



June 2024

Let's enjoy summer events in Toyama.

Our recommendation this time is the Lantern Festival which is held in early August at the ex-Miyazaki Sake Brewery (registered as national tangible cultural properties) and other houses in Sewa-machi in Namerikawa City.

You will be definitely charmed by the world which is fantastically lit!!



How to get to the Lantern Festival

Take the Chitetsu Train for Unazuki, get off at Nakanamerikawa, then walk for 10 minutes.



Here are some other exciting events in July-August



Jul.4(Thu)~7(Sun)	Toide Tanabata Festival	Takaoka City
Jul.13(Sat)~14(Sun)	Hometown Ryugu Festival	Namerikawa City
Jul.14(Sun)~15(Mon)	Kaiohmaru Park Festival	Imizu City
Jul.27(Sat)	Mizuhashi Festival (Fireworks)	Toyama City
Jul 27(Sat)	Kurobe, Ikuji Beach Fireworks	Kurobe City
Jul.28(Sun)	Toyama Shinko Fireworks	Imizu City
Aug.1(Thu)	Jinzu River Fireworks	Toyama City
Aug.2(Fri)~3(Sat)	Jantokoi Festival & Fireworks	Uozu City
Aug 4(Sun)	Sho River Fireworks	Takaoka City
Aug 23(Fri)~25(Sat)	Sukiyaki-Meats-the World	Nanto City



New “Osatsu” banknotes (July 2024)

Osatsu = banknotes



Whose faces are on the new banknotes?

10,000 YEN



SHIBUSAWA Eiichi

FUKUZAWA Yukichi

5,000 YEN



HIGUCHI Ichiyo

TSUDA Umeko

Ms. TSUDA devoted her life to improving female education and was a founder of Tsuda University in the Meiji Era. She herself was one of the first Japanese females who were sent to the U.S. to receive a westernized education.

1,000 YEN



NOGUCHI Hideyo



KITASATO Shibasaburo

Dr. KITASATO was a physician and a bacteriologist, famous for his discovery of a tetanus antitoxin. He is called the father of modern medicine in Japan.





In Japan, banknotes are redesigned almost every 20 years. Some advanced technologies are applied to make new notes more resistant to forgery.

Let's see the new banknote!

A 3D hologram was applied on the portrait for the first time in the world and the portraits on the bill look different depending on the viewing angle.



The watermarked face and finely designed background images have become more intricate. This has been realized by using different thickness of paper.

Some letters appear by holding the bill of an angle.

FAQ about new banknotes



Q Can we still use old banknotes after new ones are issued?

A Of course, we CAN use the old ones. (Be careful because it will take some time for vending machines to accept new bills.)

Q What do the new designs on the back look like?

A The ¥10,000 bill features Tokyo Station, the ¥5,000 bill features wisteria, and ¥1,000 bill features a famous *U-ki-yo-e* woodblock print by Katsushika Hokusai.

【Reference】 National Printing Bureau (<https://www.npb.go.jp/en/index.html>)



A new pedestrian overpass bridge in Kureha hills was partially completed last November ! !

The newly built bridge connects two hillsides, Kureha-yama and Joh-yama. Because the construction has not been fully completed yet, you can use only the Kureha-yama hill side every weekend from 9:00 to 16:30 from April to November on the condition that there is no strong wind or thunder lightning, due to safety reasons.

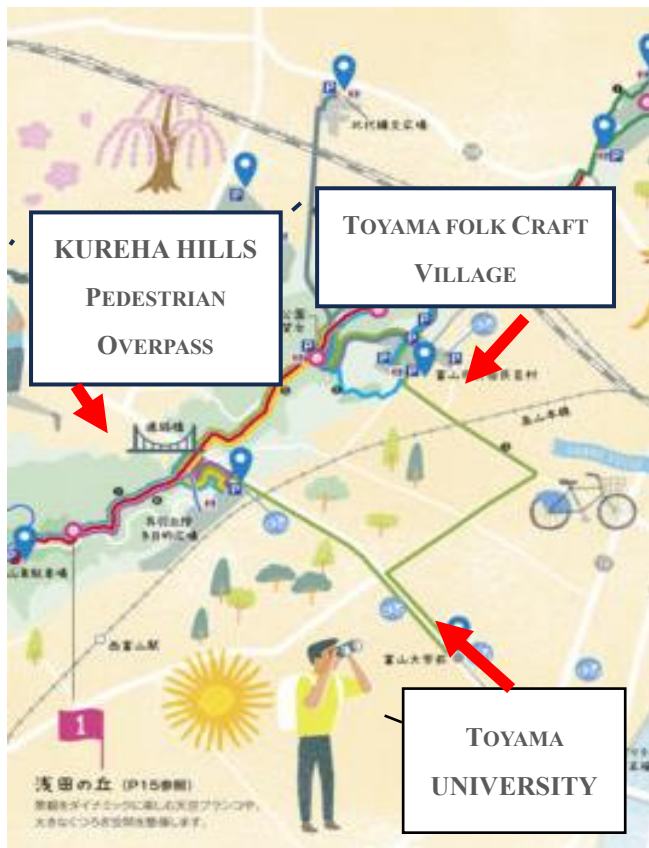


<Size of the bridge>

Length: 124m(1137 yards)

Width: 1.8m(6 feet)

From this bridge, you can have a magnificent view of Tateyama mountain range on clear days! The whole area, including a public square and surrounding paths, will be fully completed in 2026. After the entire route is completed, you can enjoy a long distance (15km) hiking course from the “Toyama folk craft village ” to the “Toyama Family Park” (Zoo).



A view of Tateyama from the bridge

<How to get to the bridge>

Taking the bus from Toyama Station is convenient.

There are two routes and two closest stops:

At No. 3 Stop at Toyama Station, (1) take the bus for “Kosugi Sta.” or “Takaoka Sta.” and get off at “Kurehayama Koen,” then walk for 10 minutes. Or, (2) take the bus for “Shinminato higashiguchi” or ”Toyama Kohsen (NIT Imizu Campus) and get off at “Toyama Kenritsu Toshokan mae,” then walk for 10 minutes.

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