

What's on in Sapporo?



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Odori Park 10-chome

September Calendar

After enjoying the hot summer, we welcome autumn's abundant produce. Don't miss out on this season!

Keiro no hi (Respect-for-the-Elderly Day) falls on Sep. 15 (Mon./hol.). This is a day to honor the elderly people who have contributed to society. Why not visit your grandparents or send them a short message?

Shubun no hi (Autumn Equinox Day) falls on Sep. 23 (Tue./hol.). The week that includes the autumnal equinox is called *higan* and is a time to honor one's ancestors. It is common to offer rice cakes called *ohagi*.

A Hokkaido Feast

Hokkaido is richly blessed with rich agricultural and marine products. Why not enjoy them under the clear autumn sky? **The 2025 Sapporo Autumn Fest** is the perfect opportunity. From Sep. 12 (Fri.) to Oct. 4 (Sat.), savor Hokkaido's gourmet delights at Odori Park 4-8-chome, 10 and 11-chome. Experience the flavors of autumn in a festive atmosphere.

In4 (Info) Square (4-chome): general festival information is available. A special menu featuring seafood, ramen, and sweets is offered in collaboration with the magazines "O.tone" and "poroco." **Odori Park 7-chome Bar** (7-chome): a wide selection of drinks such as wine, craft beer and *jizake* (local sake) will be offered. Try a tasting set to explore the flavors. **Oniku Jutchome** (10-chome): more than 20 stalls serve various meat and vegetable dishes. Enjoy delicious food and relax in the outdoor-style dining area. Hours: 10 a.m.–8:30 p.m. (last order: 8 p.m.). Some stalls will rotate in and out during the festival period. •Info: Sapporo Autumn Fest Jikko-iinkai, ☎281-6400 <<https://www.sapporo.travel/autumnfest/>>



Events

Autumn Fireworks

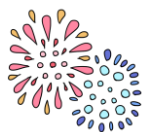
Sep. 6 Hokkaido Hanabi 2025

will be held at Moerenuma Park (Higashi-ku, Moerenuma-koen 1) on Sep. 6 (Sat.). The site will open at 4 p.m. The one-hour artistic fireworks will start at 7:15 p.m. Tickets: ¥5,500 for unreserved lawn seating. A fun trash pick-up event will be held on Sep. 7 (Sun.). ●Info: Hokkaido Geijutsu Hanabi Kaisai-iinkai, <<https://www.moere.jp/>>



Sep. 14 The Doshin Autumn Fireworks

will be held at the Daiwa House Premist Dome Open Arena (Toyohira-ku, Hitsujigaoka 1). The site will open at 4 p.m. The fireworks will start at 7 p.m. Enjoy 18,000 fireworks. Date: Sep. 14 (Sun.). Rain date: Sep. 15 (Mon./hol.). Tickets: ¥3,000 (unreserved seating). ¥5,500–20,000 (reserved seating). ●Info: Doshin Aki Hanabi Taikai-jimukyoku, ☎252-1017 <https://mo-ula.jp/LP/doshin_akihanabi/>



Rainbow Pride

Sep. 13-14 The Sapporo Rainbow Pride

an event to promote the public understanding of sexual minorities will be held at Rainbow Street (Chuo-ku, Minami 1, Nishi 2-3). Date: Sep. 13 (Sat.) and 14 (Sun.), 11 a.m.–4 p.m. It will offer stage performances, booths, and exhibitions on the theme of sexual diversity. On the last day, the colorful participants will parade through downtown from 1 p.m. ●Info: Sapporo Rainbow Pride Jikko-iinkai, <<https://www.sprainbowpride.com>>



Otaru Night Market

Sep. 13-22 The North Canal Night Market 2025

will be held from Sep. 13 (Sat.) to 22 (Mon.) from 5 to 9 p.m. Historical buildings will be lit up at night and food stalls will be open along the canal. The Otaru Canal Lantern Floating event will be held on Sep. 14 (Sun.), 20 (Sat.) and 21 (Sun.) from 8 to 9 p.m. in front of the Former Hokkai Seikan. Buy a lantern (¥700) and release it over the canal. The canal will be lit up with 10,000 lanterns. ●Info: Otaru Canal Night Market Yummy-ichi Jikko-iinkai, ☎0134-33-2510 <<https://otaru-canal.jp/100th/yummy2025/>>



Sapporo City Cos

Sep. 20 At Sapporo City Cos,

participants will appear in unique costumes of their own choice to enjoy shopping, dining, and taking photos. There will be a display of cars painted with anime characters and DJ performances of anime songs at Minami 1-jo street. Date: Sep. 20 (Sat.) 11 a.m.–6 p.m. Venue: Minami 1-jo street, TV Tower, Odori Park 1-4-chome and Sosei River Park (Chuo-ku, Minami 3, Higashi 1) ●Info: Sapporo City Cos Jikko-iinkai, <<https://satsucos.info/>>



Sanrio Exhibition

Sep. 20-Nov. 3 The Sanrio Designer Exhibition

focuses on the designer of Hello Kitty and presents the initial design and untold story behind Sanrio characters. Enjoy the cute drawings and pick up some Sanrio goods at the store. Date: Sep. 20 (Sat.)–Nov. 3 (Mon./hol.), noon–5 p.m. (weekdays), 11 a.m.–6

p.m. (weekends). Tickets: ¥1,500 for univ. and over, ¥800 for sr. high and jr. high, ¥500 for age 3 to elem. Venue: Sapporo Factory 3F (Chuo-ku, Kita 3, Higashi 4). ●Info: Hokkaido Shimbun Press, ☎210-5731 <<https://event.hokkaido-np.co.jp/sanrio/>>



Performance Party

Sep. 27-28 The Sapporo Performance Party 2025

will be held on Sep. 27 (Sat) and 28 (Sun.) from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Six groups of jugglers, mimes, magical comedians, and acrobats will perform at the Chi-Ka-Ho, Kita 3-jo Hiroba (Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway) and at the JR Sapporo Sta. south exit. Adm.: free. ●Info: Sapporo Machizukuri Co., Ltd., ☎211-6406 <<https://www.sapporo-performance-party.com/>>



Tove and Moomin

Oct. 1-Nov. 24 The Hokkaido Museum of

Modern Art (Chuo-ku, Kita 1, Nishi 17) will hold the **Tove and Moomin Exhibition** from Oct. 1 (Wed.) to Nov. 24 (Mon./hol.). The exhibition will show Tove's life and creative world through over 300 pieces of work. Adm.: ¥1,800 for adults, ¥1,000 for univ. and sr. high, ¥700 for jr. high, free for elem. ●Info: Hokkaido Museum of Modern Art, ☎644-6881 <<https://event.hokkaido-np.co.jp/tove-moomins/>>





Sapporo City Info

Sewerage Science Museum Festival

The Sapporo Sewerage Science Museum will hold a festival for families. Enjoy bingo games, treasure hunting, stage performances with the mascot Crin-chan, workshops, a quiz rally and food stalls. Date: Sep. 6 (Sat.) and 7 (Sun.), 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Adm.: free. Address: Kita-ku, Asabu-cho 8-chome. Access: free shuttle bus from Asabu Subway Sta. (Namboku Line) to the museum. ●Info: Sapporo Sewerage Science Museum, ☎717-0046

<<https://sapporo-src.com/kagakukan/index.html>>



SAPPORO For questions about daily life, procedures, or municipal facilities, contact the Sapporo City Call Center (SCCC) any day in English, Chinese, or Korean.

Hours: 8 a.m.–9 p.m. ☎222-4894

<info4894@city.sapporo.jp>



Markets

- 1. Flea Market at Nakajima Park Jiyu Hiroba**
(Chuo-ku, Nakajima-koen 1)
Date: Sep. 7 (Sun.), 15, (Mon./hol.), 20 (Sat.), 21 (Sun.), 27 (Sat.), 28 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. until 1 p.m. on 15, 21, 28. Cancelled in case of rain.
- 2. Flea Market at Nishi Kuyakusho (Ward Office)**
(Nishi-ku, Kotoni 2-7)
Date: Sep. 13 (Sat.), 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- 3. Flea Market at Yumeichiba Atsubetsu**
(Atsubetsu-ku, Atsubetsu Chuo 1-5)
Date: Sep. 14 (Sun.), 23 (Tue./hol.), 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.
Cancelled in case of rain.
- 4. Morning Market at Higashi Honganji Temple**
(Chuo-ku, Minami 7, Nishi 8)
Sales of freshly picked vegetables, baked sweets, miscellaneous goods, accessories, etc.
Date: Sep. 8 (Mon.), 28 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
Cancelled in case of stormy weather.
- 5. May Marche (Chuo-ku, Minami 22, Nishi 6)**
Sales of fresh vegetables, fruits, and ice cream
Date: every Sat., 10:30 a.m.–noon, rain or shine.



Plaza News

Sapporo International Communication Plaza Foundation (SICPF)

Sapporo Life Orientation for New Residents from Overseas

Date: Oct. 4 (Sat.) 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. SICPF will hold this orientation to provide basic information about life in Sapporo and an opportunity to meet people. After the orientation, there will be time for one-on-one consultation and free talk. It will be conducted in simple Japanese and English. Adm.: free. Venue: Sapporo International Communication Plaza (Chuo-ku, Kita 1, Nishi 3, MN Bldg. 3F). Apply from website.



Free Professional Consultation for Foreign Residents

Date: Oct. 18 (Sat.) 1–4 p.m. The Sapporo Help Desk for Foreign Residents offers free professional consultations for foreign residents. Lawyers, administrative procedure specialists and tax accountants advise on resident status, legal issues, and taxes. Reservations are required. English and Chinese interpretation available. Telephone interpretation is also available in other languages. Online consultations via Zoom are accepted. Venue: SICPF



Nihongo de Hanaso! Perapera Wednesday

Date: every Wednesday, 2–3:30 p.m. Sep. 3, 10, 17, 24 (themed talk). SICPF hosts free sessions for foreign nationals who would like to practice speaking Japanese with volunteers. A themed talk is held during the last session every month. Japanese learners of all levels are welcome. No reservation needed. Adm.: free.



Sapporo International Communication Plaza Foundation (SICPF)

Facebook <<https://www.facebook.com/sicpf/>>

Multilingual Newsletter

<<https://www.sapporolife.info/newsletter/english/>>



SAPPORO HELP DESK for Foreign Residents

Hours: Mon–Fri. 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m. Extended hours: every Wed. 9:30 a.m.–7 p.m. Closed: Sat., Sun. and national holidays. Languages: simple Japanese, English, Chinese and Sinhala. Vietnamese is available on Fri. (10 a.m.–5 p.m.). Other languages are available via telephone interpretation. Fee: free. ●Info: ☎211-3678. Address: Chuo-ku, Kita 1, Nishi 3, MN Bldg. 3
<<https://www.sapporolife.info/en/article/?id=31>>



September Events Calendar

Date		Events
1	Mon.	
2	Tue.	
3	Wed.	
4	Thu.	
5	Fri.	Sapporo Sweet Potato Expo (until Sep. 7)
6	Sat.	Hokkaido Hanabi Sewage Science Museum Fest (until Sep. 7)
7	Sun.	
8	Mon.	
9	Tue.	
10	Wed.	
11	Thu.	
12	Fri.	Sapporo Autumn Fest (until Oct. 4)
13	Sat.	Rainbow Pride (until Sep. 14) North Canal Night Market (until Sep. 22) Bare Bear Beer Festival (until Sep. 15)
14	Sun.	Doshin Autumn Fireworks
15	Mon.	Respect-for-the- Elderly Day

Date		Events
16	Tue.	
17	Wed.	
18	Thu.	
19	Fri.	
20	Sat.	Sapporo City Cos Sanrio Designers Exhibition (until Nov. 3)
21	Sun.	Sapporo Salmon Festival
22	Mon.	
23	Tue.	Autumn Equinox Day
24	Wed.	
25	Thu.	
26	Fri.	
27	Sat.	Sapporo Performance Party (until Sep. 28)
28	Sun.	
29	Mon.	
30	Tue.	

Not all of these events are described in the Sep. issue.

This Month's Special

Nomad Book Cafe



Nomad Book Café is the place where you can enjoy reading books alone. The owner opened the bookstore with a café for solo customers in May. It is near the Nishisen 6-jo Streetcar Stop. Buy a book and order a drink or meal at the register. Chicken curry set (¥1,300) and cake set (¥1,100) are recommended.

Address: Chuo-ku, Minami 6, Nishi 14, Hazawa Mansion
Hours: noon–7 p.m. Closed: Mon.–Wed. ☎522-5589
Access: 1-min. walk from the Nishisen 6-jo Streetcar Stop.
<<https://www.instagram.com/nomadbooks1901/>>



HIWA News

International Meeting and Bus Tour

HIWA is organizing a bus tour for members and non-members to visit Kutchan Nishi Elementary School Kabayama Branch. Many children with foreign parents attend this elementary school.

Date: Sep. 25 (Thu.), 8:45 a.m.–5 p.m.

Meeting place and time: Odori Nishi 1-chome at 8:45 a.m.
Bus fare: about ¥7,000 (depending on the number of participants; lunch not included.)

Application: email to <yoshilinwakuwaku@gmail.com> or call at 090-6448-3237 (Koizumi) by Sep. 10 (Wed.).

●HIWA Info:

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(Kita-ku, Kita 8, Nishi 3)

☎090-3848-8020 (Monday only, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.)

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