

Iiyama Canola Blossom Festival

Iiyama Canola Blossom Festival is held every year in May during the Golden Week in the *Nanohana* (canola blossom) Park. The park overlooks the Chikuma River, and still preserves the sentiment of the landscapes described in a *shoka* song "The Night with a Hazy Moon" whose first line is; "The setting sun fades into the canola fields."

32 acres of golden canola fields stretch in front of the Chikuma River and the Sekida Ridge still capped with remaining snow. Various events are held during the festival, including a parade, stage performances, Nordic walking tours and "the Night with a Hazy Moon Music Festival."

On March 14, 2015, Iiyama Station on the Hokuriku Shinkansen will open, making the access from Tokyo to Iiyama only two hours. Please get on the new Shinkansen line and come to Iiyama!



Time	Sunday, May 3 , Monday, May 4, Tuesday, May 5, 2015 (The canola blossom season is from late April to early May.)
Place	<i>Nanohana</i> Park, Iiyama City
Fee	Free admission, paid parking
Contact	Shinshu Iiyama Tourism Bureau TEL: +81-0269-62-3133 (English-speaking staff available)
Website	http://www.iiyama-ouendan.net/en/ http://www.iiyama-ouendan.net/en/sightseeing/2011/09/2790.php
Access	By car: Get off at the Toyota-Iiyama Exit on Joshin'etsu Expressway, and drive another 20 minutes (15 km). By train: Get off the Hokuriku Shinkansen at Iiyama Station, and take a taxi for 20 minutes.