

The Nagaoka Festival Peace Celebration The Grand Folk Dance Parade Let's Enjoy Dancing with Friends from around the World! Everyone is welcome to join!

This is a joyous event in which participants in *yukata*, a summer cotton *kimono* outfit, enjoy dancing Nagaoka's traditional folk dances together on August 1 (Thur.) from 7:25 p.m. Every participant is welcome to join some practice sessions in July. These sessions will also be great opportunities for you to interact with other participants.

Re: Practice Sessions (① – ⑤ in the calendar)

- The size of your *yukata* (S, M, L, or LL) for August 1 (Tues.) and the time to put on your *yukata* will be confirmed in one of the sessions ① – ④. All participants are requested to join dance practices at least twice including the full line-up practice.
- When applying, choose which practice sessions you will join. If you want to change your practice dates after having applied, please contact the staff of the Nagaoka City International Affairs Center, *Chikyû Hiroba*.
- All participants are required to attend the full line-up practice on July 25 (Thur.), where you will dance in line just like the actual performance on August 1 (Thur.).
- You can watch the dances on YouTube with this QR code.



The Schedule for Practice Sessions in July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7	8	9	10 Application Deadline	11	12	13
14	15① A National Holiday	16	17	18	19 ②	20
21 ③	22	23	24 ④	25⑤ Full Line-Up Practice	26	27
28	29	30	31	August 1 The Grand Folk Dance Parade		

◆ When and Where for Practice Sessions:

- ① 15 (Mon., a national holiday) 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. *Chikyû Hiroba* in the Civic Center
- ② 19 (Fri.) 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Chikyû Hiroba* in the Civic Center
- ③ 21 (Sun.) 4:15 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. *Chikyû Hiroba* in the Civic Center
- ④ 24 (Wed.) 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. *Chikyû Hiroba* in the Civic Center
- ⑤ 25 (Thur.) 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Full Line-Up Practice**
City Hall Plaza - *Aôre* Nagaoka Arena
Nagaoka Citizens' Interaction Hall B+C



The Grand Folk Dance Parade

August 1 (Thur.)

Things to Bring:

- Participation fee: ¥1,000
- Two rectangular face towels to be used when putting on a *yukata*
- Shoes to be worn when dancing
You are advised to wear shoes that you are used to and won't tire you out even if you walk a lot.
- Water or other beverages

Note:

- You can get help to put on your *yukata* from a volunteer dresser. Please reserve a time to put on your *yukata* during a practice session so that the dressing room will not be crowded.
- You are not allowed to eat in the Nagaoka Civic Center. You are advised to finish your dinner on your own before you come to the center.

◆Application:

Please refer to the following before applying for the event.

Application Methods: - Call or visit the desk of *Chikyû Hiroba*
- Use the application form via the QR code below with the *Chikyû Hiroba* website

Application Period: June 14 (Fri.) – July 10 (Wed.)

Maximum: 50 participants on a first-come, first-served basis

Participation Fee: ¥1,000



Notes:

- Photos taken during practice sessions and the event on August 1st may be used on our website or posters to publicize our programs.
- Free parking tickets will NOT be provided for practice sessions or the day of the event.
- The Nagaoka International Affairs Center will not be responsible for any trouble on your way to or from the practice sites and the event site.
- Protect yourself from being affected by heatstroke. Please make sure to drink water or other liquids from time to time during practice sessions and the event.
- Elementary school children and younger children should be accompanied by a parent or guardian on practice days and the event day.
- Junior high school and high school students are required to get a parent's or guardian's permission when practicing and participating in the event.
- If you want to cancel your participation, please contact the Nagaoka International Affairs Center, *Chikyû Hiroba*.

For further information:

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