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Yukata Festival & Bon of the Wind Ended Successfully

The “Yukata Festival and the Bon of the Wind” was held on August 6th at Poppo Machida.

Even though there was concern for the weather, it did not rain until a couple of hours after the festival.

Since it was the second year of the event, there was a huge crowd in yukata dress onsite.

This year, not only the Owara bon dance by Kikuchikai was presented, but also university students had several different styles of dance to perform. Therefore, very wide generations gathered together at this time.

It showed how the festival has taken root in the area of Haramachida.

The event brought many people from young to old together. Some people are already looking forward to the event next year.



The bon dance troupe dance gracefully.

Steps to Reconstruct Japan

The “Okinawa Eisa Dance Festival” is coming back to Machida on September 10th and 11th with more than enough energy to cheer up Japan.



An image from the official website of the “Festa Machida”, a.k.a. Machida Eisa Festival.

This is the season in which Machida citizens will be energized. The Okinawa Eisa Festival will be held on September 10th (Sat) and 11th (Sun) this year.

Unfortunately, the number of participants from Okinawa this year dropped significantly compared to last year. On the other hand, the committee successfully made up the difference

with different teams.

The only Okinawan team involved this year is “Urumashi aza Gushi-gawa Seinenkai”, which will co-star with the “Gushikawa Club” from Matsudo, Chiba Prefecture.

There will also be other teams from outside Tokyo: Aichi, Gunma, Ibaraki, and more.

Needless to say, popular local Machida teams such as Machida Ryu, Machida Eisa Seikaiha, and Eisa Churakaze are involved as well.

The most noteworthy difference from the last Eisa festival is that everyone is working for this event to lift up

people’s hearts, sunken after the 3.11 disaster and nuclear power plant incident.

The purpose of the festival has always been “to promote commerce in the area”. However, this year the other goal of the event is best described in the subtitle of the event as “East Japan Reconstruction Assistance”.

The festival is held from noon to 5pm on 10th, and from 11am to 6pm on 11th.

You can get the official pamphlet of the event from the Machida Tourist Gallery (Poppo Machida Bldg.)

Please join the festival in Machida City and enjoy your day!

Carry the Local god’s Sprit in a Portable Shrine



Crowds gather around the carriers of the mikoshi, or the “portable shrine”.

On the 24th (Sat) and 25th (Sun) of this month, the Machida Tenmangu Reitaisai Festival will be held. It is one of the biggest events in Machida City that gathers many photographers.

On the first day, there will be ceremonies and kagura at the Machida Tenmangu shrine.

Kagura is a play that involves music and dance, in which stories of Shinto gods are performed.

On the second day, many mikoshi, or portable shrines are carried throughout the town. It is believed that the local god’s soul is inside the portable shrine.

Last year in this event, several people from foreign countries participated in carrying mikoshis. It must have been a very memorable experience to carry a heavy mikoshi with friends under the sun for many hours.

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