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Summer Events

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Summer is all about fireworks! One of the most recommendable event this summer is the fireworks at "Jantokoi*1 Festival" in Uozu. This event is unique because the fireworks are launched from a

barge on the sea. Hence it is not only one of the largest fireworks in the prefecture, but also more comfortable to watch because you can watch from the beach.

The "Jantokoi Uozu Festival" also includes the "Tatemon Festival*2" (UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage), a jazz event "UO!JAZZ", and the "Serikomi Cho Rokugai Nagashi".

Held: August 1st to 3rd

*1 "Jantokoi" means "please come in large numbers"

*2 A festival where about 90 lanterns are hung from a height of 16 meters and pulled around

Other fireworks displays are held at theToyama Shinko (late July), the Jinzu River (August 1), the Shogawa River (August 4). The Vietnam Lantern festival, in Namerikawa City(August 7~10)

Toyama Dialect (1)"-ga"

 \Rightarrow Put "ga" at the end of a verb. The meaning is same as "-masu"or"-(r)u" forms in standard Japanese.

This "ga" form also means a question with a rising intonation at the end of a sentence. Some people also use "-gake?"

< Examples >

		Standard Japanese	Toyama Dialect
1	Natuyasumi wa doko e	iki-masu ka? / iku?	iku-ga(ke) ?
2	Natuyasumi wa Tokyo e	iki-masu / iku	iku-ga
3	Konshuu-matsu wa dokomo	iki-masen / ikanai (desu)	ikan-ga
4	Suu-paa e	ikanai-n desuka? / ikanai no?	ikan-ga(ke)?
5	Kinoo	iki-mashita / itta	itta-ga

< Meaning >

1. Where will you go during your summer vacation? 2. I will go to Tokyo during my summer vacation.

3. I won't go anywhere this weekend. 4. Won't you go to a supermarket? 5. I went (there) yesterday.

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Take caution in summer rain !!

Toyama experiences a lot of rainfall. With so many rainy and cloudy days, it's rare to get a clear view of Tateyama. In 2010 (Heisei 22), heavy rainfall caused flooding in the Oizumi area of Toyama City. Around 2,000 homes lost power, and the tram service was suspended.



Due to climate change, heavy rain is predicted to occur more often.

Oizumi area, Toyama City, August 31, 2010

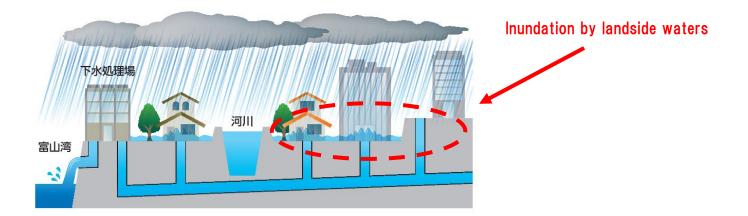
平成22年8月31日の浸水被災状況





Sudden heavy rain can clog drainage pipes. In places like underpasses, water can accumulate and overflow onto the road. For this reason, it's important to know which roads become hazardous during heavy rain. Even in the central area of Toyama City, away from the river (River Jinzu), roads can unexpectedly flood due to heavy rainfall (This is called inland flooding. Flooded roads can lead to traffic jams and an increased risk of accidents. People walking should also take caution.

Toyama City creates hazard maps (maps of dangerous areas) to prepare for heavy rain.



Linear Rainbands

It is an area of intense rainfall caused by cumulonimbus clouds (clouds that bring rain and thunder) forming a line and passing over or staying in the same location. Unlike typhoons, it can happen anywhere and at any time without warning.

\sim Weather/Disaster Information \sim

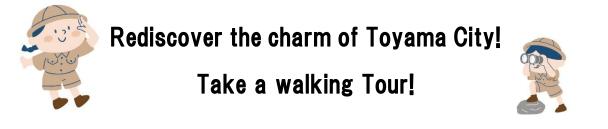
App by Japan Meteorological Agency

You can search by area. The app provides information on weather, typhoon, flood, etc. in 15 languages.





Jul.4(Fri)~7(Mon)	ıl.4(Fri)~7(Mon) Toide Tanabata Festival	
Jul.19(Sat)~20(Sun)	Furusato Ryugu Festival	Namerikawa City
	XJul.20 (Sun.) Fireworks	
Jul.20(Sun)~21(Mon)	Kaiohmaru Park Festival	Imizu City
Jul.26(Sat)	Mizuhashi Festival (Fireworks)	Toyama City
Jul 26(Sat)	Kurobe, Ikuji Beach Fireworks	Kurobe City
Jul.27(Sun)	Toyama Shinko Fireworks	Imizu City
Aug.1(Thu)	Jinzu River Fireworks	Toyama City
Aug.1(Fri)~3(Sun)	Jantokoi Festival & Fireworks	Uozu City
	XAug.2 (Sat.) Fireworks	
Aug 4(Mon)	Sho River Fireworks	Takaoka City
Aug 7(Thu.)-10(Sun.)	Namekawa Lantern Festival with	Namerikaw City
	Vietnam Airlines	
Aug 22(Fri)~24(Sun)	Sukiyaki-Meats-the World	Nanto City
Aug.22~Sep.14	SCOT Summer Season 2025	Toga Village,
Fri. Sat., Sun	(the modern plays)	Nanto City



Toyama is famous for pharmaceutical industry and medicine sales. Tree hundred years ago, the medicine merchants in Toyama started to travel throughout the country to sell medicines. Some medicines were traditionally stored in glass bottles, which led to the development of a glass-making tradition. Therefore, the Toyama Institute of Glass Art and the Toyama Glass Studio were founded. The Toyama Glass Art Museum also opened in Nishicho. On its 6th floor, stunning works by American glass artist Dale Chihuly are on display, many of which he created in Toyama. The building designed by Kengo Kuma is both unique and beautiful.

Toyama Station features 'The Floor Chandelier' in front of the gates and 'The Transit Lighting Wall' on the wall of the tram stop. Please take a look at these symbols of the gateway to the City of Glass.

