

What's New in Yokosuka

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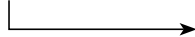
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Japan Festival in Yokosuka

When: November 30 (Sat.) 10:00-16:00

Where: Yokosuka Sogo Fukushi Kaikan (総合福社会館) 5F and 6F

Directions: 5 minute walk from Shioiri Station. Between Daiei and the Main Gate to the Naval Base on route 16.

Contact: Yokosuka International Association 046-827-2166 (English OK)

Remember that time you got to wear real samurai armor? Or when you experienced the zen of tea ceremony? Or learned how to rock on Japanese taiko drums? Make these Japanese memories and more at Japan Festival.

Entry is free and most activities are too, but some require a small fee to cover the cost of materials.

UPCOMING EVENTS (All events are free unless otherwise noted)

63rd Chrysanthemum Convention

When: Nov 3 (Sun.)-Nov 15 (Fri.) 9:00-17:00 (until 13:00 on 11/15)

Where: Shiyakusho-mae Park, the park in front of Yokosuka City Hall



What: There will be a display of over 600 chrysanthemum arrangements made by members of the Yokosuka Chrysanthemum Friendship Association

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Tastes of Fall Fair

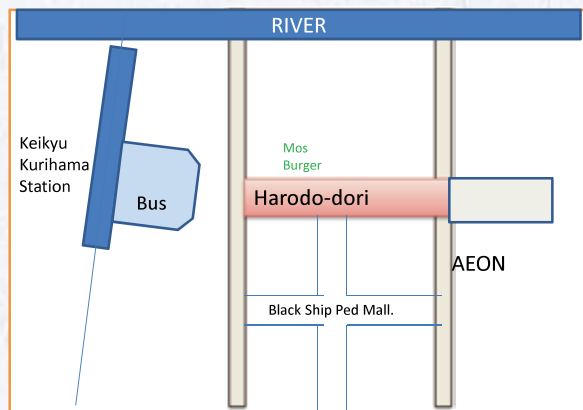
When: Nov. 16 (Sat.) 10:00-15:00

Where: Shobu-en Iris Garden, Yokosuka Abekura 18-1 (横須賀市阿部倉18-1)

Accessible by car: FREE PARKING

What: Seasonal farmer's market for fresh vegetables, locally made Japanese sweets and tea, seasonal fish, miso soup with pork. There will also be experts on hand to answer gardening questions.

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Kurihama Food Festival

When: Nov. 16 (Sat.) 10:00-15:00

Where: Kurihama Shoppers' Plaza *Harodo-dori* (the main road in front of the station). Parking available.

What: Different groups from around Kurihama will have booths with their best dishes; the group that has the most customers will be crowned this year's Fall Gourmet King. Come and vote with your stomach! In addition to a performance by the Yokosuka Sogo High school band, Yokosuka's mascot Admiral Sukarin will also make an appearance to pose in pictures and shake hands.

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Over-Night Disaster Training

When: Jan. 18 (Sat.) - 19 (Sun.) OVERNIGHT 17:00pm-7:00am

Where: Takeyama Elementary School (武山小学校): Otawa 3-1-1 (太田和3-1-1)

Accessible by car; free parking available.

What: It is difficult to know what it will be like in the event of a major disaster, but at this overnight training, you will get a feeling for what it's like to stay overnight at an evacuation center. Dinner and breakfast will be served.

Cost: 500yen/person to cover food and insurance

How to register: Submit name, age, sex, address, and phone number of participants to **Yokosuka International Association**. Registration begins Dec. 1 and goes until Jan. 6.

Email: npo-via@kb3.so-net.ne.jp Phone: 046-827-2166 (English OK)





Kurihama Christmas Festival

When: Dec. 23 (Mon.) 10:00-16:00

Where: Kurihama Shopping Plaza *Harodo-dori* (the main road in front of the station) Parking available

What: Santa is coming to Yokosuka and he is bringing an entire festival with him! There will be plenty of time to meet Santa as well as a number of other performances. You will also be able to warm up with delicious food and drinks at any of the many booths.

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Strawberry Picking

When: Jan 1 (Wed.) - May 5 (Mon.) 9:00-15:00 daily

Where: Tsukuihama Tourist Farm; 20 min walk from Keikyu Tsukuihama station.
Tsukui 5-15-20
Free Parking available

What: You can pick a variety of produce throughout the year at Tsukuihama Tourist Farm. From January to May you can get your fill of delicious strawberries! Entrance fee is required and depends on the date:

1/1-2/28: 1,500yen

3/1-3/31: 1,300yen

4/1-5/5: 1,100yen

Contact: Tsukuihama Tourist Farm 046-849-4506 (Japanese only)



New Years Fire Review

When: Jan 12 (Sun.) 10:00-12:00

Where: Umikaze Park (across from Homes)

What: Ladder stunt demonstration, Volunteer Fire Corps. Band performance, fire fighting and first aid demonstrations

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HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is already upon us! In Japan, the biggest holiday is New Years and in a little over a month we will all be welcoming in the open possibilities of the new and bidding farewell to the old. Let's start out right in Japan by wishing our friends well in Japanese. Here are a few of the set Japanese phrases associated with New Years.

明けましておめでとうございます

Akemashite omedeto gozaimasu

Happy New Years!

今年もよろしくお祈りします

Kotoshi mo yorosiku onegai-shimasu

I'm looking forward to (working/
interacting) with you this year.

YOKOSUKA LIVING

LET'S EAT!

Many of Japan's best spots to eat and shop are hidden down back alleys, on the upper levels of buildings, or behind storefronts that may seem uninviting to foreign customers. It takes quite a bit of courage to walk through the doors of a shop for the first time, because you never know what will be on the other side. Fortunately, there are a couple of great resources for eating out in Yokosuka. I will introduce them below.

The first resource is a blog by base-worker Richard Kirchner, who loves exploring local cuisine and can definitely handle any culinary curveballs Japan can serve up. Tired of feeling that he was missing out by not being able to read menus, Kirchner began the tedious process of translating menus and decided to make this information public via his increasingly popular food blog, www.yokosukafoodcorner.blogspot.jp. But he didn't stop with just menu translations; the blog has expanded to full investigations of local restaurants, complete with interviews with the owners and staff. Richard also tackles non-restaurant culinary topics, such as *onigiri* roulette at convenience stores, making your own *umeshu* (plum wine), strawberry picking, and cooking a whole tuna head.

The second is Yokosuka Ichiban (www.sukaichi-e.com). The purpose of this website and booklet produced by the Yokosuka Chamber of Commerce and Industry is to introduce base-friendly shops in English. On the website you can search for

the type of restaurant you are looking for and it will give you suggestions.

There are also maps of each registered restaurant and descriptions of menu items. Restaurants that are registered will display the "base-friendly" sticker and will have English menus. A new booklet was published in November, and it contains a lot of great coupons and deals; you can pick it up on base, at City Hall, at the Chamber of Commerce, any of the registered restaurants or at the Japan Festival on Nov 30.

The resources listed above will make it much easier to live life to the gastronomic fullest, so get out there and eat all that Yokosuka has to offer!

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Reader Submissions

"Chuo Nights" by Michelle Dearing



This month's picture is from Michelle Dearing. It was taken under the Y bridge near Yokosuka Chuo Station.

About this new section:

Welcome to the newest section of *What's New in Yokosuka*. This section is for all of you, the readers. Depending on space and the type of submissions, this will function as a Q&A about Japan and/or as a chance to publish your pictures from around Yokosuka. There are a couple of rules for submitting pictures:

1. For privacy concerns, make sure that there are no people or obvious shop signs in it.
2. Only send files smaller than 5MB.
3. Include a title and a description of where it was taken.

Submit your photos and/or questions to:

ir-mo@city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp with "What's New in Yokosuka" in the subject line.

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