

# Minamiboso Events Calendar

## English Version

Check out these events going on in the heart of Minamiboso

*November 1st to 30th*

### Minamiboso Whale Festival 2013

Minamiboso is home to the only whaling port in the Kanto region, so it's appropriate that they have a month dedicated to the whale! Come learn about and enjoy this local delicacy that has been a part of Japanese tradition and culture for centuries. What's best? All events are free!

**Contact:**

Roadside Station, "Wadaura WA・O!"

☎0470-47-3100

Minamiboso City Commerce and Tourism Department, Tourism Promotion Division  
☎0470-33-1091

Minamiboso City Agriculture and Forestry and Fisheries Department and Division  
☎0470-33-1071

<http://mboso-etoko.jp>

*November 2nd to 4th*

### Resort Awa Train

This special train that runs through the Boso has *zashiki*-style seating, allowing passengers to sit on a tatami-mat floor while leisurely viewing all the beautiful sights as they pass by. During this limited period, a special whale photo gallery will be set up on board, and local specialties like minced whale meat burgers and baumkuchen cake will be sold at various stops along the way.



**Where:** between JR Hamakanaya to JR Awa Kamogawa (one train per day)

**Price:** regular fare (+510 yen for reserved seating)

*November 3rd*

### Al che-cciano's Masayuki Okuda

Listen to popular Italian restaurant owner-chef Masayuki Okuda speak on how food helps to liven up local neighborhoods. His book will be available for purchase, perfect right before the autograph session begins.

**Time:** 2pm - 4pm

**Where:** Roadside Station "Wadaura WAO!"

*November 9th*

### Roadside Station "Wadaura WAO!" 1st Anniversary Appreciation Event

It's been one year since this bustling whale-themed roadside station opened, and they're holding an anniversary



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event to show their appreciation. There will be mochi throwing, food stands, whale art contests, festival taiko drumming and more!

**Time:** 9am - 3pm

**Where:** Roadside Station "Wadaura WAO!"

*November 9th and 10th*

### **Hiking from the Station ("Whale Town" Hiking)**

Join in this hiking trip from station to station in Wada-chou, while making stops at recommended sights along the way.

**Time:** 3pm ~

**Where:** Roadside Station "Wadaura WAO!"

\*reservation required

<https://www.jreast.co.jp/hiking>

*November 16th*

### **National Whale Forum**

Come listen to a special lecture by world class sommelier Mr. Shinya Tasaki, who will be talking about how to enjoy and pair whale cuisine and alcoholic drinks. There will also be a presentation on passing on whale food culture.

**Time:** 3pm ~

**Where:** Roadside Station "Wadaura WAO!"

\*reservation required

*November 17th*

### **National Whale Cuisine Festival**

From Osaka to Kumamoto, several famous restaurants from all over Japan will gather to offer their best whale cuisine dishes. Come try whale tartare or bacon! There will also be opportunities to buy and take home whale products from all over the country as well.

**Time:** 10am - 3pm

**Where:** Roadside Station "Wadaura WAO!"



*November 17th*

### **Takabe Shrine Knife Ceremony**

Visit Japan's only shrine dedicated to the god of cooking, located in Chikura. The Takabe Shrine is putting on a special showing of their famous knife ceremony, where a skilled practitioner prepares a fish using just chopsticks and a knife --- never their hands.

**Time:** 11am ~

**Where:** Takabe Shrine in Chikura

**Fee:** free

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*November 1st to 10th*

### **Wang Zi Jiang painting gallery**



Here's your chance to see world renown ink painting artist Wang Zi Jiang's works in person. Wang incorporates both Western and Eastern art influence into his paintings, which have been featured on NHK and TV commercials numerous times.

**Fee:** free

**Where:** Roadside Station Biwa Club Gallery, Tomiura-chou

**Contact:** Roadside Station Biwa Club, Tomiura-chou, 0470-33-4231

<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/event/showsai.asp?mode=2&pn=25&id=8635>

*November 2nd*

### **Lighthouse Anniversary Event**

The Nojimazaki Lighthouse is one of the oldest lighthouses in Japan, originally built during the Meiji period in 1869. Come celebrate its anniversary by learning about the lighthouse and seeing other exhibits, like a chance to try on Naval Self-Defense Force uniforms.

**Where:** Nojimazaki Lighthouse

**Contact:** Tourism Promotion Division, 33-1091

*November 2nd*

### **Miyoshi Night Festival**

Come to this annual festival in the Miyoshi area filled with food, performances and fireworks! In addition, Miyoshi is celebrating the renewal opening of the Roadside Station Miyoshi Hina no Sato. The restaurant, souvenir and take-out corner are all new, so be sure to check it out!

※ Originally planned for October 26th, but was postponed due to typhoon

**Where:** Roadside Station Miyoshi Village Hina no Sato

**Time:** Daytime section 11:00 - 16:00, Nighttime section 17:00 - 21:30

**Contact:** Roadside Station Hina no Sato Information Corner, 0470-36-4116

<http://www.megumikan.com/sintyaku/shintyaku.html#yomaturi>



*November 2nd to 3rd*

### **Cosmos Festival**

The Roadside Station Furari has various events going on, just in time for the peak of cosmos season. Come pick beautiful cosmos flowers for free, or come early to take home some new crop of locally grown rice which comes with purchases over 500 yen.

**Where:** Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama

**Contact:** Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama, 0470-57-2601

<http://furari.awa.or.jp>

*November 3rd*

### **Jibiki Ami (Dragline) Fishing and Seafood BBQ**

Pull up your own fresh seafood and have it right on the beach as part of a morning BBQ. The Jibiki Ami is a traditional method of fishing that is great for groups as it allows everyone to work together.



**Cost (room & board w/ BBQ):** 9800 yen per adult (comes with abalone), 5800 yen per child  
**(no room & board, just BBQ):** 2500 yen per adult, 1000 yen per child (over 3 yrs and up to elem. school)

※ we recommend bringing your own drinks and rice balls

**Where:** Tomiyama-chou, Iwai Beach

**Contact:** Minamiboso Tourism Association, Iwai Branch, 0470-57-2088

<http://iwaikaigan.com>

*November 15th to 21st*

### **Fuyou-kai calligraphy gallery**

The Fuyou-kai is a local calligraphy group of five members that meets twice a month. Come see their artwork which includes framed pieces and scrolls.

**Fee:** free

**Where:** Roadside Station Biwa Club Gallery, Tomiura-chou

**Contact:** Roadside Station Biwa Club, Tomiura-chou, 0470-33-4231

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*November 17th*

**Outdoor meals club ~let's start cooking outdoors~**

In part 3 of this 5-part series, come learn how to cook outdoors, starting from the very basics of starting a fire to mastering the cooking tools. This time, participants will learn how to cook pizza and coke-stewed chicken --- yum!

**Time:** 10am - 1:30pm

**Cost:** 1000 yen for participants under elem. school age and younger, 1500 yen for middle school age and older (3 yrs. old and younger are free)

\* Individuals who sign up for all five classes get one free! Individuals signing up for the next three classes get 500 yen off.

**Participants cap.:** 50 people

**Where:** Taibusamisaki Youth Nature Home, Minamiboso City, Tomiura-Chou

**Contact:** Taibumisaki Youth Nature Home, 0470-33-4561

<http://taibusa.jp>

*November 22nd*

**Nagomi Kissa Calming Cafe**

Volunteers will be making coffee, tea, and snacks available. Come take a moment to pause and breathe.

**Cost:** 100 yen

**Where:** Child Rearing Center Honobono, Shushigayatsu

**Time:** 10am-12noon

**Contact:** Child Rearing Center Honobono, 40-5111

<http://www.city.minamiboso.chiba.jp/0000000778.html>

*November 23rd to 29th*

**Raya Crafts gallery**

Raya Crafts, an art studio and school based in Kyonan, will have an art display including 120 different pieces for viewing. Headed by a husband and wife pair, Mr. Ryomoto will share some of his wood work, while Mrs. Ryomoto will share her stained glass artwork.

**Fee:** free

**Where:** Roadside Station Biwa Club Gallery, Tomiura-chou

**Contact:** Roadside Station Biwa Club, Tomiura-chou, 0470-33-4231

[http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/subsite/biwakurabu/event\\_p/detail.asp?id=8637&ct=8&td=2](http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/subsite/biwakurabu/event_p/detail.asp?id=8637&ct=8&td=2)

*November 23rd*

**International Exchange Event:  
Welcoming the Northern California  
Cherry Blossom Queen and Princess**

The Minamiboso International Exchange Association is hosting the Northern California Cherry Blossom Queen and Princess from San Francisco, showing them around the Minamiboso area which they are visiting for the first time. The evening international exchange event will include a presentation about the Japanese-American community from these two future community leaders, as well a chance to watch and learn simple Hawaiian hula alongside everyone. Come share food and drinks and make international grassroots connections in the process!

**Time:** 6pm - 8:30pm

**Where:** Miyoshi Farming Environment Improvement Center, Large Conference Hall

**Fee:** 1000 yen (food and beverage included)

**Contact:** Minamiboso International Exchange Association (part of the City Policy and Planning Division,) 0470-33-1001

<http://civil.mboso-etoko.jp/group/detail.asp?id=6>

<http://www.nccbfqueenprogram.org>



**第5回 南房総市 産業まつり**  
**まるごと南房総!**

新鮮な農産物、魚介類、特産品、  
 友好都市の出店、模擬店、  
 ステージイベントなど盛りだくさん。  
 南房総市を「まるごと」  
 お楽しみください

平成26年  
**日時: 11月24日(日)**  
 AM9:30~PM3:00

**会場: 千倉漁村センター周辺**

会場周辺では  
 次の行事も開催  
 されます。  
 ● 11/23  
 ● 南房総市  
 ● 11/23-24  
 ● 特産品八幡神社

小松寺もみじ祭  
 同時開催

お問い合わせ  
 産業まつり実行委員会 (南房総市朝夷商工会) TEL.0470-44-1331  
 南房総市商工観光部商工観光課 TEL.0470-33-1092

November 24th

**5th Annual Minamiboso City Industry Festival**

Make a trip out to one of Minamiboso City's largest festivals, dedicated to highlighting local industries and culture. Not only can you taste fresh seafood, mikan oranges, dairy products and other delicious dishes produced right in the Boso, but watch traditional dances, make crafts to take home and more! Visiting delegations from 'friendship cities' including Koshu in Yamanashi and Iidemachi in Yamagata will also have their own food stands, and the neighboring Komatsu Temple will be holding their autumn leaves viewing festival.

**Time:** 9:30am - 3pm

**Where:** Chikura Gyoson Center area, Komatsu Temple

**Contact:** Minamiboso City Asai Chamber of Commerce, 0470-44-1331

Minamiboso City Commerce and Tourism Department and Division, 0470-33-1092  
 Komatsu Temple, 0470-44-2502

<http://www.asai.or.jp>

<http://www.komatuji.com>

Have a great November and Happy Thanksgiving!

