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The Port of Yokohama's 160th Anniversary --- Creating Our Port's Future Together



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The Yokohama Port Festival, that seasonal event that defines early summer in Yokohama! This year, as the Port of Yokohama celebrates the 160th anniversary of its opening to the world, we look forward to working together with the citizens, companies and organizations of Yokohama to celebrate this landmark anniversary in style.

Since its opening to foreign visitors in 1959, the Port of Yokohama has survived many trials, from the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923 to the ravages of World War Two and the requisitioning of facilities and other properties by occupation forces in the postwar. Through it all, the port has survived and grown, supported by the efforts and passion of all Yokohama's citizens. Yokohama and its port have grown today into a modern, progressive city that still retains the ambience of its history, while continuing to evolve today.

The Port of Yokohama boasts the largest number of port calls by passenger ships in all Japan, and the waterfront is always bustling with visitors coming to view the luxurious vessels putting in to harbor. Amidst the glorious blossoms of the Garden Necklace YOKOHAMA 2019 celebration of the city's green initiatives that will be held over this extended spring holiday season, we will welcome 15 passenger ships, led by the magnificent MS Queen Elizabeth herself. Again, in autumn of this year we will be opening a brand-new passenger ship terminal at Shinko Pier equipped with a hotel and extensive commercial facilities on the theme of food and good eating. With the opening of this new terminal we will be able to accommodate up to a maximum of seven passenger ships in Yokohama at a time. We will be continuing or work to create an environment that will make it even easier for visitors from across Japan and around the world to enjoy their time in Yokohama, kick-starting our city into a world class cruise spot.

While continuing to value the deep feelings of all those who love our harbor, we will continue to lead Yokohama into the future as a dynamic port city bursting with attractions and appeal.

LET'S ENJOY YOKOHAMA PORT FESTIVAL MONTH!

This year Yokohama Port Festival Month will run from Friday, May 3, a national holiday, to Sunday, June 2. We will be staging numerous exciting events, mainly in Yamashita park, rich with the unique international flavor you can only experience in Yokohama and culminating in our main event, Yokohama Central Town Festival "Y160." Please come and join in the festivities, so we can all celebrate Yokohama Port Festival Month together!

For event details,

YOKOHAMA CENTRAL TOWN FESTIVAL "Y160"

Main Stage

Thrill to concerts featuring big-name artists who have become synonymous with Yokohama. Crystal Kay, the official face of Y160, performs on Saturday, May 25. Come back on Sunday, May 26, as our special guests the CRAZY KEN BAND set the stage on fire.

Venue: Yamashita Pier special stage



▲ Crystal Kay

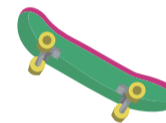


▲ CRAZY KEN BAND

Y160 Skateboarding Exhibition

Exhibitions by popular pro skateboarders, a skateboard competition, and more!

Venue: Yamashita Pier special course



Naka Ward Rose Wedding

The theme of Y160 is none other than Yokohama City's official flower, the rose! We will be collaborating with the Naka Ward Rose Wedding initiative to distribute rose-decorated marriage registration forms to couples during the festive season.

Between May 3 (Friday & national holiday) and June 30 (Sunday), everyone who files a marriage registration form at the Naka Ward Office will receive an original rose-themed tote bag or other gift (while supplies last).



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YOKOHAMA PORT FESTIVAL

The Yokohama Port Festival began as "citizens' festival" to bring together all the people of Yokohama under the theme of celebrating the anniversary of the opening of our port and thanking it for all it does for our city. This year, as we mark the landmark 160th anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama, we will be holding a range of events on the concept theme: "The Future of Our Port. Let's Create It Together!"

Dates: June 1 (Sat.) & June 2 (Sun.)

Venues: Rinko Park, Minato Mirai 21 District, Shinko District and surroundings



▲ Special performance by the "Hamakko" Yokohama girl dance unit.



▼ Come together, bring a better world!

OTHER EVENTS

Yokohama Rose Week

Dates: May 3 (Fri., holiday) to June 2 (Sun.)

Venues: Yamashita Park, other locations

※ For details see last page listing.

2019 ITU World Triathlon Yokohama / ITU World Paratriathlon Yokohama

Dates: May 18 (Sat.) & May 19 (Sun.)

Venues: Yamashita Park and surroundings

There are many more Y160 events planned than can be list above. Please check the Y160 homepage for opening times and other details.

Garden Necklace Yokohama 2019

Curtain Rises on Yokohama Rose Week

May 3 (Fri., holiday) to June 2 (Sun.)



Ever since the opening of the Port of Yokohama, roses have been an important part of the lives of the citizens of Yokohama. This year we launch a brand-new event, "Yokohama Rose Week," to spotlight this flower. Beginning with the main featured event "Rose Festa 2019," a range of other rose-related events and activities will be held during Yokohama Port Opening Month, painting the city in rose colored hues during this 160th anniversary of the opening of the Port of Yokohama to the world. During the festival, citizens and visitors will be able to indulge themselves in roses as they visit harbor vistas and landscapes that convey the history of the port opening, while savoring rose-themed sweets and other delights.

Event Information

Yokohama Rose Week

For this inaugural year we will introduce roses new to Japan, together with exhibits of work by representative garden designers and flower artists of Japan. There will also be stage events featuring our event Ambassador Masashi Mikami and other instructors from NHK's "Shumi no Engei (Hobbyist's Garden)" TV program.



Dates: May 15 (Wed.) to May 19 (Sun.)

Venue: Osanbashi Hall

Admission Fee: ¥1,500 (at the door)

Rose and Garden Market

A market where you can find rose seedlings from across Japan. Find flower seedlings for perennials and buy fresh-cut roses, together with vegetables and other fresh produce grown in and around Yokohama while enjoying workshops and other events.



Dates: May 18 (Sat.) & May 19 (Sun.)

Venue: Nihon Odori Avenue

Yokohama Rose Exhibition

An exhibition of roses grown by members of the Yokohama Rose Society. There will be a special "Rose Consultation Corner" in the exhibition hall lush with the fragrance of roses.

Dates: May 17 (Fri.) to May 20 (Mon.)

Venue: Yokohama Takashimaya Department Store

Hakkeijima Rose Festa

A hilltop rose garden surrounded by 360 degrees of ocean. With workshops, classes on miniature roses, a *marche* market, and more.

Dates: May 18 (Sat.) & 19 (Sun.)

Venue: Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise

Dining Information

Restaurants and bars in the city will be serving rose-themed sweets, cocktails and other specialties during the festival. Pick up your Hanamiezu map introducing participating establishments, available at the Garden Necklace Yokohama 2019 event sights and tourist information stands.



There will be guided tours of the rose gardens at Yamashita Park on May 14 (Tues.) and Harbor View Park on May 21

(Tues.). Please check our homepage for details.



Contact for inquiries NTT Hello Dial: 050-5548-8686 Available 8:00 to 22:00. through Monday, June 3.

Japan's Biggest Musical Festival: "Yokohama OTOMATSURI 2019"

Advance ticket sales begin for Yokohama residents

Yokohama OTOMATSURI 2019 will be held for two months this year from September 15 to November 15. In advance of the start of regular ticket sales, we are holding a lottery for purchasing tickets and advance ticket sales limited to Yokohama residents for admission fee performances.

Availability: Limited to those living, studying, or working in Yokohama.

[Performances subject to lottery] * Lottery winners will receive email notifications and bank transfer forms for the performances from May 21 on.

For details on the festival program and ticket purchases, contact the Yokohama OTOMATSURI Ticket Center (Kanagawa Geijutsu Kyokai). Tel: 045-453-5080

横浜音祭り Search

Performance	Performers	Date / Venue	Application period
Yokohama OTOMATSURI 2019 Opening Concert	Andrea Battistoni (conductor), Tokyo Philharmonic Orchestra, Shimizu Kazune (piano), others	Sept. 15 (Sun) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Main Hall	May 11 (Sat.) to 21 (Tues.)
"UK in Japan 2019-20" associated event Anno	Scottish Ensemble with Anna Meredith	Sept. 16 (Mon., holiday) / Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse, Warehouse 1 Hall (3F)	
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Coldstream Guards Band Concert	The Band of the Coldstream Guards	Oct. 14 (Mon., holiday) / Kanagawa Prefectural Music Hall	Jun. 3 (Mon.) to 18 (Tues.)
"Fugachikuin" Dozan Fujiwara Shakuhachi Ensemble concert	Fugachikuin (Dozan Fujiwara, others)	October 22 (Tues., holiday) / Yokohama Noh Theater	
Yokohama Pops Orchestra 2019 "Katsuyuki Motohiro Production: Yokohama OTOMATSURI Special --- Yugo Kanno, The Young Maestro of Soundtracks"	Yugo Kanno (conductor), Yokohama Pops Orchestra, Katsuyuki Motohiro, Momoiro Clover Z, others	November 1 (Fri.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Main Hall	May 11 (Sat.) to 21 (Tues.)
Kanji Ishimaru Premium Duo Concert	Kanji Ishimaru (vocal), Jiro Yoshida (guitar)	Nov. 4 (Mon., holiday) / Aoba Civic Cultural Center Philia Hall	
Eitetsu Hayashi Yokohama OTOMATSURI 2019 Special Performance (provisional)	Eitetsu Hayashi (Japanese taiko drum), others	Nov. 11 (Sat.) / Kannai Hall Main Hall	June 3 (Mon.) to 18 (Tues.)
Yokohama OTOMATSURI 2019 Closing Concert "The Symphonic Night" w/Taro Hakase featuring May J.	Taro Hakase (violin), May J. (vocal), Yokohama Sinfonietta, others	Nov. 15 (Fri.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Main Hall	



▲ Andrea Battistoni



▲ Taro Hakase



▲ Dozan Fujiwara ▲ Kaori Muraji

[Performances subject to advance ticket sale]

For details on the festival program and ticket purchases, contact the Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Ticket Center. Tel: 045-682-2000

横浜みなとみらいホール Search

Performance	Performers	Date / Venue	Period of advance ticket sales
Wakuwaku Brass! At Yokohama OTOMATSURI 2019	Kanade Yokoyama / Jan Van der Roost (conductors), Panda Wind Orchestra, others	Sept. 22 (Sun.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Main Hall	May 11 (Sat.) to 31 (Fri.)
The World of Kaori Muraji Parts I and II	Kaori Muraji, Fujiki Daichi (counter-tenor) *October 12 performance only	Oct. 12 (Sat.) & Oct. 26 (Sat.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Small Hall	
Czech Philharmonic Orchestra with Conductor Semyon Bychkov	Semyon Bychkov (conductor), Czech Philharmonic Orchestra	Oct. 20 (Sun.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Main Hall	
Wakuwaku JAZZ ♪	Nettai Jazz Gakudan (Tropical Big Band), Lowland Jazz, junior and high school students selected by competition	Oct. 27 (Sun.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Main Hall	
Music in the Dark	Narimichi Kawabata & Tsugio Tokunaga (violin), others	Nov. 2 (Sat.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Small Hall	
38th Yokohama International Piano Concert	Atsushi Imada, Alexander Gadjevi, Alexei Melnikov, Maiko Ami, Dmytro Choni, Elizaveta Ukrainskaya	Nov. 4 (Mon., holiday) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Small Hall	
Beyond the Border Music Festival 2019	Rieko Suzuki (violin), Akira Wakabayashi (piano), others	Nov. 10 (Sun.) / Yokohama Minato Mirai Hall Small Hall	



▲ Eitetsu Hayashi Special Performance (Image)

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