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Exhibition with new works held at MATSUYA GINZA.

This time the theme was "2". How abstract is that? Each craftsman designed new work based on this theme. It must be difficult for craftsmen to make the work with this theme.

We could hear positive comments from customers. Everyone enjoyed the Karakuri world.

Thank you very much for visiting our exhibition!

From April 29 to May 6, 2015











Hakone Karakuri Museum was reopened!

Hakone Karakuri Museum was opened in 2013, and many people visited. This April, it was reopened!

More exhibition rooms were added and everyone was able to see many new works. This is the only museum which houses so many Karakuri works from all over the world.



↑ KarakuriDoor



↑The new exhibition rooms. 「Karakuri furniture」





↑ The works of KCG members.







↑ [History of Karakuri Hakone & Odawara」 [KUMIKI(Interlocking Puzzles)」 「Puzzles of the World」↑ Visitors can watch a movie about the movement of Karakuri boxes or Karakuri furniture.



We are recruiting participants for our workshop for adults!

There are two kinds of workshops this year. Both products in the workshops are challenging yet enjoyable

to make.

Please participate!

If you would like to join us please send an e-mail to us.

Part 1 Karakuri Sofa

Date: July 25(Sat.) 13:00-15:00

PART 2 Tabacco Trick

Date: September 26(Sat.) 10:30-12:00

Place: Harune Odawara (Near the Odawara Sta.)

Price: JPY 5,000-



Karakuri Party in Hakone 5 We are recruiting participants from all over the world.

The theme of this year is "History". September 26 (Sat.) ~27 (Sun.)

<Schedule>

September 26(Sat.) Various events in Odawara Sta. underground shopping center

★Karakuri Workshop for adults (a Tabacco Trick)

10:30~12:00

★Karakuri Puzzle Flea Market 13:00~14:30 (We are recruiting people who have their own store to join in this Flea Market)

★Talk Show (Karakuri History & Production Secret Story) 14:45~16:30

★Dinner Party (near Odawara Sta.) 17:30~19:30

September 27 (Sun.)

★Premium Hakone Tour by chartered bus (Departure and arrival Odawara Sta.)

 $9:30\sim17:00$ To meet at the West Exit Odawara Sta. Demonstration by craftsman and Special Present/ Premium Sale / Guide of the Hakone Karakuri Museum/ Narukawa Art Museum (modern Japanese-style paintings)

Entrance fees are as follows.

Workshop: JPY5,000- Cash payment on that day. Dinner Party: JPY5,000- Cash payment on that day.

Hakone Tour: JPY10,000- After confirmation, we request the payment in full.

Please find and reserve the hotel by yourself.

If you would like to participate please contact us at: info@karakuri.gr.jp





Report about the second day.

September 26 (Sat.) ~27 (Sun.)

Workshop for adults

The workshop for adults started in the morning. We couldn't tell if anyone drank too much or not the night before. The subject was "Sofa". This is a special work-kit for this event. When you push the right seat, the left drawer comes out.

And when you push the left seat, the right drawer comes out.

It took two hours to complete this work. This was a responsive workshop.











Sightseeing tour of Hakone 1 Visiting Owakudani

It was a fine day, so the participants could see Mt. Fuji and the beautiful landscape! There were many people who visited Owakudani.

During the free time everyone had lunch.

Owakudani was known as Jigokudani (Hell Valley) up until the Edo Period.

This characteristic scenery has now turned it into a sightseeing spot that is representative of Hakone. It is also possible to see Mt. Fuji through the various expressions of the four seasons from the steam vent area.



↑ How beautiful!

→We cannot visit Owakudani, now.

The Japan Meteorological Agency has seen too much steam rising from there, so the risk of an eruption on Mt. Hakone is rising.









◆ Sightseeing tour of Hakone 2 Visiting Iwahara's factory. ◆

The last event of KPH4 was visiting Iwahara's factory and seeing the Karakuri funiture which was made as a special request product for one customer.

It took Mr. Iwahara two years to complete this furniture.

This is called "Canon Chest", and there are many drawers and many mechanisms in it.

Iwahara made a mechanism that plays music like a wind instrument when you move some drawers. You can open some drawers when you play "a melody".

One Door unlocks in 8 step 2-ary (Binary) movement of drawers, another Door in 18 step 3-ary, another Door in 32 step 4-ary, and another Door in 50 step 5-ary.





He performed for the participants.



→ All drawers and all doors are opened! It was made using precious wood and detailed Yosegi plate.



And now the events have all finished. Participants moved to Odawara Sta. by chartered bus.

We all went our separate ways at Odawara Sta. Everyone could enjoy the KPH4.

KPH5-2015 is not only a one night and two day event.

We have many more interesting events! Please participant!



↑Chartered bus



A few days later...

He performed for
Karakuri craftsmen.







↑ご参考までに 大きさ比較。 約5mm幅…。

We accept a few questions from Karakuri members at times. At this time, we will answer the question, "How do you design the lottery?"

The day after the deadline, we write the names of all the Karakuri members who reserved the lottery on small pieces of paper and fold them a few times.

We can't see the name written on the paper! We randomly choose only the specific number of papers as winners. If you are a winner, congratulations! If you are not a winner, we apologize.

Good luck at winning the lottery next time!