What's New in Yokosuka

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It's that time of the year! Yokosuka's Japan Festival is here!

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~LET'S EXPAND OUR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE COMMUNITY~



What do you imagine when first hearing the word JAPAN? Does kimono, tea, origami, calligraphy, or martial arts come to mind? Come and experience a day of fun with all these Japanese culture at the 17th annual Japan Festival in Yokosuka! Every year, we have over 1,000 people join us for this exciting event of international exchange. It's a chance to try out Japanese musical instruments, play traditional games, try on samurai armor, watch several amazing performances, and much more! There will also be food booths and exhibition corners that the whole family can enjoy!



When:November 27th (Sun) 10:00 ~ 16:00Where:Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 5th & 6th flr (総合福祉会館)Fee:Free Admission (some activities require fee for materials)[Yokosuka International Association 046-827-2166]



Experience a night inside an evacuation center!

Over-night Disaster Prevention Training



This program was initiated after the Great Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake in 1995. Every year, there are over 100 participants who spend the night at an elementary school, the actual evacuation center. Take this valuable opportunity to experience the life inside an evacuation center! Anyone is welcome

to join! To register, please provide your name, age, gender, address, and phone number to NPO Yokosuka International Association by fax, phone, or e-mail. FAX: 046-827-2167; TEL: 046-827-2166; e-mail: npo-yia@kb3.so-net.ne.jp When: January 14th (Sat) 17:00 ~ 15th (Sun) 7:00 *Dinner on the 14th and breakfast on the 15th will be served* Where: Hirasaku Elementary School (平作小学校) Fee: Free

[Yokosuka International Association 046-827-2166]



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tsukuihama Tourist Farm Mandarin Orange Picking (津久井浜観光農園みかん狩り)

Mandarin orange picking at Tsukuihama Tourist Farm has already started! This farm is very popular for picking seasonal fruits and vegetables every year. You can eat and pick as many oranges as you like (only on the farm). Enjoy the rich and juicy mandarin that was grown under the hot sun of Yokosuka!

※note: weekends will more than likely be crowded than weekdays When: October 10th (Mon) ~ November 30th (Wed) 9:00~15:00 Where: Tsukuihama Tourist Farm (津久井浜観光農園) Fee: Adult 650yen // Toddlers over 3 years old 500yen [Tsukuihama Tourist Farm 046-849-4506]



Yokosuka YY Transport Festa 2011 (よこすかYYのりものフェスタ2011)



*photo is for illustrative purpose only

This is an exciting event for all the vehicle lovers out there! There will be buses, ambulances, police cars, electrical motorcars, and fire trucks displayed that are always popular among kids! Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Yokosuka District Headquarters will be opening their ship and helicopters for public-viewing. There will also be Yokosuka stores and gourmet, performances, kids' playing corner, and more!

<u>When:</u> November 26^{th} (Sat) and 27^{th} (Sun) 10:00 ~ 16:00 // (27^{th} will close at 15:00)

<u>Where:</u> JR Yokosuka Station, Verny Park, and Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force Yokosuka District Headquarters (Nishi-Hemi-cho) (JR横須賀駅、ヴェルニー公園、海上自衛隊横須賀地方総監部//西逸見町)

<u>Fee:</u> Free [Suka navi i 046-822-8301]

Kanagawa Biennial World Children Art Exhibition (カナガワビエンナーレ国際児童画展)



Kanagawa Biennial World Children Art Exhibition Award 「うし」"Cow" by Sadia Islam Maisha Art is an universal language of expressing children's dreams and creativities regardless of nationality. Come and see the awarded artworks chosen from 22,443 works and 77 countries! This year's theme is international peace, 『国際平和』. There will also be an exhibition of slogans for international peace and photographs of sister city student exchange program. When: December 2^{nd} (Fri) ~ 6^{th} (Tue) 10:00 ~ 18:00 \approx the final day will close at 16:30

<u>Where:</u> Yokosuka City Bunka Kaikan Cultural Hall 3rd flr 1st Gallery (文化会館3階第1ギャラリー) <u>Fee:</u> Free

[International Relations Division 046-822-8138]

YCC Gospel Choir Gospel 2011 Joyful Christmas Concert (YCCゴスペルクワイア ゴスペル 2011 クリスマスコンサート)

Let's enjoy the 10th anniversary of YCC Gospel Choir Christmas concert! With spirituals and heart-moving hymns, this is real gospel as you can find it only in Yokosuka. Performers will be Director Thomas Givens with YCC Gospel Choir and CFAY Gospel Praise Choir as well! Come sing along!

<u>When:</u> December 3rd (Sat) Doors Open at 14:00 // Show Starts at 14:30 // Ends at 16:30 <u>Where:</u> Large Hall, Yokosuka City Bunka Kaikan Cultural Hall (文化会館大ホール) <u>Fee:</u> 500yen (Limited to 1,100 seats)

<u>Tickets:</u> Loppi machine at all Lawson stores nationwide: L Code 33646

Playguide (More's City 7th flr) TEL 046-827-2020

Yajima Record Shop (near Yokosuka Chuo station, across from Yokohama Bank)

TEL 046-822-0536

Tickets can be purchased until the concert is full; in the event that seats remain, same-day tickets can be purchased at the door [YCC (Yokosuka Citizenship Committee) 090-9965-2284]

Yokosuka Countdown (よこすかカウントダウン)

The year 2011 is almost coming to an end and 2012 is fast approaching! Spend the countdown in Yokosuka with fireworks, ship light-up, air whistle, and searchlights. A New Year celebration that is possible only in Yokosuka! <u>When:</u> December 31st (Sat) 18:00 ~ 25:00 <u>Where:</u> Verny Park Area (ヴェルニー公園) <u>Fee:</u> Free [Suka navi i 046-822-8301]





Japanese Survival Tips

It's not quite into Christmas season yet, but I'm sure all of us are excited that it's fast approaching! Those that have lived in Japan might be familiar already, but Japanese people celebrate Christmas regardless of religion. Christmas is considered a gift-giving day where people buy Christmas cake and fried and/or roasted chicken. Yes, very different from how it's celebrated in the U.S.

New Year is entirely different as well, but first, here are two basic New Year greetings in Japanese that may be useful. Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu (あけましておめでとうござい ます) is "Happy New Year." A useful phrase that is commonly used in Japan is kotoshi mo yoroshiku onegai shimasu (今年もよろしくおねがいします). It is used after saying "Happy



New Year," and it means "I am looking forward to working, studying, hanging out, etc with you for another year." These two phrases will be useful New Year greetings!

It has been Japanese custom to eat mochi (rice cake) on New Year. One type of dish is called ozoni, which is soup with vegetables and pieces of rice cakes inside. Ozoni flavors vary depending on the different regions throughout Japan. Although these mochi can be very tasty, there should be extra caution when toddlers and the elderly eat it because it has a very sticky texture.

This will be the last issue for the year 2011, so I would like to wish everyone an early Merry Christmas and YOI OTOSHI WO (I wish you a Happy New Year)! The next issue will be out in the year 2012!

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Event Calendar

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

23 · Kurihama Christmas Festa 2011 12 · Verny - Oguri Memorial 2 • Kanagawa Biennial World (10:00~16:00, Hello Road, Ceremony (11:00~, Yokosuka Children Art Exhibit (~6th) Kurihama Shopping Mall) 3 · YCC Gospel Choir Gospel 31 Yokosuka Countdown **Bayside** Pocket) 23 Aicle Fair 2011 Joyful Christmas Concert **JANUARY** (10:00~15:00, Aicle) 10 · Christmas Concert · Animal Protection Center Day (14:00-15:30, Kitashitaura 14 · Over-night Disaster Prevention Open to Public (10:00-15:00, Community Center 3rd flr Training $(~15^{th})$ Animal Protection Center) meeting rm) 26 · Yokosuka YY Transport Festa 17 · Flute and Violin Duet Concert $2011 (-27^{th})$ (14:00-15:30, Kinukasa · JAPAN FESTIVAL in Community Center) * What's New in Yokosuka comes 27 out again on January 10th! YOKOSUKA 18 · Christmas Jazz Live IN Kurihama (14:00-, Yokosuka * The schedule posted may be subject to change. Sogo High School SEA Hall)

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