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The Chiyoda International



Welcome to Chiyoda

Fusing the futuristic with the traditional, Tokyo is a sprawling megacity bursting with a seemingly limitless number of things to do. A business and cultural center that is home to millions of people, Tokyo is also the crossroads where the Japanese interact with citizens from all over the world. As fast-paced as Tokyo's innovation is, the metropolis is just as devoted to preserving tradition through its historical gardens, shrines and temples.

Chiyoda City is located in the center of Tokyo. Its name, Chiyoda, meaning *the place of thousands of generations*, is significant as it is the only one in the world that has succeeded from generation to generation for almost 2000 years. The people living within Chiyoda city take pride and inspiration from living in the same Ward as the Emperor. Surroundings around the Imperial Palace are numerous places of historical interest.

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Famous Cherry Blossoms in Chiyoda

There are about 3,300 cherry trees in Chiyoda Ward including 1,000 trees around Chidorigafuchi Greenway. When the enchantment season arrives, everyone is delighted by these flowering trees. The Somei-Yoshino cherry flowers have been cherished by the residents as the City Flower of Chiyoda since 1984.

Chiyoda Sakura Viewing Festival

is canceled in view of the spread of virus infection

In order for other future events to go forth, now it is the most crucial time to take care of your health and protect others. Do this by washing your hands with soap and water, wearing a facemask and maintaining social distancing. Therefore unfortunately, due to the COVID-19, our annual event of early April, Chiyoda Sakura Viewing Festival has to be canceled. As a result, this year we don't light up cherry trees in the evening at the Chidorigafuchi Pedestrian Greenway. Instead, Chiyoda Tourism Association has set up a YouTube channel, showing you awesome blossoms of the Chidorigafuchi. Why don't we enjoy Chiyoda's Sakura Viewing on line?

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJrDvNbGDWn0NcxhOyG8TmA>

Chiyoda City Tourism Association

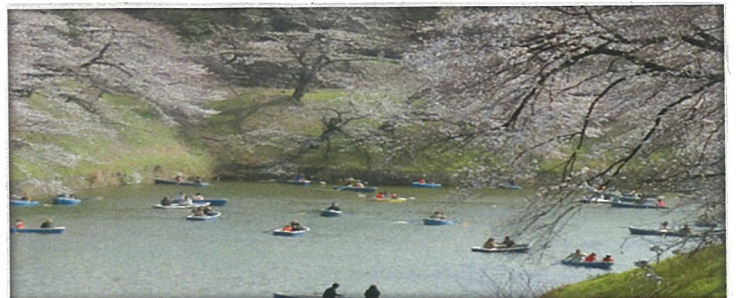
Location; 1-6-17, Kudanminami, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo

For details; ⇒ <http://www.kanko-chiyoda.jp/>

The Chidorigafuchi Boat Pier

(Location; 2 Sanban-cho saki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo)

- ◆Business hours: Open at 9:30 a.m. Close at 5:30 p.m.
(as for the sale of the tickets until 5:00p.m.)
- ◆Fee: 800yen (30 minutes) per a boat Note: to prevent the spread of infectious disease, we will limit the number of visitors per day. Guidance is available in English, Chinese and Korean.



Various cherry flowers /Rose family: photo from the left

❁ *Someiyoshino (Yoshino Cherry)*

A hybrid of Oshima Zakura Cherry and Edo Higan Cherry. In the Kanto region, Someiyoshino blooms through late March to early April. Yoshino Cherry trees are around the seating area at the center of the Chidorigafuchi park.

❁ *Ornamental Cherry (Sato Zakura Cherry)*

is a cultivar. This is a result of the improving of the original genes. Blooming season is early to mid April.

❁ *Double-petal Benishidare* is a variant of Edo Higan Cherry. You can see the draping Benishidare in the park (near the restrooms).

❁ *Maifume* means the Prima Dancer. This cherry is a variant of the double petal Benishidare. You see it near the entrance of the Greenway.



Peace of Mind, Piece of Happiness

Young Grass waiting under snow.

Wind in the distance.

Each Phrase is the name of a piece of wagashi, Japanese sweets made to accompany the traditional tea ceremony. If they sound like lines from a haiku, that's deliberate. The sweets....small, obsessively calibrated, in thrall to the seasons.....share the same mission as haiku, or narrative literature.

Collaboration: **WAGASHI** (Japanese Traditional sweets) and **Japanese Folklore**

The Tale of Bamboo Cutter -----well known as *The Tale of Princess Kaguya*

The Tale of Bamboo Cutter is a 10th century Japanese prose narrative containing Japanese folklore. It is said to be the oldest narrative literature in Japan.

PICTURE below: From Lower Right, counterclockwise
はじまり (the beginning) ⇒ 美しい人 (a beautiful person) ⇒ ふるさと (my home town) ⇒ 蓬莱の玉 (treasure that is not exist in this world) ⇒ 翁家 (the Earthy foster parents looking at the moon in tears)



Created by Karen Lee/Alex Hong

Wagashi makes work with just a few, relatively humble Ingredients: rice flour, glutinous rice flour which is made into a sticky dough called mochi, red beans, white kidney beans boiled until tender, mashed into paste and mixed with sugar to be molded like fondant or used as filling/ agar-agar, or kudzu powder for jelly/occasionally fruits, flowers and chestnuts

[Story]

Once upon a time, found inside a shining stalk of Bamboo by an old bamboo cutter and his wife, a tiny girl was taken back their home and was taken good care of. This good old couple just loved her very much as one of their family members. The tiny girl grew rapidly: in just three months she grew into an exquisite young lady. The mysterious young princess enthralls all who encounter her, but ultimately she must confront her fate, returning to the place where



The receding Princess

she was originally belonged to, the moon. Though her adoptive parents worried greatly and she loved her many friends on the Earth, she had to return with the Moon people to her true home. She wrote sad notes of apology to her parents, then gave them her own robe as a memento. At 12 o'clock midnight of August

15th, the heavy entourage took Princes Kaguya back to the Moon, leaving her earthly foster parents in tears.

All are of equal import

Taste is only one of the senses these sweets seek to address. The sound of the confection's names, their delicate scents, their textures between the teeth (crumbly, slippery, airy, dense, etc.), the miniature landscapes they offer to the eyes.

Miscellaneous

National Holidays

April 29th;	Showa-no-hi	(Showa Day)
May 3rd;	Kenpo-kinenbi	(Constitution Day)
May 4th;	Midori-no-hi	(Greenery Day)
May 5 th ;	Kodomo-no-hi	(Children's Day)

The Golden Week is a collection of four above national holidays within seven days in combination with nicely placed weekends. The Golden Week becomes one of Japan's three busiest holiday seasons, besides New Year and the Obon week.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
April	April	April	May	May	May	May
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun		
May	May	May	May	May		
5	6	7	8	9		

Avoid the "Three Cs"

- Closed spaces with poor ventilation
- Crowded Places with many people nearby
- Close-contact settings such as close-range conversations, eating out with friends, karaoke, etc.

The dramatic spread of COVID-19 has disrupted lives, livelihoods, communities and business worldwide. Lives depend on the measures we take against COVID-19. By all means possible, we must curb the spread of infection. Protect your life, your family and society.

Even people who are a symptomatic or only slightly ill can spread the virus to the others. When meeting others, always wear a face mask even if you do not have any symptoms. Be sure to wear your mask that covers your nose, mouth and chin completely.

[All information to stay safe/NHK World Japan]

<https://www.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld-blog/>

(Emergency & Coronavirus information in 18 languages/ such as English, Arabic, Bengali, Burmese, Chinese, French, Hindi, Indonesian, Korean, Persian, Portuguese, Rus-

sian, Spanish, Swahili, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese, Turkish)

[Tokyo Multilingual Consultation Navi (TMC Navi)] TEL: 03-6258-1227

Monday through Friday: from 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.
(You can consult in English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Vietnamese, Nepali language, other languages.)
URL:<https://www.tokyo-tsunagari.or.jp/news/?itemid=17&dispmid=415>

Chiyoda's Peace Trips

Chiyoda, as an international city, has Pledged to act for the sake of lasting peace. We are working on the issue of the "International Peace Manifesto".

We are officially opening the application for Chiyoda's Annual Peace Trips to Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Okinawa(+Kagoshima).

Each year in summer, Chiyoda City sponsors three peace trips to Hiroshima, Nagasaki and Okinawa.

For this summer, schedule is set as follows:

Trip to Hiroshima,	from August 9 th to 10 th
Trip to Nagasaki,	from August 11 th to 12 th
Trip to Okinawa & Kagoshima,	from August 19 th to 22 nd

This time, Okinawa trip extends to Chiran town of Kagoshima prefecture where the radical attack was based, for understanding more about the battle of Okinawa. This year we are going to have 19 delegates, including pupils, Jr. high school students (to Hiroshima/Nagasaki) and high school students) visiting each site with the city officials. The delegates are supposed not only to visit Ground Zero but also to have discussions with the victims who are atomic bomb survivors.

These trips are open to anyone who lives, works or studies in Chiyoda City. The purpose of annual trips is to get the average citizens involved in working towards peace as well as to raise awareness of the horrible reality of war. If you are interested in it, check the Chiyoda City's PR bulletin (Koho Chiyoda) published on April 20th.

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