

からくり新聞

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The Second HKP in 2012 : Recruiting participants

We are recruiting participants for HKP , puzzle mania in Hakone.
We are accepting reservations for Karakuri Club members at first,
then general public. We have lots of enjoyable events planned.
As the capacity is limited, please apply as soon as possible.

We will report on the first HKP at this time.

The Report of The First HKP

Sales

Our sale of products was one of the most popular events for opening day



This is the most smallest secret box!?



There are various puzzles and toys!!



Besides Karakuri boxes, participants saw lots of various puzzles including take apart puzzles and set-up puzzles. So, we, Karakuri Craftsmen, were very interested in such uncommon ones. Various talks by salesclerks made the eyes of everybody there shine. And they listened to the talks eagerly.

In the event space, we put a donation box to raise funds for Tohoku Earthquake victims. 31,805 Japanese yen was collected and sent to the Japan Red Cross Society. Thank you so much.

Auction

After the sales, we had an auction.
There were many rare works which were very difficult to find.
Exhibitors talked



The master of auction, Mr. Yosiaki Hirano.

The number of exhibits were 34. And the total amount of the bids was JPY305,500!
We asked exhibitors to donate more than one tenth of the price. And it reached JPY94,700. We donated it to "Kanagawa Trust Midori Zaidan" Thank you very much!



Mr. Haruo Uchida's Zogan work.

To be continue

We will report for the second day of HKP in the next paper.



The fourth Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest. Winning works were decided!

Thank you to all the applicants.

For Karakuri Box, 4 ideas won. For "Silhouette Puzzle", 4 ideas got 1ST prize and 34 ideas got 2nd prize.

The Karakuri Box, the same as our annual box, will be made by craftsmen including Karakuri Creation Group craftsmen.

After we have finished making them, you can see them in The Open Air Museum of Hakone as stated above. And we have a plan to exhibit them at Kakutaya in Gora and Hakone Maruyama Inc.

Exhibition: Jul. 21st to Sep. 2nd
Popularity poll : Jul. : 21st to Aug. 19th
Award ceremony : Aug. 25th
Place : The Open Air Museum of Hakone



Exhibition of our newest products at Matsuya Ginza The theme of this exhibition was life.

Term: April 25 to May 1

Place : Wanoza Gallery of Matsuya Ginza.

We held our newest products exhibition at Matsuya Ginza this year, too. Because of Japanese national holidays, there were so many people in Ginza pedestrians' mall on Saturday and Sunday. There were many visitors at this event, especially on Saturday and Sunday.

Thank you all for your coming.

