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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 September 2011



A. Tokyo 東京

Sep.3 & Sep.4

Annual Festival of Kitazawa Hachiman Shrine, Daizawa, Setagaya-ku. On the 3rd, *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music is performed from 4 pm to 6 pm, and from 7:30 pm to 9 pm. On the 4th, 23 *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade in the neighborhood of the Shrine from 1 pm to 2:30 pm, and *Bugaku* or an ancient court dance with music is performed at the Shrine from 8 pm to 9 pm.

Access : (1) The Keio Inokashira Line to Ikenoue Sta., and then walk 7 min.
(2) The Odakyu Line to Shimokitazawa Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 12 min.

世田谷区代沢 北澤八幡神社

「北澤八幡神社例大祭」

最寄駅: (1) 京王井の頭線池ノ上(うえ) 駅より徒歩7分
(2) 小田急線下北沢駅(南口)より徒歩12分

Sep.3 & Sep.4

Annual Festival of Senzokuike Hachimangu Shrine, Ota-ku. *Jindai-kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music is performed in the precincts of the Shrine, from 7 pm to 9 pm on the 3rd, and from 2 pm to 9 pm on the 4th. On the 4th, *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) carried by townspeople parades through the town from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm. About 60 open-air stalls are set up at the Shrine and around Senzokuike Pond on both days.

Access : The Tokyo Ikegami Line to Senzokuike Sta., and then walk 5 min.

大田区 洗足池八幡宮(千束八幡神社)

「洗足池八幡宮例大祭」

最寄駅: 東急池上線洗足池駅より徒歩5分

◇ Sep.3 & Sep.4

OH ! E-DO DANCE Matsuri 2011 Festival features a creative modern dancing event for youths and school children in groups, held at the Tomin Hiroba square in the Tokyo Metropolitan Government site from 12:30 to 5 pm on the 3rd, and on Tocho-dori Ave. and at Tomin Hiroba from 10 am to 5 pm on the 4th. They dance to the tune of Japanese popular music of some decades ago.

Access : The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Tocho-mae Sta. (E 28)

新宿区 都民広場(都庁敷地内) 都庁通り

「大江戸舞祭2011」

最寄駅: 地下鉄都営大江戸線都庁前駅

◇ Sep.7 & Sep.8

Annual Festival of Hakusan Shrine, Kami-Ogi, Sugunami-ku. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried by townspeople wearing "*Happi* coats" parade in the neighborhood of the Shrine from 11 am to around 6 pm on the 7th. *Kagura* (*Shinto* dance with music) is performed in the precincts from 10 am to 9 pm on the 8th.

Access : The JR Chuo Line or the Marunouchi Subway Line to Ogikubo Sta., (M 01) West Exit, and then walk 3 min.

杉並区上荻 白山神社

「荻窪白山神社例大祭」

最寄駅: JR中央線又は丸ノ内線荻窪駅(西口)より徒歩3分

◇ Sep.8 & Sep.9

Ninomiya Jinja Shoga Matsuri or Ginger Root Festival of Ninomiya Shrine, Akiruno, on the outskirts of Tokyo. The festival features open-air stalls selling fresh ginger roots, and stall-holders shouting "Protect against evils." or "If you take ginger roots, you'll be free from colds.", from 11:30 am on the 9th. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade in the neighborhood from 11:30 am to 7 pm, and then *Kabuki* or a traditional Japanese drama is played by children at the Shrine from 7:30 pm on the 9th.

Access : The JR Itsukaichi Line to Higashi-Akiru Sta., and then walk 5 min.

あきる野市 二宮神社

「二宮神社ショウガまつり」

最寄駅: JR五日市線東秋留駅より徒歩5分

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◎ Sep.10 & Sep.11

Omikoshi-Togyo & Rengo Mikoshi-Togyo or Kichijoji Autumn Festival is one of the biggest events in Kichijoji on the outskirts of Tokyo. Musashino Hachimangu Shrine' *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) and over ten other towns' *Mikoshi* are carried on Heiwa-dori Street and other main streets of the city, from 11 am to 6 pm on the 10th, and from 1 pm to 6 pm on the 11th.

<<http://www.musashino-cci.biz/ea-wf9.html>>

Access : The Keio Line or the JR Chuo Line to Kichijoji Sta.

吉祥寺駅周辺 武蔵野八幡宮

「大神輿渡御及び連合神輿渡御(吉祥寺秋まつり)」

最寄駅: 京王線又はJR中央線吉祥寺駅

Sep.11 ~ Sep.21

Dara-Dara Matsuri Festival of Shiba Daijingu Shrine, Minato-ku. The festival is also known as "*Shoga Matsuri*" or Ginger Root Festival. Open-air stalls selling fresh ginger roots are set up from 10 am daily during the festival period. On the 17th, *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) are carried in the neighborhood of the Shrine in the daytime.

Access : (1)The Toei Asakusa or Oedo Subway Line to Daimon Sta., (A 09, E 20) and then walk 3 min.

(2)The JR Yamanote Line to Hamamatsucho Sta., and then walk 5 min.

港区 芝大神宮

「だらだらまつり(生姜まつり)」

最寄駅: (1) 都営浅草線大門駅より徒歩3分

(2) JR山手線浜松町駅より徒歩5分

◎ Sep.11 ~ Sep.25

Grand Sumo Tournament at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall, Sumida-ku. *Dohyo-iri* or the ring-entering ceremony by *Yokozuna* (the grand champion) takes place around 4 pm daily. The main bouts by *Maku-uchi Rikishi* (upper-rank sumo wrestlers) start after that. Advance tickets are sold at convenience store LAWSON, Ticket Pia, and so on or also at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall (Tel: 0570-02-9310), all from Aug. 6th. Unreserved-seat tickets (on the 3rd floor) are available only on the day starting at 8 am on a first-come, first-served basis, at Ryogoku Kokugikan Hall daily, each for ¥2,100. The number of the tickets is limited to 300 daily.

Access : The JR Sobu Line or the Toei Oedo Subway Line to Ryogoku Sta. (E 12)

墨田区 両国国技館

「大相撲秋場所」

最寄駅: JR総武線又は地下鉄都営大江戸線両国駅

◇ Sep.12 & Sep.13

Annual Festival of Nogi Shrine, Nogizaka, Minato-ku. The *Shinto* rites take place from 10 am to 11 am on the 13th. About 100 beautiful lanterns with pictures painted by famous painters are hung under the eaves of the Shrine from 9 am to 5 pm on both days.

Access : The Chiyoda Subway Line to Nogizaka Sta. (C 05), and then walk 1 min.

港区 乃木神社

「乃木神社例祭」

最寄駅: 千代田線乃木坂駅より徒歩1分

Sep.12

Kangen-sai or Court Music Festival at Hie Shrine, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku. The festival is associated with the mid-autumn full moon. *Bugaku* or ancient court dance, *Gagaku* or court music, and *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music are performed in the precincts from 6 pm to around 8 pm. Admission is ¥3,000. Tickets are sold at the Shrine from the end of August until Sep. 12th.

Access : (1)The Ginza or Namboku Subway Line to Tameike-Sanno Sta. (G 06, N 06)

(2)The Ginza or Marunouchi Subway Line to Akasaka-Mitsuke Sta. (G 05, M 13)

(3)The Chiyoda or Marunouchi Subway Line to Kokkai-Gijidomae Sta. (C 07, M 14)

千代田区永田町 日枝神社

「管絃祭」

最寄駅: (1) 銀座線又は南北線溜池山王駅

(2) 銀座線又は丸ノ内線赤坂見附駅

(3) 千代田線又は丸ノ内線国会議事堂前駅

Sep.16 ~ Sep.18

Annual Festival of Kasai Shrine, Higashi-Kanamachi, Katsushika-ku. On the 16th, *Ohayashi* or festival music is played by children in the precincts from 5 pm to 7 pm. *Sato-kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music is performed in the precincts from time to time, and each town's *Mikoshi* parades in its own town continually from 9 am to 9 pm on the 17th and 18th.

Access : The JR Joban Line (or the Chiyoda Subway Line) to Kanamachi Sta., and then walk 10 min.

葛飾区 葛西神社

「葛西神社例大祭」

最寄駅: JR常磐線(千代田線乗り入れ)金町駅より徒歩10分

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Sep.17 & Sep.18

Autumn Festival of Juniso Kumano Shrine, near Shinjuku Chuo Koen Park, Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade on Shinjuku-dori Street, the Kabuki-cho area and the Shinjuku Nishiguchi Hiroba square from 1 pm to 5 pm on the 18th. Demonstrations of *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music, acrobatic feats, a comic chat, and a music show are scheduled at the Shrine from 7 pm to 9 pm on both days.

Access : (1)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Tocho-mae Sta. (E 28), and then walk 5 min.
(2)Take Keio Bus from Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit), and then get off at Juniso Ikeno-shita Bus Stop. (the 2nd stop from Shinjuku Sta.)
(3)The JR Line or the Marunouchi Subway Line to (M 08), and then walk 15 min.

新宿区西新宿 十二社熊野神社
「十二社熊野神社秋祭」

最寄駅: (1)地下鉄都営大江戸線 都庁前駅より徒歩5分
(2)新宿駅西口より京王バスで十二社池の下、下車(新宿から2ツ目のバス停)
(3)JR又は地下鉄丸の内線新宿駅より徒歩15分

◇ Sep.17 & Sep.18

Annual Festival of Nezu Shrine, Nezu, Bunkyo-ku. *Two Kagura* (*Shinto* dance with music), *Urayasu-no-mai* from 7 pm on the 17th and 18th, and *Sanza-no-mai* from 2 pm on the 18th, are performed in the precincts of the Shrine. Open-air stalls are set up from 12 noon to 8 pm on both days.

<<http://www.nedujinja.or.jp/maturi/g.html>>

Access : The Chiyoda Subway Line to Nezu Sta. (C 14) or Sendagi Sta. (C 15), or the Namboku Subway Line to Todaimae Sta. (N 12), and then walk 5 min.

文京区 根津神社
「根津神社大祭」

最寄駅: 千代田線根津駅又は千駄木駅、南北線東大前駅下車、各駅より徒歩5分

Sep.17 ~ Sep.19

Annual Festival of Akagi Shrine, Akagi-Motomachi, Shinjuku-ku. On the 17th and 18th, town's *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) parade through its town in the daytime, and entertainments such as a music show and a comic chat are held from 7 pm on both days. On the 19th, *Sato-Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music is performed at the Shrine continually from 9 am to 5 pm.

Access : The Subway Tozai Line to Kagurazaka Sta. (T 05)

新宿区赤城神社
「赤城神社大祭」

最寄駅: 東西線神楽坂駅

◇ Sep.17 & Sep.18

Annual Festival of Hikawa Shrine, Yakumo, Meguro-ku. *Tsurugi-no-mai* or dance with a sword and *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music are performed continually from 10 am to 7 pm on the 17th. *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried by townspeople parade in the neighborhood of the Shrine on the 18th. Open-air stalls are set up in the precincts and on the approach to the Shrine from 10 am to 9 pm on both days.

Access : The Tokyu Toyoko Line to Toritsu-Daigaku Sta., and then walk 10 min.

目黒区八雲 氷川神社
「氷川神社大祭」

最寄駅: 東急東横線都立大学駅より徒歩10分

◎ Sep.23 ~ Sep.25

Heiwajima Antique Fair at Tokyo Ryutsu Center, Heiwajima, Ota-ku, is held with about 250 antique dealers participating in, from 10 am to 5 pm (but to 4 pm on the 25th).

Access : The Tokyo Monorail Line originating at Hamamatsucho Sta. to Ryutsu Center Sta.

大田区平和島 東京流通センター
「平和島全国古民具骨董祭り」

最寄駅: 浜松町駅より東京モノレール「流通センター」駅

◇ Sep.23

Aiba-no-Hi or the Horse Day is celebrated at JRA Baji-Koen (park). It features various traditional equestrian events and local performing arts associated with horses, such as *Yabusame* or horseback archery, *Horohiki* or a man wearing a long flag on his back riding on a horse and so on. Horse-riding experience is available from 11 am to 3 pm, on a first-come, first-served basis. The site is open to the public for free of charge from 9 am to 5 pm on the day.

<<http://japanracing.jp/en/index.html>>

Access : (1)The Tokyu Den'entoshi Line to Sakura Shimmachi Sta., and then walk 15 min.

(2) 20 min. by bus for Seijo-Gakuen or Chofu-eki Minami-guchi from Shibuya Sta., and then get off at Nodai-mae Bus Stop.

世田谷区 JRA馬事公苑
「愛馬の日」

最寄駅: (1) 東急田園都市線桜新町駅より徒歩15分
(2) 渋谷駅より成城学園行又は調布駅南口行バスで20分、農大前下車

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Sep.24 & Sep.25

Fukuro Matsuri Festival of Mitake Shrine, Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku. On the 24th, folk dancing and a music show by popular artists are scheduled on the markshift stage in front of the JR Ikebukuro station (West Exit) in the daytime. On the 25th, a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) accompanied by *Taiko* drumming is scheduled on the shopping streets from 6 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／御獄神社例大祭」
最寄駅：JR山手線池袋駅(西口)

Sep.24 & Sep.25

Annual Festival of Yabo Temmangu Shrine, Kunitachi, on the outskirts of Tokyo. On the 24th, a parade of people with lanterns is held in the neighborhood of the Shrine from 8 pm to 9 pm. On the 25th, a parade of *Mando*, twelve poles decorated with artificial flowers and pictures, leisurely proceeds from Yaho Sta. to the Shrine from 12 noon to around 2 pm. And then, *Koshiki-Shishi-mai* or traditional Lion Dance from 3 pm, and *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music from 5 pm, are performed at the Shrine.

<<http://www.yabotenmangu.or.jp/schedule.html>>

Access : The JR Nambu Line to Yaho Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 3 min.

国立市 谷保天満宮
「谷保天満宮例大祭」
最寄駅：JR南武線谷保駅北口より徒歩3分

◎ Sep.25 ~ Sep.27

Annual Festival of Kaichu Inari Shrine, Hyakunincho, Shinjuku-ku. The highlight of the festival is a parade of *Teppo Hyakunintai* (100 sharpshooters of the Edo period) and a demonstration of their shooting. They start from the Shrine at 10 am, stopping by Okubo-dori (street), Otakibashi-dori, Shokuan-dori, Nishi-Toyama Elementary School, Hyakunin-cho 3-chome, Nishi-Toyama-Koen (park), and then come back to the Shrine at 2:10 pm.

Access : (1) The JR Yamanote Line to Shin-Okubo Sta., and then walk 2 min. to the Shrine.

(2) The JR Chuo Line to Okubo Sta., and then walk 10 min. to the Shrine.

新宿区 皆中稲荷神社
「皆中稲荷神社大祭」

最寄駅：(1) JR山手線新大久保駅より神社へ徒歩2分
(2) JR中央線大久保駅より神社へ徒歩10分

◇ Sep.25

Ningyo Kuyo or a funeral mass for used dolls is annually held in the compound of Kiyomizu Kannondo Temple in Ueno Park. Japanese people often humanize their dolls. When they are not able to keep them any longer, they bring these dolls to this temple for a funeral mass for them. After a religious ritual, those dolls are cremated from 2 pm to 4 pm on this day.

Access : The JR Yamanote Line, the Ginza or Hibiya Subway Line to Ueno Sta. (G 16, H 17), and then walk 7 min.

台東区 清水観音堂
「人形供養」

最寄駅：JR山手線、地下鉄銀座線又は日比谷線上野駅より徒歩7分

◇ Sep.30 ~ Oct.2

Annual Festival of Igusa Hachimangu Shrine, Sugunami-ku. The festival is highlighted by *Jinkosai*, a parade of Shrine's *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) accompanied by floats on which people beat a huge Japanese *Taiko* (drum), and play *Ohayashi* (festival music), going on Ome Kaido (old highway) in the neighborhood from 1 pm to around 4 pm on the 2nd.

<<http://www.igusahachimangu.jp/index2.html>>

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

B. KANTO 関東

◇ ◎ Sep.1 & Sep.2

Kashima Go-Jinko-sai Festival of Kashima Jingu Shrine, Kashima, Ibaraki Pref. On the 1st, *Chochin-machi*, in which worshipers hang hundreds of paper lanterns in the eighteen bamboo trees each of over 10 meters in height, and bring them all, one by one into the sacred fire kindled in the precincts, is held from around 4 pm to 8 pm. And then, *Mikoshi* (a portable shrine) proceeds from the Shrine for *Okariya* (a portable shrine resting place).

Access : Walk 7 min. from Kashima Jingu Sta. on the JR Kashima Line, or 2 hrs. by bus from Tokyo Sta. (South Exit on Yaesu Side) and get off at Kashima Jingu-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.

茨城県鹿嶋市 鹿島神宮
「鹿島御神幸祭」

最寄駅：JR鹿島線鹿島神宮駅下車徒歩7分、又は東京駅八重洲南口よりバスで2時間、鹿島バスターミナル下車徒歩5分

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Sep.9~ Sep.13

Kangetsu-kai or moon-viewing meeting is held at Sankei-en, a Japanese-style stroll garden, Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref. Japanese traditional performances such as Biwa or Japanese lutes on the 9th, *Koto* or Japanese thirteen-stringed musical instruments on the 10th and 12th, *Gagaku* or Japanese ancient court music on the 11th and cello music on the 13th, are scheduled from 6:15 pm to 8:15 pm daily during the period. Admission is ¥500 for an adult, ¥200 for a child.

<http://www.sankeien.or.jp/event/14.html>

Access : (1)The JR Keihin Tohoku Line from Tokyo or the JR Negishi Line from Yokohama to Negishi Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus to Hommoku Bus Stop, and then walk 7 min.

(2)From JR Yokohama Sta. (East Exit), 30 min. by bus to Hommoku Sankeien-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.

神奈川県横浜市 三溪園
「観月会」

最寄駅: (1)東京からJR京浜東北線、又は横浜からJR根岸線で根岸駅へ、そこからバスで10分、本牧下車、徒歩7分
(2)JR横浜駅(東口)よりバスで30分、本牧三溪園前下車、徒歩3分

◇ Sep.13

Kazusa Junisha Matsuri Festival at Tamasaki Shrine, Ichinomiya-machi, Chiba Pref. The festival has a 1,200-year history and is known as "*Hadaka Matsuri*" or a naked festival. The highlight of the festival is *Jinkosai*, in which nine *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried by hundreds of loin-clothed youth, rush along to Tsurigasaki Beach, where *Mikoshi* jostle with each other from 1 pm until 3 pm. Then all the *Mikoshi* return to the Shrine at around 7 pm.

<http://www.ichinomiya.org/event/event02.html>

Access : The JR Sotobo Line to Kazusa-Ichinomiya Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Tamasaki Shrine.

Note : "*Junisya*" means twelve Shrines.

千葉県一宮町 玉前神社 釣ヶ崎海岸
「上総十二社祭(裸祭)」

最寄駅: 玉前神社へはJR外房線上総一ノ宮駅から徒歩5分

◇ ◎ Sep.14~ Sep.16

Annual Festival of Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref., an one-hour train ride from Tokyo Sta. On the 15th, *Yaotome-no-mai* or Japanese dances are performed at *Maiden* (a dancing stage) in the precincts of the Shrine at 11 am, and a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) is scheduled on Wakamiya-oji Street from 1 pm to 3 pm. On the 16th, *Yabusame* or horseback archery is held in the precincts from 1 pm to around 3 pm.

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
「鶴岡八幡宮例大祭」

最寄駅: JR横須賀線鎌倉駅より徒歩10分

◇ ◎ Sep.17~ Sep.19

Ishioka Matsuri Festival of Hitachinokuni Soshagu, Ishioka, Ibaraki Pref., is noted for its *Horojishi* or floats each drawn by a man wearing a huge and vigorous lion headgear. On the 17th, *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) accompanied by thirteen floats and twenty-five *Horojishi* parade from 2 pm to 4 pm. On the 18th, the *Horojishi* floats from 3 pm to 4 pm, and the thirteen floats from 7 pm to 8 pm, parade through the city. Many other events are scheduled at the Shrine on the 18th, including *Sumo* tournaments from 10:30 am, and *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music from 1 pm. On the 19th, *Mikoshi* parade through the city from 2 pm to 4 pm.

<http://www.city.ishioka.lg.jp/index.php?oid=3835&dtype=1000&pid=236>

Access : The JR Joban Line to Ishioka Sta., and then walk 10-15 min.

茨城県石岡市 常陸国総社宮
「石岡まつり」

最寄駅: JR常磐線石岡駅より徒歩10~15分

◇ Sep.18

Menkake Gyoretsu or a masked parade at Goryo Shrine, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref. *Kagura* or *Shinto* dance with music is performed in the precincts from around 1 pm. *Menkake-Gyoretsu* or a parade of men wearing grotesque and comical masks, followed by *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) start from the Shrine at 2 pm, and go through the neighborhood until 4 pm.

Access : 5 min. by the Enoden Line from Kamakura Sta. to Hase Sta., and then walk 3 min.

神奈川県鎌倉市 御霊神社
「面掛行列」

最寄駅: 鎌倉から江ノ電で5分、長谷駅下車徒歩3分

◇ Sep.18~ Sep.20

Ikaho Matsuri Festival, Ikaho-machi, Shibukawa, Gunma Pref., is noted for its parade of *Taru-Mikoshi* or cask-shaped portable shrines. Townspeople carrying *Taru-Mikoshi* jostle with one another on the steps leading to Ikaho Shrine from 8 pm. The festival reaches its climax around 9 pm daily during the festival period.

Access : The JR Jo'etsu Line to Shibukawa Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus for Ikaho Onsen, and then get off at Ikaho Onsen Bus Stop.

群馬県渋川市伊香保町 伊香保神社
「伊香保まつり」

最寄駅: JR上越線渋川駅伊香保温泉行きバスで30分、伊香保温泉下車

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in September 2011

◇ Sep.19 & Sep.20

Annual Festival of Samukawa Shrine, Samukawa-machi, Kanagawa Pref., features *Yabusame* or horseback archery in the precincts from 2 pm to around 4 pm on the 19th. A demonstration of Japanese martial arts, such as *Kendo & Karate* from 1 pm, and Japanese folk dancing on the makeshift stage from 6 pm, is scheduled at the Shrine on the 20th.

Access : (1) The JR Sagami Line to Miyayama Sta., and then walk 5 min.
(2) 20-30 min. by bus from Chigasaki Sta. on the JR Tokaido Honsen Line, and then get off at Samukawa Jinja Bus Stop.

神奈川県寒川町 寒川神社

「寒川神社大祭」

最寄駅: (1) JR相模線宮山駅より徒歩5分

(2) JR東海道本線茅ヶ崎駅よりバスで20~30分、寒川神社下車

◇ ◎ Sep.23 & Sep.24

Ohara Hadaka Matsuri or the naked festival of Ohara Shrine, Ohara, Isumi, Chiba Pref. On the 23rd, eighteen *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried by men wearing loin-clothes jostle with one another in the sea at Kaisuiyokujo Beach from around 1 pm until 3 pm. This is the climax of the festival called "*Shiofumi*." And then all the *Mikoshi* parade on the shopping streets of the town from around 5:30 pm until 10 pm, and from 4:30 pm to around 10 pm on the 24th.

Access : The JR Sotobo Line to Ohara Sta., and then walk 20 min. to the school and the beach.

千葉県いすみ市 大原神社

「大原 はだかまつり」

最寄駅: 小学校と海岸へはJR外房線大原駅より徒歩20分

Sep.24 & Sep.25

Hadano Tabako Matsuri or the tobacco festival, Hadano, Kanagawa Pref. Hadano once thrived on tobacco industry. On the 24th, *Mikoshi* (two portable shrines) parade from Hadano-bashi Bridge to Honcho Elementary School from 4 pm to 7 pm. On the 25th, a parade of a thousand of folk dancers is held on the main street of the city from 12:40 pm to 5:10 pm and a demonstration of *Taiko* Japanese drumming is held from 1 pm to 1:50 pm. A fireworks display is scheduled over the Mizunashi River from 6:30 pm to 7 pm on the 25th.

<<http://www.kankou-hadano.org/tabakomatsuri64/index.html>>

Access : The Odakyu Line to Hadano Sta., and then walk 7 min to Honcho Elementary School.

神奈川県秦野市

「秦野たばこ祭り」

最寄駅: 小田急線秦野駅より徒歩7分で本町小学校

◇ Sep.24

Yassa Matsuri Festival at Wakamiya Hachimangu Shrine, Minakami-machi, Gunma Pref. The festival has a 400-year history. Youths wearing loin-clothes jostle each other in the precincts of the Shrine, shouting "Yassa, Yassa," and vie with one another climbing up the pillars for the bell attached to the top of the ceiling in the Shrine from 7 pm to 9 pm.

<<http://www.0278.biz/info/yassa09.html>>

Access : The JR Jo'etsu Line to Gokan Sta., and then walk 20 min. or 5 min. by taxi.

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「ヤッサ祭り」

最寄駅: JR上越線後閑駅より徒歩20分、又はタクシーで5分