

What's New in Yokosuka

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UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER VEGETABLE WEEK

During the week of January 20th-26th, look out for shops flying green or dark red flags! These flags indicate “local production, local consumption” shops that will be offering local winter vegetables during this week for you to try and buy.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT

Enjoy jazz classics on a January afternoon! The Oi Keisuke group will present a sax-heavy program of jazz hits and standards that everyone can enjoy. Enjoy a relaxing and nostalgic musical performance early in the New Year! Audience will be limited to the first 120 to arrive.

Where: Hemi Community Center 3F assembly hall

(逸見コミュニティセンター <http://www.city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp/2484/sisetu/fc00000447.html>)

When: January 22nd (Sat) 15:00 [Hemi Community Center 046(823)3205]

MORNING FISH MARKETS

Fresh local fish at low prices! Fish sold on market day depend on the luck of the catch, but are likely to include anchovies, large mackerel, and octopus. The delicious local octopus is recommended to be eaten raw or boiled. There will also be a variety of small items such as turban shells.

Sajima Morning Fish Market

Where: Ogusu Fisheries Cooperative Fish Market (大楠漁業協同組合 魚市場)

When: Next market on January 22nd (Market generally held on fourth Saturday of every month. To be cancelled in the event of foul weather.)

Time: 8:00-sold out

Address: 3-5-1 Sajima, Yokosuka City

Nagai Morning Fish Market

Where: Nagai Fisheries Cooperative Fish Market

(長井町漁業協同組合 魚市場)

When: Next market on February 12th (Market generally held on second Saturday of every month. May be cancelled in case of foul weather.)

Time: 9:00-sold out

Address: 5-24-6 Nagai, Yokosuka City



market offerings vary

MT. TAKEYAMA HATSUFUDO

A pleasant gathering of people praying for good health in the New Year and children enjoying famous “fugashi” sweets. Sweets will be sold starting at 6 a.m. Please note that the summit of Mt. Takeyama can only be reached by hiking from bus stop Ikkizuka (40 min). Please come by bus as there is no parking. Other hiking trails lead to Miura Fuji and Tsukuihama Station.

Where: Summit of Mt. Takeyama / Mt. Takeyama Fudoin (武山不動院)

When: January 28th (Fri) [Takeyama Sightseeing Association 046(856)3157]



SETSUBUN

Setsubun is a traditional Japanese festival celebrated on February 3rd to celebrate the beginning of spring. People throw roasted beans and shout “Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!” (“Evil out! Fortune in!”) After throwing beans, every person eats the number of beans of his/her age, or age plus one (custom varies). “Setsubun” originally referred to any of the four seasonal changes in a year, but now only the spring festival is widely celebrated.

Setsubun celebrations will be held on February 3rd at the following locations around Yokosuka (events free, but it is customary to put a small coin in the shrine’s offering box):

- Suwa Daijinja Shrine (諏訪大神社) : 16:00
- Suwa Jinja Shrine (諏訪神社) : 3 bean throwings at 14:00, 15:00, and 16:00
- Nishi Kanou Shrine (西叶神社) : 2 bean throwing at 16:00 and 17:00
- Higashi Kanou Shrine (東叶神社) : 18:00
- Takeyama Fudojin (武山不動院) : 11:00
- Toyokawa Inari (豊川稲荷) : 17:00
- Shotokuin Taishido (聖徳院太子堂) : 14:00



PLUM BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

Come see Taura “Plum Blossom Village” in season, February 5th-March 13th! Visit the Taura Plum Grove (田浦梅の里) to see approximately 2,700 white and red plum blossom trees in bloom! Narcissus will also be blossoming, and many other fun events will be going on throughout the month of February!



Choubou/Masayuki Nojiri (眺望：野尻正幸)

- Family kite-flying: February 6th (Sun) 13:00-14:00 (to be postponed till February 13th in the event of rain)
- Exhibit including flower arrangements, haiku, Japanese kites, and photos in Taura Elementary School gymnasium (田浦小学校体育館) : February 26th (Sat) 12:00-14:00, February 27th (Sun) 10:00-14:00
- Arts tournament in Taura Elementary School gymnasium: February 27th (Sun) 10:00-14:00

[Taura Administration Center 046(861)4181]

TAURA PHOTO CONTEST

Photos of Taura Plum Grove, of Funakoshi Nango Park, or any other photo depicting Taura’s natural beauty, ruins, cultural treasures, sightseeing facilities, events or anything else relating to Taura are welcome! Judging and award ceremony to take place in May.

Entry free; submission period from February 5th to April 30th.

[Taura Administration Center 046(861)4181]



DOBUITA BAZAAR

Flea market with over 100 stalls. A fun annual Dobuita event with performances and live music to enjoy.

Where: Dobuita Street area (どぶ板通り周辺) When: February 11-13 (Fri-Sun)

[Honcho Merchants Association 046(824)4917]

HASHIRIMIZU SEAWEED FESTIVAL

Samples and sale of nori, wakame, kelp and more! Also try delicious udon noodles with wakame.

(Event to go ahead in the case of light rain, to be cancelled in the event of foul weather)

Where: Hashirimizu Reservoir Gateball Plaza (走水水源地ゲートボール広場)

When: February 12th 10:00-14:00 Address: 1-2-1 Hashirimizu, Yokosuka City

EXPERIENCE JAPANESE CULTURE

A day of fun with Japanese culture! You can try origami, flower arrangement, tea ceremony, and calligraphy; put on a kimono; or try playing traditional Japanese musical instruments. Entry is free, although some activities may require a small materials fee.

Where: Yokosuka Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 6F

When: March 5th (Sat) 13:00-17:00

[Yokosuka International Association (横須賀国際交流協会) 046(827)2166]



Get your Digital Terrestrial TV (DTV) broadcasting set up in time!

All TV broadcasts in Japan will complete conversion from analog to digital by July 24th of this year! After this time, you will no longer be able to view analog broadcasts. If you wait until right before July 24th, the demand for conversion construction will soar. To avoid the last-minute crunch, get your digital conversion done now!

What to do:

If you have been receiving broadcasts with a VHF antenna:

- Install a UHF antenna (requires a digital terrestrial-compatible TV or digital terrestrial tuner);
- Subscribe to cable TV; or
- Subscribe to FLET'S TV (NTT EAST FLET'S HIKARI)

If you receive broadcasts with a community antenna:

The antenna must be able to receive digital broadcasts. Contact your custodian, condominium association, landlord, building owner, or community leader.

Troubleshooting

If you have problems with the quality of your DTV broadcasts, don't know your building's plans for conversion, or have any other problem relating to the conversion to DTV broadcast, call Digital Support Kanagawa for free advice, number below.



Beware of digital TV-related scams!

There have already been instances of scams involving bills from persons claiming to be inspectors or construction companies. You should never receive a bill from any source: neither the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication, nor TV stations themselves, nor anywhere else. Beware of fast sales pitches that may be based on mistaken or incomplete information regarding the conversion to digital.

Inquiries:

- For general questions on digital TV broadcasting reception:

Digital Support Kanagawa (045)345-0110 (Mon-Fri 9:00-21:00, Sat/Sun/holidays until 18:00)

- For inquiries regarding cable television:

J-COM Shonan Customer Center (0120)999-000 (Every day 9:00-21:00)

- For inquiries regarding FLET'S TV:

NTT EAST Kanagawa Branch (0120)116-116 (9:00-21:00 every day of the year except for Dec 29th-Jan 3rd)

Bonnie's Corner

I'm sure most people living in Japan know a few basic greetings like "konnichiwa" for "hello," "arigato" for "thank you," and "sumimasen" for "excuse me." However, some of the most basic greetings in Japanese don't translate perfectly into the closest equivalent English greetings. Let's look at one example.

"**Hajime-mashite**" and "**yoroshiku (onegai-shimasu)**" are words you say when you meet someone. Both are frequently translated as "nice to meet you," but neither one of them actually means that! "Hajime-mashite" means "it's my first time [to meet you]"—in other words, that you don't know the person but look forward to the introduction. You say it before telling the other person your name. After exchanging names you say "yoroshiku" (the casual version) or "yoroshiku onegai-shimasu" (the more polite version).

This phrase marks the end of the introduction and literally means "I ask for your goodwill [in the future]." (But don't worry, it's just a feel-good phrase, not a request they'll follow up on!)

In a formal introduction you will usually use both phrases. Sometimes in a quite casual situation, however, you may say just your names and then "yoroshiku." But what you don't do is say "hajime-mashite" after you have already said "yoroshiku." I once saw an American guy say "hajime-mashite" at the end of an introduction. The Japanese guy thought he was trying to make a joke by pretending to forget they had just met and starting the introduction all over again!

Japanese people will sometimes make the equivalent mistake of thinking that "nice to meet you" can be used for either "hajime-mashite" or "yoroshiku." In a mixer-type social situation a person trying to initiate an introduction may sometimes start with "nice to meet you" and then just stand there without immediately offering his name. What he is trying to do is express interest in an introduction, and then pause to see if you are up for exchanging names—the sequence in which things go in Japanese.

Pronunciation note: In "hajime-mashite," the second "i" is not fully pronounced, so it sounds more like "hajime mashte." In "onegai-shimasu," the final "u" is not fully pronounced, so it sounds more like "onegai-shimas."

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Event Calendar

JANUARY				MARCH	
22	• Sajima Fish Market • New Year's Concert at Hemi Community Center	11	• Dobuita Bazaar (until Feb 13 th)	5	• Experience Japanese Culture • Oppama Community Center Family Concert (13:00)
28	• Takeyama Hatsufudo	12	• Nagai Fish Market • Hashirimizu Seaweed Festival • Yokosuka Museum of Art Valentine's Concert (14:00)	12	• Hashirimizu Shrine Harikuyo Festival (11:00)
FEBRUARY		13	• Yokosuka Museum of Art Free Entry Day		
3	• Setsubun	26	• Sajima Fish Market		* <i>What's New in Yokosuka comes out again on March 10th!</i>
5	• Taura Plum Blossom Festival (until Mar 13 th)				

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