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Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2015 will finish soon!

We will report about each event that has been already held.

◆ Karakuri Puzzle Workshop

Karakuri Puzzle Festival was held during summer vacation so many children participated in our workshops. We had 36 workshops in all, and 738 children participated. They enjoyed the workshop.

↓ Many participants!



Can you make it look good?→

They are so serious!
(right photo)



↑ The new work-kits. "Frog Box" and "Magic Box" .
 The small frog is the key. Take off the key and open the drawer.
 The box croaks like a frog.
 Still in the middle of making Magic Box. (right photo)
 Whatever you put into the box will disappear then reappear.

◆ Stamp rally

This is a special Stamp Rally where participants can enjoy Karakuri boxes or Silhouette Puzzles. We prepared 17 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 the stamps could get a special present. Active volcanic activity continues on Mount Hakone, so we were afraid that many people would decide not to participate. However, we were so pleased that many participants came and collected the stamps and the points. Special thanks to everyone!



↑ These are the special presents for participants.



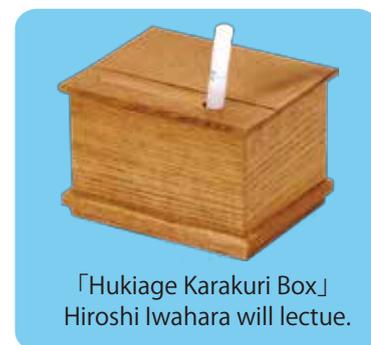
↑ We prepared 17 stamp points like this photo.

◆ Karakuri Puzzle workshop for Adults Part1 25th July

This is was a more challenging workshop than previously held workshops. We used a special work kit for this workshop called, "Karakuri Sofa", which was modeled after Karakuri furniture "Sofa" made by Akio Kamei. This work kit is the same one which was used at KPH4 2014. If you did not participate in KPH4 last year, you could make the special work kit during this time! There were many small parts and the participants concentrated as they made it.



← Performance of Karakuri furniture "Sofa"
Many small parts! ↑
←Kamei lectured on how to make it.



Part 2 will be held on 26th September at KPH5. You can make the new work kit "Hukiage Karakuri Box" This work kit's motif is "Hukiage", a traditional souvenir in Hakone. Hukiage is called "Tobacco Trick". When you open the box, a cigarette pops up.

◆ Special Karakuri Exhibition 25th and 26th July

About 200 Karakuri Works were exhibited at Harune Odawara, Harune Hiroba, It was the first time for us to exhibit so many Karakuri Works at Odawara. And it was a special limited exhibition, because it was held for only two days.

Kazuyuki Tanaka who is member of Karakuri Creation Group gave a special demonstration on the turning lathe. Participants who entered the challenge rally were able to receive a special present.

Many people came and enjoyed the Karakuri world.



↑ Ninomiya lectured on his works.

Tanaka made this. It's so small and cute!



↑ The special demonstration on the turning lathe.
↓ Challenge rally



← Many people enjoyed Karakuri works.





↑ That is the big dice!



↖ ↑ The demonstration on how to open the "Phoenix", by Kamei.

← The demonstration on how to open the "King Cube", by Iwahara. It needs 1536 moves to open as you know.



← Karakuri furniture "Sofa"

↓ → More than 100 works on display were just Kamei's works.



◆ The 7th annual Karakuri Puzzle Idea Contest The exhibition and winning ideas.

The themes of this year were the free style Karakuri Box, and money bank style Karakuri box. There were many ideas that came from all over Japan. It was very difficult for us to choose the winner, but we finally chose 6 winning ideas.

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

The commendation ceremony was held at Harune Odawara Harune Hiroba on 5th September.

After the ceremony, we exhibited all of the winning works from previous contests. The craftsmen lectured about each work.



The voting results : The free stye Karakuri Box : Unique grand prix 「Ouch !」
Waku Waku grand prix 「Valentine's Day」, Flash grand prix 「Twin」
Astonishment grand prix 「Diffusion」, Design grand prix 「Fire extinguisher」

Money Bank style Karakuri Box : Favorite- grand prix 「Please pay the fee」

The original proposers .
We gave them each winner works.





↑ The chairman of Odawara Hakone Association of "Karakuri Puzzle" and throughout Japan gave a prize.



↑ Guests.



The original proposers . ↗

This is making of "Ouch!" ↓



This is the original idea sketch.→



He is the turning lathe craftsman who made the body of "Fire extinguisher" . He talked about the making of it.



Karakuri Puzzle Festival 2015 will finish soon. The final event is the workshop for adults Part 2. Karakuri Puzzle festival next year, will be held in Japan. Please come and enjoy it!

There is something extra. You can learn about the process for producing each work. Especially the page about 「Please pay the fee」 was written by Hiroshi Iwahara. We hope you enjoy it.

Information of KPH5

You can participate in a few free events at KPH5.

KPH5 will be held on 26th September at Harune Odawara Harune Hiroba.

◆ Karakuri Puzzle Flea market 13:00-14:30 No entrance fee.
There are many Puzzle shops not only Karakuri shops.
You might be able to get your favorite one.



Flea market of the last year.

◆ Special talk show by the Karakuri craftsmen 14:45-16:30 No entrance fee.
They will either lecture about the history of Karakuri in Hakone & Odawara area,
or about their own history as a craftsman.

Let' s enjoy it together !

Karakuri Puzzle fair was held 22nd, 23th August at Harune Odawara Harune Hiroba

It was a new event for Karakuri Puzzle fans!
There were various shops; puzzle shops, toy shops, and of course Karakuri shops.
Everyone enjoyed them all.

The craftsmen of Karakuri Creation Group assisted in selling products or looking after visitors.
There was a corner for making Karakuri work kits for visitors, so the craftsmen taught how to make them too. And then they had time to look at each shop, and bought their favorite one.
They were satisfied customers.

Special thanks to everyone!



↑ Harune Odawara is an underground shopping area. Many people enjoyed shopping.
You can look at and buy the wooden craft products that were made in the Odawara Hakone area at the shop "TAKUMI-KAN" , which is located in Harune Odawara.



↑ Karakuri Puzzle performance by Mr.Hirano.
His performance is very interesting and everyone stopped to watch him.

↓ This family enjoyed Karakuri Puzzles very much!



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