



WHAT'S UP, OITA!

Bringing the latest from Oita, Japan to all those connected to Oita thriving all across the globe.

Oita Prefecture has been selected as a "Culture City of East Asia 2022"!



Holding the selection certification (Left) Oita Prefecture Governor Hirose and (Right) the (then) Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Hagiuda.

At the meeting of ministers of culture from Japan, China, and ROK held on August 30, Oita Prefecture was selected as Japan's "Culture City of East Asia." The Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Hagiuda, presented the selection certification to Oita Prefecture Governor, Hirose.

What is "Culture City of East Asia"?

Based on the agreement made at the 4th Japan, China and South Korea Ministers of Culture meeting in 2012, from 2014 on, select cities in Japan, China, and South Korea which aim for development through cultural arts, are involved in a cultural exchange including art events held throughout the year.

Which are the cities selected for the exchange in 2022?



- JAPAN** Oita Prefecture (The first to be selected as a Prefectural entity)
- CHINA**
 - ① **Jinan City**
: "The City of Springs." The Yellow River runs through the city, famous for its natural springs.
 - ② **Wenzhou City**
: Abundant with nature, rooted in history and considered a sacred place for Chinese archaeology.
- South Korea**
 - Gyeongju City**
: It is known as a "museum without a roof."
Gyeongju Historic Areas are registered by the UNESCO World Heritage Centre

What kind of events are going to be held?

- ① Opening/Closing events
- ② Core project (Cultural and art events)
- ③ Exchange projects with "Culture Cities of East Asia"

We are planning to showcase Oita's unique art and culture events such as Beppu Martha Argerich Music Festival, Modern art festival, "Unisex hot spring world", and musical performances by DRUM TAO etc. Please visit many places and enjoy art and culture events in 2022.



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Traveling through a Sansui landscape, nature which feels like a scroll painting.

We are holding experiences where you can feel 8 stories of Japan's heritage through "Yabakei Scenery", until October 31 (SUN).

The Yabakei gorge offers outstanding scenery with panoramic views of cliffs, caves and waterfalls. The area's mysterious scenic beauty, resembling a Sansui ink landscape painting, has made it a place of legend and prayer. The gorge has attracted much longing by writers and painters over the ages. During the past millennium, Buddhas, stone bridges, cave gates, and gardens made out of stone have been created and scattered throughout Yabakei's vast landscape, all of them connected by a single route built during the Taisho era (1912-1926). Experiencing the Yabakei gorge feels like traveling inside a Sansui scroll painting where a multitude of scenes can be enjoyed from the bottom of the valley floor to the sky above.

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