

Hina Doll Festival with One Thousand Dolls on Thirty Steps

The *Hina* Doll Festival is a Japanese traditional event to celebrate healthy growth of girls in the season of peaches. About 6,000 *hina* dolls are displayed in the venue. A thousand *hina* dolls decorated on thirty steps are a breathtaking sight, and worth seeing.

Traditional *hina* dolls are also in display at about one hundred shops and facilities throughout Suzaka City. Enjoy a stroll through historical streets with traditional warehouses, and enjoy pretty *hina* dolls.



Time	Wednesday, January 21 to Sunday, April 19, 2015 (Exhibition at Suzaka Hanga Museum continues until Sunday, May31, 2015.)
Place	Suzaka Art Park (World Folk Doll Museum, Suzaka Hanga Museum, Historical Building Park)
Fee	500 yen (for both World Folk Doll Museum and Suzaka Hanga Museum) Free for middle school and younger
Contact	World Folk Doll Museum TEL: +81-26-245-2340
Website	http://www.culture-suzaka.or.jp/hinamatsuri/index.html (Japanese only) ("Hina Dolls on Thirty Steps" by Suzaka City Cultural Promotion Agency)
Access	By car: An 8-minute drive (5km) from the Suzaka Nagano Higashi Exit on Joshin'etsu Expressway By train: Take a train to Suzaka Station on Nagano Dentetsu Line and take a taxi for about 7 minutes (3km).