

# からくり新聞

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## Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2013

July 20th - September 1st  
Special thanks to everyone!

- ◆ Karakuri Puzzle workshop  
20th Jul.- 18th Aug. We had 33 workshops.

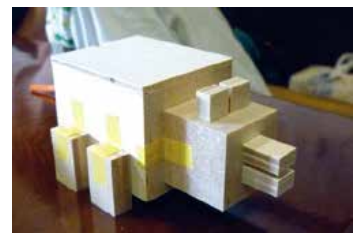
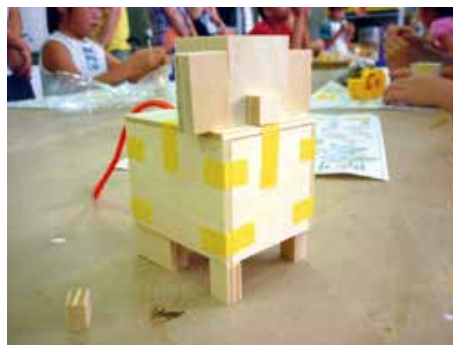


Karakuri Camera



Animal box

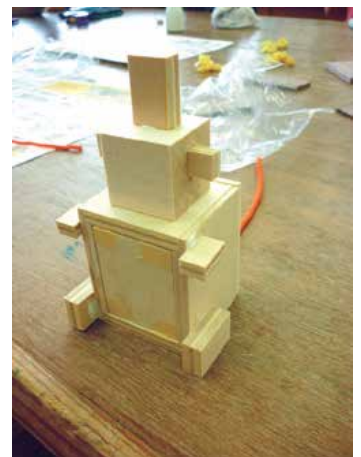
This event has become famous in the Odawara and Hakone area. There were about 800 participants this year! Participants could make various Karakuri boxes at Karakuri Puzzle workshops. This year's puzzles included, "Karakuri camera" and "Animal box" as well as others.



Various Karakuri boxes!



He is assembling Karakuri camera.



◆ Karakuri Puzzle workshop for Adults and Play corner.

We held a workshop for adults on 4th Aug. at Odawara Civic Hall. Participants could make “5 step Secret box”. They put a Yosegi sheet on the plates.

The guest lecturer, Mr. Iwahara, talked about the mechanism of the Secret Box. There was a Play Corner there as well.

Mr. Kamei talked about the many Karakuri boxes there.



◆ The 5th Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest

The theme of this contest was “Free style Karakuri box” and “Square style Karakuri box”. There were so many ideas!! It was very difficult for us to choose the winner.

We held the commendation ceremony at Hakone Open Air Museum on Aug. 24th.



The commendation ceremony



Waku Waku grand prix  
Flowering of cherry blossom



Favorite grand prix  
Stop the hot water!



Astonishment grand prix  
Karakuri Gum



Design grand prix  
Crane Box



Flash grand prix  
Twist

◆ Stamp Rally



This is a special Stamp Rally where participants can enjoy Karakuri boxes or Silhouette Puzzles.

We prepared 23 stamp points not only in Hakone but also in Odawara.

Many stores and museums cooperated with us, and they provided special presents for participants.



Special presents



◆ Karakuri Puzzle Performance

The expert of puzzle playing, Mr. Hirano, performed in Hakone.

His performance was very interesting! Everyone enjoyed his performance.



# Hakone Karakuri Museum is now open!!

Hakone Karakuri Museum opened in the satellite shop of Hakone Maruyama Inc. near the Hakone Check Point

This museum has been a dream of Karakuri Creation Group craftsmen for a long time!

There are about 100 Karakuri works and Karakuri furniture; trick door, sofa, and table.

You can see and experience the “Electric Secret Box”, the only one of its kind, the Five-storied Pagoda, which is a very precious Burr work called “Phoenix”, and you can also make your own secret box at the workshop.

Please come experience the fun!



The Opening Ceremony was held at 14th Sep.

Very various works!



The town mayor of Hakome and Kamei.



Play corner



Museum shop

## ◆ Inside story about Museum

This museum 's exhibition room was recently remodeled.

It used to be the kitchen of a soba shop. A few months ago there was a refrigerator, sink, cupboard, and gas stove.

The room is humid because it is near Lake Ashi.

So it was difficult for us to control the room' s humidity.

We put dehumidifiers and fans in the exhibition cases to protect the wood.

## Exhibition information

●19th~21st Jul.

The traditional-handicrafts article of Odawara in Summer.

At Odawara-juku Nariwai center

●1st~21st Aug.

At Tobu Department store Ikebukuro Tokyo

●28th Aug.~3rd Sep.

The traditional-handicrafts article exhibition

At Odakyu Department store Shinjuku Tokyo

# Report of Karakuri Puzzle Party in Hakone

It was a wonderful day! Here is the report about each event.

## ★ The 1st day

### ◆ Game LIAR×LIAR

We had a game after the opening ceremony.

The new members of Karakuri creation Group, Kasho, and Yoshida were Chairmen of this game.

Each craftsman asked a question and gave three answers. There was only one correct answer of course, and two answers were wrong. The participants choose the answer they thought was correct. Which answer was right?

Participants were divided into 6 teams, and tried to guess the most correct answers.

They were able to guess more correct answers than we thought, possibly because the questions were too easy or the craftsmen weren't good at lying.



Q: What is the musical instrument that Iwahara often plays?  
Two craftsmen lied and one craftsman told the correct answer.  
Participants chose the right answer.

Q: What kind of part-time jobs did Ninomiya do while making his wood works?  
There was one correct answer and also hidden stories about it.

### ◆ Charity Auction

There were many valuable Puzzles! Everyone was very excited and enjoyed this event.

Some sales were designated as a Great East Japan Earthquake contribution as well as others.

Thank you for your contributions!



Examining or reviewing of the products before the auction. The M.C. was Mr. Hirano.

## ★ Report about HKP on the next Karakuri news.

# Information

● 16th ~28th Oct. 2013

Marui Imai Department store Sapporo

This is the second exhibition at this department store.

There were about 50 works, small boxes, work kits, each craftsman's works, and others.