

# What's on in Sapporo?



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Yosakoi Soran Festival

## June Calendar

Sapporo will be bustling with two fascinating festivals (see the article on the right). As there is no rainy season in Sapporo, the refreshing weather is perfect for outdoor activities.

Father's Day falls on June 15 (Sun.). Why not take this opportunity to express your gratitude to your father, something you normally can't express in words?

The summer solstice, which marks the longest night of the year, occurs on June 21 (Sat.). Recently, there has been a movement to turn off electricity and use candles on this day in order to feel grateful for electricity.

## The 34th Yosakoi Soran Festival

The city of Sapporo will be filled with enthusiasm. **The 34th Yosakoi Soran Festival** will be held from June 4 (Wed.) to 8 (Sun.) at 17 venues, including Odori Park. About 30 nationwide teams will come and dance at various venues on stages and in the streets. Feel the powerful *soran-bushi* music. Hear the shouts of dancers using *naruko* (wooden clappers) throughout the city.

**Waodori Square:** June 7 (Sat.) and 8 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–5 p.m. Odori Nishi 7. Anyone can dance with yosakoi dancers. Impromptu participation is welcome.

**Final Stage:** June 8 (Sun.), 6:30–9 p.m. Odori Nishi 8. The champion team will be decided. It's a must-see. **Kita-no Food Park:** all days during the event, 11 a.m.–9 p.m. Odori Nishi 5 and 6-chome. Taste foods from around the county at the stalls. Advance tickets for the Odori Nishi 5-8 venues are on sale. These are for those who want to see the performances from a better position.

Tickets: ¥1,000–6,000. Some tickets are sold out. •Info: Yosakoi Soran Matsuri Soshiki-iinkai Jimukyoku, ☎231-4351

<<https://www.yosakoi-soran.jp>>



# Events

## Hokudai-sai

**June 6-8** The 67th Hokkaido University Festival

(Hokudai-sai) will be held from June 6 (Fri.) to 8 (Sun.). There will be stage performances, faculty festivals, open lectures and more. The most popular event is the **International Food Festival**. Enjoy dishes from around the world made by international students. Date: June 6 (Fri.) noon-9 p.m., 7 (Sat.) 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 8 (Sun.) 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Venue: Hokkaido University Sapporo campus (Kita-ku, Kita 8, Nishi 5). ●Info: <<https://hokudaisai.com/>>



## Hokkaido Shrine Festival

**June 14-16** The Hokkaido Shrine Festival

will be held from June 14 (Sat.) to 16 (Mon.) at Hokkaido Shrine in Maruyama Park and in Nakajima Park. More than 1,000 people in traditional costumes will parade through downtown, starting from Hokkaido Shrine (Chuo-ku, Miyaga-oka 474) at 9 a.m. on June 16 (Mon.). In Nakajima Park, there will be many stalls of food, games, and other things. ●Info: Hokkaido Shrine, ☎611-0261 <<http://www.hokkaidojingu.or.jp/festival/>>



## Fruit Picking Season

**Mid June** Enjoy picking and eating fruit at

Sapporo Fruit Garden. Try six kinds of strawberries. Adm.: ¥1,800 for jr. high and over. ¥1,500 for elem. ¥1,000 for age 2 to 5. ¥250/100g to take fruit

home. Hours: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. ●Info: Sapporo Fruit Garden (Minami-ku, Toyama 70) <<https://sapporo-fruit.com/>>



## Flower Festivals

**June 14-15** Odori Park Rose Festival

will be held at Odori Nishi 12-chome on June 14 (Sat.) and 15 (Sun.). Souvenir shops of rose items and flower arrangement workshops will be held. ●Info: Odori-koen, Kanri-jimusho, ☎251-0438

**June 21-29** Hana Festa 2025

will be held from Odori Nishi 4 to 8-chome from June 21 (Sat.) to 29 (Sun.). Enjoy a gardening contest of high school students, flower displays and flower markets. ●Info: Sapporo Unei-jimukyoku, <<https://www.hanafes-sapporo.jp/>>



Hana Festa

## Midsummer Festival

**June 22** The Swedish-style Midsummer Festival, an

annual event of Tobetsu Twon, will be held at Sweden Center Foundation (Ishikari-gun, Tobetsu-cho, Sweeden Hills 2329) and Nordic Wind Tobetsu Roadside Station on June 22 (Sun.) from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy the Green Concert, a parade, and folk dances around the Maypole. Try Swedish cuisine at the cafeteria. A shuttle bus runs from JR ROYCE Town Station. ●Info: Tobetsu Leksand Toshi Koryu-kyokai, ☎0133-23-2447 <<https://tobetsu-leksand.com/festival/>>



## Akarenga Concert

**June 26** The Hokkaido Police Band will hold its 129th

**Akarenga Concert** on June 26 (Thu.). Enjoy classical and popular music performed by police officers and color guard members. Venue: the Former Hokkaido Government Office garden (Chuo-ku, Kita 3, Nishi 6). Hours: 12:15-12:45 p.m. Adm.: free. ●Info: <<https://www.police.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/>>



## Sapporo Flower Carpet

**June 27-29** Don't miss the stunning Sapporo

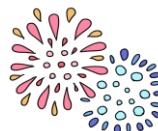
**Flower Carpet**, from June 27 (Fri.) to 29 (Sun.) at Sapporo Kita 3-jo Hiroba (Chuo-ku, Kita 3, Nishi 4). Now in its 11th year, this participatory art event brings volunteers together to create flower murals using petals and other natural materials. ●Info: Sapporo Flower Carpet <<https://www.sapporo-flowercarpet.com/>>



## Takino Fireworks

**June 29** The Takino Fireworks Festival will be held on

June 29 (Sun.). The venue will open at 11 a.m. and events will start at noon. The fireworks will be held from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m. Enjoy fireworks synchronized with music in the natural surroundings. Tickets: ¥3,000-¥6,500, available on the website. Venue: Takino Suzuran Hillside Park (Minami-ku, Takino 247). ●Info: <<https://www.takinohanabi.com/>>





# Sapporo City Info

## “Tap to Ride”

Started on Apr. 26, credit cards and smart phones can now be used at the ticket gates at all 49 subway stations in Sapporo. Just touch your credit card to the reader when you go in and out the ticket gate. Touch-payment cards include Visa, MasterCard, JCB, American Express, Diners Club, Discover, and UnionPay. Adult fares only. ●Info: Sapporo Transportation Bureau, ☎896-2706 <<https://www.city.sapporo.jp/st/foreign/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](mailto:info4894@city.sapporo.jp)>

### City Government Website

Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean  
<<https://www.city.sapporo.jp/index.html>>



## Markets

- Flea Market at Yumeichiba Atsubetsu**  
(Atsubetsu-ku, Atsubetsu Chuo 1-5)  
**Date:** June 1 (Sun.), 15 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Cancelled in case of rain.
- Art Market at Sapporo Art Park**  
(Minami-ku, Geijutsu-no-mori 2-75)  
**Date:** June 22 (Sun.), 11 a.m.–4 p.m.  
Cancelled in case of rain.
- Antiques at Toyohira Shrine**  
(Toyohira-ku, Toyohira 4-13)  
**Date:** June 22 (Sun.), 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Fair Trade Festa at SCARTS, Sapporo Community Plaza 1F** (Chuo-ku, Kita 1, Nishi 1) Adm.: free.  
**Date:** June 28 (Sat.) 11 a.m.–5 p.m.  
June 29 (Sun.) 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
- Flea Market at Nakajima Park Jiyu Hiroba**  
(Chuo-ku, Nakajima-koen 1)  
**Date:** June 29 (Sun.), 10 a.m.–1:30 p.m.  
Cancelled in case of rain.



# Plaza News

## Sapporo International Communication Plaza Foundation (SICPF)

### Free Professional Consultation for Foreign Residents

Date: June 21 (Sat.) 1–4 p.m. Lawyers, administrative procedure specialists and tax accountants advise on resident status, legal issues, taxes and so on. Reservations are required. English and Chinese interpretation available. Telephone interpretation services are available to support other languages. Venue: SICPF (Chuo-ku, Kita 1, Nishi 3, MN Bldg. 3F). Online consultation is possible.



### Nihongo de Hanaso! Perapera Wednesday

Date: every Wednesday, 2–3:30 p.m. June 4, 11, 18, 25 (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. Venue: SICPF (Chuo-ku, Kita 1, Nishi 3, MN Bldg. 3F)



### Meetup for Parents and Children with International Backgrounds

Date: July 5 (Sat.) 10:30–noon. This is an event for children with international backgrounds age 0 to 5 and their families to interact with each other. Expecting mothers are welcome to participate. English and Chinese interpreters will be available. A public health nurse will also be available for consultations regarding child-rearing. Adm.: free. Venue: Horokita Kids Hall (Kita-ku, Kita 17, Nishi 6).



### 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. 3F.

<<https://www.sapporolife.info/en/article/?id=31>>





# June Events Calendar

Date	Events
<b>1</b> Sun.	Sapporo Kimono Asobi
2 Mon.	
3 Tue.	
4 Wed.	Yosakoi Soran Festival (until June 8)
5 Thu.	
6 Fri.	Hokudai-sai (until June 8)
7 Sat.	
<b>8</b> Sun.	
9 Mon.	
10 Tue.	
11 Wed.	
12 Thu.	
13 Fri.	
14 Sat.	Hokkaido Shrine Festival (until June 16) Odori Rose Festival (until June 15)
<b>15</b> Sun.	Father's Day

Date	Events
16 Mon.	
17 Tue.	
18 Wed.	
19 Thu.	
20 Fri.	
21 Sat.	Summer Solstice Hana Festa (until June 29)
<b>22</b> Sun.	Midsummer Festival
23 Mon.	
24 Tue.	
25 Wed.	
26 Thu.	
27 Fri.	Flower Carpet (until June 29)
28 Sat.	Toyako Manga and Anime Festa (until June 29)
<b>29</b> Sun.	Takino Fireworks
30 Mon.	

\*Not all of these events are described in the June issue.

## This Month's Specials

### Asian Bar Ramai Kita 33-jo Ten



Taste the soup curry and feel the Balinese atmosphere. The soup curry has a chicken-base. Various spices and secret flavors intertwine to create Ramai's unique flavor. Choose your portion size of rice and soup, level of the spice from 1 to 10, and toppings. There are branches in the Chuo and Toyohira Ward in Sapporo and in other cities.

Address: Higashi-ku, Kita 33, Higashi 1. Open daily.  
Hours: 11:30 a.m.–9:30 p.m. ●Info: ☎751-8320  
<<http://www.ramai.co.jp/>>



Vegetable Soup Curry ¥1,380



### The Café with No Name Yet



This hidden gem café in Minami Ward opened in March. The cake shop is on the first floor and the café is on the second floor. The shop's specialty coffee (¥600) is an original blend of beans from Kenya, Indonesia, and Brazil. The "Soft Stone Cake" (¥650), inspired by Sapporo soft stone (welded tuff) is recommended.

Address: Minami-ku, Minami 31, Nishi 10  
Hours: shop 11 a.m.–7 p.m., café 11 a.m.–6 p.m.  
Closed: Sun. and Mon. ●Info: ☎090-2814-6500  
<<https://www.instagram.com/thecafewithnonameyet/>>



Nanseki Cake (soft stone cake)



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