

# Newsletter

February 2024

## Slot Release Schedule for March 2024

### ◆Applicable Operation Dates◆

- RJTT / RJCC: 01MAR24 – 30MAR24
- RJAA: 03MAR24 – 30MAR24
- RJBB: 01MAR24 – 30MAR24

### ◆Monthly Application Deadline◆

- RJTT / RJCC: 09FEB24 0730Z (1630L)
- RJAA: 05FEB24 0730Z (1630L)
- RJBB: 09FEB24 0730Z (1630L)

### ◆Daily Application Starts at◆

- RJTT / RJCC: 20FEB24 0800Z (1700L)
- RJAA: 15FEB24 0800Z (1700L)
- RJBB: 20FEB24 0800Z (1700L)

(\*L=JST)

\*Slots for today through 29FEB2024 may be applied for on a daily basis for RJTT/RJCC.

\*Slots for today through 02MAR2024 may be applied for on a daily basis for RJAA.

\*Slots for today through 29FEB2024 may be applied for on a daily basis for RJBB.

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## LATEST TOPICS

The Sapporo Snow Festival will be held this year from February 4 to February 11 in Sapporo, Hokkaido. This year marks the 74<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival, and last year it attracted 1.75 million visitors.



The Sapporo Snow Festival began in 1950 when local junior and senior high school students set up six snow sculptures in Odori Park, which had been a snow dumping ground for local citizens.

In recent years, the festival has expanded beyond the Odori location. It includes several other venues such as Susukino and Tsudomu. The Tsudomu site is not an exhibition of snow sculptures, but rather an interactive venue where visitors can experience snow slides, snow rafts, etc.

Since 2023, the festival has been incorporating projection mapping onto the increasing number of snow sculptures creating mysterious imageries. The festival will continue to evolve with the times.

Come and experience a fantastic winter in Hokkaido.

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## ***RECOMMENDED SIGHTSEEING SPOT***



"JIGOKUDANI YAEN KOEN" is located in the valley of the Yokoyu River, which originates in the Shiga Kogen Plateau of the Joshinetsu Kogen National Park in northern Nagano Prefecture.

It is well known outside of Japan under the name of "Snow Monkey Park".

It is a place where monkeys can be observed in the wild. And it is most famous for the sight of monkeys soaking in the hot springs there.

The monkeys first started soaking in 1964, when the park opened. It is said that it started when a baby monkey took a bath in the outdoor hot spring which was meant for human use at a nearby ryokan (Japanese traditional style of the hotel) called Korakukan. And then the adult monkeys imitated the behavior. The photos of the snow monkeys bathing were posted on the social media and they became popular worldwide. Please take a look at this unique sight when you are nearby. It is especially interesting during the winter when there is snow on the ground.

**Nearest Airport : RJNT/ Toyama Airport**

· Airport of entry

- Operational Hours: 2200Z/0700L ~ 1200Z/2100L
- CIQ Hours: 2215Z/0715L ~ 1000Z/1900L
- Business Jet Terminal: Available
- It takes about 2hrs 40min from the airport by car

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