Calendar of Events January 2023



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Tohoku 東北	$11/1/4 \sim 1/1/1$		Yamagata 山形市	along Zao Ropeway Sancho Line, around Jizo Sancho Sta. 蔵王ロープウェイ山頂 線沿線および地蔵山 頂駅周辺	Zao Juhyo Light-up	Summary: Festival featuring the lighting up <i>Juhyo</i> , known as "Ice Monster", trees covered with frost. Schedule & Key events: 1/1-3, 6-8, 13-15, 20-22, 27-30, 2/1-27 except Tue. 17:00-21:00 <i>Juhyo</i> lighting up	JR Yamagata Shinkansen Line to Yamagata Sta., and then take bus to Zao Onsen Bus Stop (45 min.) From there, walk to Zao Sanroku Sta. (15 min.), and then take ropeway to Jizo Sancho Sta. (17 min.)	JR山形新幹線山形駅よりバスで45 分蔵王温泉下車、徒歩15分の蔵王 山麓駅よりロープウェイで17分地蔵山 頂駅下車	n/climmer/i

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Tohoku 東北	1/14	Miyagi 宮城県	Sendai 仙台市	Osaki Hachiman- gu Shrine 大崎八幡宮	Matsutaki Matsuri (Dondo-yaki) 松焚祭 (どんど焼き)	following the ritual. The similar festivals of this kind are usually held around 1/14	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Sendai Sta. From there, take bus to Osaki Hachimangu- mae Bus Stop (20 min.)	JR東北新幹線仙台駅よりバスで20 分大崎八幡宮前下車	https://www .oosaki- hachiman.or .jp/festival/ matsutaki/
Tohoku 東北	1/17	Akita 秋田県	Akita 秋田市	Miyoshi-jinja Shrine and others 三吉神社ほか	Miyoshi Bonden- sai 三吉梵天祭	by villagers to the shrine. Highlight comes when about 70 groups of local young men carrying their own <i>Bonden</i> , compete with one another to be the first in	JR Akita Shinkansen Line to Akita Sta. From there, take bus (for Taihei) to Miyoshi Jinja-Iriguchi Bus Stop (10 min.), and then walk 2 min.	JR秋田新幹線秋田駅よりバス太平 行で10分三吉神社入口下車、徒歩 2分	http://www. miyoshi.or.j p/
Chubu 中部	1/7 ~ 3/5	Shizuoka 静岡県	Atami 熱海市		Atami Baien Ume Matsuri 熱海梅園梅まつり	Japanese Apricot Festival. There are about 470 Japanese apricot trees of 60 species in the garden and they begin to bloom usually from the middle of January. Various entertainments are scheduled during the festival period. Admission is 300JPY. Schedule & Key events:		人作10) 京19 19 1丁又 人作 泉17丁 (** 1 577)	http://www. ataminews.g r.jp/ume/
Hokuriku 北陸	1/8	Ishikawa 石川県	Kanazawa 金沢市	Kanazawa-jo	Kanazawa-shi Shobo Dezome-shiki 金沢市消防出初式	Department at the Shin-maru Hiroba grounds in Kanazawa-jo Park. Acrobatic stunts are performed on the tall ladders by firefighters in traditional attire.	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Line to Kanazawa Sta. (East Exit). From there, take bus to Kenrokuen-shita·Kanazawa-jo Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min.	JR北陸新幹線金沢駅 (東口) より バスで兼六園下・金沢城下車、徒歩 5分	https://www .kanazawa- kankoukyou kai.or.jp/eve nt/detail_30 303.html

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Kinki 近畿	1/4	Kyoto 京都府	Sakyo-ku, Kyoto 京都市左京 区	Shimogamo-jinja Shrine 下鴨神社	Kemari Hajime けまり初め	Summary: Year's first game of Japanese ancient ball-kicking in the precincts of the shrine. Kemari is an elegant ball game played by the nobles in the Heian period (794-1192). The players in ancient costumes make a big circle and gently kick a ball to each other. Schedule & Key events: 13:30-	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 4 or No. 205 to Shimogamo Jinja-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 4又は205で下鴨神社前下車	https://ja.ky oto.travel/ev ent/single.p hp?event_id =4360
Kinki 近畿	1/8 ~ 1/12	Kyoto 京都府	Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山 区	Ebisu-jinja Shrine and others 恵美須神社ほか	Toka Ebisu (Hatsu Ebisu) 十日ゑびす (初ゑびす)	Summary: First fete day for Ebisu, the god of wealth. The festival draws a big crowd of people, especially of merchants who pray for prosperity in their businesses. <i>Hoekago</i> (palanquins) in which <i>Geisha</i> and famous figures sit, are carried to the shrine. The stalls are set up in the precincts of the shrine, and vendors sell bamboo branches, a symbol of good luck, shouting loudly to visitors, "Buy bamboo branches, and your business will prosper!" Schedule & Key events: • 1/9 & 10 10:00- Parade of <i>Hoekago</i>	municipal bus No. 17 or 205 to Kawaramachi Matsubara	(1) JR京都駅より市バス No. 17又は205で10分河原町松原下車、徒歩5分(2) 京阪本線祇園四条駅より徒歩6分	http://www. kyoto- ebisu.jp/
Kinki 近畿		Kyoto 京都府	Higashiya ma-ku, Kyoto 京都市東山 区	i empie	Toshiya 通し矢	Summary: Traditional archery contest is held under the eaves of the 120-meter-long hall of the temple. About 2,000 archers including youths who come of age this year, participate in this event from all over Japan. Admission is free. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-15:30	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No.206 or 208 to Hakubutsukan Sanjusangendo-mae Bus Stop (10 min.)		https://ja.ky oto.travel/ev ent/single.p hp?event_id =7429
Kinki 近畿	1/21	Kyoto 京都府	Minami- ku, Kyoto 京都市南区	To-ji Temple 東寺	Hatsu Kobo 初弘法	Summary: First fair of the year. Many stalls selling used kimono, potted plants, secondhand books and the like are set up. Schedule & Key events: 8:00-16:00	(1) From JR Kyoto Sta., walk 15 min. (2) Kintetsu Kyoto Line to Toji Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR京都駅より徒歩15分 (2) 近鉄京都線東寺駅より徒歩10 分	https://ja.ky oto.travel/ev ent/single.p hp?event_id =2498

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Kinki 近畿	1/27 1/22 & ~ 1/29	Hyogo 兵庫県	Kobe 神戸市	Nankinmachi- hiroba Square in Chinatown and others 南京町広場ほか	Shunsetsu-sai 春節祭	Summary: Chinese New Year's Day, according to the lunar calendar. The highlight of this festival is a procession of people in Chinese traditional costumes. Various events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: 1/22 Procession in Chinatown and stage event 1/27-29 Stage event	JR Kobe Line or Hanshin Honsen Line to Motomachi Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR神戸線又は阪神本線元町駅より	https://www .nankinmach i.or.jp/eventl ist
Kinki 近畿	1/25	Kyoto 京都府			Hatsu Tenjin 初天神	and other items. The fair is as large in scale as the one at To-ji Temple on 1/21.	From JR Kyoto Sta., take municipal bus No. 50 to Kitano Tenmangu-mae Bus Stop	JR京都駅より市バスNo. 50で北野 天満宮前下車	https://ja.ky oto.travel/ev ent/single.p hp?event_id =2524
Kinki 近畿	1//8	Nara 奈良県	Nara 本自由	Hill	Wakakusayama- yaki 若草山焼き	Grass-burning Festival. This is the traditional festival to herald the arrival of spring in this region. If it heavily rains, it will be canceled. Schedule & Key events: 18:15- Fireworks display	JR Nara Line to Nara Sta. or Kintetsu Nara Line to Kintetsu Nara Sta. From there, take Nara Kotsu bus to Todai-ji Daibutsuden•Kasuga Taisha- mae Bus Stop, and then walk 15 min.	JR宗良総宗良駅又は近鉄宗良総 近鉄奈良駅より奈良交通バスで東大 寺大仏殿・春日大社前下車、徒歩	https://www 3.pref.nara.j p/yamayaki/ 1008.htm
Kinki 近畿	1//0	Osaka 大阪府		Ebara-ji Temple	Dai-Sagicho-hoe (Tondo) 大左義長法会 (とんど)	1 3	JR Hanwa Line to Tsukuno Sta., and then walk 15 min.	JR阪和線津久野駅より徒歩15分	http://www. chiemonjyue baraji.jp/rec ruit.html

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Chugoku 中国	1// X 1/5	Hiroshima 広島県	Miyajima- cho, Hatsukaich i 廿日市市宮 島町	Jinja Shrine 磁色抽針	Bugaku 舞楽	Summary: *Bugaku*, ancient court dance with music. This *Bugaku* was introduced by "Kiyomori Taira", a warlord in the Heian period (794-1192). Admission is 300JPY each. Schedule & Key events: 1/2 13:00- 1/3 13:00- 1/5 5:30-	(1) JR Sanyo Honsen Line to Miyajima-guchi Sta., and then walk 5 min. to Miyajima-guchi Pier. From there, take ferryboat to Miyajima Pier (10 min.), and then walk 10 min. (2) JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hiroshima Sta., and then take streetcar or bus to Hiroshima Ujina Port (30 min.) From there, take hydrofoil to Miyajima Pier (30 min.), and then walk 10 min.	宮島桟橋下船、徒歩10分 (2) JR山陽新幹線広島駅より市電 又はバスで30分広島宇品港下車、 高速船で30分宮島桟橋下船、徒歩	23/calendar
Kyushu 九州	1/3	Fukuoka 福岡県	Fukuoka 福岡市	Hakozaki-gu Shrine 筥崎宮	Hakozakigu-no- Tamaseseri 筥崎宮の玉せせり	Summary: Ball-catching Festival. Two groups of farmers and fishermen struggle to catch a sacred wooden ball, which is believed to bring a good harvest or a big catch to the winning team for the year. Schedule & Key events:	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take (1) JR Kagoshima Honsen Line to Hakozaki Sta., and then walk 8 min. (2) Kuko Subway Line to Nakasukawabata Sta., and change to Hakozaki Subway Line to Hakozakigu-mae Sta., and then walk 3 min.	(1) JR鹿児島本線で箱崎駅下車、 結場8分	https://www .hakozakigu. or.jp/omatsu ri/tamatorisa i/
Kyushu 九州	1/7	Fukuoka 福岡県	Dazaifu 太宰府市	Dazaifu Tenman- gu Shrine 太宰府天満宮	Usokae・Onisube Shinji うそかえ・鬼すべ神事	(those who fight against devils) in order to drive away evil spirits and bring	JR Sanyo Shinkansen Line to Hakata Sta. From there, take Nishitetsu bus to Dazaifu-eki Bus Stop (45min.), and then walk 5 min.	JR山陽新幹線博多駅より西鉄バス で45分大宰府駅下車、徒歩5分	https://www .dazaifuten mangu.or.jp /sanpai/saite n/special/oni sube

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Kyushu 九州		Nagasaki 長崎県		Koshi-byo and others 新地中華結	2023 Nagasaki Lantern Festival 2023 長崎ランタン フェスティバル	Summary: Lantern Festival, a picturesque Chinese event featuring 15,000 lanterns in the shape of various creatures along the streets lit up daily during the festival period. The highlight of this festival is <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> (a parade of Chinese emperor) and <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> (a parade of the goddess of voyage). Chinese dragon dances and some other performing arts are also demonstrated. Many other events are scheduled during the festival period. Schedule & Key events: 1/28 14:00-16:30 <i>Kotei-gyoretsu</i> from Chuo Park to Minato Park 1/29 13:00-15:45 <i>Maso-gyoretsu</i> from Koshi-byo to Chuo Park	Chinatown: JR Nagasaki Honsen Line to Nagasaki Sta. From there, take streetcar to Shinchi-Chukagai, and then walk 1 min.	新地中華街: JR長崎本線長崎駅より市電で新地 中華街下車、徒歩1分	https://www .at- nagasaki.jp/l antern- festival

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Tohoku 東北	_	Iwate 岩手県	Morioka 盛岡市	Cakurayama-	Hadaka-mairi 裡参り	Summary: Hadaka-mairi, shrine homage paid by partly attired youths. Schedule & Key events: cancelled	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Morioka Sta. From there, (1) Kyojo-ji Temple: take bus to Morioka Shikakushien Gakko-mae Bus Stop, and then walk 5 min. (2) Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine: take bus (for Chabatake) to Hachimangu-mae Bus Stop (15 min.) (3) Sakurayama-jinja Shrine: take bus to Moriokajo-ato Koen Bus Stop, and then walk 3 min.	JR東北新幹線盛岡駅より (1) 教浄寺: バスで盛岡視覚支援学校前下車、 徒歩5分 (2) 盛岡八幡宮: バス茶畑行で15分八幡宮前下車 (3) 桜山神社: バスで盛岡城跡公園下車、徒歩3 分	https://www.o dette.or.jp/?p= 1166
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Tohoku 東北	-	Iwate 岩手県	Hiraizumi- cho 平泉町	Motsu-ji Temple, Hiraizumi Sta. and others 毛越寺、 平泉駅ほか	Hatsuka-ya-sai (Gyoretsu) 二十日夜祭 (行列)	Night Festival featuring a parade of worshippers holding torchlights in their hands.	JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Ichinoseki Sta. From there, take JR Tohoku Honsen Line to Hiraizumi Sta., and then walk 7 min.	JR東北新幹線一ノ関駅よりJR東北 本線で平泉駅下車、徒歩7分	https://www.m otsuji.or.jp/
Chubu 中部	-	Gifu 岐阜県	cho, Gujo 郡上市白鳥	Nagataki Hakusan-jinja Shrine 長滝白山神社	Muika Matsuri (Hana-bai Matsuri) 六日祭り (花奪いまつり)	ceiling (6 meters in height) of the main hall of the shrine.	JR Takayama Honsen Line to Mino-Ota Sta. From there, take Nagaragawa Tetsudo Line to Hakusan-Nagataki Sta., and then walk 5 min.	JR高山本線美濃太田駅より長良川 鉄道線で白山長滝駅下車、徒歩5 分	http://shirotori- gujo.com/
Hokuriku 北陸	-	Fukui 福井県	Aioi-cho, Tsuruga 敦賀市相生 町	Nishimachi-dori Street 西町通り	Tsuruga Nishimachi-no- Tsunahiki 敦賀西町の綱引き	fish. A tug is 25 centimeters in diameter and 50 meters long.	JR Hokuriku Honsen Line to Tsuruga Sta. From there, take bus to Hakubutsukan-dori Bus Stop (5 min.)		https://www.tu ruga.org/
Kinki 近畿	-	Osaka 大阪府	Naniwa- ku, Osaka 大阪市浪速 区	Dotonbori and	Toka Ebisu (Hoekago Gyoretsu) 十日戎 (宝恵駕籠行列)	of merchants who pray for prosperity in their businesses. The highlight of this festival is a procession of <i>Hoekago</i> (palanquins) in which <i>Geisha</i> and famous figures sit carried by men.	(1) Nankai Koya Line to Imamiya-Ebisu Sta., and then walk 1 min. (2) Midosuji Subway Line to Daikokucho Sta. (Exit 3), and then walk 5 min.	(2) 地下鉄御堂筋線大国町駅 (3	https://www.i mamiya- ebisu.jp/
Kinki 近畿	-	Osaka 大阪府	Iku ()saka	Shitenno-ji Temple 四天王寺	Doya-Doya どやどや	Summary: Festival in which two groups of loin-clothed youths, shouting "Doya-Doya", scramble to grab wooden talismans thrown over them from the roof of the hall of the temple. The winning group is believed to be blessed with rich crops for the year.	Tanimachi Subway Line to Shitennoji-mae Yuhigaoka Sta. (Exit 4), and then walk 5 min.	地下鉄谷町線四天王寺前夕陽ヶ丘駅 (4番出口) より徒歩5分	http://www.shi tennoji.or.jp

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Tokyo 東京	1/2 ~ 1/3	Tokyo 東京都	Akishima 昭島市	Haijima Daishi Temple 拝島大師	Haijima Daishi Daruma Ichi 拝島大師だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up. Schedule & Key events: • daily 9:00- sunset	(1) JR Chuo Line to Tachikawa Sta. (North Exit) From there, take bus to Haijima Daishi Bus Stop (2) JR Ome Line to Akishima Sta. (South Exit), and then walk 20 min.	(1) JR中央線立川駅 (北口) よりバスで拝島大師下車 (2) JR青梅線昭島駅 (南口) より徒歩20分	http://haijim adaishi.com/ daruma-ichi/
Tokyo 東京	1/2 ~ 1/3	Tokyo 東京都	Chuo-ku 中央区	Hamarikyu Garden 浜離宮恩賜庭園	Hoyojutsu Jitsuen 放鷹術実演	Summary: Demonstration of Japanese traditional falconry, which is one of the programmes in this garden's New Year events. Visitors can also experience Japanese New Year's games, while food stalls sell drinks and snacks. Admission to the garden is 300JPY. If it rains, the event will be cancelled. Schedule & Key events: • daily 11:00- & 14:00-	(1) Toei Oedo Subway Line to Shiodome Sta. (E19) or Tsukijishijo Sta. (E18), and then walk 7 min. (2) JR Yamanote Line to Shimbashi Sta., and then walk 12 min. (3) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei Asakusa Subway Line to Shimbashi Sta. (G08, A10), and then walk 12 min.	(3) 東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下 鉄浅草線新橋駅より徒歩12分	https://www. tokyo- park.or.jp/an nouncement/ 028/detail/51 476.html
Tokyo 東京	1/6	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	_	Dezome-shiki 出初式	Summary: Annual New Year's Fire Review of the Tokyo Metropolitan Fire Brigade. The event can be seen online this year. Schedule & Key events: Please visit the website	_	_	https://www. tfd.metro.tok yo.lg.jp/inf/d ezome/index. html
Tokyo 東京	1/8	Tokyo 東京都	Bunkyo-ku 文京区	Kodokan 講道館	Kodokan Kagami-biraki- shiki 講道館鏡開き式	Summary: Traditional rice cake cutting ceremony on the first <i>Judo</i> (Japanese martial art) training session day of the New Year. Schedule & Key events: 10:00- Demonstration of <i>Judo</i> practice sessions	min. (2) Tokyo Metro Marunouchi or	線春日駅 (A1, A2出口) より徒歩1分 (2) 東京メトロ丸ノ内線又は南北線後楽園駅 (3番,6番出口) より徒歩3	http://kodok anjudoinstitu te.org/
Tokyo 東京	1/8 ~ 1/22	Tokyo 東京都	Sumida-ku 墨田区	Ryogoku Kokugikan 両国国技館	Ozumo Hatsu Basho 大相撲初場所	Pia website, Seven Eleven convenience stores, and so on. Schedule & Key events:	P '	(1) JR総武線両国駅 (西口) より徒歩2分 (2) 都営地下鉄大江戸線両国駅 (A3出口) より徒歩5分	https://www.sumo.or.jp/

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Tokyo 東京	1/9	Tokyo 東京都	Shibuya-ku 渋谷区	Meiji-jingu Shrine 明治神宮	Momote-shiki 百々手式	Traditional Japanese archery ritual to commemorate <i>Seijin-no-hi</i> (Coming-of-Age Day) in the precincts of the shrine. Schedule & Key events:		歩1分 (2) 東京メトロ千代田線又は副都心 線明治神宮前駅 (2番出口) より徒	https://www. meijijingu.or. jp/
Tokyo 東京	1/9	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku 千代田区	INinnon Budokan	Kagami-biraki-	Schedule & Key events:		東京メトロ東西線、半蔵門線又は都営地下鉄新宿線九段下駅 (2番出口) より徒歩5分	https://www. nipponbudok an.or.jp/shin koujigyou/gy ouji_05
Tokyo 東京	1/10	Tokyo 東京都	Minato-ku 港区	Shrine	Hatsu Konpira- sai 初こんぴら祭	of Good Fortune) and <i>Sato-Kagura</i> performance (Shinto dance with music) are held at the shrine. Schedule & Key events:	(1) Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Toranomon Sta. (G07)(Exit2a), and then walk 1 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line to Toranomon Hills Sta. (H06)(Exit A1,A2), and then walk 3 min.	(1) 東京メトロ銀座線虎ノ門駅 (2a 出口) より徒歩1分 (2) 東京メトロ日比谷線虎ノ門ヒルズ 駅 (A1,A2出口) より徒歩3分	http://www.k otohira.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	1/12	Tokyo 東京都	Ome 青梅市	Kyu-Ome-Kaido Street 旧青梅街道	ome Daruma Ichi 青梅だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> , foods, potted plants and the like are set up. Schedule & Key events: 13:30-20:00		JR青梅線青梅駅下車	https://www. omekanko.gr .jp/event/50 64/
Tokyo 東京	1/12	Tokyo 東京都	Taito-ku 台東区	Hoon-ji Temple 報恩寺	俎開き	Jactire demonstrates the art of skillfully slicing a large carp on the board, only	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line to Inaricho Sta. (G17)(Exit 3), and then walk 5 min.	JR東京メトロ銀座線稲荷町駅(3番出口)より徒歩5分	https://band ouhouonji.wo rdpress.com/

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Tokyo 東京	1/13	Tokyo 東京都	Chiyoda-ku	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	Kagura-hajime 神楽始	Summary: Shinto dance with music of drums, flutes and other musical instruments is performed at the main hall of the shrine. Schedule & Key events: 15:00-	(1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit, Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12)(Exit B1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR中央線又は東京メトロ丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅(聖橋口、1番出口)より徒歩5分(2)東京メトロ千代田線新御茶ノ水駅(B1出口)より徒歩5分(3)JR山手線、京浜東北線又は総武線秋葉原駅(電気街口)より徒歩7分	https://www.kandamyoujin.or.jp/event/detail/?id=2
Tokyo 東京	1/14 ~ 1/15	Tokyo 東京都	It hivoda-kii	Kanda Myojin Shrine 神田明神	Daikoku Matsuri だいこく祭	Summary: Festival featuring a purification ceremony (people coming of age pour icy water over themselves) and <i>Hocho-shiki</i> (rite or traditional art of skillfully slicing a large carp using a Japanese knife and chopsticks, not even touching the fish with hands). Schedule & Key events: 1/14 10:00- Purification ceremony 1/15 12:00- <i>Hocho-shiki</i>	(1) JR Chuo Line or Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line to Ochanomizu Sta. (M20)(Hijiribashi Exit, Exit 1), and then walk 5 min. (2) Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line to Shin-Ochanomizu Sta. (C12)(Exit B1), and then walk 5 min. (3) JR Yamanote, Keihin Tohoku or Sobu Line to Akihabara Sta. (Denkigai Exit), and then walk 7 min.	(1) JR中央線又は東京メトロ丸ノ内線御茶ノ水駅 (聖橋口、1番出口) より徒歩5分(2) 東京メトロ千代田線新御茶ノ水駅 (B1出口) より徒歩5分(3) JR山手線、京浜東北線又は総武線秋葉原駅(電気街口)より徒歩7分	https://www. kandamyouji n.or.jp/event /detail/?id=2
Tokyo 東京	1/15 ~ 1/16	Tokyo 東京都	Setagaya-	Boro Ichi-dori Street and others ボロ市通りほか	Setagaya Boro Ichi 世田谷ボ□市	Summary: Rag Fair featuring hundreds of open-air stalls selling foods, clothes, potted plants, antiques and the like. <i>Daikan-Gyoretsu</i> (a procession of people dressed as magistrate in Edo period), which is conducted every 5 years, will take place on 1/15. If it is rain, the procession will be postponed to next day. Schedule & Key events: • daily 9:00-18:00 Open-air stalls are set up • 1/15 11:00- <i>Daikan-Gyoretsu</i> from Setagaya Daikan Yashiki	(1) JR Yamanote Line to Shibuya Sta. (West Exit) From there, take Tokyu bus (for Kamimachi-eki) to Kamimachi Bus Stop (2) Tokyu Setagaya Line to Setagaya Sta. or Kamimachi Sta., and then walk 3 min.	(1) JR山手線渋谷駅 (西口) より東急バス上町駅行で上町下車 (2) 東急世田谷線世田谷駅又は上町駅より徒歩3分	https://www. city.setagaya .lg.jp/setaga ya/001/003/ d00125000.h tml
Tokyo 東京	1/18	Tokyo 東京都		Senso-ji Temple 浅草寺	Onza Hiho Daranie (Moja Okuri) 温座秘法陀羅尼会 (亡者送り)	Summary: Buddhist rite. Two devils with burning torches emerge from the darkness and run around in the compound of the temple, and then disappear into the darkness. It is believed that those who are showered by the sparks of the burning torches are assured of good health throughout the year. Schedule & Key events: 17:00-	Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Toei	東京メトロ銀座線又は都営地下鉄浅 草線浅草駅より徒歩5分	https://www.senso- ji.jp/annual_ event/04.htm

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Tokyo 東京	1/21	Tokyo 東京都	Adachi-ku 足立区	Nishiarai Daishi Temple and others 西新井大師ほか	Hatsu Daishi 初大師	Summary: First fair of the year. Open-air stalls sell <i>Daruma</i> , sweets, clothes and the like in the compound of the temple. Schedule & Key events: 9:00-16:00	Tobu Daishi Line to Daishi-mae Sta., and then walk 5 min.	東武大師線大師前駅より徒歩5分	https://www. nishiaraidaish i.or.jp/event/ yearly.html
Tokyo 東京	1/24 ~ 1/25	Tokyo 東京都	Koto-ku 江東区	Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社	Usokae-Shinji 鷽替神事 / Hatsu Tenjin-sai 初天神祭	Summary: Bullfinch exchange ritual. Bullfinches, which are called "Uso" in Japanese, are regarded as symbols of good luck. People exchange old carved wooden bullfinches for new ones. Hatsu Tenjin-sai, New Year's festival to celebrate <i>Tenjin</i> (the diety of the shrine), is also held on 1/25. <i>Kasai-Bayashi</i> (Japanese festival music) and <i>Sato-Kagura</i> (Shinto dance with music) will be performed several times a day between 8:30 and 16:00 at Kagura-den Hall. Schedule & Key events: 1/24 & 25 8:30- <i>Usokae-Shinji</i> 1/25 8:30- <i>Kasai-Bayashi</i> afternoon <i>Sato-Kagura</i>	JR Sobu Line to Kameido Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 15 min.	JR総武線亀戸駅 (北口) より徒歩15分	http://kamei dotenjin.or.jp /info/
Tokyo 東京	1/28	Tokyo 東京都	Hino 日野市	Takahata Fudoson Temple 高幡不動尊	Daruma Ichi だるま市	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up. The festival features <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> (a parade of children in fancy attire). Schedule & Key events: sunrise-sunset Open-air stalls are set up 14:00- <i>Chigo-Gyoretsu</i> is held in the compound of the temple	Keio Line to Takahata-Fudo Sta., and then walk 5 min.	京王線高幡不動駅より徒歩5分	https://www. takahatafudo son.or.jp/
Tokyo 東京	1/29 ~ 3/26	Tokyo 東京都	Oshima- machi 大島町	Oshima-machi 大島町	Tsubaki Matsuri 椿まつり	Summary: Camellia Festival. Various species of camellia are usually in bloom during the festival period in Oshima Island. The festival features Oshima local performing arts such as <i>Anko-no-Teodori</i> (dance performed by Oshima local girls in traditional costume) and <i>Oshima Minyo</i> (traditional folk songs). Schedule & Key events: 1/29 10:00- Opening ceremony at Oshima park Saturday, Sunday & Holiday 10:00-15:00 Oshima local performing arts at Tsubaki Plaza Friday & Saturday 19:30-21:00 Dance, <i>Taiko</i> (Japanese drum) and many performing arts in Motomachi Pier Passenger Terminal	(1) Yurikamome Monorail Line to Takeshiba Sta., and then walk to Takeshiba Pier. From there, take Tokai Kisen ferryboat (8 hrs.) or hydrofoil boat (1 hr. 45 min.) to Oshima Island (2) From Chofu Airport, take airplane (25 min.)	(1) ゆりかもめ竹芝駅よりすぐの竹芝桟 橋から東海汽船フェリーで8時間又は高 速船で1時間45分大島下船 (2) 調布飛行場より飛行機で25分	http://izu- oshima.or.jp/ data/camellia _festival_68t h/camellia_fe s68th_flyer0 1.pdf

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Kanto 関東	1/1 ~ 1/2	Gunma 群馬県	Takasaki 高崎市		Takasaki Daruma Ichi		JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Takasaki Sta. (West Exit)	JR上越新幹線高崎駅 (西口) 下車	http://takasa ki- darumaichi.c om/
Kanto 関東	1/3	Saitama 埼玉県	Kawagoe 川越市	Tample and	Hatsu Daishi (Daruma Ichi) 初大師 (だるま市)	Summary: First fair of <i>Daruma</i> . Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up in and around the temple. Schedule & Key events: 7:00 - sunset	(1) Seibu Shinjuku Line to Hon-Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 15 min. (2) Tobu Tojo Line to Kawagoeshi Sta., and then walk 18 min. (3) JR Kawagoe Line to Kawagoe Sta., and then walk 20 min.	(1) 西武新宿線本川越駅より徒歩15分 (2) 東武東上線川越市駅より徒歩18分 (3) JR川越線川越駅より徒歩20分	https://kitain .net/informat ion/annual- events/03- jan/
Kanto 関東	1/9	Gunma 群馬県	Maebashi 前橋市	IHachiman-du	Maebashi Hatsu- ichi Matsuri 前橋初市まつり	The festival is rather small in scale this year.	JR Joetsu Shinkansen Line to Takasaki Sta. From there, take JR Ryomo Line to Maebashi Sta. (North Exit), and then walk 10 min.	JR上越新幹線高崎駅よりJR両毛線で 前橋駅 (北口) 下車、徒歩10分	https://www. maebashi- cc.or.jp/suish inka/1158.ht ml
Kanto 関東	1/15	Tochigi 栃木県	Utsunomiy a 宇都宮市	Jinja Shrine and	Otariya-sai 春渡祭 (おたりやさい)	Evening <i>Mikoshi</i> procession festival. It is carried by the car this time. <i>Otakiage</i> (rite of burning used new year decorations to honor them for protecting people throughout the year) is also conducted by priests. Schedule & Key events:	(1) JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line to Utsunomiya Sta. (West Exit) From there, take bus to Babacho or Futaarayama Jinjamae Bus Stop (5 min.) (2) Tobu Utsunomiya Line to Tobu-Utsunomiya Sta., and then walk 10 min.	(1) JR東北新幹線宇都宮駅 (西口) よりバスで5分馬場町又は二荒山神社 前下車 (2) 東武宇都宮線東武宇都宮駅より 徒歩10分	https://www. city.utsunomi ya.tochigi.jp/ citypromotion /kanko/event /1007231.ht ml

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Kanto 関東		Kanagawa 神奈川県	Kawasaki 川崎市	Kawasaki Daishi Temple 川崎大師	Hatsu Daisni 初大師	Summary: First fair of the year. Open-air stalls selling <i>Daruma</i> are set up. Schedule & Key events: daytime	Keikyu Daishi Line to Kawasaki Daishi Sta., and then walk 8 min.	京急大師線川崎大師駅より徒歩8分	https://www. kawasakidais hi.com/event /jan/#hatsud aishi
Kanto 関東		Kanagawa 神奈川県	Yokohama 横浜市			Summary: Chinese New Year's Day, 1/22, according to the lunar calendar. Schedule & Key events: 1/22 14:30- Chinese lion dance throughout Chinatown 1/28 & 29 13:00-, 14:30 & 16:00- Chinese lion dance in Yamashitacho Park 2/4 16:00- Parade throughout Chinatown 2/5 17:30- Many Chinese performing arts such as traditional dance, lion dance in Yokohama Masobyo Temple	(1) Tokyu Toyoko Line or Yokohama Minatomirai Line to Motomachi-Chukagai Sta., and then walk 1 min. (2) JR Keihin Tohoku or Negishi Line to Ishikawacho Sta., and then walk 5 min.	(1) 東急東横線又は横浜みなとみらい 線元町・中華街駅より徒歩1分 (2) JR京浜東北線又は根岸線石川 町駅より徒歩5分	https://www. chinatown.or. jp/event/