

16th International Symposium on Fireworks

Social Events Information

Reservations

The period for advance reservations has closed. Please inquire at the Social Events Desk at the Omagari Civic Centre for availability information. Tickets for events with remaining spaces will be sold on-site on a first come, first served basis.

Tickets

Please collect your tickets from the Social Events Desk with your payment confirmation email. Even with a confirmed reservation and payment, please be aware that a ticket is required for entry to venues and the boarding of busses.

Date	Event	Venue	Time	Capacity	Price	Particulars
Monday 24	Welcome Party	Museum of Agricultural Science	18:00 – 20:00	400	—	Co-hosted by: ISFS & JHC Sponsor: FireOne
Tuesday 25	Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter (Part One)	Omono Riverbank	19:00 – 19:45	500	¥2,000 (per seat)	Private ISF audience area
Wednesday 26	Optional Tour One	—	15:30 – 21:30	300	¥17,000 (per person)	Including a daytime fireworks display
Thursday 27	Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter (Part Two)	Omono River Bank	19:00 – 19:45	500	¥2,000 (per seat)	Private ISF audience area
Friday 28	Gala Dinner	Grand Palace Kawabata	17:30 – 20:00	500	¥13,000 (per person)	Hosted by: ISFS
Saturday 29	Optional Tour Two	—	14:00 – 20:20	300	¥12,000 (per person)	Including fireworks factory tours

*ISFS: International Symposium on Fireworks Society, JHC: Japan Host Committee

*Please note that the schedules are subject to change

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Welcome Party (sponsored by FireOne)

Date: April 24 (Monday)
Time: 18:00 – 20:00
Capacity: 400
Venue: Akita Prefectural Museum of Agricultural Science
Host: ISFS & JHC

Schedule: 17:30 Bus departs Omagari Civic Centre
17:40 Museum of Agricultural Science
18:00 Welcome Party
(Namahage-daiko, Nishimonai Bon-odori & a welcome fireworks display by local companies)
20:30 Bus for ISF Venue via Omagari Station / Akita Station

Entertainment

A rare opportunity to see the Important Intangible Cultural Folk Properties Oga Namahage and Nishomonai Bon-odori's traditional taiko drum and dance performances.

On Oga Peninsula in northern Akita lies the origin of the Namahage. They are fearsome symbols of gods who go door-to-door and are said to banish laziness and bad behaviour while blessing people with the bounties of the fields, mountains and sea. In traditional costume, the unique energy and rhythm of Namahage-daiko's powerful performance resonates through their audiences.

Nishimonai Bon-odori is a traditional form of folk entertainment that originated in Ugo, Akita around 700 years ago. In the light of burning torches, cloaked dancers gracefully move to taiko drums and bamboo flutes, creating an immersive and mesmerizing painting of Japanese culture.

To welcome everyone to Omagari, there will also be a display of fireworks by local companies.



Oga Namahage-daiko performance



Nishimonai Bon-odori performer with an amigasa Hat

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Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter

Date: April 25 (Tuesday) & April 27 (Thursday)
Time: 19:00 – 19:45
Capacity: 500
Venue: Omono Riverbank (Omagari Hanabi venue)

Schedule: 18:00 Bus departs Omagari Civic Centre
18:10 Omono Riverbank
(Festival-style street food is available on-site)
19:00 Fireworks display
19:45 Display finish
20:00 Bus for ISF Venue via Omagari Station / Akita Station

Display Information

In celebration of the 16th International Symposium on Fireworks, the Japan Host Committee has made sure Omagari lives up to its reputation of ‘Everyday Hanabi’ by organising a barrage of fireworks displays at the Omagari Hanabi riverbank venue on April 25, 27, 28 and 29. This year at Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter’s ‘Fireworks & Hanabi’, there will be displays by international artists and national recipients of the coveted Prime Minister’s prize, alongside the pinnacle of Japanese pyrotechnic skill, large *warimono*.

*A rooftop audience area for the display on April 28 (Friday) is included in the Gala Dinner.

*The display on April 29 (Saturday) is part of Optional Tour Two.

*Displays will proceed in the event of rain. However, displays are subject to postponement or cancellation in the event of weather conditions that endanger the audience. Refunds are not available in the event the displays proceed.



Wide starmine over the Omono River



12-inch triple-pistiled crimson-silver

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Optional Tour One

Date: April 26 (Wednesday)
Time: 15:30 – 21:00
Price: ¥17,000
Capacity: 300
Course: Former Ikeda Family Gardens & Mahoroba Karamatsu

Itinerary:

15:30	Bus departs Omagari Civic Centre
15:40	Former Ikeda Family Gardens Tour
16:20	Bus departs
17:00	Mahoroba Karamatsu Tour
17:40	Daytime fireworks
18:00	Illuminated evening noh performance
19:30	Noh performance finish
19:45	Bus departs
19:55	Dinner at Wapia
21:15	Bus for Omagari Station / Akita Station

Tour Information

A taste of Japan's culture, beauty and cuisine. Starting the tour is a guide through the Ikeda Family Gardens. The gardens were the homestead of one of north-eastern Japan's three largest land-owners and are designated as a National Site of Scenic Beauty. Inside is a walking course that winds around the ornate European-style guesthouse-library and enormous three-legged stone lantern.

In the afternoon there is a private daytime fireworks display of elaborate smoke effects, followed by a rare evening noh performance at the Mahoroba Karamatsu Noh Theatre. Structurally based on Kyoto's Nishi Hongan-ji, it stands as the only traditional-style noh theatre in Akita.



Guesthouse-library



Stone lantern & noh



Daytime fireworks

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Gala Dinner

Date: April 28 (Friday)
Time: 17:30 – 20:00
Capacity: 500
Venue: Grand Palace Kawabata

Schedule: 16:30 Bus departs Omagari Civic Centre
16:40 Arrival at Grand Palace Kawabata
17:00 Gala Dinner
19:00 Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter (rooftop audience)
19:50 Fireworks display finish
20:30 Bus for Akita Station

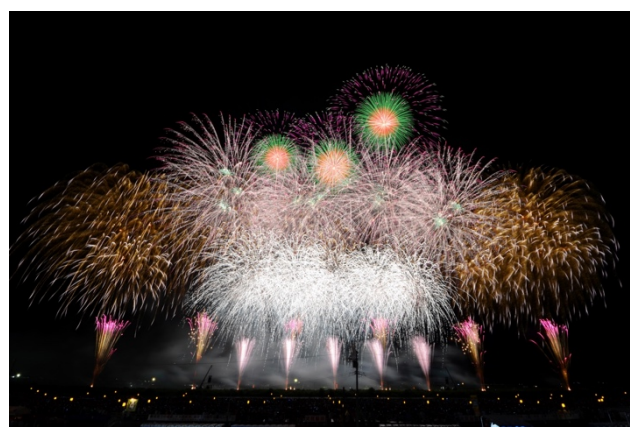
Event Information

An ideal location to celebrate the closing of the symposium and enjoy the highly anticipated 24-inch shell from the rooftop of the dinner venue.

*Due to capacity of the dining halls and the necessity to use two adjacent rooms, seating must be allocated in advance. Seating may be selected at the Omagari Civic Centre in the order of registration from April 23 (Sunday), 12:30.



Grand Palace Kawabata Dining Hall



Wide starburst over the Omono River

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Optional Tour Two

Date: April 29 (Saturday)
Time: 13:40 – 20:30
Price: ¥13,000
Capacity: 300
Course: Firing site, fireworks factory, sake brewery & fireworks display

Itinerary:

13:00	Bus departs Akita Castle Hotel
13:40	Bus departs Omagari Station
14:00	Firing site tour
14:30	Bus departs
14:45	Fireworks factory tour
15:45	Bus departs
16:15	Sake brewery tour
16:55	Bus departs
17:30	Arrive at the Omagari Hanabi venue Dinner (bento)
19:00	Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter
20:30	Bus for Omagari Station / Akita Station

*The order and place visited may vary depending on which bus you are on due to capacities at each location. Busses are allocated after reservations close; please understand it is not possible to select a specific destination at the time of making a reservation.

Tour Information

You are able to take an up-close look at the not often open to the public Hanabi Creative Enterprise factory and Omagari Hanabi firing site. Following is a visit to a local sake brewery to enjoy the aroma and flavour of high quality Akita sake. Closing the tour is the culmination of Omagari Hanabi – Spring Chapter, featuring the largest scale fireworks display of the week.

Hanabi Creative Enterprise Factory Tour

Established in 2015, Hanabi Creative Enterprise has a staff of 15 and produces 2.4 – 6-inch shells and operates to alleviate the demand for smaller shells by replacing imports with domestic product.

Inside the brand new factory, you will get a sense of the process that goes into Japanese display shell production and be able to speak with the experienced staff.

