

# からくり新聞

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## KARAKURI-PUZZLE FESTIVAL 2009 July 18th - August 31th 2009

Last year, Karakuri-puzzle festival was held in February, in the middle of winter.  
But this year, it is held in the heat of summer!!  
Most schools are in the middle of summer vacation.  
There are many events for the whole family.  
Such as, a stamp rally, Karakuri-puzzle work shops,  
Karakuri-puzzle performances, exhibition of Karakuri-puzzle idea contest,  
exhibition of Karakuri furniture and karakuri boxes, and many others.

### < Premiere Events >

Karakuri-puzzle performance by Mr.Hirano (Cosmo products).  
His performance is wonderful !!



Karakuri-puzzle performance (by Mr. Hirano)  
▪ ▪ ▪ June 27th, 28th  
July 11th, 12th

Karakuri Box performance  
(by Karakuri creation group member)  
▪ ▪ ▪ July 4th, 5th

PLACE : Mitsuki (a souvenir store)  
near Yumoto-Station

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## Hakone Check point Festival



Hakone Check point Festival was held on May 30th and 31st.  
There was a Karakuri box performance at that festival.  
Hakone Check point is the most famous place for sightseeing in Hakone.  
So, many customers enjoyed the Karakuri boxes.  
There were various families.  
In one family, the children could open the Karakuri boxes rapidly and easily, but their parents couldn't open the same box.  
In another family the mother opened them easily, but the children couldn't open them! Everybody enjoyed playing with the Karakuri boxes.

## Exhibition in Kanazawa

Yoko Kakuda hold an exhibition in Kanazawa. She is a Karakuri creation craftswoman, as you know.  
Ms. Kakuda and her friend, a lacquer artist, exhibited their work together.

August 26th ~ 30th

Cafe & gallery MOMO-GUMI

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Kanazawa-city ISHIKAWA prefecture

## Karakuri performance at Shinjuku Odakyu Department store



Karakuri participated in "Local charm selection" demonstrated at Shinjuku Odakyu Department Store Hulk from June 3rd until June 8th. The event attracted skilled craftsmen from all parts of Japan. There were many interesting things.

For example, shoehorns which are made from "ono-ore" birch, were seen there. "Ono-ore" means "even the ax is broken". Which may result from using such hard wood. Many other interesting products were also seen there. Thank you for coming !!

<The same event schedule information>

July 31st - August 2nd  
Tokyo International Forum

## The latest exhibition has closed.



The thema is "Spring"

This year, we developed "Karakuri cube" series for exhibition at Matsuya-Ginza. Did you enjoy playing with them?

Many people attended.  
Thank you for coming!!



"Karakuri cube ". There are four types of products, from No 1 to No 4.



Everybody seemed to enjoy the latest product.



Many small boxes were on display!



What? You must be crazy to try that box. It takes 324 rotations to open it!