

Top News Shiinoki Cultural Complex Opens



(Front Side)



(Café & Restaurant)



(Beside Kanazawa Castle Park)

Shiinoki Cultural Complex MAP-1

The old Ishikawa Prefectural Office building has been renovated and rebuilt as Shiinoki Cultural Complex which opened on 10th April 2010. A 300 year old chinquapin tree stands at the front side of the building which has retained its elegant looking brick exterior that dates back to 1924. The back side is fitted with glass, giving it a modern and open look. Inside the Complex building, there is a Jardin Paul Bocuse Café and Restaurant established jointly by Tokyo's "Hiramatsu" and France's "Paul Bocuse" which was awarded 3 Stars by Michelin. The room, formerly used as Governor's office was renovated into this restaurant which offers delicious French cuisine made using Ishikawa's fresh local ingredients.

- Open Hours: 09:00 – 22:00
- Closed: Year-End and New Year (29th Dec. – 3rd Jan)
- Inquiries: 076-261-1111 (Shiinoki Cultural Complex)

<http://www.shiinoki-geihinkan.jp/index.html> (Japanese)

For any inquiries regarding the café or restaurant, please contact: Hiramatsu Jardin Paul Bocuse Inc.

- TEL : 076-261-1161

<http://www.hiramatsu.co.jp/> (Japanese)

Pick of the Season



(Imori-bori Moat)

Completion of Imori-bori Moat and Kahoku-mon Gate Restoration Project (Development of Kanazawa Castle Park) MAP-1

Kanazawa Castle's outer moat, known as "Imori-bori" Moat, is filled with water, and its restoration was completed on 10th April. Moreover, the restoration of Kahoku-mon, which was essentially the main gate of Kanazawa Castle, was also completed and the gate was opened to the public from 24th April.

- Inquiries: 076-234-3800 (Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenrokuen Garden Administration Office)

<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/> (Japanese)

A Special Exhibition of Kanazawa Castle's Important Cultural Assets MAP-1

Kanazawa Castle's Ishikawa-mon and Sanjikkén Nagaya, which are part of Kanazawa's great cultural heritage, have been made open to the public for a special exhibition after the completion of the restoration of Imori-bori and Kahoku-mon. Visitors can use the services offered by the "Castle and Garden Volunteer Guides Group" to learn about the interior sections of these two structures.

- Period: From 3rd April 2010 (Scheduled to be open to the public for 76 days a year)
- Time: 09:30 – 15:30
- Inquiries: 076-234-3800 (Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenrokuen Garden Administration Office)

<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/> (Japanese)

Schedule for Kanazawa Castle Park/ Kenrokuen's "A Tale of 4 Seasons" MAP-1

"A Tale of 4 Seasons" is a must-see event which consists of a fantastic light-up of Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenrokuen Garden besides a number of sideline entertainment events.

- Summer: 5th (Sat) ~ 6th June (Sun) 19:00 ~ 21:00
- Autumn: 8th (Fri) ~ 10th October (Sun) 18:30 ~ 21:00
20th (Sat) ~ 23rd November (Tue/ Public Holiday) 17:30 ~ 21:00
- Winter: 4th (Fri) ~ 6th February (Sun), 10th (Thu) ~ 13th February (Sun) 17:30 ~ 21:00

- Admission Fee: FREE
- Access: 15 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station; 1 minute walk from "Kenrokuen-shita" bus stop
- For Inquiry: 076-225-1538 (Tourism Promotion Division, Ishikawa Prefecture)

<http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/shiki/> (Japanese)



(Kenrokuen)

Topics Festivals in Spring

"Seihakusai Festival" : Nanao City, Ishikawa. Seihakusai is one of Japan's Designated Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties. MAP-2

This is the biggest spring festival of Noto. Giant festival floats with a height of 12 meters weighing 20 tons and with a wheel diameter of 2 meters, are paraded through the streets of the town.

- Festival Period: 3rd May (MON) ~ 5th May (WED), 2010
- Access: Approximately 50 minutes by express train to Nanao Station from JR Kanazawa Station.



(O-tabi Festival)

"Kutaniyaki Pottery Fair": Nomi City, Ishikawa MAP-3

Kutaniyaki Pottery Fair is held annually from 3rd to 5th May and the Fair attracts approximately 300,000 pottery fans. The fair offers a wide variety of pottery products ranging from daily tableware to art works created by artists, and these products can be bought for an inexpensive price.

- Period: 3rd May (Mon) ~ 5th May (Wed), 2010/ Time: 08:30 ~ 20:30 (Finishes at 18:00 on 5th)
- Access: Take the Hokutetsu Bus going to Nomi-shi Terai Chosha-mae from JR Kanazawa Station's East Exit and get off at the last stop (Time required: Approx. 1 hr 10 min).



(Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival)



(Seihakusai Festival)

"O-tabi Festival" : Komatsu City, Ishikawa Prefecture MAP-4

Uhashi Shrine and Moto-ori Hiyoshi shrines are two shrines located in Komatsu and these two shrines celebrate a festival of spring (13th May – 16th May) known as the O-tabi Festival. Eight towns from Komatsu put their hiyama or wheeled floats on display and children's kabuki performances are held on two of these floats. Every year this festival attracts 200,000 visitors.

- Period: 13th (Thu) ~ 16th May (Sun) 2010
- Access: 15 minutes by bus to Komatsu Station from Komatsu Airport

"Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival": Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture MAP-5

Hyakumangoku Festival celebrates the entry of Kaga Domain's first ruler Lord Toshiie Maeda into Kanazawa Castle on 14th June 1583, as the event marked the start of a prosperous era for Kanazawa. The main highlight of this Festival is the gorgeous Hyakumangoku Parade; besides this parade, a number of traditional events with a history of 400 years are also held. These events include Kaga Yuzen Paper Lantern Floating Ceremony, Hyakumangoku Dancing Parade, Takigi Noh, Hyakumangoku Tea Ceremony, and more.

- Period: 4th June (Fri) ~ 6th June (Sun) 2010
- ※ Hyakumangoku Parade will start from Kanazawa Station's East Exit at 14:20 on 5th June (Sat) and reach Kanazawa Castle Park at 17:30.
- Access: Approximately 60 minutes by bus from Komatsu Airport to Kanazawa Station.



(Kutaniyaki)

Only for people staying at local accommodation

Special Toll Discount for Hakusan Super Forest Road from 1st July to 10th November MAP-6

Hakusan Super Rindo is a 33 km toll-way surrounded by beautiful scenery, connecting Hakusan City in Ishikawa Prefecture to Shirakawa-go Village which is a World Heritage Site. There is a cash back scheme for a limited period for users of this toll way who travel by car or large bus and do an overnight stay in a hotel or lodging accommodation in Kaga/ Hakusan area (One Way: 21,000 Yen). Hakusan Super Rindo is famous for "Uba-ga-taki" Waterfall which was selected as one of the "100 Most Famous Japanese Waterfalls" as well as a number of other natural scenic spots such as a primeval forest of beech trees and alpine plants.

<http://www.kaga410.com/> (Japanese)

Toll-Free Scheme for Noto Toll Way from 2nd July to 2nd October MAP-7

For people travelling by large-size sightseeing bus on the Noto Toll Way (4,210 Yen One Way, for the entire length of the toll road) and who do an overnight stay in a local lodging accommodation in the Noto area, the entire toll amount is discounted. People travelling in their own car or by rental car on the Noto Toll Way will be presented with a "Michi-Card" worth 1,180 Yen (one way toll) at their accommodation, if the place of accommodation is in Noto area and if the visitors do an overnight stay.

<http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/notohaku/> (Japanese)

