



WTIS-15 closing event

At Takanobashi Shopping Arcade

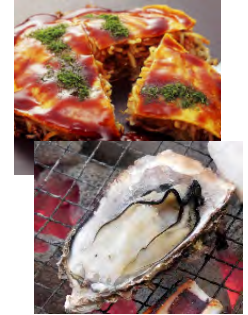


A festival-like party celebrating local flavours

Date and time: Wednesday, 2 December 1900 hours-2100 hours

Concept: "MATSURI" (Japanese festival)

A delightful excursion to Miyajima, "an island of gods," will be followed by a unique and fascinating party in the evening. Unlike ordinary parties that are held in a hotel, it will take place in a local shopping area named Takanobashi Shopping Arcade. The whole arcade will be set up as a special party venue for WTIS-15 participants, creating a festival-like atmosphere.



A variety of dining options

You can enjoy Japanese dishes, vegetarian dishes including curried rice, grilled meats and Hiroshima local specialties such as "okonomiyaki" and grilled oysters, as well as drinks ranging from Japanese sake, hot wine, beer, to soft drinks, including tea and coffee.

Cultural experiences creating unforgettable memories



- The special stage set up for traditional Japanese performances such as "shishimai" or lion dance, "taiko" or Japanese drums, and "kamishibai" or picture show telling folk stories.
- Cultural experiences such as Japanese tea ceremony and calligraphy using famous "Kumano brushes" made in Hiroshima.
- Japanese kimonos, obi sashes and small kimono items available for purchase in a kimono shop. You will be amazed to see beautiful kimono items available at surprisingly reasonable prices. The setting at the Takanobashi Shopping Arcade also presents a great photo opportunity.



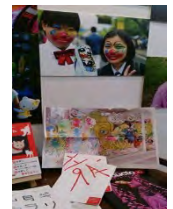
Communication with locals

English-speaking volunteers will take part in this "MATSURI" to help you communicate with people from the local community at restaurants, shops or anywhere else in the arcade. There are plans to provide a translation application using smartphones or tablets via Wi-Fi.

Vouchers will be distributed to WTIS-15 participants in advance, allowing them to pay for goods and services including foods, drinks, tea ceremony or other experiences, kimonos or other items sold at a "100-yen shop" and face painting.



Why don't you stop by some restaurants to try Hiroshima specialty foods and then enjoy cultural experiences? Maybe you are going to find some truths about Hiroshima.



Hiroshima Prefecture, the City of Hiroshima and Hiroshima Convention & Visitors Bureau look forward to seeing all of you at Takanobashi Shopping Arcade!



Tips for participants: As the shopping arcade is located outside, warm clothing is recommended. Free shuttle buses will be provided between the Official Hotel, the other recommended hotels and the venue of the closing event.