

● Toyoda Gosei Rink

豊田合成リンク

An annual fixture on the winter calendar at Sakae's Oasis 21, the skate rink without ice is back! Skaters of all ages have enjoyed skating (without the cold or getting wet when you fall) on the way home from work or school, or taking time out from shopping. Lit up in the evening, skaters can enjoy live performances and other events, as well as interactive projection mapping on the rink.



Photo courtesy of Nagoya Television Event Jigyōbu

When: Every day until Sun. **25 Feb.** (Weekdays 13:00 - 20:00; Sat., Sun., national holidays & winter holiday period [24 Dec. to 6 Jan.] 10:00 - 20:00)

Where: Oasis 21 (オアシス21) Galaxy Platform (銀河の広場) in Higashi Ward (東区)

Access: Sakae Stn. (栄駅) Exit 4 (4番出口) on the Higashiyama or Meijo Subway Lines (地下鉄東山・名城線)

Admission: Junior HS and older - Weekdays 900 Yen; Sat., Sun., national holidays and winter holiday period 1,200 Yen. Elementary school students and younger - 500 Yen. Prices include skate rental. Own skates not permitted. Gloves must be worn on the rink.

Website: <http://www.nagoyatv.com/blogs/toyodagoseirink/> (Japanese)

● The 12th Nagoya Chinese New Year Festival

第12回名古屋中国春節祭

Experience the culture, flavors and aromas of China, a country steeped in history, at this event celebrating Chinese New Year and promoting understanding and friendship. Featuring stalls offering Chinese cuisine and products, as well as dance and martial arts demonstrations.



Photos courtesy of The Nagoya Chinese New Year Executive Committee

When: Sat. **6 Jan.** (11:00 - 17:00), Sun. **7 Jan.** and Mon. (nat. hol.) **8 Jan.** (10:00 - 17:00)

Where: Hisaya Hiroba (久屋広場) in Naka Ward (中区)

Access: A 1-minute walk from Yaba-cho Stn. (矢場町駅) Exit 5 (5番出口) on the Meijo Subway Line (地下鉄名城線), or a 3-minute walk from Sakae Stn. (栄駅) Exit 16 (16番出口) on the Meijo and Higashiyama Subway Lines (地下鉄名城線・東山線)

Admission: Free

Website: <http://www.n-cj.com/> (Japanese / Chinese)

● January at Atsuta Shrine

熱田神宮 1月の行事

● Tōkashinji 踏歌神事

Said to draw from court rituals of the Heian period, ritual dancers decorate their headwear with cherry blossoms and dance as the earth begins to show signs of the coming spring in this Shinto ritual to pray for the removal of misfortune and invite good fortune.



Photos courtesy of Atsuta Jingū

When: Thu. **11 Jan.** (from 10:00 and 13:00)

● Hoshashinji 歩射神事

A traditional Shinto ritual held annually at Atsuta Shrine. Three pairs of Shinto priests take turns shooting arrows at a target. A total of 36 arrows are shot, and when the last arrow hits the target, spectators rush to pick up pieces of the target that the arrows broke up as it is believed that bits of the target help keep away bad luck.



When: Mon. **15 Jan.** (from 13:00)

Where: Atsuta Shrine (熱田神宮), in Atsuta Ward (熱田区)

Access: A 3-minute walk from Jingū-mae Stn. (神宮前駅) on the Meitetsu Nagoya Line (名鉄名古屋本線); or an 8-minute walk from Atsuta Stn. (熱田駅) on the JR Tōkaidō Line (JR東海道線); or a 7-minute walk from Jingu Nishi Stn. (神宮西駅) on the Meijo Subway Line (地下鉄名城線).

● Kōta Kite-flying Festival

こうた凧揚げまつり

In celebration of the New Year, a traditional kite flying event is held annually in Kōta Town. See kites (凧 / tako) of various sizes (the largest measuring 16.5m!) at this congregation of around 180 kites from all over Japan. There are also stage performances of taiko drums, games for children and a wide variety of stalls. Enjoy this Japanese New Year tradition.



Photo courtesy of Kōta Town

When: Sun. **14 Jan.** (9:00 - 13:30)

Where: Hishiike (菱池) area in Kōta Town (幸田町), Nukata District (額田郡) (In the event of rain, participating kites will be exhibited at JA Aichi Mikawa Kōta Einō Sentā Fudegaki Senkajō [JAあいち三河幸田宮農センター 筆柿選果場])

Access: Shuttle buses will operate from Kōta Stn. (幸田駅) on the JR Tokaidō Line (JR東海道本線), Kōta Town Office (幸田町役場), and Bōsai Hiroba (防災広場) (9:00 - 14:30). As no parking is available near the venue, please use public transport.

● MRJ MUSEUM

MRJ ミュージアム

The Mitsubishi Regional Jet (MRJ) is Japan's first passenger jet designed and manufactured by the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Group. Now visitors can take a tour of the MRJ MUSEUM, and see, touch, and feel the state-of-the-art technology incorporated into the aircraft, and get an up-close view of the aircraft assembly process in the Final Assembly Hangar (the only facility in Japan where this is possible).

Reservations are required for all tours, and can be made via the museum website (see below).

When: Monday, Wednesday to Sunday (1 English tour per day at 11:20 - 12:50; Multiple Japanese tours per day - see website for times. Reception starts 30 minutes before beginning of tour, and ends 15 minutes before start of tour.) Closed Tuesdays, end-of-year / New Year period, and during maintenance periods.

Where: Tour meeting point is the MRJ MUSEUM Check-in counter, on the 2nd floor of Aichi Museum of Flight (あいち航空ミュージアム).

Access: From Nagoya Stn. (in front of Midland Square / ミッドランドスクエア), a 20-minute ride by Aoi Transit (あおい交通) bus. From Nishiharu Stn. (西春駅) on the Meitetsu Inuyama Line (名鉄犬山線), a 20-minute ride by Meitetsu Bus (名鉄バス). From Kachigawa Stn. (勝川駅) on the JR Chūō Line (JR中央本線), a 20-minute ride by Aoi Transit bus. Alight at Aichi Museum of Flight (あいち航空ミュージアム) bus stop.



Image courtesy of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, LTD.

Admission: Adults 1,000 (1,500) Yen; University & Senior HS students 800 (1,200) Yen; Junior HS & Elementary school students 500 (750) Yen. Pre-school-aged children not permitted. Holders of a Certificate of Disability and one accompanying person free. Prices in () are for combined admission to MRJ MUSEUM and Aichi Museum of Flight.

Website: <http://www.mhi.co.jp/mrjmuseum/en/index.html>