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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

ANIMATION IN JAPAN

For "anime" fans the world over

Japan is a great animation world, a paradise for "anime" enthusiasts. Today, more and more world anime fans are flocking to Japan for an animation pilgrimage. Don't miss the must-see points and events.

POINTS OF INTEREST

<Tokyo>

Ghibli Museum (ジブリ美術館) 15-min. walk or 5-min. by bus from (¥200) Mitaka Sta. on JR Chuo Line (20 min. from Shinjuku Sta.), is the museum designed by Japan's top animator, Hayao Miyazaki who is known for "Princess Mononoke", "My Neighbor Totoro", the Academy Award winning "Spirited Away" (Best Animated Feature Film) and many other works. Open: 10:00-18:00. Closed on Tue. & New Year's holiday. Admission: ¥1,000. You must book a reserved ticket which specifies the appointed date of the reservation in advance. For more information: <http://www.ghibli-museum.jp/ticket/overseas.html> Tel.03-5800-1978 (Japanese only).

***JTB** (travel agency) hosts Ghibli Museum Afternoon tour with an English-speaking guide to the museum and its vicinity every Mon., Tue. & Sat. (Jan. 8-Mar. 31), Mon., Wed. & Fri. (Apr. 2-Dec. 26) Fee: ¥6,000 for adult, ¥5,500 for child. Minimum number of participants: 1. For more information: <http://www.jtbgmt.com/sunrisetour/>

Akihabara (秋葉原) is famous for its enormous number of electric and electronics stores which deal in all kinds of appliances, computers, games, CDs, DVDs, cameras and the like at discount prices. There are a dozen of animation shops.

Tokyo Anime Center (東京アニメセンター) is in the UDX Building, in front of the JR Akihabara Station. You can actually have your voice dubbed into an animation movie, or experience the joys of watching anime in the 3D theater. 2-min. walk

from JR Akihabara Sta. Open: 11:00-19:00 Admission: Free. For more information: <http://www.animecenter.jp/eng/>

Sanrio Puroland (サンリオピューロランド), 5-min. walk from Tama Center Sta. on Keio, Odakyu and Tama-mono-rail Lines, is an indoor theme park where Sanrio characters welcome you. A parade and musical reviews are enjoyable. Don't miss visiting Kitty's house. Passport: Adult(over 18 years) ¥4,400, Youth(12-17 years) ¥4,000, Junior(4-11 years) ¥3,300. Open: 10:00-17:00(weekdays), 9:30-20:00(Sat., Sun and holidays). Please inquire opening dates and times before your visit. Tel. 042-339-1111

<http://www.puroland.co.jp/english/welcome.html>

<Hyogo>

Tezuka Osamu Memorial Hall (手塚治虫記念館), 8-min. walk from JR Takarazuka Sta. or 5-min. walk from Takarazuka-Minamiguchi Sta. on Hankyu Line, is another mecca for "Japanimation" enthusiasts, and is dedicated to Osamu Tezuka, the great master of modern animation. "Astro Boy" a.k.a. "Tetsuwan Atom" and other characters. The museum features a high-definition TV theater showing his animation works, galleries in which his works are exhibited, as well as a library of his comics. Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30). Closed on Wed. (open in Aug. & when Wed. falls on a national holiday), Dec. 29-31 & Feb. 21-28 (29). Admission: ¥500. Tel: 0797-81-2970. For more information: <http://en.tezuka.co.jp/tomm/info.html>

"ANIME" SHOPPING

Animate (アニメイト) deals with Japanese animations and cartoons goods; videos, games, comics, CDs and more. Many stores in all parts of Japan. Tel: 03-3972-0022 (Information desk), 03-3988-1351 (Ikebukuro), 03-5458-2454 (Shibuya), 03-5209-3330 (Akihabara).

Anime World Star Goods α (アニメワールドスターグッズ アルファ館), 5-min. walk from Nakano Sta. on JR & subway Tozai Line, sells about 100,000 original drawings of televised celluloids and rare goods. Tel: 03-3386-0389.

Open: 13:00-20:00 (Weekday), 12:30-20:00 (Sat., Sun. & national holidays). Closed on Wed.

<http://www.anime-world-star.com/2000/index.htm>

Aso Bit City (アソビットシティ), 5-min. walk from Akihabara Sta. (1-13-3 Sotokanda, Chiyoda-ku. Tel: 03-3251-3100 or 2590), is a large department store of games, books, DVDs, CDs and toys. You can experience some of the latest models of game machines, software and CDs. Open: 10:00-22:00.

Donguri Kyowakoku (どんぐり共和国)(it means "Republic of acorns" in English), sells a wide range of original character goods modeled on Hayao Miyazaki's works. (Head Office Tel: 03-5469-5700, Shops' Tel:03-5222-7871(Tokyo Yaesu), 03-3988-8188 (Ikebukuro), 03-3570-5091 (Odaiba), 045-290-4788(Yokohama), etc

Mandarake (まんだらけ) is a store of Japanese animations and cartoons, and has several shops throughout Japan. Toys, comics, zines and original drawings of televised celluloids are available. Tel: 03-3477-0777 (Shibuya), 03-3252-7007 (Akihabara), 03-3228-0007 (Nakano). For more information: <http://mandarake.co.jp/>

Pokemon Center (ポケモンセンター) exclusively handles various Pokemon-related products. (Pocketmonster & Pocketmonster Advanced Generation). Games, books, videos, snacks, clothes and many other products are sold. Tel: 03-6430-7733(Hamamatsucho, Tokyo), 045-222-5533(Yokohama), 052-950-0758(Nagoya), 06-6373-8080

(Osaka), 092-282-7733(Fukuoka).

Tezuka Osamu World Entertainment Square (手塚治虫ワールド・エンターテイメントスクエア), 1-min. walk from Hatsudai Sta. on Keio Shinsen Line, deals with only Tezuka Osamu's character goods. Tokyo Opera City B1F, 3-20-2, Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku. Tel: 03-3379-8564. Open: 11:00-20:00. Closed irregularly.

Ultraman World M78 (ウルトラマンワールドM78), in the underground shopping complex at Tokyo Sta., offers every original product of Ultraman, the alien buster, one of the most popular characters in Japan. Tel: 03-3215-0707. Open: 10:00-20:30.

Sanrio Gift Gate (サンリオギフトゲート) sells Sanrio character goods. Tel:03-6910-1352 (Toyosu, Tokyo), 03-3566-4040 (Nishi-Ginza, Tokyo), 06-6258-9804 (Shinsaibashi, Osaka), etc.

ANIMATION EVENTS IN JAPAN

Tokyo International Animation Fair (東京国際アニメフェア) is an annual event highlighting animation in which many products designed by both professionals and amateurs are exhibited. For more information: <http://www.tokyoanime.jp/en/>

The fair hosts a competition "The Tokyo Anime Awards." The schedule for 2008 is from Mar. 27-30 (The date changes slightly every year.) Place: Tokyo Big Sight For more information: <http://www.tokyoanime.jp/en>

Comiket (Comic Market, コミケ), is held twice a year in Tokyo, boast 35,000 Dojinshi (coterie comics) publishing circles and many attendees. The next Comiket will be held on Aug 17-19, 2007 at Tokyo Big Sight. For more information: http://www.comiket.co.jp/index_e.html

Tokyo Game Show (東京ゲームショウ) is the biggest computer entertainment show in the world, held at Makuhari Messe (Nippon Convention Center) in every late Sep. Schedule for 2007 is Sep. 22 and 23 For more information: <http://tgs.cesa.or.jp/english>

JNTO Website

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"New Year's holiday" in this leaflet means from the end of Dec. to the beginning of Jan. (Dates vary depending on facilities.)

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