

# Nara City Information for Residents

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Hokubu Kaikan, Chuo Library, Seibu Library, Kintetsu Nara Station,  
Nara City Tourist Information Center (by JR Nara Station), Nara Chuo Post Office  
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## Old History, New Discovery #oldnewnara Nara Promotion Campaign

Share your new discoveries in Nara with photos and stories using the hashtag #oldnewnara.  
The works you submit will be displayed on digital signage at all the train stations in Nara City.

**Application Period:** January 1<sup>st</sup> (Holiday) – 31<sup>st</sup> (Sat.)

**Publication Period:** Publication period differs depending on application period.

**How to Apply:** From the QR code or application form

City website →



Application Form →



Please share photos and stories related to Nara on various social media platforms with hashtag #oldnewnara.



### 2026 “Dezome-shiki” Ceremony, or New Year Fire Brigades’ Parade

**Date & Time:** January 10 (Sat.) 9:50-

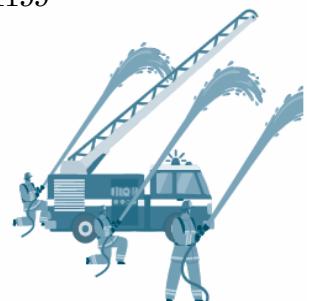
**Place:** Rohto Nara Konoike Park (Horen Sahoyama 4-chome)

**Program:** Ceremony, demonstration of fire pump operation by the Women’s Fire Brigade of Nara City Fire Department, water discharge drill, etc.

\*In case of rain, only the ceremony will be held, at Chuo-taiikukan (Central Gymnasium).

**Inquiries:** General Affairs Section of the Nara City Fire Department      Tel. 0742-35-1199

For more information →



### Garbage Collection

#### Garbage Collection Schedule at the Beginning of the Year

Please bring garbage to the collection site before 7:30 on the day.

Date	Area		Notes
Jan. 5 (Mon.)	Burnable Garbage	A, B, E, F	No collection of plastic packages & containers
Jan. 6 (Tues.)		C, D, G, H	
Jan. 7 (Wed.)	Plastic Packages & Containers	A, C, F, H	No collection of unburnable garbage
After Jan. 8 (Thurs.)	Normal schedule		

The garbage collection times between Jan. 5 (Mon.) and 7 (Wed.) may be past 16:00 due to the larger amount of garbage than usual.

\* The area for City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. is scheduled according to the distributed garbage collection calendar.

#### Collection of Dead Animals at the Beginning of the Year

Collection of dead animals will begin on Jan. 5 (Mon.).

## Collection Dates & Areas After Jan. 8 (Thurs.)

Area	Burnable	Unburnable
A, F	Every Mon. & Thurs.	Jan. 21 (Wed.)
B, E		
C, H	Every Tues. & Fri.	Jan. 14 (Wed.) & 28 (Wed.)
D, G		

\* January 12 (Holiday) will be scheduled according to the garbage collection calendar.

Areas A, B, C, D are covered by Nara City and Areas E, F, G, H are covered by City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. or Takeda-Kankyo & Yamato-Seiso J.V.

The collection days will differ from the above schedule in some areas, so please check the Nara City website.

**Inquiries:** Shushu-Ka (Collection Section) Tel. 0742-71-3012

City Seibi-Kosha & Co. Ltd. Tel. 0742-33-8782

Takeda-Kankyo & Yamato-Seiso J.V. Tel. 0742-63-2552

## Medical Checkups for Babies and Children

Checkup Name (Eligibility)	Date	Place
4-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in October 2025)	From 4-month birthday until the day before turning 5 months old	Designated medical facilities in Nara City
10-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in April 2025)	From 10-month birthday until the day before turning 11 months old	
19-month-old Babies Checkup (Born in June 2024)	February 5, 12, 19 (Thurs.)	Chuo Hoken Center (Central Health Center) (Hagukumi Center 2F)
3-1/2-year-old Children's Checkup (Born in July 2022)	February 3, 10, 17, 24 (Tues.)	

**Things to bring:** The questionnaire and *Mother's and Child's Health Handbook*. \* The questionnaire will be sent in January. Those who moved to Nara City after January 1 and have not received one by the checkup day should contact Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section).

**Inquiries:** Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section) Tel. 0742-34-1978

## Workshop for Pregnant Women & Babies and Dental Checkups (Phone Reservation)

### Fluoride Coating for Tooth Decay Prevention

For children born in January 2024

**Date:** Jan. 16 (Fri.)

### Ha-Pika Class for One-year-old Babies

Tooth decay prevention class for first-born children born in January 2025

**Date:** Jan. 20 (Tues.)

### Paku-Paku Class for Five-month-old Babies

Baby food class for first-born children born in August 2025

**Date:** Jan. 21 (Wed.)

### Maternity "Happy" Check

For women 16 to 32 weeks pregnant on the day

**Date:** Jan. 22 (Thurs.)

### Papa-Mama Salon

For women between 22 and 32 weeks of their first pregnancy on the day and their partners

**Date:** Feb. 13 (Fri.)

### Mama-Iku Salon for Pregnant Woman over 40 Years of Age

For pregnant women under 32 weeks of gestation on the day, and a baby under 12 months old and their mothers

**Date:** Feb. 27 (Fri.)

**Inquiries:** Boshi-Hoken-Ka (Mother and Child Health Section)      Tel. 0742-34-1978

For details →



## Maternal and Infant Health Care Consultation

### Hagukumi Center 3F

Consultation by phone or face to face with public health nurses or midwives  
(appointment required)

**Date & Time:** 9:00-17:00 on weekdays

**Inquiries:** Boshi-Hoken Ka (Mother's and Child's Health Section)      Tel. 0742-34-1978

### Tsuge Hoken Center

Consultation by phone or face to face with public health nurses or nutritionists

**Date & Time:** 9:00-17:00 on weekdays

### Traveling consultation with public nurses

Date & Time	
Jan. 21(Wed.)	10:00-11:00
Jan. 23 (Fri.)	10:00-11:30
Feb. 10 (Tue.)	10:00-11:00

**Things to Bring:** Mother's and Child's Health Handbook

**Inquiries:** Tsuge Hoken Center      Tel. 0743-82-0341

### Tsukigase Health Consultation Room

Consultation by phone or face to face with public health nurses (appointment required)

**Date & Time:** 9:45-16:00 on weekdays

**Inquiries:** Tsukigase Health Consultation Room      Tel. 0743-92-0480

## Vaccination Notices

Japanese encephalitis vaccinations will start. (for those born in January 2023)

### Preliminary Examination Leaflets for Vaccinations were sent in late December

(for those born in November 2025)

**Inquiries:** Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section)      Tel. 0742-34-5129

For detail →



## Cancer Examinations (February)

Please apply to Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section) by phone, or on the Nara City website. Free of charge for those who are on social welfare or belong to households receiving residential tax exemption. Please notify us of such when you apply.

**Application Period: January 5 (Mon.) - 20 (Tues) from 9:00 to 17:00 (except Saturday, Sunday, year end and new-year holidays)**

### Stomach and Lung Cancer Examinations

Date & Reception Time	Place	Capacity
Feb. 9 (Mon.)	9:15-10:15 Co-op Oshikuma	27
Feb. 10 (Tues.)	9:30-10:30 Tomigaoka Kominkan	26
Feb. 12 (Thurs.)	9:15-10:15 Tomio-Minami Kominkan	27
Feb. 13 (Fri.)	9:15-10:15 Kita-Fukushi Center	26
Feb. 16 (Mon.) Feb. 20 (Fri.) Feb. 26 (Thurs.)	9:00-10:00 Hagukumi Center	30 each
Feb. 17 (Tues.)	9:15-10:15 Seibu Shogai Sports Center Club House	27
Feb. 18 (Wed.) Feb. 24 (Tues.)	9:45-10:45 Seibu Toshokan (Library)	20 each
Feb. 19 (Thurs.)	9:15-10:15 Miato Kominkan	27
Feb. 25 (Wed.)	9:15-10:15 Tomio Kominkan	27

### Lung Cancer Examination

Date & Reception Time	Place	Capacity
Feb.13 (Fri.)	14:00-15:00 Hagukumi Center	60

**Stomach Cancer Examination:** X-Ray (involving drinking barium on that day) For details →

**Lung Cancer Examination:** Chest-X-Ray (including tuberculosis test)

**Fee:** 1,500 yen (1,000 yen for stomach cancer examination only and 500 yen for lung cancer examination only) \* 600 yen as an additional fee for sputum test based on a general check-up for lung cancer (Postage might need to be paid.)



**Those Eligible:** 40 years old and over, registered as Nara City residents on the examination day, except for:

pregnant women; those who had stomach, lung, or intestine surgery within the past 5 years or are in treatment; those who have barium sensitivity or had aspiration (lung cancer examination is possible); those who had an endoscopy for stomach cancer by Nara City in fiscal year 2024 or 2025 (lung cancer examination is possible); and those who had low-dose CT screening for lung cancer by Nara City in fiscal year 2025 (stomach cancer examination is possible)

**Others:** For those who are breastfeeding, please inform us of such when you apply.

The examination interval is once a year. There might be cases where you may not be able to have the examination depending on your physical condition or medical consultation on that day.

**Inquiries:** Kenko-Zoshin-Ka (Health Care Section)

Tel. 0742-34-5129

## Kita Fukushi Center

1-4, 1-chome Ukyo 631-0805 Tel. 0742-71-3501 Fax. 0742-71-3548

### Sukoyaka Concert --- Let's enjoy children's songs and Showa-era pop songs ---

**Date & Time:** Jan. 31 (Sat.), 13:30-14:45

**Performers:** Souichiro Iida, Yoshihiro Iida, Shoko Imazato, Ran Murao, Kie Yamato

### Kisaragi Concert (Performed by a Woodwind Ensemble)

**Date & Time:** Feb. 7 (Sat.), 13:30-14:30

**Performers:** A!rumika~Zo

**Eligibility:** People over 60 years old and their families

## Naramachi Nigiwai-no-Ie

5, Nakanoshinya-cho 630-8333 Tel. 0742-20-1917

### New Year Kura Exhibition “*Tako de Tsunagaru Oshogatsu* (New Year connected with kites)”

\* Kura: traditional Japanese storehouse

**Date & Time:** Jan. 4 (Sun.) -31 (Sat.), 9:00-17:00

### New Year Omochi Pounding

**Date & Time:** Jan. 12 (Holiday), 13:00 and 14:00

\* Numbered tickets are distributed 15 minutes before each time.

**Contents:** Rice cake pounding and Zenzai (red bean soup with baked mochki rice cake) service

**Capacity:** 50 people each

## Shiryo-Hozonkan (Historical Materials Museum)

1-1 Wakido-cho 630-8337 Tel. 0742-27-0169 (Closed on Mondays)

### Special Exhibition “*Naramachi-Sajiki Masakaki-Houno* on Setsubun Day

(Dedication of *Masakaki* to a Shinto God) ”

\* *Masakaki* is a branch of the sacred *Sakaki* tree with colored streamers.

\* *Setsubun* is Feb. 3 (Tues.), the day before the vernal equinox.

\* Records of this event remain in the historical documents “*Naramachi-Sajiki*”.

**Date & Time:** Jan.27 (Tues.) - Feb. 22 (Sun.)

**Contents:** Introducing the *Masakaki* Offering Ceremony performed by geisha in Ganrin-in  
in picture postcards, newspapers and others.

### Special Exhibition “*Tsukigase plum orchard valley*”

**Date & Time:** Jan.27 (Tues.) -Mar. 31 (Tues.)

**Contents:** Introducing *Tsukigase* Ume Festival in pictorial materials, picture cards and others.

## Nara Art Space

### Folk Crafts Exhibition: “Spinning Tops and *Kokeshi* Dolls”

**Date & Time:** Jan. 19 (Mon) - Jan. 23 (Fri) 9:00-17:00

**Place:** Entrance Hall, Nara City Hall 1F

**Inquiries:** Bunka-Shinko-Ka (Cultural Promotion Section) Tel. 0742-34-4942

## Naramachi Center

38 Higashi-Terabayashi-cho, 630-8362 Tel. 0742-27-1151 (Closed on Mondays)

### 1) *Hyakunin Isshu (Hundred Poems by One Hundred Poets)* Exhibition

**Date & Time:** Jan. 6 (Tues.) - Jan. 25 (Sun.) 10:00-16:00 (close at 15:00 on the final day)

### 2) Entrance Concert “2026 New Year Concert by HADAME Hiroo ~A Collection of Famous Melodies in Seven Languages”

**Date & Time:** Jan. 16 (Fri.) 14:00

### 3) Craft Workshop

**Date & Time:** Jan. 31 (Sat.) 10:00-16:00

**Contents:** Crafts using wood and other materials

## Nara City Museum of Art

3-1 Nijo-Oji Minami 1-Chome, Mi-Nara 5<sup>th</sup> floor Tel. 0742-30-1510, Fax. 0742-35-7160 (Closed Mon.)

### The 44<sup>th</sup> Nara City Art Exhibition “Shiten Nara (Nara City Exhibition)”

**Date & Time:** Exhibition: Feb. 4 (Wed.) – 15 (Sun.), 10:00-17:30 (Admission is until 17:00.)

**Award Ceremony:** Feb. 14 (Sat.), 11:00

**Contents:** 6 categories (Japanese painting, Western painting, sculpture, handicrafts, calligraphy, photography) The prize-winning works will be exhibited.

## Nara City Museum of Calligraphy in Honor of Kason Sugioka

3 Wakido-cho 630-8337 Tel. 0742-24-4111

### Brush-Writing Experience Corner

**Date & Time:** Jan. 10 (Sat.), Jan. 12 (Holiday), 9:00-17:00

### Lecture on Calligraphy and Culture “The Calligraphy of Kason Featuring a Multitude of Works, Resonating Lines”

**Date:** Jan. 24 (Sat.) – March 22 (Sun.)

**Contents:** Introduction to Works by Sugioka Kason from the Museum’s Collection

### Naramachi New Year’s Card Contest Exhibition

**Date:** Jan. 28 (Wed.) – Feb. 8 (Sun.)

**Place:** Naramachi Center 1F (Higashiterabayashi-cho)

**Contents:** Exhibition of the Special Prize Works and All Entries

### Let’s make a *Can Badge* (button badge) !

**Date & Time:** Jan. 31 (Sat.) 10:00-12:00, 13:00-15:00

**Place:** Naramachi Center (Higashiterabayashi-cho)

**Contents:** Workshop to create an original button badge using brush calligraphy

**Fee:** 100 yen

**Admission Fee:** General 300 yen, Group (20 or more people) 240 yen

Free for children 16 years old and under, high school students, Nara City residents 70 years old and over, physically challenged persons (certificate required) and their caregivers.

## Onjo-kan

32-1 Narukawa-cho, 630-8335 Tel. 0742-27-7700

### Story of the Four Seasons' Songs Vol. 8 & 9

**Date & Time:** January 18 (Sun.), February 22 (Sun.), 14:00 – 15:00

**Contents:** Let's sing songs of the Four Seasons.

### Niji Butai (Rainbow Stage) Vol.1

**Date & Time:** February 1 (Sun.), 13:30 – 15:30

**Contents:** Concerts and plays by people of disabilities

## Sound Network Winter Festival

**Date & Time:** January 11 (Sun.), 11:00 – 17:00

**Place:** Minami Community Center Seseragi (Ikoma City)

**Capacity:** 300 people

**Inquiries:** Kishimoto (from the same organization, Sound Network), Tel. 090-5129-3076

## *Eki-mae* (station-front) Craft “*Nara-no-Sora-Kara*”

(An exhibition market of contemporary crafts)

**Date & Time:** January 11 (Sun.) 10:00-18:00

**Place:** Station Square on the east side of JR Nara Station (Sanjo-honmachi)

**Inquiries:** The Executive Committee Tel. 0743-59-1355

## Happy time with parents and children

**Date & Time:** February 20 (Fri.) 10:00-11:30

**Place:** Hotel Nikko Nara (Sanjo-honmachi)

**Capacity:** 10 pairs of parents and children aged 4 and under

**Application:** Call Matsushita of Soroptimist International *Nara Mahoroba* from February 13 (Fri.)

Tel. 090-2065-8566

## KOMINKAN

### Tomio Minami Kominkan

501-3 Nakamachi 631-0052 Tel. & Fax 0742-48-3066

Event Name	Date, Time & Contents	Application
Tominan Music Salon	Music performance by volunteers and Kominkan staff Feb. 1 (Sun.) 13:00-14:00 * Free entry	Not necessary

## Tomigaoka Minami Kominkan

921-1 2-chome, Nakayama-cho Nishi 631-0013 Tel. & Fax 0742-47-6375

Event Name	Date, Time & Contents	Application
Local Youth Art Exhibition	Exhibit of art works by local elementary and junior high school students Jan. 17 (Sat.)-Jan. 29 (Thurs.) (except on days closed) 9:00-17:00 * Free entry	Not necessary

## Miato Kominkan

204-1 Gojo-cho 630-8032 Tel. & Fax 0742-34-5954

Event Name	Date, Time & Contents	Application
“Wakakusa Yamayaki”-viewing from Miato Kominkan	Exhibition of works, Tea ceremony experience, Dusk concert, Wakakusa Yamayaki-viewing Jan. 24 (Sat.) 9:00-19:00 * Free entry * Preschool children must be accompanied by guardians.	Not necessary

## Mikasa Kominkan

313-3 Omiya-cho 4-chome 630-8115 Tel. 0742-33-0515

Event Name	Date & Contents	Application
Mikasa Kominkan- Salon: Let's sing together!	Singing children's songs or nursery rhymes Instructor: Volunteer group “Nara <i>Hoiku-no-Utagoe</i> ” January 20 (Tues.) 10:30 -11:30 Eligibility: People who are over 65 years old *Free Entry	Not necessary

## Nara-machi Art Collaboratory

**Date & Time:** February 11 (Holiday) 13:00 - 16:00

**Place:** Nara Family *Rakuda* (Camel) Hiroba (Higashi-machi Saidaiji)

We will hold a workshop where you can think about the future, learn about technology, and experience XR (extended reality).

### Open - style workshop

**Let's think about the future with technology and learn through playing!**

**Workshop using XR.**

**Open to all, mainly for elementary school students.**

Application and more details here →



## Education Center KIDS LEARNING FLOOR

Class Name	Date	Time	Application Deadline
<b>Kids Planetarium: "Nijiro and Seasonal constellations, The Story of Orion"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 40 seats each time	Every Saturday, Sunday and Holiday in January	1. 10:30- 10:50 2. 13:30-14:00	Reception on the day
<b>Story Class: "Okaa-san no Tanjobi (Mom's Birthday)" and others.</b>	January 10 (Sat.)	11:00-11:30	
<b>Movie Screening: "Manga Japanese Old Stories, <i>Oiteke Bori/ Kappa no kureta nyoyaku</i>"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 190 seats	January 11 (Sun.)	13:00-13:30	Not necessary
<b>Craft Experience Class: "Let's paint with Gansai"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 15 elementary school 1st graders and over each time	January 17 (Sat.)	1. 10:00-11:00 2. 13:30-14:30	Reception on the day
<b>Petit-Petit Craft: "Let's make the Edo period toy "Zubonbo"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 people each time	January 25 (Sun.)	1. 10:00-10:20 2. 11:00-11:20 3. 14:10-14:30	
<b>Night Planetarium: "Kimagure Planetarium, we will deliver the seasonal starry sky"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 40 seats (From elementary school upper graders to adults. Adults by themselves can also apply.)	January 30 (Fri.)	18:30-19:10	Reception on the day
<b>Programming Class: "Programming Class by Senior High School Students, Let's play with light and sound"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 9 elementary school 3rd to 6th graders each time	January 31 (Sat.)	1. 10:30-12:00 2. 13:30-15:00	January 12 (Holiday)
<b>Robot Class: "Robot Class by Senior High School Students"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 10 elementary school 1st to 6th graders each time	February 1 (Sun.)	1. 10:30-12:00 2. 13:30-15:00	
<b>Movie Screening: "Manga Japanese Old Stories, <i>Ubasute Yama/ Imohori Choja</i>"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 190 seats	February 1 (Sun.)	13:00-13:30	
<b>Story Class: "Boku Nigechauyo (The Runaway Bunny)" and others.</b>	February 7 (Sat.)	11:00-11:30	Not necessary
<b>Craft Experiment Class 'Let's Make a Rubbed Copy of Ancient Roof Tiles and Play 'Kariuchi', a Board Game from Olden Times."</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 elementary school 1 <sup>st</sup> graders and over each time <b>Fee:</b> 300 yen	February 8 (Sun.)	1. 10:00-12:00 2. 13:30-15:30	January 19 (Mon.)

<b>Science Experiment Class: "Small Creatures in The Sea - <i>Chirimen</i> monsters"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 18 1 <sup>st</sup> graders and over each time <b>Fee:</b> 300 yen	February 11 (Holiday)	1. 10:00-11:30 2. 13:30-15:00	
<b>Science Experiment Class: "Miracle! Science! – The Secret of Color-changing Water"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 children 5 years old and over each time	February 14 (Sat.)	1. 11:00-11:40 2. 14:20-15:00	
<b>Robot Class (for beginners): "Let's Build and Run a Bus-Shaped Robot."</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 children 5 years old and over each time  * You cannot take the robot home.	February 15 (Sun.)	1. 10:00-11:30 2. 13:30-15:00	January 26 (Mon.)
<b>Space Class: "Let's Fly a Balloon Rocket."</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 18 1 <sup>st</sup> graders and over each time	February 21 (Sat.)	1. 10:00-11:30 2. 13:30-15:00	
<b>Craft Experiment Class: "Let's Make a Spinning Top of the Earth."</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 15 children 5 years old and over each time	February 23 (Holiday)	1. 10:00-11:00 2. 13:30-14:30	February 2 (Mon.)
<b>Science Experiment Class: "Let's Run a Hovercraft Using a Motor!"</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 12 2 <sup>nd</sup> graders and over <b>Fee:</b> 600 yen	February 28 (Sat.)	9:30-11:30	
<b>Space Class: "Let's Make Constellation Lanterns."</b> <b>Capacity:</b> 15 children 5 years old and over each time <b>Fee:</b> 300 yen	March 1 (Sun.)	1. 10:00-11:30 2. 13:30-15:00	February 9 (Mon.)

**Place:** Hagukumi Center 9F

**Application:** Apply online from the Nara City Website. In case of excess applications, a lottery will be held.

**Others:** Unless otherwise specified, reception on the day of the class will start 15 minutes before the starting time of each class and will be closed when the prescribed number of applications is reached.

Children must be accompanied by guardians. In addition to the above, other classes may also be held. No late admission to the planetarium. The planetarium can be used by groups. (An application is needed.) Closed from December 27 (Sat.) to January 5 (Mon.). For the latest information, please check the city website or contact us directly.

**Inquiries:** Kids Learning Floor (Education Support and Consultation Section) Tel. 0742-36-0401

Apply here. ▼



## ***Wakakusa-yama* Hill Grass Burning Festival on January 24 (Sat.)**

This traditional event is called a harbinger of early spring in Nara. Please enjoy watching beautiful fireworks in the dark sky and the vigorously spreading flames along the hillside.

**Fireworks will begin at 18:15.**

**The grass will be set on fire from 18:30.**

\* The event schedule is subject to change, depending on the circumstances.

**Inquiries on the day:** Tel. 050-3626-2211

(IP-Phone service. It may not be accessible from some IP-Phones or pre-paid cell phones.)

**Inquiries:** Wakakusa Yamayaki Gyoji Jikko Iinkai (Wakakusa-yama Hill Burning Event Executive Committee)

c/o Nara Park Office      Tel. 0742-27-8677



## ***O-Tondo* (A Big Bonfire) at Kasuga**

A three-meter-high bonfire will be built on Tobihino Field. Old talismans, lucky charms, and *shimenawa* (straw ornament for New Year's Day) decorations are burnt and people pray for good fortune and a huge harvest of grains.

\* Used *shimenawa* and other items will be accepted until 16:30.

\* In case of rain, the event will be postponed to Jan. 25 (Sun.)

**Date & Time:** Jan. 24 (Sat.) 13:00-18:00

**Place:** Tobihino Field (in Kasuga Taisha Shrine, Kasugano-cho)

**Inquiries:** Nara City Tourism Association      Tel. 0742-30-0230

## **The 6<sup>th</sup> NARA PHOTO CONTEST**

An exhibition of the award-winning works from the above contest will be held.

**Date & Time:** January 16 (Fri.) – March 29 (Sun.)

9:30- 17:00 (Admission is until 16:30)

**Place:** Irie Taikichi Memorial Nara City Museum of Photography (Takabatake-cho)

**Admission Fee:** 100 yen for elementary and junior high school students,

200 yen for senior high school and university students,

500 yen for adults

**But free on every Saturday**, for elementary, junior & senior high school students, those aged 70 or over who live in Nara City, and those with disabilities (please carry your disability certificate) and their caregivers

**Lecture on the exhibited works:** From 14:00 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays during the exhibition

**Others:** Photos of 33 views of Yamato-Ji (Road) by Irie Taikichi will also be exhibited during the period.

**Inquiries:** Irie Taikichi Memorial Nara City Museum of Photography      Tel. 0742-22-9811