

# What's on in Sapporo?



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*Cosmos in Takino Suzuran Hillside Park*

## October Calendar

**O**tsukimi (moon viewing) is a traditional Japanese event, specifically held to admire the beautiful autumn moon and give thanks for the harvest. It falls on Oct. 6 (Mon.) this year. People offer *tsukimi dango* (dumplings) and *susuki* (pampas grass).

Sports Day (Oct. 13, Mon.) is a national holiday that aims to foster a spirit of enjoying sports and respecting others, and wishing for the realization of a healthy and energetic society.

Halloween (Oct. 31, Fri.) has become a yearly event in Japan, with decorations and candy appearing everywhere in town.

## Takino Autumn Colors 2025

**T**akino Suzuran Hillside Park is a Sapporo's suburban leisure spot which is rich in nature. Every time we visit there, we can find different seasonal flowers, plants and trees. What can be seen in October?

In the **Country Garden**, reddish, fluffy *Kokia* welcomes you. Its rounded shape makes our heart warm. Perhaps, cosmos can be enjoyed in early October though the flowering time has passed. **Takino no Mori East Zone** is filled with red and brown leaves of maples. Enjoy leaf foliage carpets. Wild nature is spreading on the other side of the park. Collaboration of the **Ashiribetsu Fall** and colorful leaf foliage is so photogenic. Join a free guided tour to take a trek in the park, and be amazed at the splendid fall world.

Date: Sep. 13 (Sat.)–Oct. 26 (Sun.), 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Adm.: ¥450 for age 15 and over, free for age 14 and under, ¥210 for age 65 and over. Address: Minami-ku, Takino 247. Access: take Chuo Bus #106 from Makomanai Subway Sta. No. 2 platform (Namboku Line) to Suzuran-koen Higashi-guchi bus stop. •Info: Takino Suzuran Hillside Park, ☎592-3333  
<<https://www.takinopark.com/>>



# Events

## Kokusai Ski Resort

**Oct. 1-19**

Celebrate the beauty of fall at the **Autumn Festival** in Sapporo Kokusai Ski Resort (Minami-ku, Jozankei 937) from Oct. 1 (Wed.)–19 (Sun.). Take the **Koyo-gondola** for a view of the colorful autumn leaves. Round-trip tickets: ¥1,500 for jr. high and over, ¥800 for elem. free for preschoolers. Enjoy delicious food, live street performances, and games. Hours: 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Access: take shuttle bus from Jozankei Tourist Association. ●Info: Sapporo Kokusai Ski Resort, ☎598-4511, <<https://www.sapporo-kokusai.jp/autumn/>>



## Sapporo Mirai Jazz

**Oct. 4-5**

The **Sapporo Mirai Jazz**, rooted in Hokkaido will be held at Art Hall of Sapporo Art Park (Minami-ku, Geijutsunomori 2) on Oct. 4 (Sat.) and 5 (Sun.), from 11a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Enjoy jazz and popular music performances by Hokkaido's musicians. Eleven jazz bands will perform each day. Tickets: ¥2,000/day for jr. high and over, free for elem. and under. ●Info: Sapporo Mirai Jazz Jikko-iinkai, ☎709-4211, <<https://www.sapporomiraijazz.jp/>>



## Sapporo Marathon

**Oct. 5**

The **Sapporo Marathon**, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, will be held on Oct. 5 (Sun.). It is a fun event in which diverse members of the community can take part in. It also aims to become as sustainable as possible, so runners should bring their own cups in order to cut down on disposable plastic cups.

The half marathon will start at 9:30 a.m. at Makomanai Sekisuiheim Stadium in Minami-ku. There will be traffic restrictions from 8:35 to 11:20 a.m. along the route. ●Info: Sapporo Marathon Jimukyoku, ☎530-5562, <<https://satumara.sapporo-sport.jp/>>



## Short Film Festival

**Oct. 10-13**

In The **20th Sapporo Short Fest 2025**, about 2,400 works were entered from 91 countries and regions including Japan. These were created by professional and amateur directors. The 70 short films are separated into the International Competition, the National Competition, and the Special Program. Each program has some 30-min. short films. Date: Oct. 10 (Fri.)–13 (Mon./hol). Venue: Satsugeki (Chuo-ku, Minami 2, Nishi 5). ●Info: No Maps Jikko-iinkai, <<https://sapporo-shortfest.jp/>>



## Sapporo Recycle Art

**Oct. 24-26**

Artworks made with recycled materials by artists from elementary school students to adults will be selected and exhibited at the Sapporo Ekimae-dori Underground Walkway, Kita 3-jo Square. The artworks are made from plastic bottles, clothes, newsprint and other such materials. Winners of the best recycled artworks chosen will be awarded prizes by the judges. Date: Oct. 24 (Fri.)–26 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–7 p.m. (until 5 p.m. on Sun.). ●Info: Recycle Art Exhibition Jikko-iinkai, ☎290-

1112, <<https://recycle-art-exh.jp/>>



## Autumn Illuminations

**Oct. 24-Nov. 3**

**Autumn Illuminations** will be held in Nakajima Park from Oct. 24 (Fri.) to Nov. 3 (Mon./hol.). The ginkgo tree avenue, Shobu Pond, and Hohei-kan will be lit up at night. The entrance fee for the Japanese Garden is ¥500. Visitors enter the Japanese Garden separately from 5:30 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Choose the date and time, and buy online tickets. Hours: 5:30–9 p.m. ●Info: The Sapporo Chamber of Commerce and Industry, <<https://sapporo-autumn-illuminations.jp/>>



## The 30th Anniversary

**Until Oct. 31**

**Shiroi Koibito Park** is holding its **30th Anniversary Halloween** events. Enjoy Halloween sweets, workshops, a haunted house, and more. On Oct. 25 (Sat.) and 26 (Sun.), admission is free for children in Halloween costumes. Children will get a piece of candy if they meet a witch and say “Trick or treat.” Date: until Oct. 31 (Fri.), 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Adm.: ¥800 for sr. high and over, ¥400 for age 4 to jr. high, free for age 3 and under. Address: Nishi-ku, Miyanosawa 2-jo 2-chome, 11-36. ●Info: Shiroi Koibito Park, ☎666-1481, <<https://www.shiroikoibitopark.jp/halloween/>>

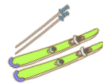






# Sapporo City Info

## Ski Recycling



Usable ski gear: carving skis, ski boots, and poles, for children to sr. high will be collected for recycling until Oct. 3 (Fri.) at 20 elementary schools in Sapporo. The donated ski gear will be available on the website, "Sapporo Ski Recycle 2025" from Nov. 4 (Tue.) to 14 (Fri.). Access the website below and choose the ski gear and apply for it. You can get them at Sapporo Board of Education (Chuo-ku, Kita 2, Nishi 2, Kita 2-jo Bldg. 2F) in December. ●Info: SCCC, ☎222-4894, <[https://www.city.sapporo.jp/kyoiku/shido/2025recycle\\_full.html](https://www.city.sapporo.jp/kyoiku/shido/2025recycle_full.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

<<https://www.city.sapporo.jp/index.html>>



## Markets

- Flea Market at Nakajima Park Jiyu Hiroba**  
(Chuo-ku, Nakajima-koen 1)  
**Date:** Oct. 5 (Sun.), 12 (Sun.), 13 (Mon./hol.), 26 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m. (until 1 p.m. on Oct. 12 and 26)  
Cancelled in case of rain.
- Flea Market at Nishi Kuyakusho (Ward Office)**  
(Nishi-ku, Koton 2-7)  
**Date:** Oct. 18 (Sat.), 9 a.m.–1 p.m.
- Flea Market at Yumeichiba Atsubetsu**  
(Atsubetsu-ku, Atsubetsu Chuo 1-5)  
**Date:** Oct. 4 (Sat.), 18 (Sat.), 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Cancelled in case of rain.
- Morning Market at Higashi Honganji Temple**  
(Chuo-ku, Minami 7, Nishi 8)  
Sales of fresh vegetables, baked sweets, miscellaneous goods, accessories, etc.  
**Date:** Oct. 8 (Wed.), 26 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–2 p.m.  
Cancelled in case of stormy weather.
- May Marche (Chuo-ku, Minami 22, Nishi 6)**  
Sales of fresh vegetables, fruits, and ice cream  
**Date:** Oct. 4 (Sat.), 11 (Sat.), 10:30 a.m.–noon



# Plaza News

## Sapporo International Communication Plaza Foundation (SICPF)

### Disaster Prevention Day for Foreign Nationals

**Date:** Oct. 26 (Sun.), 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. Learn about a hazard map and prepare for disasters at home. Visit the Sapporo Citizens' Disaster Prevention Center by a chartered bus and experience an earthquake simulation, fire extinguishing and more. After that, move to an evacuation shelter and learn about emergency supplies. Try stretching exercises to prevent economy class syndrome. Adm.: free. Capacity: 40 foreign nationals and their family/friends (first-come, first-served). Apply from the web form.



### Free Professional Consultations 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 residence 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. Oct. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (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>>



# October Events Calendar

Date	Events
1 Wed.	Kokusai Ski Resort Autumn Fes (until Oct. 19)
2 Thu.	
3 Fri.	
4 Sat.	Sapporo Mirai Jazz (until Oct. 5)
5 Sun.	Sapporo Marathon Ishikari World Festival
6 Mon.	
7 Tue.	
8 Wed.	
9 Thu.	
10 Fri.	Sapporo Short Fest (until Oct. 13) Sapporo Foovie Festival (until Oct. 12)
11 Sat.	
12 Sun.	
13 Mon.	Sports Day
14 Tue.	
15 Wed.	
16 Thu.	

Date	Events
17 Fri.	Sapporo Game Camp 2025 (until Oct. 19)
18 Sat.	
19 Sun.	
20 Mon.	
21 Tue.	
22 Wed.	
23 Thu.	
24 Fri.	Sapporo Autumn Illuminations Recycle Art Exhibition (until Oct. 26)
25 Sat.	
26 Sun.	
27 Mon.	
28 Tue.	
29 Wed.	
30 Thu.	
31 Fri.	Jozankei Nature Luminarie ends Halloween

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

## This Month's Specials

### Towa Coffee Roastery



The Towa Coffee Roastery is a coffee bean specialty café near Nishi 28-chome Subway Sta. (Tozai Line). The shop offers exceptionally fresh coffee from around the world, carefully home-roasted in small batches. The menu highlights each bean's origin and characteristics. Try tasting three different types of coffee (¥1,000). Affogato (¥760, vanilla ice cream with hot espresso) is recommended.

Address: Chuo-ku, Kita 3, Nishi 22. Hours: 11 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Closed: Friday. •Info: ☎050-5468-8324  
<<https://towa-coffee.com>>



### mankimonki, Jimusho de Pop-up



With over 20 years selling vintage clothing at Paseo, the fashion store, mankimonki now has a pop-up store four times a year at their office-boutique. To celebrate their third anniversary of pop-ups, various items are 20-50% off! Vintage items include clothing, shoes, accessories, upcycled original apparel, and more! Come discover curated vintage treasures sourced from the U.S.

Date: Oct. 3 (Fri.)–13 (Mon./hol.), noon–8 p.m.  
Address: Kita-ku, Kita 10, Nishi 3, Hokushin 10-jo Bldg. 2F. •Info: ☎717-1703  
<<https://www.instagram.com/mankimonkilastudio/>>



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