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Calendar Events to be enjoyed in August 2010



A. Tokyo 東京

◇ Jul.28 ~ Aug.3

Asagao-ten or an exhibition of potted morning glories is held near the tennis courts in Hibiya Park, Chiyoda-ku, during the period. Flowers of morning glories are in bloom usually in the morning (until around 10 am) in summer.

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

千代田区 日比谷公園
「朝顔展」

最寄駅: 地下鉄日比谷線、千代田線又は都営三田線日比谷駅

Jul.31 & Aug.1

Furusato Kumin Matsuri, or Setagaya Summer Festival at Baji Koen (park), Setagaya-ku. Main events are as follows: (1) On July 31st, *Taiko* Japanese drumming from 11:05 am & from 12:05 pm, *Bon Odori* & *Awa Odori*, a folk dancing meet from 6:30 pm to 7:55 pm, (2) On the 1st, *Taiko* drumming from 12 noon to 12:20 pm, a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) from 2 pm to 4 pm, and a popular music concert from 7 pm to 8:30 pm. Many more events are scheduled on both days.

Access: (1) The Tokyu Den-en Toshi Line to Sakura-Shinmachi Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2) 30 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
「ふるさと区民まつり」

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30分
農大前下車

Aug.1 ~ Aug.8

Hono Asagao-ten or an exhibition of potted morning glories is held at Yasukuni Shrine, Chiyoda-ku, from 6 am daily during the period. Flowers of morning glories usually can be seen until around 10 am. A class of making pressed Asagao flowers is held for children from around 8 am to 9 am every day during the period.

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

千代田区 靖国神社

「奉納あさがお展」

最寄駅: 地下鉄東西線、半蔵門線又は都営新宿線九段下駅

Aug.2 ~ Aug.4

Setomono Ichi, Ceramic Fair is held on Ningyocho O-dori street between Suitengu-mae and Ningyocho intersections, Chuo-ku, from 9:30 am to 8 pm during the period.

Access: (1) The Hibiya or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Ningyocho Sta.
(2) The Hanzomon Subway Line to Suitengu-mae Sta.

中央区日本橋 人形町大通り

「せともの市」

最寄駅: (1) 日比谷線、都営浅草線人形町駅
(2) 半蔵門線水天宮前駅

◇ © Aug.4 & Aug.5

Mitama Matsuri, Soul Festival of Ikegami Honmonji Temple, Ota-ku, features *Bon Odori*, a folk dancing meet in the precincts, from 7 pm to 9 pm on both days. When it rains, it will be postponed to the 6th.

Access: (1) The Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Nishi-Magome Sta., and then walk 10 min.
(2) The Tokyu Ikegami Line to Ikegami Sta., and then walk 10 min.

大田区 池上本門寺

「みたままつり」

最寄駅: (1) 都営浅草線西馬込駅より徒歩10分
(2) 東急池上線池上駅より徒歩10分

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◇ Aug.4 ~ Aug.7

Tsukiji Honganji Noryo Bon Odori Taikai, or a folk dancing meet, open to the public at Tsukiji Honganji Temple, Chuo-ku. *Wadaiko* drumming is demonstrated from 5 pm, and then *Bon Odori* folk dancing is held from around 8 pm to 9 pm on the 4th, 5th & 6th, and from 7 pm to 8:30 pm on the 7th. When it rains, hours of *Wadaiko* and folk dancing will be subject to change, or these will be canceled.

Access : The Hibiya Subway Line to Tsukiji Sta.

中央区 築地本願寺

「築地本願寺納涼盆踊り大会」

最寄駅: 日比谷線築地駅

◎ Aug.5 ~ Aug.8

Fussa Tanabata Matsuri, or Star Festival, Fussa, about a 90-min. train ride from Tokyo Sta., features a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) & floats from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm, and *Min-yo-odori*, a folk dancing parade from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, both on the city's main streets on the 6th. *Soran Matsuri*, a folk dancing show is held in front of West Exit of JR Fussa Sta. from 3:15 pm to 4 pm on the 7th. Some more events are scheduled during the festival period.

Access : The JR Ome Line to Fussa Sta.

福生市

「福生七夕まつり」

最寄駅: JR青梅線福生駅

Aug.5 ~ Aug.9

Asagaya Tanabata Matsuri, or Star Festival, is held in the shopping area near JR Asagaya Sta. (South Exit) from around 10 am to 10 pm daily during the period. Various decorations of colored paper streamers and strips along the shopping streets delight the eyes of people.

Access : (1)The JR Chuo Line to Asagaya Sta.
(2)The Marunouchi Subway Line to Minami-Asagaya Sta.

杉並区 阿佐ヶ谷駅南口商店街

「阿佐ヶ谷七夕まつり」

最寄駅: (1)JR中央線阿佐ヶ谷駅
(2)丸ノ内線南阿佐ヶ谷駅

◎ Aug.6 ~ Aug.8

Hachioji Matsuri Festival, Hachioji in the suburbs of Tokyo, a one-hour train ride from Shinjuku Sta. Major events are as follows: (1) On the 6th, an exhibition of carved ice sculptures on Yu-road from 3:20 pm to 6 pm, (2) On the 7th, a demonstration of *Kanto-Taiko* drumming from 2 pm to 4 pm, *Min-yo-nagashi*, a folk dancing parade from 4 pm to 6 pm, and a parade of floats & *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) from 6 pm to 9:30 pm, all these held on Koshu-kaido, old Highway, (3) On the 8th, *Shishi-mai*, Lion Dance on Yu-road from 2 pm to 4 pm, Hachiman Yakumo Shrine's *Mikoshi* parading from Fudanotsuji intersection to Hachiman Yakumo Shrine from 2 pm to 6 pm, and Taga Shrine's portable shrine, weighing 3,750 kilograms, being carried by people on Koshu-kaido from 3 pm to 6 pm.

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

八王子市 多賀神社 八幡八雲神社

「八王子まつり」

最寄駅: JR中央線又は京王線八王子駅

Aug.7

Edogawa Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) is held over the Edogawa River, Edogawa-ku, from 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm (14,000 fireworks). In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 8th.

Access : (1)The Toei Shinjuku Subway Line to Shinozaki Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(2)The JR Sobu Line to Ichikawa Sta., and then walk 15 min.
(3)The JR Sobu Line to Koiwa Sta., and then walk 25 min.

江戸川区 江戸川河川敷

「江戸川区花火大会」

最寄駅: (1)都営新宿線篠崎駅より徒歩15分
(2)JR総武線市川駅より徒歩15分
(3)JR総武線小岩駅より徒歩25分

Aug.7

Itabashi Hanabi Taikai, Fireworks Display over the upstream of the Arakawa River near Toda-bashi Bridge, Itabashi-ku, is scheduled from 7 pm to 8:45 pm (11,000 fireworks). In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 8th.

Access : (1)The Toei Mita Subway Line to Nishidai Sta., Hasune Sta. or Takashimadaira Sta., and then walk 30 min.
(2)The JR Saikyo Line to Ukima-Funado Sta., and then walk 30 min.

板橋区 戸田橋上流の荒川

「いたばし花火大会」

最寄駅: (1)都営三田線西台駅、蓮根駅又は高島平駅より徒歩30分
(2)JR埼京線浮間船渡駅より徒歩30分

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Aug.7 & Aug.8

Oshima Natsu Matsuri or Oshima Summer Festival, Motomachi in Oshima Island. A fireworks display is held over Motomachi Port from 9 pm to around 9:30 pm on the 7th. In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 8th. Many stalls are set up on Motomachi Naka-dori street in the evening on both days.

Access : About 1 hr. 45 min. - 2 hrs. 20 min. by Tokai Kisen ferryboat from Takeshiba Pier to Oshima Okada Pier. From there, 20 min. by bus to Motomachi Bus Stop. (The Yurikamome Line from Shimbashi Sta. to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk 1 min. to the pier, or the JR Yamanote Line to Hamamatsucho Sta., and then walk 7 min. to the pier.)

大島元町
「大島夏祭り」

最寄駅: JR山手線浜松町駅から徒歩7分、又はゆりかもめ竹芝駅より徒歩1分の竹芝桟橋よりフェリー(東海汽船)で1時間45分~2時間20分大島岡田港下船、バスで20分元町下車

Aug.11

Noryo Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) is held in Hachijojima Island, from 8:20 pm to around 9 pm (about 1,000 fireworks). In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 12th.

Access : About 11 hrs. by Tokai Kisen boat from Takeshiba Pier to Hachijojima Island. (The Yurikamome Line from Shimbashi Sta. to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk 1 min. to the pier, or the JR Yamanote Line to Hamamatsucho Sta., and then walk 7 min. to the pier.)

八丈島底土海水浴場
「納涼花火大会」

最寄駅: JR山手線浜松町駅から徒歩7分、又はゆりかもめ竹芝駅より徒歩1分の竹芝桟橋よりフェリー(東海汽船)で11時間、八丈島下船

Aug.13 ~ Aug.16

Fukagawa Hachimangu Matsuri or Annual Festival of Tomioka Hachimangu Shrine, Koto-ku. This festival is one of the Tokyo's Three Greatest Summer Festivals and called *Mizukake Matsuri*, literally meaning a festival in which people scattering water drops over *Mikoshi* carriers. *Kodomo-Mikoshi* (46 portable shrines carried by children) parade in the neighborhood from 9 am to 12 noon on the 15th. Many other events in the precincts are scheduled as follows; (1) On the 13th, *Kodomo-Kabuki*, traditional Japanese drama played by children from 3:30 pm, and *Taiko* drumming from 5 pm, (2) On the 14th, a demonstration of *Karate & Shorinji-Kempo*, Japanese martial arts from 3 pm, *Noh* classical Japanese stage art performance from 5:15 pm, and a folk dance performance from 6:30 pm, (3) On the 15th, *Taiko* drumming from 4 pm, and *Koto* (Japanese harp) music performance from 5:30 pm. The festival is smaller in scale this year.

Access : The Tozai Subway Line to Monzen-Nakacho Sta.

江東区 富岡八幡宮

「富岡八幡宮例大祭(深川八幡宮祭、別名水かけ祭)」

最寄駅: 東西線門前仲町駅

◎ Aug.14

Tokyo Bay Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) at Harumi Pier, from 7 pm to 8:20 pm (12,000 fireworks). In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be canceled.

Access : (1)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Kachidoki Sta., and then walk 15 min.

(2)The Yurakucho Subway Line to Toyosu Sta. or Tsukishima Sta., and then walk 20 min.

中央区 晴海埠頭

「東京湾大華火祭」

最寄駅: (1)都営大江戸線勝どき駅から徒歩15分
(2)有楽町線豊洲駅又は月島駅から徒歩20分

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Aug.19

Jingu Gaien Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) takes place at Jingu Kyujo Baseball Stadium in Jingu Gaien (Meiji Shrine Outer Garden), Shibuya-ku, from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm (12,000 fireworks), which is preceded by the music concerts in its vicinity, (1) at Nanshiki Kyujo (Baseball Park) from 3 pm and 4 pm, (2) at Jingu Kyujo Baseball Stadium from 4 pm and 5 pm, (3) at Kokuritsu Kyogi-jo (National Stadium) from 4 pm and 5:30 pm, and (4) at Chichibunomiya Rugby & Football Ground from 4 pm and 5:30 pm. For the tickets to all the four venues and further information, please contact Nikkan Sports Service Center far in advance, Tel. : 03-5550-8935. In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 20th.

Access : (1)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Kokuritsu Kyogijo Sta.
(2)The JR Sobu Line to Shinanomachi Sta. or Sendagaya Sta.
(3)The Ginza Subway Line to Gaien-mae Sta.

新宿区神宮球場

「神宮外苑花火大会」

最寄駅: (1)都営大江戸線国立競技場駅
(2)JR総武線信濃町駅 又は千駄ヶ谷駅
(3)銀座線外苑前駅

Aug.20 ~ Aug.22

Azabu Juban Noryo Matsuri or Summer Festival of Azabu Juban shopping streets, Minato-ku, features many stalls from 3 pm to 9 pm daily during the period, and **Bon Odori**, a folk dancing meet at a square near Roppongi Hills Arena from 5:30 pm to 9 pm on the 21st and 22nd. Some more events are scheduled during the period.

Access : (1)The Toei Oedo or Namboku Subway Line to Azabujuban Sta., and then walk 1 min.
(2)The Hibiya or Toei Oedo Subway Line to Roppongi Sta., and then walk 10 min.

港区 麻布十番商店街 六本木ヒルズアリーナ

「麻布十番納涼まつり」

最寄駅: (1) 都営大江戸線又は南北線麻布十番駅より徒歩1分
(2) 日比谷線又は都営大江戸線 六本木駅より徒歩10分

Aug.20 ~ Aug.22

Suwa Jinja Rei-Taisai or Annual Summer Festival of Suwa Shrine, Tachikawa, on the outskirts of Tokyo, features **Sumo** tournament for children in the precincts from 1 pm to 4 pm on the 21st, a parade of **Mikoshi** (portable shrines) and floats on the city's main streets from 1 pm to 6:30 pm on the 22nd (passing near JR Tachikawa Sta. at around 1:30 pm to 3 pm). **Shishi-mai**, Lion Dance is performed in the precincts of the Shrine from 4 pm, both on the 21st and the 22nd.

Access : The JR Chuo Line to Tachikawa Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 12 min.

立川市 諏訪神社

「諏訪神社例大祭」

最寄駅: JR中央線立川駅(南口)より徒歩12分

Aug.21 & Aug.22

Noryo Bon Odori, a folk dancing meet, open to the public, is held at Shinjuku Chuo Koen park, Shinjuku-ku, from around 6 pm to 9 pm on the 21st, and from 6 pm to 8:30 pm on the 22nd. When it rains, it will be canceled.

Access : (1)The Marunouchi Subway Line to Nishi-Shinjuku Sta., and then walk 3 min.
(2)Walk 10 min. from JR Shinjuku Sta. (West Exit).
(3)The Toei Oedo Subway Line to Tochomae Sta., and then walk 3 min.

新宿区 新宿中央公園(水の広場)

「納涼盆踊り大会」

最寄駅: (1)地下鉄丸の内線西新宿駅より徒歩3分
(2)JR新宿駅(西口)より徒歩10分
(3)都営大江戸線都庁前駅より徒歩3分

Aug.21 ~ Aug.25

Kameido Tenjin Taisai or Annual Summer Festival of Kameido Tenjin, Koto-ku. **Horen**, a gorgeous palanquin (cart) is drawn by local people in the neighborhood from 7 am to 5 pm on the 21st. A parade of 25 towns' **Mikoshi** goes on Kuramae-dori street from early morning to around 1 pm on the 22nd. On the 25th, 1,100 **Kentomyo**, lighted lanterns are lit up from around 7 pm, and then **Takigi-kagura** or torch-lighted **Shinto** dance is performed to the accompaniment with the music in the precincts of the Shrine.

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

江東区 亀戸天神

「亀戸天神大祭」

最寄駅: JR総武線亀戸駅より徒歩15分

Aug.28

Asakusa Samba Carnival, or a samba dancing parade, Asakusa, Taito-ku. About 4,500 participants in samba attire parade on Kaminarimon-dori and Umamichi-dori streets near Sensoji Temple, from 1:30 pm to 6 pm.

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

台東区 浅草寺界隈(雷門通)

「浅草サンバカーニバル」

最寄駅: 銀座線又は都営浅草線浅草駅

◇◎Aug.28 & Aug.29

Koenji Awa Odori, a folk dance originated in Awa region in Tokushima Pref., is enjoyed and demonstrated by people going along the streets around Koenji Sta., Suginami-ku, Tokyo, from 6 pm to 9 pm on both days. When it rains heavily, it will be postponed to the 30th.

Access : The JR Chuo Line to Koenji Sta.

杉並区 高円寺駅前商店街

「高円寺阿波踊り」

最寄駅: JR中央線高円寺駅

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◇ ◎ Aug.28 & Aug.29

Super Yosakoi 2010, a big folk dancing event similar to that of Kochi Pref. in Shikoku Island, is held in Tokyo, and is participated by about 1,600 people from all over Japan. This dancing event takes place on Harajuku-Omotosando street, in Meiji-Jingu Shrine, in Yoyogi Koen park Event Square, and on Keyaki-Namiki-dori street in front of NHK. Regardless of the weather, the festival is held from 11 am to 8 pm on the 28th, and from 11 am to 5:30 pm on the 29th.

Access : The JR Yamanote Line to Harajuku Sta., the Chiyoda Subway Line to Meijijingu-mae Sta., the Chiyoda, Ginza or Hanzomon Subway Line to Omotesando Sta.

渋谷区 原宿表参道、明治神宮境内、代々木公園イベント広場、NHK前ケキ並木通り

「原宿表参道元気祭スーパーよさこい2010」

最寄駅: JR山手線原宿駅、地下鉄千代田線明治神宮前駅又は千代田線、銀座線、半蔵門線表参道駅

B. KANTO 関東

◇ Aug.2 & Aug.3

Yugawara Yassa Matsuri Festival, Yugawara-machi, Ashigara-Shimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref., features a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and *Yassa-Odori*, a parade of about 3,000 folk dancing people on the town's main streets from around 6 pm to 9:30 pm on the 2nd, and from 6 pm to 8 pm on the 3rd. A fireworks display is held over Yugawara Beach from 8:15 pm to 8:45 pm on the 3rd (about 4,700 fireworks). When it rains, the fireworks display will be postponed to the 6th.

Access : The JR Tokaido Line to Yugawara Sta., and then walk 20 min.

神奈川県足柄下郡湯河原町 湯河原海岸
「湯河原やっさまつり」

最寄駅: JR東海道線湯河原駅より徒歩20分

◇ Aug.1 ~ Aug.6

Yokosuka Kaikoku-sai Festival, Yokosuka, Kanagawa Pref. A brass band concert, a demonstration of street performances and a creative modern dance contest are scheduled at the park in front of City Hall from 11 am to 8 pm on the 1st. Many more events are scheduled at the park from 4 pm to 8 pm from the 2nd through the 6th.

Access : The Keihin Kyuko Line to Yokosuka-Chuo Sta., and then walk 7 min. to City Hall.

神奈川県横須賀市 横須賀市役所前公園
「よこすか開国祭」

最寄駅: 市役所:京浜急行横須賀中央駅下車徒歩7分

◇ Aug.1

Sagamiko Kojo-sai Festival of Lake Sagami on its shore, Sagami-hara, Kanagawa Pref. *Wadaiko* Japanese drumming is held from 4 pm, and a fireworks display is scheduled from 7:30 pm to 8:50 pm (5,000 fireworks). When it rains heavily, the fireworks display will be postponed to the 2nd.

Access : The JR Chuo Line to Sagami Sta., and then walk 10 min.

神奈川県相模原市 相模湖町及び藤野町相模湖
「相模湖湖上祭」

最寄駅: JR中央線相模湖駅下車、徒歩10分

◇ Aug.1 & Aug.2

Kasama Yasaka Shrine Gion Matsuri Festival of Kasama Yasaka Shrine, Kasama, Ibaraki Pref., features a giant *Mikoshi* (portable shrine) owned by the Shrine which is carried by about fifty grown-ups. It starts from the Shrine at 9 am, heading for *Otabisho*, a portable shrine resting place to arrive there at 9:30 pm on the 1st. On the 2nd, sixteen *Mikoshi* from each town are carried on the main streets of the city from 2 pm, being joined by Shrine's *Mikoshi* from around 6 pm, and eventually all the portable shrines are carried to the Shrine around 9:30 pm.

Access : The JR Mito Line to Kasama Sta. From there, 10 min. by bus for Tomobe or Inari Jinja, and then get off at Inari Jinja Bus Stop.

茨城県笠間市 笠間八坂神社
「笠間八坂神社祇園祭」

最寄駅: JR水戸線笠間駅より友部又は稲荷神社行バスで10分、稲荷神社下車

◇ Aug.3

Enoshima Noryo Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) is held over Nishi-hama Beach, Katase, Fujisawa, Kanagawa Pref., from 7:30 pm to 8 pm (about 1,200 fireworks). In case of rain or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 4th.

Access : The Odakyu Enoshima Line to Katase-Enoshima Sta., and then walk 5 min.

神奈川県藤沢市 片瀬西浜
「江ノ島納涼花火大会」

最寄駅: 小田急線片瀬江ノ島駅下車、徒歩5分

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◇ Aug.3 ~ Aug.5

Numata Matsuri Festival, Numata, Gumma Pref., features 10 *Mando* floats with lighted lanterns, 17 *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) carried by grown-ups, and 15 *Mikoshi* carried by children, all parading through the city continually from 1:30 pm to 10 pm daily during the period. A parade of two other huge *Mikoshi*, each with a 4-meter long mask of *Tengu* (half-man, half-bird Japanese folkloristic creature having long nose & red face) on top, carried by about 300 women in total, departs from Numata City Hall and goes through Honcho-dori street, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm on the 3rd and the 5th. Two other *Mikoshi*, one from Haruna Shrine and the other from Suwa Shrine, are carried in the town from around 5 pm and then, return to each Shrine at around 10 pm both on the 5th.

Access : The JR Joetsu Line to Numata Sta. From there, walk 15 min. to Numata City Hall or Honcho-dori Street.

群馬県沼田市 須賀神社 榛名神社 市役所 本町通りなどの市街地

「沼田まつり」

最寄駅: 市役所又は本町通りへはJR上越線沼田駅より徒歩15分

◇ Aug.5

Torii-yaki, or a ceremony of burning *Shinto Torii* gates on Lake Ashi, Hakone-machi, Ashigara Shimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref. This is one of the events of Hakone Ashinoko Summer Festival which is held from July 31st to Aug. 5th (except Aug. 3rd). A pair of 15-meter wooden *Torii* standing on the lake are set on fire, while a fireworks display starts at 8 pm, lasting until 8:40 pm (about 3,000 fireworks). When it rains heavily, all the events of the 5th will be postponed to the 10th.

Access : 1 hr. from Odawara Sta. or 40 min from Hakone-Yumoto Sta. by bus bound for Hakone-machi to Hakone-machi Bus Stop, the last stop.

神奈川県足柄下郡箱根町芦ノ湖畔

「鳥居焼まつり」

最寄駅: 小田原駅より箱根町行バスで1時間、又は箱根湯本駅からは箱根町行バスで40分終点の箱根町下車

Aug.6 ~ Aug.8

Mito Kohmon Matsuri Festival, Mito, Ibaraki Pref., features (1) a fireworks display over the Semba-ko lake from 7:30 pm to 9 pm on the 6th; (2) floats parade on the main streets continually from 10 am to 9 pm, in the Uwaichi area on the 7th and in the Shimoichi area on the 8th; (3) *Kohmon* Parade in the Shimoichi area from 11 am to 4 pm, and "*Shimin Carnival in Mito*" dancing event near the North Exit of JR Mito Sta. from 4:30 pm to 9 pm, both on the 7th; and (4) a parade of 15 *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) in the Shimoichi area from 10 am to 12:30 pm, and in the Uwaichi area from 2 pm to 6 pm, both on the 8th.

Access : (1) A fireworks display (Semba-ko): walk 10-15 min. from Mito Sta. (South Exit) on the JR Joban Line.
(2) The Uwaichi area: walk 5 min. from Mito Sta. (North Exit) on the JR Joban Line.
(3) The Shimoichi area: walk 30 min. from South Exit or 10 min. by bus bound for Hommachi or Hamadashako, and then get off at Hommachi-1chome Bus Stop.

Note : *Mito Kohmon: Mito Mitsukuni (1628 - 1701) One of the feudal lords in the Edo period.*

茨城県水戸市 千波湖 上市 下市

「水戸黄門まつり」

最寄駅: (1) 花火大会会場(千波湖)へはJR常磐線水戸駅南口から徒歩10-15分
(2) 上市(メインストリート)会場へはJR常磐線水戸駅北口から徒歩5分
(3) 下市会場へは南口から徒歩30分、又は本町経由か浜田車庫行バスに乗車(約10分)、本町1丁目バス停下車

Aug.6

Nikko Waraku Odori, a folk dancing meet, open to the public, around the pond on the ground of Furukawa Electric Co., Nikko, Tochigi Pref., is held from 7 pm to 10 pm.

Access : (1) 20 min. by bus from Tobu Nikko Sta. and then get off at Kiyotaki Bus Stop.
(2) Special bus (free) is available on the day from JR Nikko Sta. to the festival site.

栃木県日光市

「日光和楽踊り」

最寄駅: (1) 東武日光駅よりバスで20分、清滝下車
(2) 当日、JR日光駅より会場まで無料バス運行

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in August 2010

Aug.6 ~ Aug.8

Atsugi Ayu Matsuri Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display), Atsugi, Kanagawa Pref., is one of the major events of *Atsugi Ayu Matsuri*, sweet fish festival which is held from the 6th to the 8th. (1) On the 6th, popular music concerts are held open-air at Atsugi Chuo Koen park from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. (2) On the 7th, a fireworks display is held over the Sagami River, from 7 pm to 8:30 pm (10,000 fireworks). When it rains, it will be postponed to the 8th. (3) On the 8th, the event of catching *Ayu* is held for children near Sankawa-goryu point on the bank of the Sagami River from 11 am to 12:30 pm, and a parade of *Mikoshi* (portable shrines) and folk dancers is held on Nakamachi-O-dori street from 12:30 pm to 2:45 pm.

Access : The Odakyu Line to Hon-Atsugi Sta., and then walk 10-20 min.

神奈川県厚木市 相模川三川合流点河川敷 厚木中央公園 仲街大通り

「あつぎ鮎まつり大花火大会」

最寄駅: 小田急線本厚木駅より徒歩10~20分

Aug.7

Yokosuka Kaikoku Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) over Yokosuka Bay, Yokosuka, Kanagawa Pref., is scheduled from 7:30 pm to 8:10 pm (10,000 fireworks). When it rains, it will be postponed to the 8th.

Access : The Keihin Kyuko Line to Kenritsu-Daigaku Sta. and then walk 15 min. to Umikaze Koen, or to Yokosuka-Chuo Sta., and then walk 15 min. to Mikasa Koen.

神奈川県横須賀市 うみかぜ公園 みかさ公園

「よこすか開国祭開国花火大会」

最寄駅: 花火見物のお勧め場所:うみかぜ公園(京急県立大学駅 徒歩15分)、みかさ公園(京急横須賀中央駅徒歩15分)

Aug.7

Yorii Tamayodo Suitengu Matsuri Festival at Yorii-machi, Osato-gun, Saitama Pref., features *Funadashi*, or five houseboats decorated with lighted lanterns going down on the Arakawa River, under a fireworks display from 7 pm to 9 pm (about 5,000 fireworks). When it rains heavily, the fireworks display will be canceled.

Access : (1)1 hr. 30 min. from Ikebukuro Sta. by the Tobu Tojo Line to Tamayodo Sta. or to Yorii Sta., and then walk 15 min.

(2)54 min. from Ikebukuro Sta. by the JR Shonan Shinjuku Line to Kumagaya Sta. From there, 30 min by the Chichibu Railway to Yorii Sta., and then walk 15 min.

埼玉県大里郡寄居町 玉淀水天宮 荒川

「寄居玉淀水天宮祭り」

最寄駅: (1)池袋駅より東武東上線で1時間半、玉淀駅又は寄居駅から徒歩15分

(2)池袋駅よりJR湘南新宿線で54分、熊谷駅より秩父鉄道で30分寄居駅下車、徒歩15分

◇ Aug.7 & Aug.8

Irumagawa Tanabata Matsuri, or Star Festival in Sayama, Saitama Pref. Various decorations and bamboo trees with colored paper streamers and strips along the streets please the eyes of people. A fireworks display is scheduled over the Irumagawa River from 7:45 pm to 8:15 pm on the 7th (1,600 fireworks). When it rains heavily, the fireworks display will be postponed to the 8th.

Access : 1 hr. by the Seibu Shinjuku Line for Hon-Kawagoe originating at Seibu-Shinjuku Sta. to Sayamashi Sta.

埼玉県狭山市入間川

「入間川七夕まつり」

最寄駅: 西武新宿駅より西武新宿線本川越行きで1時間、狭山市駅下車

Aug.7

Odawara Sakawagawa River Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) at Sports Hiroba Square on the bank of the Sakawagawa River, Odawara, Kanagawa Pref., is scheduled from 7:10 pm to 8 pm (5,000 fireworks). When it rains heavily, it will be postponed to the 9th.

Access : The JR Tokaido Line to Kamonomiya Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 15 min.

神奈川県小田原市 小田原酒匂川スポーツ広場

「小田原酒匂川花火大会」

最寄駅: JR東海道線鴨宮駅(南口)下車、徒歩15分

◇ Aug.14 & Aug.21

Saitama-shi Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) is scheduled at two sites in Saitama, Saitama Pref., (1) at Omagi Koen park from 7:30 pm to 9 pm on the 14th (5,000 fireworks), and (2) at Iwatsuki-bunka Koen park from 7:30 pm to 9 pm on the 21st (3,500 fireworks). In case of rain or when with a strong wind, the fireworks display on the 14th will be postponed to the 15th, and the fireworks display on the 21st will be postponed to the 23rd.

Access : (1)Omagi Koen on the 14th: The JR Musashino Line to Higashi-Urawa Sta., and then walk 10 min.

(2)Iwatsuki-bunka Koen on the 21st: The Tobu Noda Line to Iwatsuki Sta., and then walk 35 min. (Shuttle buses are available on the day.)

埼玉県さいたま市 大間木公園 岩槻文化公園

「さいたま市花火大会」

最寄駅: (1)大間木公園会場: JR武蔵野線東浦和駅より徒歩10分

(2)岩槻文化公園会場: 東武野田線岩槻駅より徒歩35分 (当日はシャトルバス運行)

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◇ Aug.15

Funadama Matsuri Festival at Nagatoro Gorge, Chichibu, Saitama Pref. *Manto-sen*, two boats decorated with lighted lanterns are set adrift on the Arakawa river from 5 pm. *Toro-nagashi*, floating of lighted lanterns is scheduled from 6:50 pm, and a fireworks display is scheduled over the river from 7:30 pm to 9 pm (about 3,600 fireworks).

Access: The Chichibu Tetsudo Line to Nagatoro Sta., and then walk 5 min.

埼玉県秩父市 長瀬岩畳

「船玉祭」

最寄駅: 秩父鉄道長瀬駅より徒歩5分

◇ ◎ Aug.16

Hakone Daimonji-yaki, Bonfire Event on the slope of Mt. Myojogatake, with a fireworks display, Gora, Hakone-machi, Ashigara Shimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref., is scheduled from 7:30 pm to 8:10 pm (about 2,000 fireworks). When it rains heavily or when with a strong wind, it will be postponed to the 22nd.

Access: The Hakone Tozan Railway originating at Odawara Sta. to Gora Sta.

神奈川県足柄下郡箱根町 明星ヶ岳中腹

「箱根大文字焼き」

最寄駅: 小田原駅より箱根登山鉄道で強羅駅下車

◇ Aug.16

Mito-no-Oshoro-nagashi, or floating of sacred boats, associated with *Bon Festival*, at Mitohama Beach, Miura, Kanagawa Pref., is held from around 6 am. People from three towns gather on the beach and build *Oshoro-bune*, three straw-made sacred boats, each 5 meters long, and then tow them out around 8 am to the sea and set them adrift on the sea.

Access: The Keihin Kyuko Line to Misakiguchi Sta., and then walk 20 min.

神奈川県三浦市三戸浜

「三戸のお精霊流し」

最寄駅: 京浜急行三崎口駅より徒歩20分

◇ Aug.22

Mitsumine-no-Shishi-mai, Lion Dance at Mitsumine Shrine, Otaki, Chichibu, Saitama Pref. Eighteen different lion dances are performed in the precincts of the Shrine by six men, with three men wearing lion headgears, and the other three men wearing *Tengu*, long-nosed goblin masks from early in the morning to the afternoon. Hours are still to be arranged as of July 13th.

Access: 1 hr. 30 min. from Ikebukuro Sta. on the Seibu Ikebukuro Line by Seibu Railway's Limited Express, "Red Arrow," to Seibu-Chichibu Sta. Walk 5 min. to Ohanabatake Sta. From there, 25 min. by the Chichibu Tetsudo Railway to Mitsumine-guchi Sta. And then 45 min. by bus to Mitsumine Shrine.

埼玉県秩父市 三峯神社

「三峰の獅子舞い」

最寄駅: 池袋駅から西武特急レッドアローで1時間半西武秩父駅下車後、お花畑駅まで徒歩5分、そこから秩父鉄道で25分三峰口駅まで行き、さらにバスで45分三峰神社下車

◇ Aug.23 & Aug.24

Tsunabi, a puppet play on ropes in the air involving fireworks, Tsukubamirai, Ibaraki Pref., is designated as one of the National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Assets. This is held to ward off disaster by fire, and to pray for a bumper crop. *Tsunabi*, a puppet play is held on the tightrope in midair, to the tune of drums and flutes. *Tsunabi* is scheduled from 7 pm to 9:30 pm at Takaoka Atago Shrine on the 23rd, and at Obari Atago Shrine on the 24th.

Access: (1)Takaoka Atago Shrine (on the 23rd); The JR Joban Line to Toride Sta. From there, 40 min. by bus for Yatabe to Takaoka Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min., or the Tsukuba Express Line to Mirai-daira Sta., and then 5 min. by taxi.

(2)Obari Atago Shrine (on the 24th); The JR Joban Line to Toride Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus for Yatabe to Obari Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min., or the Tsukuba Express Line to Mirai-daira Sta., and then 5 min. by taxi.

茨城県つくばみらい市 高岡愛宕神社 小張愛宕神社

「綱火」

最寄駅: (1)高岡愛宕神社(23日); JR常磐線取手駅より矢田部行きバスで40分高岡下車、徒歩5分、又は、つくばエクスプレス'未来平'駅よりタクシーで5分
(2)小張愛宕神社(24日); JR常磐線取手駅より矢田部行きバスで30分小張下車、徒歩5分、又は、つくばエクスプレス'未来平'駅よりタクシーで5分

Calendar Events to be enjoyed in August 2010

◇ Aug.28

Akaya-ko Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) over Akaya-ko lake near the Sarugakyo Onsen area, Minakami-machi, Tone-gun, Gunma Pref. A fireworks display is scheduled from 8 pm to 9 pm (5,000 fireworks).

Access : (1)The JR Joetsu Line to Gokan Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus to Sarugakyo Onsen Bus Stop.
(2)The JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Jomo-Kogen Sta. From there, 30 min. by bus to Sarugakyo Onsen Bus Stop.

群馬県利根郡みなかみ町猿ヶ京温泉

「赤谷湖花火大会」

最寄駅: (1)JR上越線後閑駅よりバスで30分、猿ヶ京温泉下車
(2)JR上越新幹線上毛高原駅よりバスで30分、猿ヶ京温泉下車