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## <Recommendable Autumn events in Toyama>

Let's highlight "Hikiyama Festival (Float Festival) in Shinminato this time. There are 3

Hikiyama Festivals in Shinminato area.

Among them, Houjouzu Hachiman shrine festival, which has 13 floats is the largest.

The beautifully decorated floats are strolled in the city with encouraging shouts in the daytime, and ornaments are replaced with Japanese lantern in the night time.



## 《Various autumn events as shown below》

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| Sep. 15 (Sun)          | Toyama Fireworks (Sports Park, Toyama City)        |
| Sep. 15 (Sun)          | Joh-hana Mugiya Festival (Joh-hana, Nanto City)    |
| Sep. 21 (Sat)~23 (Mon) | Toyama Festival (Toyama City)                      |
| Sep. 21 (Sat)~22 (Sun) | Tsukurimon Festival (Fukuoka, Takaoka City)        |
| Sep. 21 (Sat)~22 (Sun) | Kakashi(scarecrow) Festival (Nakata, Takaoka City) |
| Sep. 25 (Wed)~26 (Thu) | Kokiriko Festival (Gokayama, Nanto City)           |
| Oct. 4 (Fri)~6 (Sun)   | Manyoh-Festival (Castle park, Takaka City)         |
| Oct.12 (Sat)~14 (Mon)  | Sakanomachi Art in Yatsuo (Yatsuo, Toyama, City)   |



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## Let's go to “*Etchu Owara Kaze-no-Bon*” in Yatsuo!



“*Etchu Owara Kaze-no-bon*” is held every year from September 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> in Yatsuo, Toyama city. You can see beautiful folk dances in this historic town with many hills.

This festival began in the Edo period and has a history of over 300 years. Since this festival is held during the typhoon season, it was named “*Kaze-no-bon*” to pray for a bountiful harvest and to avoid damage from the wind.

There are three types of Owara dances. “*Honen Odori*, or Harvest Dance” is danced in town parades and dance circles, and “*Otoko Odori*, or Male Dance” and “*Onna Odori*, or Woman Dance” are mainly performed on stage.

### Otoko Odori, Male Dance

A powerful dance, also called “*Kakashi Odori*, the scarecrow dance”

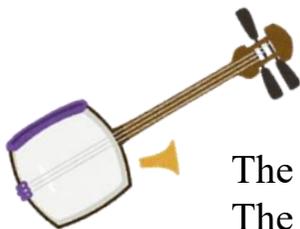


### Onna Odori, Woman Dance

Also called “*Shiki Odori*, Four Seasons Dance”, it's a dance that has movements that represent the seasons.

### Honen Odori, Harvest Dance

It is a simple dance that has been around for a long time, with both men and women moving in the same way.



The people who sing and perform Owara are called “*Jikata*”. The instruments are *shamisen*, *kokyū*, and *taiko* drums.



During the *Owara Kazeno-bon* period, you can see dances in 11 towns called “*Kyuchu*, Old Towns”. Each town has different costume designs and colors, dance characteristics, and lyrics. Why not find your favorite?

Tell me about  
Owara !

Q: Will the festival be held even if it rains?

A: When it’s raining, there will be no dancing or music as instruments become unusable if they get wet in the rain.

Q: Why is *obi*, the sash of the women's costume black?

A: In the past, when preparing costumes, it was not possible to prepare *obi* for all dancers. However, everyone had a black *obi* at home for ceremonial occasions.

Q: Why are the dancers wearing *Amigasa*, straw hats?

A: Historically, dancers were embarrassed to participate so they covered their faces with towels as they danced so that they wouldn't be recognized. Eventually, they began to use straw hats.



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