# What's New in Yokosuka

https://www.city.yokosuka.kanagawa.jp/2210/foreign\_languages/whats\_new.html

\*All information may be subject to change.

January 10, 2020 Vol.65



## EVENT CALENDAR

#### **JANUARY**

- II Student's Art & Model Exhibit (1/11-1/27)
- 13 Coming of Age Day
- **28** Mt. Takeyama Hatsufudo

#### **FEBRUARY**

- **02** Japan Festival in Yokosuka
- **08** Not Alone Fair (2/8-2/9)
- **08** Akira Nagasawa Special Exhibition (2/8-4/12)
- 11 National Foundation Day
- 15 "2020 Fuyu no Hana" Fireworks
- 15 Taura Plum Blossom Festival (2/15-3/8)
- 23 Emperor's Birthday
- 24 Substitute Holiday

### MARCH

- 14 Ceremony of Needles
- 20 Vernal Equinox Day
- 21 Yokosuka Kids Festival & Machi Ichi Yokosuka

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.



#### Student's Art & Model Exhibit

Sat Jan 11 - Mon Jan 27

Every year, the City of Yokosuka collects and displays arts and crafts by children and students from all municipal kindergartens and schools. See how they express their imagination and enthusiasm with close to 3,000 works on display! Admission for this special exhibit is free!

(Yokosuka Museum of Art)



## Mt. Takeyama Hatsufudo

Tue Jan 28, 7am - 4pm

Hatsufudo is a Buddhist occasion set every year on January 28, and celebrates Fudo Myo-ou. He is revered by the fishermen and you can purchase iconic fugashi snacks attached to bamboo symbolizing the fishing rod and the catch. Pray for good health at the summit and take in the open scenery before you.

(Mt. Takeyama Summit)



## Japan Festival in Yokosuka

Sun Feb 2, 10am - 4pm

Experience traditional Japanese culture through a variety of activities such as flower arrangement, origami, and performances! There will even be kimonos, but quantity is limited so come early! Free admission, but some activities may require a small fee.

(Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 5F & 6F)



#### **Not Alone Fair**

Sat Feb 8 - Sun Feb 9, 10am - 3pm

You can learn all about local volunteer groups and NPOs that support welfare, city development, and other topics at this fair! Various activities such as panel exhibits, photo contest voting, a fundraising flea market, and food and drink booths will be available.

(Yokosuka Citizens Support Center and Shioiri area)



"Torararara..." 2008

## Akira Nagasawa Special Exhibition

Sat Feb 8 - Sun Apr 12

Explore the works of Akira Nagasawa through his first large scale exhibit which features uniquely textured paintings and sculptures, a massive "mantra" pasted with drawings, installation art, and new artworks! General Admission: ¥900 / HS & University Students • 65 years and over: ¥700

(Yokosuka Museum of Art)



## **"2020 Fuyu no Hana" Fireworks**

Sat Feb 15, 9am - 7pm

Famous for irises and wisteria, the Yokosuka Iris Garden will open its gates for the night so that visitors may see the winter skies bloom with fireworks! During the day, enjoy music performances by students from Shonan Gakuin High School. Admission is free!

(Yokosuka Iris Garden)



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

Sat Feb 15 - Sun Mar 8

The Taura area wafts with the smell of blooming plum blossoms from mid-February to early March. You can even see traditional Japanese kites flying before the festival on Feb. 9 from 1 pm to 2 pm! Enjoy this quaint hilltop scenery selected as one of Kanagawa prefecture's 100 famous flower viewing spots!

(Taura Plum Grove)



## **Ceremony of Needles**

Sat Mar 14, 11am - 12pm

Also referred to as Hari-Kuyo, this traditional Japanese ceremony retires old, broken, and rusted sewing needles. They are respected for their long service and stuck into tofu at the shrine. It is a day of rest for needlework and a moment to pray for improving sewing technique.

(Hashirimizu Shrine)



#### Yokosuka Kids Festival & Machi Ichi Yokosuka

**Sat Mar 21, 11am - 4pm** 

This festival is packed with a variety of fun activities that children and families can enjoy! There will be a kids sports corner, a rideable pony, mini train ride, and more! In addition, you can browse booths of famous stores from around the Miura Peninsula! Eat, drink, experience, and enjoy everything they have to offer!

 $(Yokosuka\hbox{-}chuo\hbox{ LIDRE and surrounding area})$ 

International Relations Division, Yokosuka City