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It's getting colder, and winter is about to come. We would like to thank you for being regular readers of "Ishikawa Tourist Newsletter". We hope the helpful information and seasonal attractions we provide with will be of some use to our respected readers and lookforward to further cooperation with you the next year as well.



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Kenrokuen

MAP-1

- Dates: 1(Fri)-3(Sun) and 3(Sun)-8(Fri) February 2013
- Time: 17:30-21:00 (no admission fee)
- Access: 15 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station; 1 minute by walk from "Kenrokuen-shita" bus stop.

TOP NEWS

This winter the very popular and fantastic Kenrokuen Garden light up event will last longer than usual. Free admission fee makes it a perfect opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Yukizuri lit up with golden light.

▲ Kenrokuen Garden Light up period to be extended

▼ A must-see Light-up event

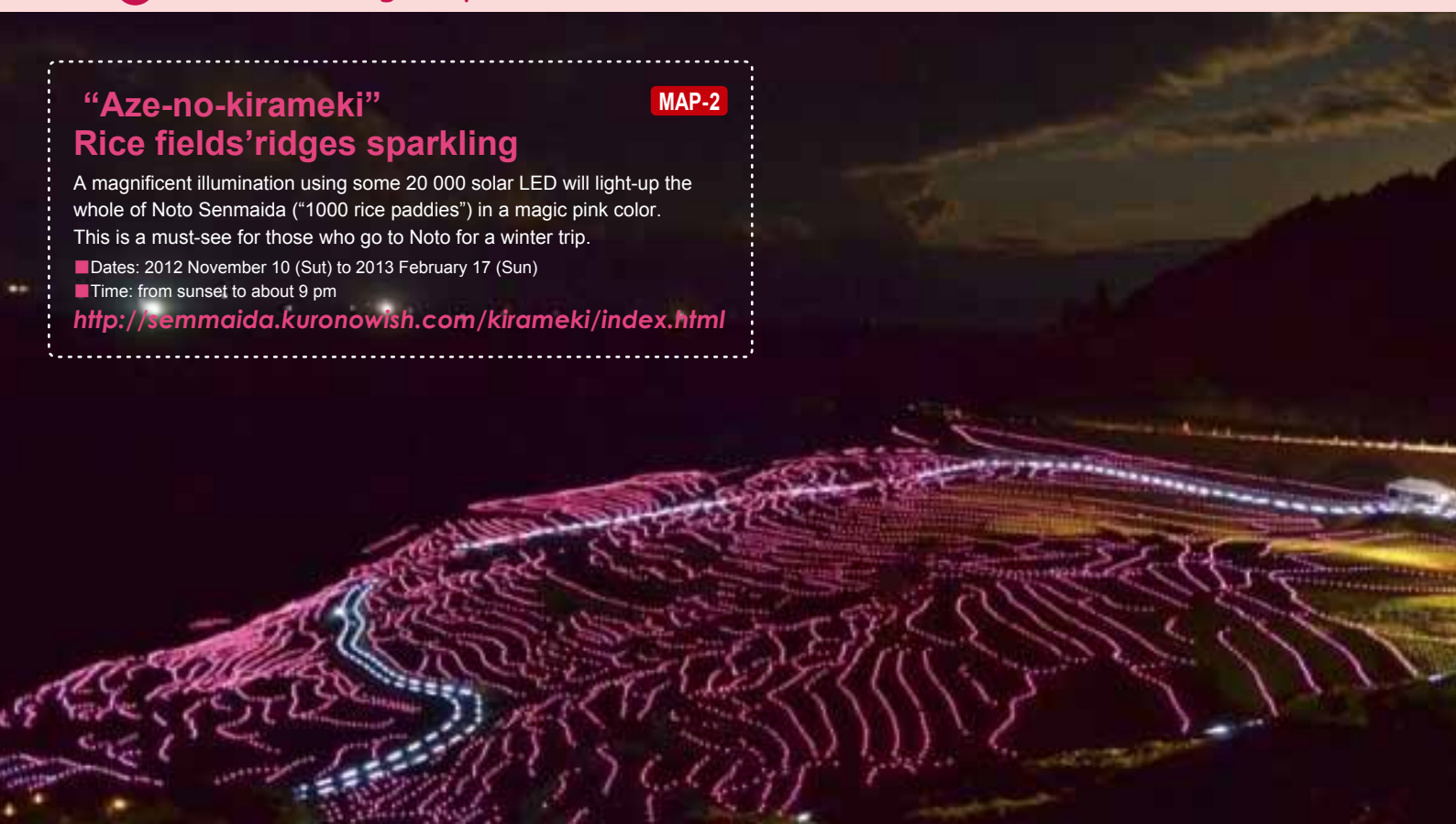
“Aze-no-kirameki” Rice fields’ ridges sparkling

MAP-2

A magnificent illumination using some 20 000 solar LED will light-up the whole of Noto Senmaida (“1000 rice paddies”) in a magic pink color. This is a must-see for those who go to Noto for a winter trip.

- Dates: 2012 November 10 (Sat) to 2013 February 17 (Sun)
- Time: from sunset to about 9 pm

<http://semmaida.kuronowish.com/kirameki/index.html>



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Ski Resort

There ski resorts in Ishikawa prefecture within 1-hour drive from Komatsu Airport. They are also convenient due to their proximity to sightseeing spots of Kanazawa and other cities.



Mt. Hakusan Ichirino Ski resort MAP-3

Both beginners and advanced riders will be satisfied with the variety of courses. Kids' park is in operation making the resort popular with those who come with their families.

- Altitude: 550m 1,050m
- Longest sliding distance: 3,000m
- 9 courses and 7 lifts (including gondola)

Hakusan Seymour Ski resort MAP-4

40 minutes drive from Kanazawa. 9 courses of various lengths and difficulty levels.

- Altitude: 300m 1,030m
- Longest sliding distance: 5,000m
- 9 courses and 4 lifts

Nami no Hana

The liquid of the plankton that float on the sea crushed by the angry cold waves produces a kind of white bubbles that look like white flowers floating on the sea. This kind of scenery is called "Nami no Hana" (flowers of the waves) and can only be seen at Noto sea.

- Season: From the middle of November until the middle of February when the cold sea angry waves are high.
- Location: Wajima, Sosogi and Kamogaura beaches.
- Contact: Wajima city tourist center 0768-23-1146

MAP-5



Special News

Tourist information

Tourism Ishikawa, official Ishikawa travel guide home page renewal

The Ishikawa prefecture tourist home page "Hot Ishikawa travel net" was renewed on October 1st. In addition to the tourist information separated by theme, now you can download photos and pamphlets and tourist news of Ishikawa prefecture until the present time. The design was renewed too so please take a look if you can!

<http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/>

(Japanese, English, French, German, Chinese and Korean versions)

Tourist application software – Ishikawa travel guide

A useful application for Android and iPhone that allows users to check Tourist information about Ishikawa at any time in any place. It is really useful in individual tours! You can download it at Ishikawa travel guide home page.

- [Ishikawa Travel Guide] main functions:
 - available in Japanese, Chinese, English and Korean
 - free download
 - search of touristic facilities and accommodations, Guidance.
 - presentation of 20 themes of Ishikawa and model Courses
 - information related to tourist information offices, coin lockers and foreigner support information



Brewery field trip

Winter is the season for brewing Sake with many "new sake" being born. A well-known rice producer Ishikawa is also distinguished for its sake with many sake cellars in the region. Thus anyone can take a chance to watch the brewery process on their own.

*Do not forget to make a reservation on the phone before you go.

You can try sake here!



MAP Noto Area

- 6 Kazuma Brewery <http://www.kazuma.co.jp/>
- 7 Sakurada Brewery <http://www.sakurada.biz/>
- 8 Matsunami Brewery <http://www.o-eyama.com/>
- 9 Shimizu Brewery <http://www.notohomare.com/>
- 9 Nakazhima Brewery Shop <http://www.noto-suehiro.co.jp/>

MAP Kanazawa Area

- 10 Yachiya Brewery <http://www.yachiya-sake.co.jp/>
- 1 Fukumitsuya <http://www.fukumitsuya.co.jp/>

MAP Kaga and Hakusan Area

- 11 Kaetsu Brewery <http://www.kanpaku.co.jp/>
- 12 Shikano Brewery <http://www.jokigen.co.jp/>
- 13 Kanaya Brewery <http://www.hakusan-takasago.jp/>
- 14 Kinmon Brewery <http://www.kinmon.jp/>
- 12 Hashimoto Brewery <http://judaime.com/>
- 15 Miyamoto Brewery <http://www.mujiou.co.jp/>

Multilingual menu system - enjoying Ishikawa prefecture food

It is possible to view previously the menu of the restaurants registered in the multilingual menu. Also offered information about Japanese food and food of Ishikawa.

<http://www.gourmet-ishikawa.jp/>

(available in English, Korean and Chinese version)

Travel from Ishikawa to Taipei became easier!! Komatsu Airport

There will be daily flights Komatsu-Taipei from December. We will make efforts to raise the quality of the service in order to receive a larger number of visitors from now on.

- <Other direct flights from Komatsu airport>
 - Shanghai – Komatsu 4 times a week (Monday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)
 - Shanghai 9:25 → Komatsu 12:30
 - Komatsu 13:30 → Shanghai 15:00
 - Incheon (Korea) – Komatsu 4 times a week (Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday)
 - Incheon 9:10 → Komatsu 10:50
 - Komatsu 12:00 → Incheon 14:00

Taipei 14:45 → Komatsu 18:20
Komatsu 19:30 → Taipei 22:00



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