

01 Washi Fest 2024 in Higashi-Chichibumura

On two days of October 26(Saturday) and 27 (Sunday), 2024, Washi Fest 2024 in Higashi-Chichibumura was opened at Michi-no-eki Washi-no-sato Higashi-Chichibu. In Washi Fest many visitors enjoyed the charm of the Traditional Japanese Paper.

Outdoor Stage Event

This year, celebrating the 10th year since making Japanese paper technology of Hosokawa paper was registered as UNESCO's intangible cultural heritage, we made the celebrating art with the village residents. On the first day we celebrated with a ceremony, and after that opened a ceremonial live concert with our residential band "Ajate" and in the night we lighted up the village patio calling it Lantern Night. Here also an outdoor live concert was held with our residential band "Ignorant Duet".

On the 2nd day a dragon painted with Indian ink was a highlight. The ink brush painting by Ms. Chizuka Motegi live art and powerful Japanese drum performance by Japan Drum Association livened up the venue.

The event took place in both the days

Washi Fest was celebrated with not only outdoor stage event but also experience-base ones as Washi marche using the Japanese paper made by residents in the village, and Washi work shop like Washi photo frame made together with the students of Musashino University of Arts. Transmitted were also the many charms of the village as fun lottery, village bar gourmet fest and village's fun photos exhibition.

Tree Planting celebrating National Arbor Day

Before the Washi art celebrating the 10th year on the registration by UNESCO, we celebrated tree planting in commemoration with 75th National Arbor Day to be opened in Chichibu Muse Park on May 25, 2025.

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We planted seedlings of the village tree "Tsuki-no-ki", the another name Japanese Zelkova tree of Saitama Prefecture, and Prunus Persika, our village'

s specialty and Paper Mulberry, raw material of Japanese paper. After the ceremony we replanted them in Michi-no-eki Washi-no-sato Higashi-Chichibu and in front of our village hall.