

Main events in the four seasons 四季おりおりのイベント

Varied nature landscapes are presented in four seasons in each year. According to the changes of nature in every season, people also repeat their activities each year.

Spring 春

In spring, several events take place like a **cherry festival, Sakura-matsuri**, among others. In a festival, **Sen-hime matsuri** in April, has an exuberant parade of Princess Sen-hime on urban districts, using a traditional costume of the era in which Sen-hime was living, accompanied by servants and guards. We have received many visitors at festival inside and outside the province. (In the end this presentation, you can see a brief summary of the History of Princess Sen-hime and the relations with the Mitsukaido city)

Festival of Mitsukaido Sen-hime matsuri 水海道千姫まつり



Cherry Festival, Sakura Matsuri (in Asunaro-no-sato)

さくらまつり (あすなるの里)



Summer 夏

A summer of Joso is a festive season. Especially, we suggest the traditional, animated and excited events like the **Gion-matsuri** festival, the **Ishige Massakado-matsuri** festival, a great **Fireworks Competition Hanabi Taikai** which is a poetic event coloring the Kinugawa river. **Festa Junina**, a traditional Brazilian festival in June or July, is held annually and attracts a large number of Brazilians, including persons from out of the city.

Mitsukaido Gion-matsuri 水海道祇園祭



Festa junina フェスタ ジュニーナ



Great Competition of Fireworks 花火大会



Autumn 秋

In the fall, there are a big movement of persons at festivals like the **Great Annual Festival of Hitokoto-nushi Jinjya shrine**, the fall feast Furusato-no-aki matsuri, a citizens cultural festival, Shimin Bunka-sai, etc.

Great Annual Festival in autumn of Hitokoto-nushi Jinjya shrine

(一言主神社秋季例大祭)



Tsunabi is a popular art that combined "**Puppet Theatre and Fireworks on a Rope**", and is held annually at the festival on September 13th. We know about Tsunabi is what has been handed down since very ancient times, but we do not know when it has begun, because we did not find any old archive. However, it has been spoken that the Tsunabi has originated when a Mitsumine Jinjya shrine was inaugurated in the Otsukado village at year 2 of Manji era (1659), the then people offered the fireworks on a rope so as to the holy spirit stay there. (Afterwards the Mitsumine shrine was adhered and his holy spirit was enshrined together in the Hitokoto-nushi Jinjya shrine).

Winter 冬

In winter, there will have plenty of visitors to **Daruma-ichi fair** on January 3rd every year and the first festival Tenjin of the year, **Hatsu Tenjin-sai**, on January 25th every year. We could also observe in **Sugao-numa** marsh arrivals of many Swans traveled from the north continent.

Daruma-ichi Fair (in Anrakuji, Ganzan-daishi)

ダルマ市 (安楽寺、元三大師、毎年1月3日)



Hatsu Tenjin-sai Festival (in Ounogou Tenmanguu)

大生郷天満宮天神祭 (毎年1月25日)

