市長良川
「長良川鵜飼」

最寄駅: JR東海道本線岐阜駅よりバスで15分、長良川橋下車

Jun.1 ~ Oct.15

Kisogawa Ukai, Kiso River, Aichi Pref.

Period of time: Jun. 1st - Oct. 15th (except Aug. 15th),

Departure time: 7 pm (Jun. 1st - Aug. 31st),
6:30 pm (Sep. 1st - Oct. 15th)

Charge: ¥2,500 (Jun. 1st - Jun. 30th & Sep. 1st - Oct. 15th), or ¥2,800 (Jul. 1st - Aug. 31st), in either case for a *Yukata-fune* boat ride (without meal).

Reservation: Please call 0568-61-0057 (Kisogawa Kanko) in Japanese, or reserve through major travel agencies.

Access : The Meitetsu Inuyama Line to Inuyama-Yuen Sta., and then walk 2 min.

愛知県犬山市木曾川
「木曾川鵜飼」

最寄駅: 名鉄犬山線犬山遊園駅より徒歩2分