

What's New in Yokosuka

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YOKOSUKA PORT MARKET

~ Grand Opening on March 13th, 2013! ~



BUY LOCAL! EAT LOCAL!

Yokosuka Port Market is a new farmers market located near Mikasa Park where you can eat and buy local produce.

A great opportunity to try out seasonal farm and marine products from throughout Yokosuka!

Address: 6 Shinko-cho (新港町6番地)

Hours of Operation: 10:00 – 19:00

(Restaurants will be opened from 11:00 – 21:00)

Closed: Mondays (opened if Monday is a holiday); January 1st – 6th

Parking Availability: 180 standard-sized cars/23 oversized vehicle

- Free parking for 30 minutes for standard-sized cars
- Additional 1 hour free parking with a purchase of more than 1,000 yen

CONVENIENT BUS SERVICE

Starting Friday, March 15th, there will be a round-trip bus service connecting areas such as Yokosuka-chuo Station, Mikasa Park, and Yokosuka Port Market.

The first bus will leave Yokosuka-chuo Station at 9:45 and will be making its round approximately every 15 minutes until 17:00.

Bus Fee: 170 yen

UPCOMING EVENTS

William Adams Cherry Blossom Party (三浦按針祭観桜会)

This ceremonial event is in remembrance of “the blue-eyed samurai” William Adams, also known as Miura Anjin, who contributed to the development of Japanese culture.

When: April 8th (Mon.) 11:00 – 12:30 (last day of Tsukayama Park Cherry Blossom Festival as shown below)

Where: Tsukayama Prefectural Park (県立塚山公園) <to be held at Nagaura Community Center in the event of foul weather>

Fee: Free [International Relations Division 046-822-8138]



The 66th Annual Tsukayama Park Cherry Blossom Festival

(第66回三浦按針祭協賛塚山公園さくら祭)

Come and visit Tsukayama Park while around 1,000 cherry trees are in bloom with other special events such as a parade, dance performances, and the William Adams Cherry Blossom Party (details above).

When: March 25th (Mon.) – April 8th (Mon.)

Where: Tsukayama Prefectural Park (県立塚山公園)

Fee: Free [Hemi Sightseeing Association 046-822-2575]

The 52nd Annual Funakoshi Nango Park Cherry Blossom Festival

(第52回 船越南郷公園桜まつり)

A park veiled in cherry blossoms with several special events including a parade (April 7th, 10:00 – 10:50), ceremony (11:30 – 12:00), and entertainment shows and performances (12:00 – 15:00).

When: March 17th (Sun.) – April 13th (Sat.)

Where: Funakoshi Nango Park (船越南郷公園)

Fee: Free [Taura Sightseeing Association 046-861-4181]



U.S. – Japan Spring Festival

(日米親善よこすかスプリングフェスタ)

A Yokosuka spring tradition! The Yokosuka Navy Base will be opened to the public. There will be stage events and American food stands! A cherry blossom festival only found in Yokosuka! <to be cancelled in the event of foul weather>

When: March 24th (Sun.) 9:00 – 16:00

Where: Yokosuka U.S. Navy Base (米海軍横須賀基地)

Fee: Free [Suka navi i (Yokosuka Sightseeing Information) 046-822-8301]

Kita-kurihama Cherry Blossom Festival (北久里浜桜まつり)

Negishi Traffic Park and Negishi Park No.3 will be covered in cherry blossoms! Main events will be held on April 6th and April 7th, which includes a cherry blossom ceremony, flea markets, food stands, and stage performances. Glorious lanterns are to be lit every night until 21:00.

When: March 30th (Sat.) – April 7th (Sun.)

Where: Negishi Traffic Park and Negishi Park No. 3 (根岸交通公園,根岸第三公園)

Fee: Free [Otsu Sightseeing Association 046-836-3531]





The 15th Annual Kanrin-maru Festival (第15回咸臨丸フェスティバル)

An exciting event with countless activities including contests, stage attractions, flea markets, and food stands! "Kanrin-maru" is the battleship that departed from Uruga and crossed the Pacific Ocean with the mission to ratify the Japan-U.S. Commerce and Trade Agreement.

When: April 27th (Sat.) 10:00 – 16:00

Where: Areas near Uruga Port (浦賀港周辺)

Fee: Free [Uruga Sightseeing Association 046-841-4155]

Yokosuka Curry Festival 2013 (よこすかカレーフェスティバル2013)

One of Japan's specialty curry events held in Yokosuka! Curry menus from all around Japan will gather here! You won't wanna miss out on entertainment and stage performances located throughout the event!

When: May 11th (Sat.) and 12th (Sun.) 9:00 – 16:00

Where: Mikasa Park (三笠公園)

Fee: Free

[Suka navi i (Yokosuka Sightseeing Information) 046-822-8301]



Year-Round Events

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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2013</div> April 4月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Adams Cherry Blossom Party • Kanrin-maru Festival 	May 5月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takeyama Azalea Festival • Yokosuka Curry Festival • Kurihama Hana-no-machi Spring Flower Fair
June 6月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kinugasa Iris Festival • Yokosuka YY Transport Festa • Nagoshi-no O-harae Chi-no-Wa Kuguri 	July 7月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurihama Perry Festival • Yokosuka Kaikoku Festival (Event within the city)
August 8月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yokosuka Kaikoku Fireworks Display • Uruga Port Festival • Nishi District Summer Fireworks 	September 9月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kita-kurihama Fall Festival
October 10月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oryo-san Festival • Kurihama Hana-no-machi Fall Flower Fair • Yokosuka Mikoshi Parade 	November 11月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kannonzaki Festa • Yokosuka Sangyo Matsuri Specialty Festival • Verny-Oguri Memorial Ceremony
December 12月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Festa (Kurihama) • Yokosuka Countdown 	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">2014</div> January 1月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takeyama Hatsufudo
February 2月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taura Plum Grove Festival 	March 3月	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nagashi-bina • Harikuyo (Hashirimizu Shrine) • Funakoshi Nango Park Cherry Blossom Festival

SPRING MARKS A NEW BEGINNING

We should soon be expecting the cherry blossoms to bloom, which represent the end of winter and the beginning of a fresh start. For this month, I'll be navigating through the differences between graduation ceremonies in America and Japan, which commence during this time of year.

The biggest difference, of course, is timing. Graduations in America are generally held in May or June while graduations in Japan are held in March. After graduation, students in America enter summer vacation for a good three months, but not in Japan. Because their graduation is in March and their new academic year starts in April, they do not have a long break in between their graduation and entrance ceremony. The next difference between the two kinds of commencement is the behavior and atmosphere of the graduation ceremony itself. Graduation ceremonies are very serious in Japan, and students are grouped by homeroom class and sit quietly while listening to the speeches from the principal and representatives from the graduating class. Perhaps graduations in the U.S. may have also been serious as the congratulatory speeches were being read, but the ceremony would quickly transform into a roaring football stadium the moment when every student's name is called to receive their hard-earned diplomas. In Japan, because the ceremony takes place in the morning, sometimes on a weekday, most schools only have the immediate family members attend the ceremony; or rather, Japanese people do not have the tradition of inviting distant relatives or friends to graduations.

As mentioned earlier, commencement and entrance ceremonies are both held in the spring when cherry blossoms are in bloom or waiting to bloom. These cherry blossoms symbolize a new beginning like the students, as well as business workers, who are starting a new year refreshed!

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Event Calendar

MARCH				MAY	
9	• Spring Concert (14:00 – 15:30, Kitashitaura Community Center)	23	• Accordion and Clarinet Concert (13:30, Nishi Community Center)	3	• Takeyama Azalea Festival (– 5 th 9:00 – 15:00, until 13:00 on Sunday; Summit of Mount Takeyama)
17	• Funakoshi Nango Park Cherry Blossom Festival (– April 13 th)	24	• U.S.-Japan Spring Festival		
20	• Aicle Fair (10:00 – 15:00, Aicle)	25	• Tsukayama Park Cherry Blossom Festival (– April 8 th)	11	• Yokosuka Curry Festival (– 12 th)
	• Animal Protection Center Animal Protection Center Day Open to Public (10:00 – 15:00, Animal Protection Center)				
		APRIL			
		8	• William Adams Cherry Blossom Party		* <i>What's New in Yokosuka comes out again on May 10th!</i>
		27	• Kanrin-maru Festival		* <i>The schedule posted may be subject to change.</i>

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