

Matsue Tourism Newsletter [vol. 16]

Matsue's secret 'Power spot' ♡

Big shout out to everybody!

Something new has been uncovered in Matsue castle, a faint heart shape in the grain of one of the timber columns in the castle's interior. This wooden pillar is quietly gaining a reputation as a lucky spot, especially as all things related to 'Enmusubi' or good fortune in love are experiencing a boom in popularity in recent days. If you happen to be visiting the castle, keep an eye out for it, and who knows, if you find it your love life might see a pleasant turn for the better!



Matsue's Lucky Raindrops ♪

Matsue gets one of the highest levels of rainfall in Japan (especially sudden showers!). And in the 10th month of the lunar-solar calendar when all the gods of Japan are said to gather here in the Izumo region discussing the nations fortune and relationships (this month is known as the 'kamiari-dzuki' meaning the month when the gods are here), some people like to brand all that rainfall as a sort of lucky rain that brings good fortune.

So even if it rains during your stay in Matsue, don't feel down hearted. Besides from our 'lucky' rain there are lots of things to be explored here in Matsue, the city of water. You'll probably even get to see a beautiful rainbow after the rainfall anyway!

Lucky rainfall website (Japanese)

<http://enishizuku.com/index.html>



~Winter Event~

Matsue's 9th Dan Dan Warming Food Festa!!!

Sat 29th Jan (29/01/11)~ Mon 28th Feb (28/02/11)

Matsue's 'Dan Dan' warming food festival will be held on the above mentioned dates with food as the main attraction and a flavour that represents winter in the Sanin region. You will have the chance to 'taste Matsue' by sampling food that has been influenced by Matsue's food culture and uses abundant local ingredients.

For more details, please consult this website (Japanese):

<http://www.plusvalue.co.jp/dandan/index.html>



~Spring Event~

The 2011 Matsue Warrior Parade!!!

Saturday 2nd April 2011

The Matsue warrior parade commemorates the arrival of Matsue-castle town's founder Horio Yoshiharu and his entourage. This year, in addition to the usual parade, there will also be an 'Daimyo Parade' including Lord Kyogoku Tadatada who completed the castle, and Matsudaira Naomasa who merged in from the Matsumoto clan of Shinno Province.

Applications to participate are currently being accepted! Deadline : December 15th 2010
Would you like to transform yourself into a warrior for a day?

For more details (Japanese only)

<http://www.kankou-matsue.jp/cgi-bin/rus7/event/view.cgi?d=248>



☆Matsue Newsletter Quiz☆

Q. What pattern was found on one of the castle's timber columns?

Give this newsletter another read over if you don't know!

★Answer to Vol. 15's question★

Q. How many tourist facilities in Matsue offer a stamp of the Sanin Flower tour?

A. 5