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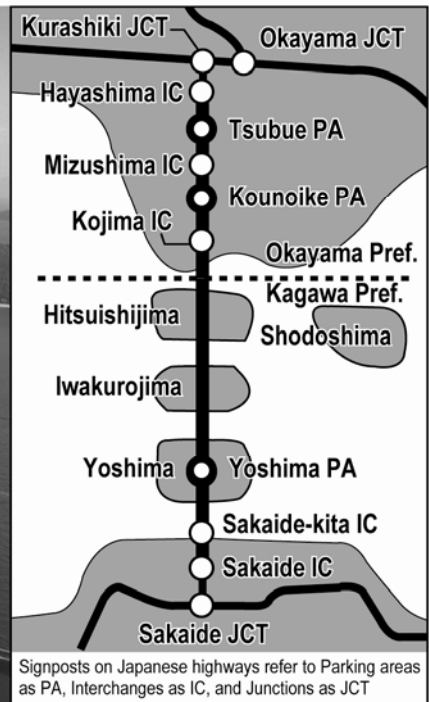
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(Yayoi)

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Some say Yayoi came from iyoio meaning "at last." Spring is here, at last.

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Seto Ohashi Bridge 20th Anniversary



Seto Ohashi Bridge (瀬戸大橋) is celebrating its 20th birthday on April 10th this year. It took ten years to build the bridge, from 1978 to 1988 and it has changed the lives of many people in Okayama and Kagawa prefectures. On April 12th this year, a memorial ceremony, concerts by Japanese singers and other stage performances will be held to mark the start of the 20th anniversary celebrations. Many more anniversary events are planned during the "Seto Ohashi Spring Event 2008" to be held on Yoshima island in April.
by Noriko Ehara

Walk around Yoshima and view the weeping cherry tree in Nabeshima

Walk around Yoshima as you like, then visit Nabeshima Lighthouse (open only for these two days) and see the weeping cherry tree there. Participation is FREE.

April 5th and 6th, between 10:00 and 15:30.

Register any time between 9:30 and 14:30 at Seto Ohashi Fisherman's Warf in Yoshima Ph. 087-825-1635

Yoshima, Honjima Walk and Cruise

Join a scenic cruise around the area, then join any one of four hiking courses on Yoshima or Honjima.

April 19th ¥500 for adults (BYO lunch)

Meet at Seto Ohashi Fisherman's Warf, Yoshima. (Start time depends on your chosen course) Ph. 086-226-7459

You must register by post before March 28th. If there are too many applicants, participants will be chosen by lottery.

For full details see:

http://www.pref.okayama.jp/soshiki/detail.html?lif_id=18393

Cruise from Yoshima, Walk on Iwakurojima

Join a scenic cruise, then let local school children be your tour guides on the hike.

April 26th 10:00~13:30 ¥1500 includes lunch

Meet at Seto Ohashi Fisherman's Warf, Yoshima

You must register by post before April 4th. If there are too many applicants, participants will be chosen by lottery.

Ph. 087-832-3123

Seto Ohashi Sky Tour

Climb the Seto Ohashi Bridge after meeting at Yoshima Plaza and enjoy the view from 175 meters above the sea!

April 26th, 27th, May 10th, 11th 10:00~15:00 500 yen

You must register by post or via the website before March 17th. If there are too many applicants, participants will be chosen by lottery.

http://www.jb-honshi.co.jp/seto-ohashi/event/event_sky/info.html

Seto Ohashi Bridge Under Lights

The bridge will be lit up from sunset to 22:00 on the following days:

April 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 19th, 26th, 29th

May 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st.

ETC Highway Discounts

Travel on the Seto Ohashi Bridge expressway will be half price on April 5th and 6th for cars using ETC cards. A half-price discount will also apply to all ETC fitted vehicles traveling to Yoshima and back between April 1st and September 30th. (The cost of a complete bridge crossing will remain the same, but cars making a U-turn at Yoshima Parking Area will receive a discount if they use ETC cards.)