

## ANNEX

### SAKURA MATSURI

Say *konnichiwa* once again to **Sakura Matsuri (樱花节)**, the popular cherry blossom festival that makes a return to Gardens by the Bay this March!

Admire the ephemeral beauty of sakura as you stroll through the **cherry blossom floral display (樱花节花卉展)**, and explore the food, costumes and products of Japan at **Sakura Matsuri: Nippon Street (日本街)**. Fans of the Japanese culture are also in for a treat with **Sakura Matsuri: Cultural Programmes (日本文化节目)** featuring instrumental and dance performances. In the last weekend of March, **Sakura Matsuri: Anime Garden (动漫花园)** will bring Japanese animation to life!

For more information, visit [gardensbythebay.com.sg/sakura](https://gardensbythebay.com.sg/sakura).

#### **SAKURA MATSURI FLORAL DISPLAY (樱花节花卉展)**

Feel the crisp chill of early spring in the air at Flower Dome, and experience the ephemeral beauty of sakura at the cherry blossom floral display. This year's floral display showcases an elegant landscape more reminiscent than ever before of the Land of the Rising Sun. Take an idyllic stroll through a dramatic row of Torii gates ensconced beneath a breath-taking canopy of pink and white cherry blossoms, then cross a traditional red wooden bridge to peek through circular windows known as marumado, each perfectly framing a self-contained scene. There are 30 varieties of cherry blossoms to see throughout the display!

**Date:** Saturday, 9 March – Sunday, 31 March

**Time:** 9am – 9pm

**Location:** Flower Dome

**Details:** Admission charge to Flower Dome applies.

#### **SAKURA MATSURI: NIPPON STREET (日本街)**

Taste the flavours of Japan at **Sakura Matsuri: Nippon Street**, a specially-curated Japanese-themed fair held in collaboration with JTB Pte Ltd. As you walk down the streets of retro Japan in Flower Field Hall, enjoy Japanese street food, rent a yukata or try your hand at some traditional festival games! Continue your journey at Waterview Room, where the Ohanami Street boasts a contemporary contrast to Nippon Street. Here, you can savour the latest ingenious flavours of Japanese instant noodles, or wind down a busy day at the sake station.

**Date:** Saturday, 9 March – Sunday, 17 March

**Time:** 10am – 8pm

**Location:** Flower Field Hall and Waterview Room (Flower Dome)

**Details:** Free admission from Monday to Friday. Admission ticket to Flower Dome is required on Saturday and Sunday.

### **SAKURA MATSURI: CULTURAL PROGRAMMES (日本文化节目)**

Experience the intricacies of Japanese culture with **Sakura Matsuri: Cultural Programmes** organised in collaboration with Japan Creative Centre, the cultural arm of the Embassy of Japan in Singapore. Visitors get to enjoy a diverse array of activities that range from graceful tea ceremonies to exuberant dance performances like the Sendai Suzume Odori – the sparrow dance of spring.

**Date:** 9 – 10, 16 – 17, 23 – 24, 30 – 31 March

**Time:** Refer to schedule below

**Location:** The Canopy & Flower Dome

**Details:** Programmes at The Canopy are free. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies.

Programme*	Date	Time	Location	
Wadaiko (Japanese Drum) Performance	9 March	3pm	The Canopy	
Sendai Suzume Odori Performance	9 March	3.45pm	The Canopy	
		5.10pm	Flower Dome	
Koto & Erhu Performance	10 March	4pm	The Canopy	
	10 March	2pm		
Japanese Folk Dance Performance	16 March	2pm		
	30 March	2pm & 4pm		
Japanese Dance Performance	16 March	4pm		
Choral Performance	17 March	2pm		
	31 March	4pm		
Keyboard & Flute Performance	17 March	4pm		
Kendo Demonstration	23 March	2pm & 4pm		
Taiko (Japanese Drum) Performance	24 March	2pm & 4pm		
Koto & Shakuhachi Performance	31 March	2pm		
Japanese Tea Ceremony	10, 16 – 17, 23 – 24, 30 – 31 March	11am & 12pm		Flower Dome

\* Information is correct as of 9 Mar 2019 and may be subject to change.

#### **Sendai Suzume Odori Performance**

Widely performed and enjoyed at the Sendai Aoba Festival, the popular Sendai Suzume Odori (Sparrow Dance) is often the highlight of the festival with its unique, birdlike movements and brightly-coloured fans and costumes. Experience the charm of Sendai Suzume Odori performed by the Japanese and Singaporean members of Sendai Suzume Odori Singapore!

#### **Wadaiko (Japanese Drum) Performance**

The art of Japanese drums comes alive with a heart-pounding performance by the Taiko Group of The Japanese Association, Singapore!

#### **Koto & Erhu Performance**

Marvel at the lush sounds of Japanese koto and Chinese erhu in this collaborative performance by the Koto Group of The Japanese Association, Singapore, and the Niko Dokokai.

#### **Japanese Folk Dance Performance**

Dance along with the Minyo Club of The Japanese Association, Singapore – best known for leading Singapore’s annual Bon Odori dance at their Summer Festival.

#### **Japanese Dance Performance**

Groove to the rhythmic moves by Team Kmicco Japan as they dance to popular tunes from Japanese artist GARNiDELiA. The three-member group comprises Kmicco (choreographer of the Chingay Parade dance for the past five years), Shiz and Miyu.

#### **Choral Performance**

With a diverse repertoire ranging from traditional Japanese songs to musicals in English, the Ladies Chorus of The Japanese Association, Singapore will enchant you with their breath-taking voices.

#### **Keyboard & Flute Performance**

Featuring talented soloists from esteemed musical institutions in Japan and France, be enthralled by their talent and skill in this unforgettable collaboration performed by the Music Group of The Japanese Association, Singapore.

#### **Kendo Demonstration**

Kendo is a traditional Japanese martial art widely practised both within Japan and in many countries around the world. Check out the thrilling demonstrations by members of the Singapore Kendo Club!

#### **Taiko (Japanese Drum) Performance**

With its recognisable beat, the taiko (Japanese drum) is enjoyed by everyone. Japanese drum group Hibikiya will be playing not just the taiko, but other traditional Japanese minyo music as well! As a special treat, Hibikiya will be collaborating with a very special guest from Japan, Tsugaru-jamisen player Nobuto Yamanaka!

#### **Koto & Shakuhachi Performance**

The Koto Group of The Japanese Association, Singapore will be collaborating with a renowned local shakuhachi (Japanese flute) player for a truly unforgettable performance.

#### **Japanese Tea Ceremony**

Conducted by Hoseikai from The Japanese Association, Singapore, witness first-hand a Japanese tea ceremony (chanoyu), which is also known as the Way of Tea (chado or sado), a ritualised preparation and serving of powdered green tea in the presence of guests.

### **SAKURA MATSURI: ANIME GARDEN (动漫花园)**

Calling all fans of Japanese pop culture! Join us as The Meadow transforms into an anime wonderland with **Sakura Matsuri: Anime Garden**. Featuring celebrity cosplayers, popular anisong artistes, Japanese pop culture performances, anime screenings, matsuri games, and even a Japanese-themed food bazaar, there's something for everyone!

**Date:** Saturday, 30 March – Sunday, 31 March

**Time:** 4pm – 11.30pm

**Location:** The Meadow

**Details:** Programmes at The Meadow are free. Admission charge to Flower Dome applies.

Programme*	Date	Time	Location
Anisong Concert	30 March	7.30pm – 9.40pm	The Meadow
	31 March	7.15pm – 9.40pm	
Celebrity Cosplayer Meet & Greet	30 March	4pm – 4.30pm	Flower Dome
		4.45pm & 5.45pm	The Meadow
		6.05pm – 6.35pm	
		6.45pm – 7.30pm	
	31 March	3.30pm – 4pm; 4.30pm – 5pm	Flower Dome
		4pm – 4.30pm; 5pm – 5.30pm	The Meadow
		5pm	
		6.30pm – 6.45pm	
J-Pop Idol Groups (Singapore) Performance	30 March	5.15pm – 5.35pm; 6.40pm – 7pm	The Meadow
		4.30pm – 5pm; 5.30pm – 6pm	
Cosplay Competition & Performance	31 March	4.30pm – 4.50pm	The Meadow
		5.45pm – 6.30pm	
Anime Screening	30 March	9.45pm	
	31 March		
Matsuri Marketplace	30 & 31 March	3.30pm – 11.30pm	

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### **Anisong Concert**

Featuring singers of popular anime theme songs – ASCA, Ayaka Ohashi, Hachioji P / KUMONOSU, Megumi Nakajima, and ReoNa – these two concerts are not to be missed.



### **Celebrity Cosplayer Meet & Greet**

Get up close with your favourite celebrity cosplayers including Thames Malerose from Thailand, MON from Taiwan and the dynamic duo Olivia & Luffy from Hong Kong as they make special appearances at The Meadow. Don't miss out on the chance to get their autographs and official merchandise!

### **Cosplay Competition & Performance**

Catch finalists from the World Cosplay Summit 2019 (Singapore) on stage as they wow the crowd with their costumes and moves. Put on your best cosplay outfit and cheer them on!

### **J-Pop Idol Groups (Singapore) Performance**

Enjoy a variety of J-pop performances from our local talents, Tokimeki JUMP and Natsuiro Party.

### **Anime Screening**

Delve into the animated worlds of mystery, laughter, joy and tears with the screening of Crayon Shinchan the Movie: Bakumori! Kung Fu Boys – Ramen Chaos and A Silent Voice at Anime Garden 2019!

### **Matsuri Marketplace\***

Relax and have fun at the Matsuri Marketplace! There is a variety of activities for everyone – don a yukata and hang up your own ema, treat yourself to yummy Japanese street eats and indulge in anime merchandise at the retail booths.

*\* Charges apply.*