# "The CASTLE EXPO 2016" Exclusive Showcase of Japanese Castles Enjoy and learn Samurai history and more!

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Interested in Japanese Castles? Samurai history and culture? Or simply looking for a unique vacation destination? Come to PACIFICO Yokohama to experience this one of a kind exhibition featuring castles from all over Japan. The  $1^{\rm st}$  Japanese castle event, "The CASTLE EXPO 2016" will be held at for 3days in December at PACIFICO Yokohama Conference Center.

The CASTLE EXPO 2016 proudly presents Japan's 5 National Treasure castles; Himeji Castle (Hyogo), Inuyama Castle (Aichi), Hikone Castle (Shiga), Matsumoto Castle (Nagano), and Matsue Castle (Shimane). Each displays its unique architecture, design and history, as well as, useful tips and valuable information to visit the actual site.

#### 'Castle Tour' information zone

Representatives from "Japan's best 100 castles" present useful information and travel tips to visit their areas and the attractions, entertainment, and local treasures around them. Also, some of the famous "Local mascots" or cute mascots will be there to welcome you.



## Castle Theater

Notable historians and celebrities who love Japanese castles share their expertise on certain structures' histories, and their strategic use in the art of war. Various movies and videos about cultures, functions and architectures are played along with lectures.

(All programs in Japanese)

# ◆ Castle UKIYOE woodblock prints ~Matsuzaki Collection~

10 historical masterpieces of UKIYOE-woodblock print art- will be on display.



#### Diorama model exhibition

These scaled models present 40 area castles including the landscape and precise details.



# • The models of 12 surviving 'TENSHU' towers

There are only 12 castle TENSHU (tower/donjon) preserving their original structure from 400+ years ago. The miniature models of these 12 castles will be exhibited in addition to Kanagawa's local Odawara castle.

#### Other exhibitions

- · 'Japan's best 100 castles' photo exhibition
- · Kumamoto Castle restore & support project
- · Castle EXPO knowledge assessment test
- · Local gifts shops from all over Japan
- Photo Contest
- Hands-on workshops

and more!

## < **CASTLE EXPO 2016** information>

Date : From December 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 25<sup>th,</sup> 2016

Hours : 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Entrance closes at 5:30 p.m.)

Venue : PACIFICO Yokohama Conference Center

Admission: Tickets are available at the door

Exhibition only: 800 yen: Elementary-Middle School Student

1,500 yen: High school student and the older

Exhibition & Seminar: 3,000 yen (all ages)
Discount applied to *advance purchases* at:

Ticket Pia, Lawson Ticket, CN Play guide, e-plus, and JTB

URL : http://www.shiroexpo.jp (Japanese only)

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