# Local Events – May 2025

#### Hanago Okada – Now Open!

**Duration:** 1<sup>st</sup> Flush - Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> (Thurs.) ~ May 12<sup>th</sup> (Mon.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Flush – May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ June 15<sup>th</sup> **Open Hours:** 9:30AM ~ 4:30PM (Last Entry at 4:00PM) **Location:** Hanago Okada (Kitsu, Amino-cho) Admission: Adult (Junior high school age and up) – 900 yen

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Child (Elementary school age) – 500 yen Infants (Age 5 and under) – Free Contact: Hokki Resorts Co., Ltd.

TEL 0772-74-5005

Flowers are in full bloom at Hanago Okada for a limited time! In the first flush, admire the beauty of spring with tulips, cherry blossoms, moss pinks, wisteria, and more! The second flush will feature gorgeous blooms such as roses, azaleas, and catmints!

When you purchase admission into the park, receive special coupons to use at Kani Ichiban locations in Amino and Kumihama.

# Mysteries in Mineyama – "The Lost Kitten and the Mystery of Chirimen"

Duration: Mar. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 ~ Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 **Location:** Throughout the town area of Mineyama How to Play: Scan the QR Code on the event flyer distributed at Kotohira Shrine, Kissuien Stay & Food, Machi



Machi Information Center, or Mineyama Library to begin! You will need a smartphone, the LINE app, and pen and paper to solve the riddles scattered around the town of Mineyama.

Help a lost kitten find its way home! Solve riddles around the town area of Mineyama and uncover the mysteries surrounding chirimen silk. The riddles will be in Japanese only. Free to play, approximately 1.5 hours.

# Dog Run Festa

Dates: May 4<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) ~ May 5<sup>th</sup> (Mon., Holiday)
Times: 10:00AM ~ 4:00PM
Location: Tango Kingdom "Syoku no Miyako" (Tottori, Yasaka)
Contact: Tango Kingdom TEL 0772-66-3081

Enjoy your Golden Week holiday and take your best friend out to this dog-oriented event at

Tango Kingdom. There will be booths selling dog food, accessories, and games with dog trainers. Visitors can also enjoy a dog show and food trucks, so you can enjoy the event even if you don't own a dog!

For more information about vendors, please check the A-Dog's official Instagram account (@kawanishidogrun).

# Iris Planting Festival (Shobu Ta-ue)

Date: May 5<sup>th</sup> (Mon., Holiday) Time: From 11:00AM Location: Tenman Shrine (Ichinono, Kumihama)





A rare festival in Kumihama dating back before the Edo Period that prays for good health and bountiful harvest. It is registered as an Intangible Cultural Asset in Kyoto Prefecture, and is known to be conducted in only three locations within Japan.

# **Burial Mound Stamp Rally Campaign**

**Duration:** Until Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 **Locations:** Choshiyama (Amino-cho), Shinmeiyama (Tangocho), and Ebisuyama (Yosano-cho)

Collect and layer the stamps at each of the Three Great Burial Mounds along the Sea of Japan side to complete the picture. Once you complete the picture, get a special postcard set after filling out a survey! The stamps are located at Amino's Choshiyama Burial Mound, Tango's Shinmeiyama Burial Mound, and Ebisuyama Burial Mound in Yosano.



# **Carp Streamer Display**



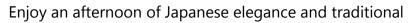
Duration: April 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 11<sup>th</sup>

Location: Near Ashiginu Hot Springs (548 Kibashi, Yasaka-cho)

In time for Children's Day on May 5<sup>th</sup>, there will be carp streamers on display in Yasaka for the public to enjoy! These carp streamers have been donated by local families, and you can see some rare kinds of streamers at this display.

#### Kyokusui no Utage - Tanka Poetry Banquet

Date: May 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) Time: 2:00PM ~ 4:00PM Location: Komachi Park (Ikaga, Omiya) Admission: Free Contact: Kyotango City International Association TEL 0772-69-0120



culture at Komachi Park! There will be a performance by Musical Ensemble Kaon, and poets dressed in beautiful kimono as they compose Japanese poetry by the streamside.

# Barefoot Concert 2025 – Beach Cleanup & Hula

Date: May 11<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) Time: 4:00PM~6:00PM Location: Kotohikihama Beach

Pay for your admission to the Barefoot Concert with the trash you pick up on the beach! After the cleanup, enjoy a beautiful hula performance by local groups on the beachside. You'll think you're in Hawai'i!





# 2025 Japan Canoe Marathon National Qualifiers

Dates: May 17<sup>th</sup> (Sat.) – 18<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) Times: 5/17 Singles – 8:00AM Start 5/18 Pairs – 8:00AM Start Location: Kumihama Bay Canoe Stadium

Witness this intense canoe event at Kumihama Bay! Spectators can gather around the straightaway and root for the athletes as they run and carry their boat to continue to the next phase of the marathon. There will also be family-friendly sports activities and food booths on-site as well.



# 2025 Suishohama Big Beach Cleanup

Date: May 18<sup>th</sup> (Sun.) Time: 8:15 – 11:30AM Location: Suishohama Beach (Meet at the Kobama Swimming Beach) Content:

> Opening – 8:15AM Part 1 – Beach Cleanup (9:00~) Part 2 – Bucket Relay (10:00~)

#### Things to Bring:

- Clothes that can get soiled
- Sun Protection (hat, sunscreen, etc.)
- Drink (refillable bottle is recommended)



Gloves

Suishouhama, which translates to "Crystal Beach," is a beautiful sandy beach hidden away in Amino. As it is difficult for cars and other vehicles to access the area, cleaning up and moving out ocean plastic and other waste that washes on the beach has proven difficult. But fret not! With everyone's help, we can clean up Suishouhama and make it befitting of its name.

This event is free to participate, and the first 300 participants will receive an original MOYAKO T-shirt (first come, first serve). No prior registration needed. Carpooling is encouraged, as parking is limited.

In the event of rain or poor weather, please check the organizer's Instagram account for updates (@yoisho8).

#### **Mitsumasa Anno Exhibition**

# Picture Books of Great Literary Works -Cover Art from the Chikuma Japanese Literary Anthology

Duration: Until June 9<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)

**Hours:** 9:30AM ~ 5:00PM (Last Entry at 4:30PM) \**Closed on Tuesdays. See below for holiday schedule.* 

Golden Week Schedule: Open on 4/29 (Tues.), Closed on 4/30 (Wed.). Open on 5/6 (Tues.). Closed on 5/7 (Wed.).

**Location:** Mitsumasa Anno Museum (764 Tani, Kumihama-cho)

Admission: General – 1000 yen

Junior High/High School – 600 yen Elementary School – 400 yen

Marvel at the illustrations depicting the works of great Japanese authors such as Kenji Miyazawa, Soseki Natsume, Junichiro Tanizaki, Yasunari Kawabata, and more



as painted by watercolor artist Mitsumasa Anno. You can also enjoy the art as printed on the forty-three covers from the original Chikuma Japanese Literary Anthology.

*As of 4/21/2025. For more up-to-date information, please check* <u>www.visitkyotango.com/events/</u> or local event websites in Japanese.