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To whom it may concern

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250 Invitation-only Observation Seats for Overseas Tourists and Residents at the Tenjin Festival

The City of Osaka and the Osaka Convention and Tourism Bureau are pleased to invite foreign tourists and residents to view the “Rikutogyo” (land procession of shrine gods) or the “Funatogyo” (boat procession), both spectacular events of the Tenjin Festival, which has a thousand-year history, from specially reserved seats on Sunday, July 25. For the Rikutogyo, a total of 80 people will be invited to box seats set up at the Central Public Hall in Kita Ward; for the Funatogyo, a total of 170 seats are reserved in O-kawa Riverside Park, south of Temmabashi Bridge. Applications must be submitted no later than Monday, July 12.

As part of ongoing tourism promotion efforts, this project was first launched in 1986 to introduce Osaka, a vibrant city with a rich history and long tradition, to the rest of the world.

During the festival, there will be live commentary in English, in addition to interpretation services provided through the cooperation of the Osaka SGG Club, in order to help deepen the interest and understanding of the festival to spectators from abroad.

Tenjin Festival

The Tenjin Festival, one of Japan's three most famous festivals, is highlighted by the two processions on July 25. The "Rikutogyo", a land procession led by the "Moyooshi Daiko", a stirring drum performance, leaves Osaka Temmangu Shrine at 3:30 pm. After the "Rikutogyo" finishes at 6 pm, all participants board boats for the "Funatogyo", a boat procession going up and down the O-kawa River. There are about 100 boats, including the "Gohorensen" carrying the spirit of Lord Sugawara Michizane. A fireworks display also highlights the festival. Together they create a spectacular breath-taking scene.

URL: http://www.osaka-info.jp/tenjin_matsuri/main_en.html

Tenjin Matsuri – A Journey to Osaka's Tradition

SGG Club (Systematized Goodwill Guide)

The SGG Club is a volunteer guide group established December 12, 1982, with the objectives of helping foreign tourists and residents to enjoy Japan's culture despite any language difficulties, as well as providing a comfortable environment to ensure a safe, enjoyable stay in Japan. The Club, led by President Naomi Haga, also aims to enhance its volunteer members' knowledge and language ability, while promoting mutual cooperation and communication among aspiring goodwill interpreters.

Osaka SGG Club's other activities in tourist promotion include providing information to foreign visitors at Tourist Lobby in Namba and the Shin-Osaka Visitors Information Center in JR Shin-Osaka Station.

Special Seating for Overseas Tourists and Residents for the Tenjin Festival

1. Date and Time, Place, Reserved Seats

(1) Rikutogyo (land procession)

Date and Time: 16:30 – 18:30, Sunday July 25, 2010

Location: Central Public Hall, Kita Ward (See attached map)

Reserved Seats: 80

(2) Funatogyo (boat procession)

Date and Time: 18:00 - 21:00, Sunday July 25, 2010

Location: O-kawa Riverside Park, south of Temmabashi Bridge (See attached map)

Reserved Seats: 170

2. Application Procedure

Please write the following on a postcard and send it to the address below.

- 1) Indicate application for Rikutogyo or Funatogyo seating
- 2) Name, age, and nationality of all participants (Maximum five persons per application. One Japanese citizen per group of two or more may be included.)
- 3) Address and telephone number of group representative

Please note that applications which do not specify Rikutogyo or Funatogyo, which apply for both events, or consist of groups larger than five will not be eligible. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of seats available, invitees will be selected by lottery.

Application Deadline: Monday July 12

3. Announcement of Results

Admission tickets will be sent by mail by Tuesday July 20.

4. Application Mailing Address

Tenjin-matsuri Kanran-seki Gakari

Osaka Convention and Tourism Bureau

Risona Semba Building (5F), 4-4-21 Minami-semba, Chuo Ward, Osaka 542-0081

Tel: 06-6282-5900

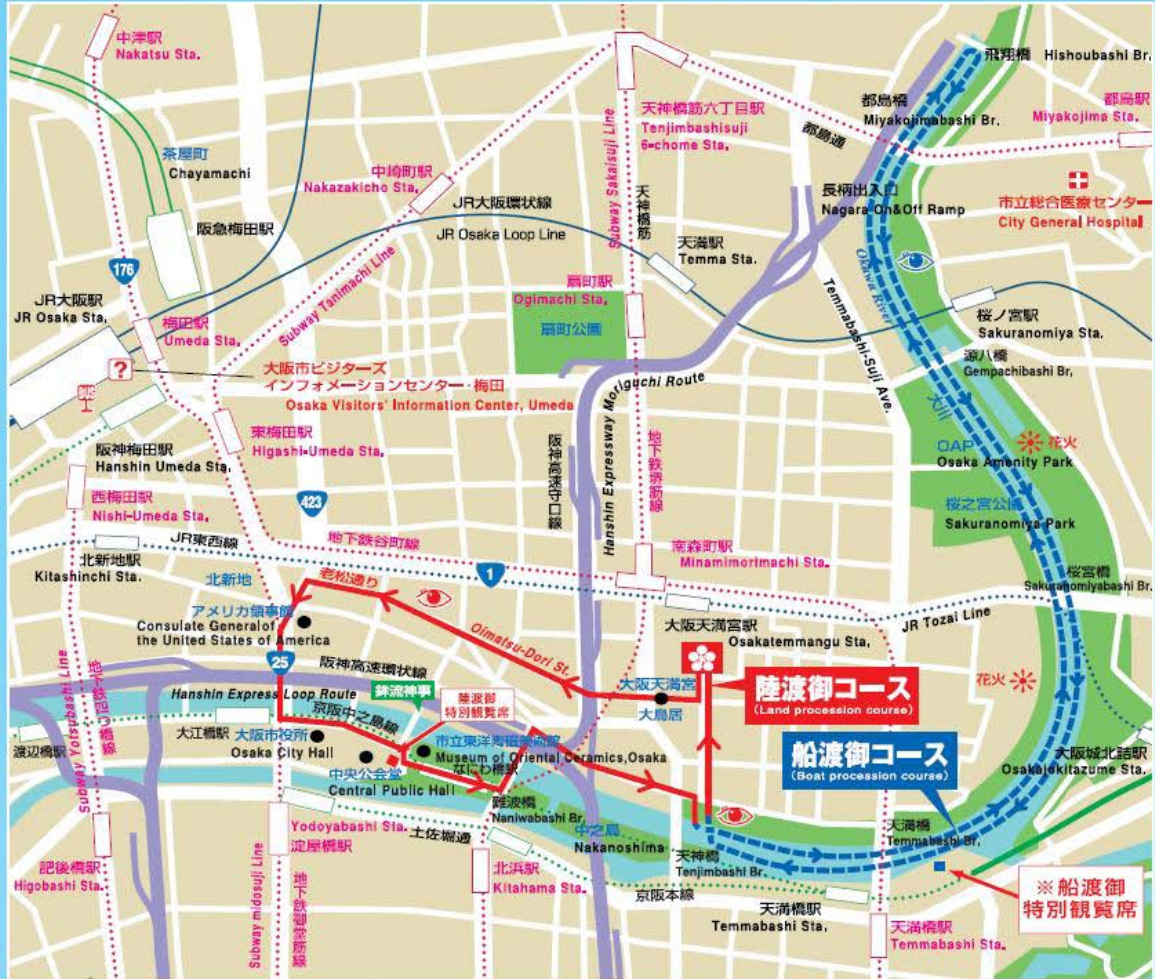
Fax: 06-6282-5915

天神祭 陸渡御・船渡御マップ

Course Map of Land & Boat Procession

主な最寄り駅

- ◆天満宮／地下鉄谷町線・堺筋線「南森町駅」、JR東西線「大阪天満宮駅」
- ◆鉾流神事／地下鉄堺筋線「北浜駅」、地下鉄御堂筋線「淀屋橋駅」、京阪電鉄「なにわ橋駅」「大江橋駅」「北浜駅」「淀屋橋駅」
- ◆陸渡御／地下鉄谷町線・堺筋線「南森町駅」、JR東西線「大阪天満宮駅」、地下鉄堺筋線「北浜駅」、地下鉄御堂筋線「淀屋橋駅」、京阪電鉄「なにわ橋駅」「大江橋駅」「北浜駅」「淀屋橋駅」
- ◆船渡御／地下鉄谷町線「天満橋駅」「都島駅」、京阪電鉄「天満橋駅」、JR大阪環状線「桜ノ宮駅」



マーク説明

- 陸渡御 (りくとぎよ) 鑑賞おすすめポイント
- 船渡御 (ふなとぎよ) 鑑賞おすすめポイント
- 花火打上げ場所
- 大阪天満宮