

からくり新聞

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Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2014 was a success!

Special thanks to everyone!
We will report about each event.

◆ Karakuri Puzzle workshop ◆



Many children! Let's make an original Karakuri box!

Karakuri Puzzle Festival is held during school summer vacation.
Many children participated in our workshops.
We had 34 workshops in all, and 728 children participated.
The childrens smiles and concentration told us they enjoyed the workshop.

Paper craft Puzzle workshop
by Mr. Hirano



So many
participants!



◆ Stamp Rally ◆

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

We prepared 19 stamp points not only in Hakone but also in Odawara.

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

Participants who collected all of the stamps
could get a special prize.



◆ The 6th Annual Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest ◆

This was the 6th year that the Idea Contest had been held!
 There were a great many ideas! It was very difficult for us to choose the winner,
 After careful thought, we were able to choose 4 ideas as the winners.

Karakuri craftsmen made each of the works and exhibited them in Hakone and Odawara during
 summer vacation.

We held the commendation ceremony at Hakone Open Air Museum on Aug. 23rd.
 Karakuri craftsmen lectured about the works.

< The winners >



Design grand prix
 「TUNING OK!」



Favorite grand prix
 「Pinwheel」



Flash grand prix
 「Karakuri tissue box」



Astonishment grand prix
 「Unfasten」



↑ The commendation ceremony.

← Karakuri craftsmen lectured about the works.



◆ Karakuri Puzzle workshop for Adults ◆

This was a more difficult workshop than the usual workshops we hold.
We used a special work kit for this workshop.
It is "Yoji-kuwae", that was designed from "Inu-Kuwae" traditional souvenir of Hakone.

"Yoji" is a toothpick. There is a dog's head.
When you open the drawer, the dog will hold the toothpick in its mouth.

It is a very simple and interesting mechanism.



→ This is "Yoji-kuwae"



← Iwahara lectured this workshop

◆ Karakuri Puzzle Performance ◆

This was a special performance by Mr. Yoshiaki Hirano.

If you weren't already interested in Karakuri, you would be after watching his performance.
Mr. Hirano performs in a way that captivates his audience!

- ★Mitsuki (Near the Hakone Yumoto Sta.)
22 Aug.
- ★Kakutaya (Near the Gora Sta.)
23 Aug.
- ★Hakone Maruyama Inc. (Near The Check Point)
24 Aug.



The report of KPH3 vol.3

We will report on the last events of KPH3.

◆ The 2nd day Visiting Hakone Karakuri Museum ◆

Hakone Karakuri Museum was opened on September 14th, 2013.

It is located near the Hakone Check Point as one of the famous sightseeing spots in Hakone.
You can look at and play with many Karakuri Boxes at this museum all year long.



↑ We took a commemorative photo in front of Hakone Karakuri Museum.



↑ Left : Karakuri Door



Right : The director of the museum, Maruyama.



↑ Left : There are very valuable works in this corner.



Right : Ninomiya lectured on his own "Karakuri Chest".



↑ They are contemplating how to open Sofa.



→ The landscape of Lake Ashi near the Museum.
You can see Mt. Fuji!



After visiting Hakone Karakuri Museum, participants went to Odawara Station by chartered bus where we all said our goodbyes and concluded another exciting year of KPH.



↑ This is the special present for participants of KPH2.

Information

◆ “Harune Odawara” shopping arcade opened on November 1st, 2014. ◆

“Harune” is an underground shopping area at Odawara Station. The concept of Harune Odawara was to put the community in charge of redesigning the space and making it a charming place for all citizens. You can look at, handle, and buy Karakuri Boxes at Harune.

◆ “Kezurou-Kai” was held on November 8th and 9th, 2014 at Odawara Arena. ◆

“Kezurou-Kai” is a carpenter’s event. They competed to shave wood as thinly as possible with a plane.

We opened a shop at this event.