

Spend Your New Year's at Tokyo International Forum!

New Year's Theme Park

The Theme Park let you experience traditional Japanese culture such as festive mochi-making, tasting of *ozōni* soup from different regions, sake sampling in *kaku-uchi* style, and games at carnival stalls. Come visit the Tokyo International Forum to fully appreciate culture of Japanese New Year.

Jan 2(Wed)-3(Thu), 2019

Time 11:00am - 6:00pm

Venue Tokyo International Forum Hall E

URL <https://j-cf.jp>

Before the Show Opens on January 2nd

Opening *Furumai Zake* (celebratory sake) will be served.

Get Ready for the Stamp Rally!

Go to the official website for details regarding exhibitors, their booths, and more.



Free Admission
Shopping and some events and shows will be charged.



EATS

Savoring Japan

Food court at the New Year's Theme Park is always busy and bustling. And like last year, different kinds of *ozōni* from different regions in Japan as well as special western style *ozōni* will be ready. In addition, a variety of hands-on experiences will be waiting for participants including *kaku-uchi* style sake tasting, festive *mochi*-making, *wagashi* rice cake making, and *senchadō* tea ceremony.



Selected alcoholic beverages such as Japanese *sake*, craft beers by local brewers, and wines of Japan will be available.

NEW Experiencing "Sencha" Tea Ceremony

Exhibitors: Imperial Hotel/Liquor Store Mitsuya/Confectionary Temari of Kamakura/My Sencha Salon by Sankitei Baisa School of Sencha Tea Ceremony Foundation



BEAUTY

Becoming a "Yamato Nadeshiko"

Experience graceful Japanese culture right at the venue: Try on a *kimono* that's just right for the New Year celebration, and workshops for making *sensu* fans and *tsumami* fabric pinching crafts.



NEW Tsumami Kanzashi (handmade hairpin)

Exhibitors: Hakubi Kyoto Kimono School/Ibasen/Telyukai/Tsumami Kanzashi Ayano



Wear a *kimono* and walk around the venue at your own pace. And on top of that, you can try Japanese calligraphy for free!

SHOW

Stage Performance

Fuku Suzuki will be emcee again this year. Truly spectacular live performances will take the stage including young popular artists such as *min-ya* singer Saya Asakura, modern *koto* player Leo Kon'no, as well as a *shodō* (Japanese calligraphy) performance by the Kosei Gakuen Girls Junior & Senior High School calligraphy club students. And this year's must-see is the powerful "Kendama Stage!" performance. *Kendama* - Japan's traditional game gone global - will take the audience's breath away.



Navigator: Fuku Suzuki



Kendama performers



Saya Asakura



Leo Kon'no



Sumō Wrestler Ichinojo

BOND

Fair and Carnival

Popular fair and carnival games like *shateki* (target shooting), *amezaiku* (candy craft), and pinball machines will be setup for both children and adults to enjoy!



Exhibitor: Manga Artists Network



You can buy various Japanese confectioneries such as *dagashi* snacks, *ningyo-yaki* cakes, and rice crackers!

The original *ningyo-yaki* by Kimuraya Main Store inside Asakusa Nakamise shopping street

Attn! Bonsai × Ikebana

Matsu (pine tree) *bonsai* that has been well groomed by its age and *ikebana* flower arrangement brilliantly decorated with special new year floral materials. A special New Year's exhibition, fusing their respective worlds will be realized for the first time at J-Culture Fest!

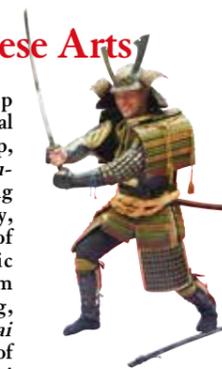
Exhibitors: Japan Gardening Society/Japan Flower & Communications



MEISTER

Encountering Japanese Arts

There are a number of workshop programs to experience Japan's traditional techniques, beauty and craftsmanship, including live performances of the *chusen* hand towel dying method, key ring making with *rozashi* embroidery, *mizuhiki* paper cord tying, making of coasters with *yosegi* wooden mosaic works, making of *hagoita* paddles from multi-colored wood block printing, making of sachets, experiencing *bonsai* and *ikebana* for the New Year, playing of hand-drum *tsuzumi*, wearing of samurai armors, and more.



Wearing Japanese Samurai Armor



Playing the Tsuzumi Hand Drum



Ikebana Flower Arrangement Workshop

Exhibitors: Kamawanu/Edo Kore!/Ayakful/Tsuyuki Woodcraft/ Takahashi Kobo Workshop/Joshindo/Japan Gardening Society/Japan Flower & Communications/The Hiromitsu Nishikawa Troupe/Tokyo Edo Week/Bugakuza

PLAY

Playground Square

Nostalgic Japanese indoor games like *karuta* card matching game, *origami* paper folding, marbles, and outdoor games like *hagoita* and top spinning can be enjoyed at the playground. Other popular events like a picture-card show, *kendama* workshop and more will take place at the venue.



2-day Event

Festive Mochitsuki/Picture-card show/Bugakuza/Kendama Workshop, etc.



Jan. 2nd Kids Sumo

Practice *sumō* on a mat *dohyō* ring with popular *sumō* wrestlers



Jan. 3rd Live Sumie Performance

Experience dynamic live *sumi-e* (ink-brush) painting with artist Okazu

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