

Seaweed Festival At Kawasaki Marien

(343) 「かわさきのりづくり祭り」について

In late April the port of Kawasaki will host a festival dedicated to NORI (海苔), those green sheets made from seaweed that are used to wrap up onigiri(Rice Ball) and sushi rolls.



The festivities take place on Saturday the 26th and Sunday the 27th of April at Kawasaki Marien, and they're called the "YOMIGAERU KAWASAKI NO UMI: DAI JYUIKKAI KAWASAKI NORIZUKURI MATSURI" (蘇る川崎の海 第11回かわさきのりづくり祭り) in Japanese.

At the festival, for 200 yen you can make your own nori to bring home with you at a hands-on nori-making area. There will also be vendors selling TSUKUDANI (佃煮、foods preserved by being boiled down in sweetened soy sauce), dried fish, and things like that. There will be a place where you can see and touch some of the sea life. And there will be all sorts of performances: unicycle-riding, folk singing and dancing, the children's musical group DORA-KON-DA KAWASAKI KID'S, and other events showcasing local artists.

Kawasaki Marien is about 30 minutes by bus from Kawasaki Station. Get off the bus at the stop called "Kawasaki Marien Mae" (川崎マリエン前).

For more information you can call the Kawasaki City Harbor Promotions Hall, called the "KAWASAKI SHI KŌWAN SHINKŌ KAIKAN" (川崎市港湾振興会館) in Japanese; their number is 0 4 4 - 2 8 7 - 6 0 0 0 .

Okinawa Comes To Your Town

(344) 「はいさいフェスタ 2008」について

In early May a festival celebrating Okinawa is happening right here in Kawasaki City. It's called the HAISAI FESTA 2008, and it will take place over four days in May, the 3rd through the 6th. The place is La Cittadella, very close to JR Kawasaki Station.

You'll have a chance to try Okinawa-style "sōki soba" noodles with pork ribs on top, sātā andāgī sweet deep-fried buns, Orion Beer and other Okinawa cuisine. There will be vendors offering souvenirs and products from Okinawa. You'll be able to see some of the famous Okinawan Obon dance known as EISA, and hear folk music sung or played on the sanshin. On top of that there will be showings of movies from Okinawa, and other live performances as well.

It's all happening at La Cittadella, which is about a 5-minute walk from JR Kawasaki Station.

For more information you can call Citta Entertainment at 0 4 4 - 2 3 3 - 1 9 3 4 .

A New Waterfront Park

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「東扇島東公園オープン」について

This week Kawasaki City announces the opening of Higashi Ōgijima Higashi Kōen (東扇島東公園). The park, located on the waterfront in the coastal part of Kawasaki Ward, was completed on April 26th.

The park features an artificial beach where people can play in or next to the water, a plaza where events can be held, an open space constructed especially for people to let their dogs play in, facilities for holding barbeques, and so forth.

Higashi Ōgijima Higashi Kōen is about 30 minutes by bus from Kawsaki Station. Take the Higashi Ōgijima circular, called the “HIGASHI ŌGIJIMA JUNKAN” (東扇島循環)、and get off the bus at the stop

called “HIGASHI ŌGIJIMA HIGASHI KŌEN MAE” (東扇島東公園前)

Parking is also available for a fee, so you can come by automobile if you like.

So, why not come on out and have some fun at the seaside?

More information about Kawasaki's new oceanfront park is available from the Port and Harbor Bureau, General Affairs Division (called the KŌWAN-KYOKU SHOMU-KA, 港湾局庶務課, in Japanese); their phone number is 0 4 4 - 2 0 0 - 3 0 4 9 .



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