

# What's the Water and Land Niigata Art Festival?

The Water and Land Niigata Art Festival started in 2009, and its theme is "Where have we come from? Where are we going? In the context of Niigata's water and land, let's look at our past and present, and think about our future."

The 2015 Festival is the third, and is centered around Niigata's lagoons (i.e. combinations of water and earth), with programs of city-wide activities including art exhibits, performances, workshops and symposia. It is an opportunity for Niigata's citizens and regions to host artistic activities, with the help of many well-known artists from Japan and other countries.

## Niigata City Has an Abundance of Water and Land

Niigata has long been known as a port city, where two of Japan's major rivers, the Shinano and the Agano, both flow into the Japan Sea. With its constant flooding, Niigata used to be an area covered in large part by wetlands, but irrigation canals were built, and the area is now known for its rice fields and delicious rice. Niigata has therefore always been a place of meeting between water and land.

## Festival Purport

The Water and Land Niigata Art Festival attempts to spotlight how much of the local culture has depended upon, and been shaped by, the water and land of the area. The art especially contemplates the connection between humans and nature, and attempts to find hints for a better life in the future.

Through the medium of art, we hope to show Japan and other countries the kinds of culture our forebears created with their resources of water and land, passing on this knowledge and this beauty to future generations.

## Festival Outline

### Name:

Water and Land Niigata Art Festival 2015

### Basic Theme:

Where have we come from? Where are we going?

### Festival Period:

87 days: Saturday, June 18th, through Monday, October 12th, 2015

### Organizers:

Water and Land Niigata Art Festival 2015 Executive Committee

### Locations:

Four lagoons, and various other places, in Niigata City

Main Fields: Toyonogata, Fukushimaagata, Sakata and Uwasekigata

Base Camp: Former Futaba Junior High School

Satellite Festival Locations: Tenjuen Garden and IKUTOPIA SHOKU HANA (Food & Flower Complex)

# Getting To Niigata City

## ■ By Shinkansen Super Express Train

- From the Tokyo area  
Take the Joetsu Shinkansen line to Niigata Station (approx. 2 hrs.)
- From the Osaka area  
Take the Tokaido, then Joetsu Shinkansen lines to Niigata Station (approx. 5 hrs.)

## ■ By Airplane

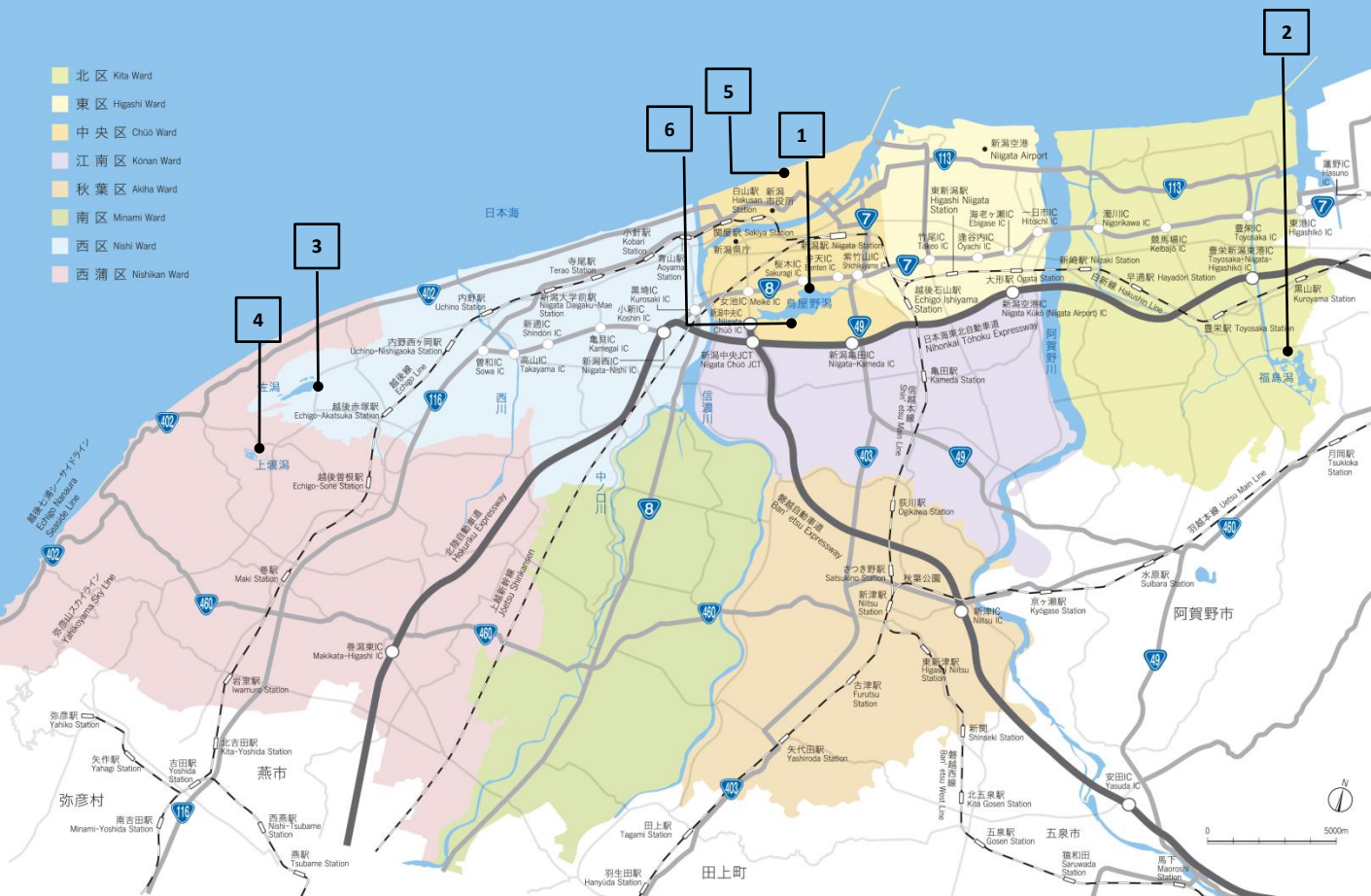
- From the Osaka area  
Itami Airport to Niigata Airport (approx. 1 hr. 5mins.)
- From the Kyushu area  
Fukuoka to Niigata Airport (approx. 1 hr. 40 mins.)

## ■ By Car On The Expressways

- From the Tokyo area  
Take the Kan'etsu and Hokuriku Expressways (Nerima IC - Nagaoka JCT - Niigata-Nishi IC) (approx. 3 hrs. 20 mins.)
- From the Osaka area  
Take the Meishin and Hokuriku Expressways (Suita IC - Maibara JCT - Niigata-Nishi IC) (approx. 6 hrs. 20 mins.)



# Getting To the Main Fields and Festival Locations



**1. Toyanogata**  
**Getting Here By Car**  
 Parking Areas:  
 1. Toyano Municipal Park (451 Shumoku, Chuo-ku, Niigata City) Capacity: 232 cars  
 2. IKUTOPIA SHOKU HANA (Food & Flower Complex) #1 and #2 Parking Lots (401 Seigoro, Chuo-ku, Niigata City) Capacities: (#1) 300 cars, (#2) 120 cars  
 3. Tenjūen Garden (633-8 Seigoro, Chuo-ku, Niigata City) / 100 cars

**Getting Here by Public Transport**  
 Wait at Bus Stop #1 on the bus roundabout behind Niigata Station (South Exit). Take Bus No. 57 (about 20 mins) and get off at "Tenjūen-mae"

**2. Fukushima**  
**Getting Here By Car**  
 Parking at: View Fukushima-Gata (493 Maeshinden-otsu, Kita-ku, Niigata City) / 120 cars  
**Getting Here by Public Transport**  
 Take the JR Hakushin line from Niigata Station to Toyosaka Station (about 20 mins.), then take a taxi (5 mins.) or walk (35 mins.) to Fukushimagata

**3. Sakata**  
**Getting Here By Car**  
 Parking at: Sakata Waterbirds and Wetlands Center (5404-1 Akatsuka, Nishi-ku, Niigata City) Capacity: 140 cars  
**Getting Here by Public Transport**  
 1. Take the JR Echigo line from Niigata Station to Uchino Station (about 25 mins.), then take a taxi to Sakata (15 mins.)  
 2. Take the JR Echigo line from Niigata Station to Echigo-Akatsuka Station (about 30 mins.), then take a taxi (10 mins.) or walk (40 mins.) to Sakata  
 3. Take the JR Echigo line from Niigata Station to Echigo-Akatsuka Station (about 30 mins.), then take the "Community Sakata" bus (weekdays only) to Akatsuka-Renrajuo-Mae

**4. Uwasekigata**  
**Getting Here By Car**  
 Parking in Areas #1 and #2 in Uwasekigata Park (1, Matsuno-o, Nishikan-ku, Niigata City) Capacities: (#1) 108 cars, (#2) 100 cars  
**Getting Here by Public Transport**  
 Take the JR Echigo line from Niigata Station to Maki Station (about 30 mins.), and then take a taxi (15 mins.) or walk (50 mins.) to Uwasekigata

**5. Base Camp (Former Futaba Junior High School)**  
 Address: 2-5932 Futaba-cho, Chuo-ku, Niigata  
 Open: 10am to 6pm  
 Closed every Wednesday (except Aug. 12th and Sept. 23rd)  
**Getting Here By Car**  
 There is no regular parking in the area (disabled parking only) around the Base Camp (Former Futaba Junior High School). Please park in the Nishibori Street underground garages or other paid parking lots in the Next21 area, and then take the shuttle bus to the Base Camp.  
 On weekends and holidays, parking is also available in the temporary parking lots of the Niigata City Art Museum.

**Note:** If you park in a Nishibori Street underground parking garage, we will give you a two-hour free parking voucher, so please bring your parking slip to the Base Camp.  
**Getting Here by Public Transport**  
 Take a bus leaving from lanes 0, 1, 5 or 6 of the Bus Terminal in front of Niigata Station (Bandai Exit), and get off at "Furumachi" (approx 8 mins.), cross the street, and the Base Camp shuttle bus will be waiting beside Next21.  
**Note:** You will be asked to show your Guidebook upon boarding the shuttle  
 The following temporary parking areas below may also be used using the Festival:  
 Niigata City Education Consultation Center: 10am to 6pm (on days Base Camp is open)  
 Niigata Regional Legal Affairs Bureau: 10am to 5pm (weekends and holidays only)

**6. Satellite Festival Locations (Tenjūen Garden and IKUTOPIA SHOKU HANA (Food & Flower Complex))**  
**Getting Here By Car**  
 Parking Areas:  
 1. Tenjūen Garden (633-8 Seigoro, Chuo-ku, Niigata City) / 100 cars  
 2. IKUTOPIA SHOKU HANA (Food & Flower Complex) #1 and #2 Parking Lots (401 Seigoro, Chuo-ku, Niigata City) Capacities: (#1) 300 cars, (#2) 120 cars  
**Getting Here by Public Transport**  
 Wait at Bus Stop #1 on the bus roundabout behind Niigata Station (South Exit). Take Bus No. 57 (about 20 mins) and get off at "Tenjūen-mae"

**Note:** Times and bus route information given are tentative, and may vary according to traffic conditions, weather and so on. Please confirm any necessary information with the bus driver, or by reading signs posted.  
**Note:** Apart from the city buses, there are also special tour buses and shuttle buses going from Next21 to various Festival exhibition sites. Please see the bottom of this page for more information on these special buses.

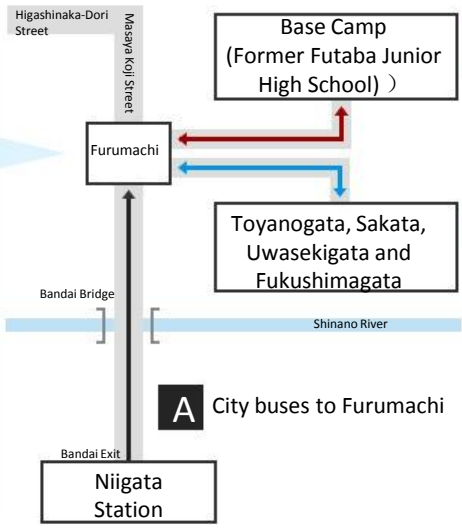
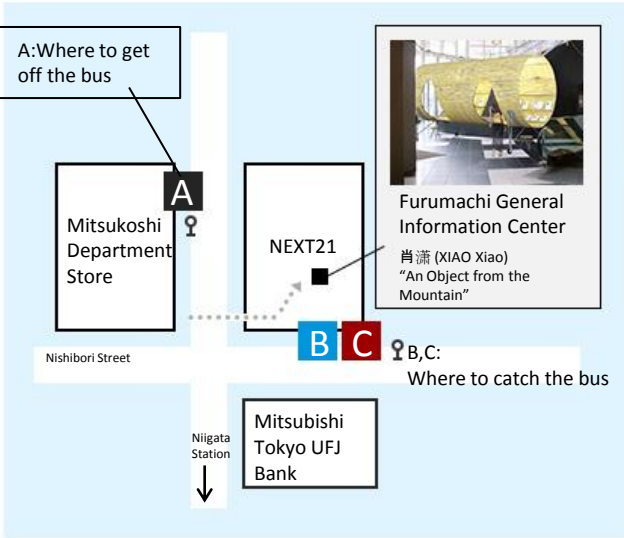
# How To Get To The Information Center

## The Information Center has everything first-time visitors need!

If you're thinking "I'd like to see what's happening, but where should I go?", your first stop is the Information Center!

Located in the Next21 building in downtown Niigata City, the Information Center has details on all the Festival activities.

You can also buy the Art Festival Guidebook, and get lots of extra information!



**C** Shuttle bus to the Base Camp  
Runs every 10 - 20 minutes,  
passing by the Niigata City Art  
Museum

**B** Tour bus to the Main Fields  
The bus only runs on weekends  
and holidays, and there's only  
one bus per day  
The bus alternates its destination  
each day

## A City buses to Furumachi

Lanes 0, 1, 5 & 6 of the Bus Terminal in front of Niigata Station (Bandai Exit)

About 8 minutes

Furumachi bus stop

Information Area inside the 1st-floor Atrium of Next21

### Getting There

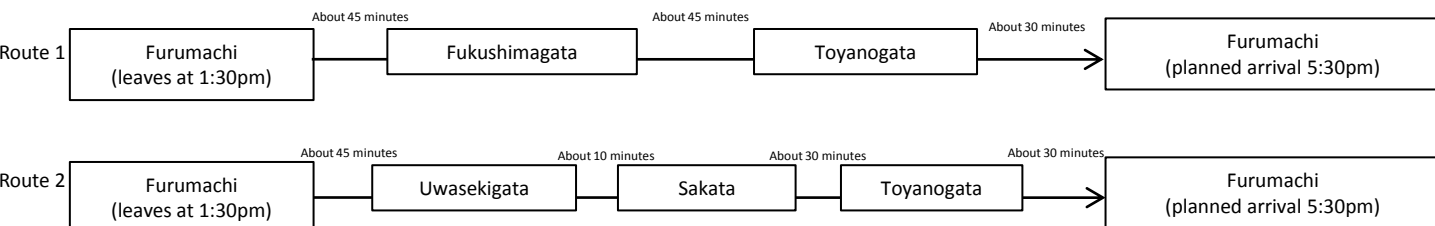
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## Information about the tour bus to the Main Fields, and shuttle bus to the Base Camp

The tour bus to the Main Fields and shuttle (minivan) to the Base Camp each depart from Next21 (on its Nishibori Street side). Note: You will be asked to show your Guidebook upon boarding the tour bus or shuttle.

## B Tour bus to the Main Fields

On weekends and holidays during the Festival, this bus will follow either Route 1 or Route 2 below (alternates daily).



### Reservation Desk

025-274-4100 (9am to 7pm, weekdays only) Niigata Chuo Sightseeing Bus, Bus Reservations, Hinode Kotsu Co., Ltd.  
Reservations must be made by Friday for any day of the following week

## C Shuttle Bus to Base Camp

Runs every 10 - 20 minutes, 10am to 5pm (weekdays), 10am to 6pm (weekends & holidays) during the Festival.

Furumachi  
(Bus stop beside the Next21 building,  
on Nishibori Street)

About 5 minutes

The Niigata City Art  
Museum

About 5 minutes

Base Camp  
(Former Futaba Junior High School)