# What's New in Yokosuka

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\*All information may be subject to change.

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## **EVENT CALENDAR**

#### **JANUARY**

- **09** Coming of Age Day
- 12 Students' Art & Model Exhibit (1/12-1/30)

#### **FEBRUARY**

- National Foundation Day
- 11 Not Alone Fair (2/11-2/12)
- 11 Taura Plum Blossom Festival (2/11-3/12)
- Yuzen-dying Art of Yokosuka (2/11-4/16)
- 18 Disaster
  Prevention Course
- 18 International Exchange for Kids
- 25 Hashirimizu Nori Festival

#### MARCH

- **04** Japanese Culture Experience
- 11 Ceremony of Needles
- 20 Vernal Equinox Day

For English info about events in Yokosuka call the Yokosuka Call Center 046-822-2500. Operators may need time to search for info. 8am-8pm daily.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All events free unless otherwise noted.



#### Students' Art & Model Exhibit

Jan. 12 (Thu.) - Jan. 30 (Mon.)

An exhibit that collects around 3,000 pieces of work that were created by students of all ages from local public schools in Yokosuka. Come and enjoy the imaginative, creative paintings and model work on display in this exhibit.

(Yokosuka Museum of Art)



#### **Not Alone Fair**

Feb. 11 (Sat.) - Feb. 12 (Sun.), 10am - 4pm

The Yokosuka Citizens Support Center works to support local NPO organizations. You can find volunteer opportunities that suit your interests. At this fair, there will be food booths, a flea market, and more.

(Yokosuka Citizens Support Center)



#### **Taura Plum Blossom Festival**

Feb. 11 (Sat.) - Mar. 12 (Sun.)

Come and enjoy the beautiful Japanese plum flowers that are blossoming at the Taura Ume no Sato park. People are welcomed to gather and fly their kites in the park on Feb. 12 (Sun.), from 1pm - 2pm.

(Taura Ume no Sato)



#### Special Art Exhibit: Yuzen-dying Art of Yokosuka

Feb. 11 (Sat.) - Apr. 16 (Sun.)

In this special exhibit, the Port of Yokosuka and its surrounding area is colorfully represented in the yuzen-dying method, along with other works by dye artist Kouya Nakamura (1922-2002).

General Admission: ¥800(FREE on Feb.12) (Yokosuka Museum of Art)



#### **Disaster Prevention Course**

Feb. 18 (Sat.), 10am - 11:30am

A course designed for foreign residents in the area, teaching about how to be prepared for disasters in Japan. Attendees will also get to try samples of emergency rations. Reservation required. Limited to 40 attendees. Call 046-827-2166 to reserve.

(Werk Yokosuka 4F)



#### **International Exchange for Kids**

Feb. 18 (Sat.), 11:30am - 4:30pm

A fun event that focuses on having a playful exchange between Japanese and non-Japanese children. Participants can enjoy art activities where their own drawings will come to life on a large screen, music, dance, games, and more. Follow @yokosukankids on Facebook for more information.

(Shoppers Plaza Yokosuka 2F)



#### Hashirimizu Nori Festival

Feb. 25 (Sat.), 10am - 2pm

A festival for all the different types of seaweed in Japan, such as nori, wakame, and kombu. Enjoy the different seaweed types, obento lunches, and other products for sale. You can even try your hand at drying your own seaweed!

(Hashirimizu Reservoir)



#### **Japanese Culture Experience**

Mar. 4 (Sat.), 1pm - 5pm

A festival that allows you to try various activities related to Japanese culture. Experience kimonos, traditional Japanese music and dance, the tea ceremony, flower arranging, calligraphy, origami, and more! Most activities are free, but some may require a small fee.

(Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 6F)



#### Ceremony of Needles (Hari-Kuyo)

Mar. 11 (Sat.), 11am - 12pm

A truly unique and traditional Japanese ceremony, referred to as Hari-Kuyo, or the Ceremony of Needles. A ceremony that pays respects to any old or worn sewing needles, as a form of respect to our everyday items. Needles are stuck in tofu at the shrine.

(Hashirimizu Shrine)

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