

からくり新聞

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Odawara & Hakone Wooden goods fair 2010.

Odawara & Hakone Wooden goods fair was held as an event to develop wooden culture. This year, it was held on 22nd and 24th of October at Odawara Arena. About 30 woodworking shops opened their stores at the event as well as our Karakuri store. Wooden works from all over Japan participated in the wooden crafts competition. Tsuburai, one of the Karakuri Creation Group members, also entered one of his works in this competition. Many visitors came and bought wooden goods, and really seemed to enjoy this event. Even Karakuri craftsmen bought goods such as wooden bowls!



Preparations for our Karakuri shop.



A married couple who were consumed with curiosity.



At the opening ceremony. Young craftsmen who are active in the Odawara & Hakone area carried "MIKOSHI" (a portable shrine) on their shoulders. It was made by Hakone Yosegi Association.



Kakuda exhibited her works at the young craftsmen corner.

Mitsuki will be temporarily closed.

Mitsuki is a souvenir shop in Hakone Yumoto. Mitsuki will be closed to business for a year while they redecorate the store.

Period: December 2010 ~ December 2011
Reopen: January 2011

For that reason, Mr. Yoshiaki Hirano will take a break from his performance in front of the shop. The last performances this year are 20th, 21st, 23rd, 27th and 28th.

Mr. Hirano's performance is wonderful!!
He is a professional at this.

Would you like to watch his performance?

Many people come to watch his performance because he is so amazing!



Mishima City Festival!

Mishima City is in Shizuoka prefecture. By Shinkansen, it is not far from Odawara City. There was a pedestrian's "paradise" at this festival and many people enjoyed this. There were various shops along the street, as well as our own Karakuri shop. It was the first time for us to open a Karakuri shop in Mishima.



Karakuri was introduced at Pacifico Yokohama Exhibition Hall.

At the Japan APEC Yokohama, Karakuri was exhibited as local crafts of Kanagawa Prefecture. (From 5th ~ 15th November)

The theme of this exhibition was "Appeal to the world Kanagawa's attraction"

We were proud to join this event. Besides Karakuri, Hakone Yosegi Art, Kamakura-Bori, Zougan Art, and Lacquer ware made in Odawara were also introduced at this event.



These are Kamakura-Bori.
Kamakura-Bori is a famous and traditional woodcraft of Kanagawa prefecture.

He got his driver's license!

Mr. Kawashima finally got his driver's license.

In Japan, One must attend a drivers school and study very hard in order to pass the drivers examination.

So, he attended driver's school during the day while working full time at night.

He completed his studies in nine months.

He said "It took me so long to get a drivers license!"

Before he got the license, he used to go everywhere by bicycle.

Good exercise, but unless you have the time, bicycles can't take you very far.

Now we are planning a long excursion for him to use his new driving skills!

Congratulations!!



We are planning a new event!!

This event will be held for Karakuri-Puzzle fans.

At this event, we hope to have an interchange between craftsmen and Karakuri-Puzzle fans.

We are sure that everyone will enjoy this event.