



Winter Events



International Exchange Festival in Toyama

The International Exchange Festival will be held at Aubade Middle Hall since it was a favorably received venue last year. You can see many booths from various countries and other cultural association, and enjoy dances, music, and foreign food. It is a good opportunity to engage in exchange with foreigners who reside in Toyama.



Country Booth

Why don't you come and see!!

Date and time : February 2 (Sun) 10 : 00~16 : 00

Place: Aubade Middle Hall (Around the North Exit of Toyama Station)



If you have any questions, please contact the Toyama Cosmopolitan Association.

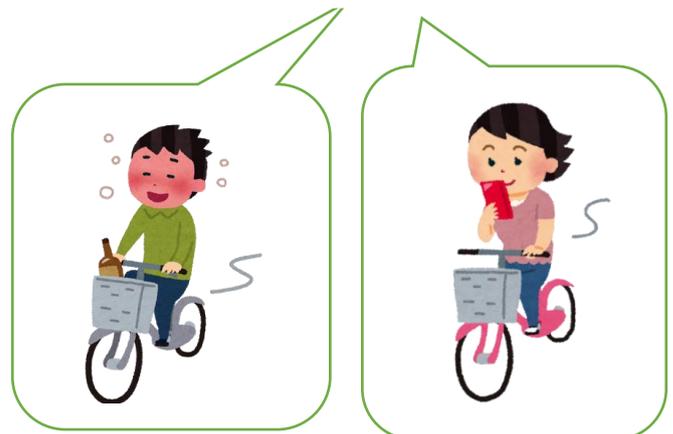
In addition, there are New year's Eve Fireworks and a Countdown at Kansui-Park at the year-end, and some other winter events after January 2025, including the Nihonkai Takaoka Nabe (pan) Festival, Nyuzen Ramen Festival, Tenkomori Kamakura (Snow hut) Festival, and the Fukuoka Hinamatsuri (Girl's dolls) Festival. However, details have not been officially announced, yet.

«Important Notice !!»

Please note that bike-riding regulations have become more strict.



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In Japan, the year-end and New Year's holidays are the biggest events of the year!

What we do	Learn more
<p style="text-align: center;">December 28-30</p> <p>仕事納め (Shigoto-osame: The last day of work) After the year's work is done, prepare for the New Year.</p> <p>大掃除 (Oosouji: Big cleanup)  We clean our office and home, even the places we usually don't.</p> <p>帰省 (Kisei: Return home)  In Japan, people return to their hometowns during the year-end and New Year holidays to spend New Year's with their families.</p>	<p>師走 (Shiwasu) (another name for "December" in Japanese) December is a busy month, so masters are always running around.s and the master running arounds.</p> <p>A lot of these special items are displayed in supermarkets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  Cleaning tools & detergents  Tempura, fish cake  New Year's decorations <p>Trains and planes are filled to capacity at this period of the year!</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">31st (Oomisoka)</p> <p>年越しそば (Toshi-koshi-soba: Soba noodles eaten on New Year's Eve) On the 31st, we eat soba noodles. Soba is thin and long = long life.</p> <p>除夜の鐘 (Joya-no-kane: Temple bell rung on New Year's Eve)  At midnight on New Year's Eve, temple bells are rung 108 times to remove the 108 BONNO (vexations/ Klesha) of human beings</p>	<p>Trains run until late at night from New Year's Eve to New Year's Day.</p> <p>煩惱 (BONNO) (vexations/Klesha-polluting thoughts) :a Buddhist teaching. The mind torments itself with greed, anger, complaining, etc.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">January 1 (Ganjitsu)</p> <p>初詣 (Hatsu-moude: First shrine visit of New Year)  At the beginning of the year, we visit to shrines and temples.</p> <p>お雑煮・おせち料理 (Ozoni & Osechi Cuisine)  At New Year's, we eat special dishes, called ozoni and osechi.</p>	<p>十二支 (Juunishi) Apply 12 different animals for each year. 2025 is the year of the snake. ※Animals depend on the country</p> <p>初売り・福袋 (Hatsu-uri/Fuku-bukuro) First sale of the New Year. The contents of the goody bag are more than the price!</p>
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January 7

七草粥(Nanakusa-gayu)

A porridge containing only 7 kinds of herbs. It rests the stomach, which is tired after eating too much Osechi food.



You can buy a set of seven herbs at the supermarket.



“*Buri*” and “*Beni-Zuwaigani*,” Toyama’s delicious seafood in winter

Buri (yellowtail) and *Beni-zuwaigani* (red snow crab) are special local delicacies in winter. The fish come to Toyama Bay around November. Among *Buri* fish caught in Himi, the ones weighting 6 kg or over are high-class fish called “*Himi Kan Buri*.” *Beni-Zuwaigani* is a big crab with a beautiful red shell and is harvested from September through May. Shinminato’s “*Koshi no Beni-gani*” is famous.

Both of them are sold at a supermarket in the neighborhood.

You can eat boiled or cooked ones, or sushi.



“*Kamaboko*,” year-round Toyama delicacy

Japanese people have eaten *Kamaboko* (fish cake) for about 1000 years.

Kamaboko is made of ground fish meat which is steamed and/or grilled.

A variety of fish, even sharks, is used for *Kamaboko*!



About 20-centimeter-long dorm-shaped *Kamaboko* on a wooden board is common all over Japan, but in Toyama, we have rolled *Kamaboko* which looks like *Norimaki* rolled sushi.

Toyama people often eat *Kamaboko* on an auspicious occasion. For that time, fish-shaped (“*Tai*” seabream) *Kamaboko* is chosen. *Tai* is a symbol of being auspicious in Japan.



Common shape of *Kamaboko*



Toyama *Kamaboko*



Tai seabream-shaped *Kamaboko*

Playing outside in winter

It's cold in winter, however you can enjoy the outdoor activities on a nice day. Let's go out and have fun!



❄️ When the snow arrives, why don't you go on a snow walk in the park or wooded hillside? It's easier to walk if you wear Kanjiki (Japanese snowshoes). Don't forget to dress for the cold with gloves and a hat!

Paid snow hiking tours are also available.

- National Tateyama Youth House
- ECOLO-NO-MORI (Tateyama, Gokayama)
- Nanto City Tourism Association

(Kanjiki Walks in Gokayama)



❄️ Skiing / Snowboarding

The following ski grounds are located in Toyama City. You can go by train or bus. Rental gear services for gear are available at the ski grounds.

- Tateyama Sanroku (Toyama City, Hara)
- Awasuno Our Snow Park (Toyama City, Awasuno)
- Ushidake Spa (Toyama City, Yamada)



❄️ Skating

Skates can be rented at the skating rink. Wear gloves and a woolly cap or helmet for protection.

- EcoRink Grand Plaza (Toyama City, Sogawa)
— from early December 2024 to early January 2025
- Toyama Skate Center (Toyama City, Hagiwara)



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