

Overview

16th March - 15th May

(Nepal side)

- Nepali New Year
- Ram NAVAMI
- Buddha Jayanti

(Japan side)

- Graduation Ceremony
- Ohanami
- Children's Day

Nepali New Year



SOME FACTS ABOUT NEPALI NEW YEAR

- Nepali New Year is a national holiday in Nepal. This holiday marks the first day of Bikram Sambat, the official calendar of Nepal.
- The New Year in Nepal starts on Baishakh. Baishak is the first month of Bikram Sambat Calendar.
- Baishak 1st falls in mid April. This year Baishak 1st coincides with 14th of April of English calendar.



Information about New Year

- Nepal has more than 60 ethnic groups with their own unique culture and most of them have their own language.
- We all have our own New Year and we celebrate 9 different new years.
- However, Baishakh 1st is regarded as national New Year, the country's official calendar year starts this day.





How is New Year celebrated?

- New Year is a fun day celebration.
- People wear traditional clothing, drums and cultural music plays as they march, and decorative arches and banners are seen over the streets and markets.
- Friends and family gathers and organize picnic or day out.
- Parks across the country are full of people with celebration.
- People make new resolution this day.





Ram Navami

Ram- linked with god Rama, one of the most widely worshipped Hindu deities the embodiment of chivalry and virtue.

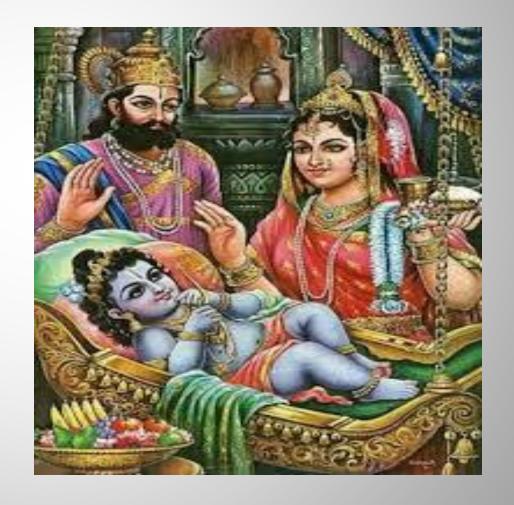
Navami-falls on the ninth day of Chaitra month from Nepali calendar which falls usually in March or April

Hence in this day we celebrate the birth of lord Ram.



MYTHOLOGIC&L IMPORTANCE

- Hindu festival.
- Birth of the god Rama to King Dasharatha and queen Kausalya in Ayodhya.
- Rama, the seventh avatar of Vishnu.



HOW RAM NAVAMI IS CELEBRATED?

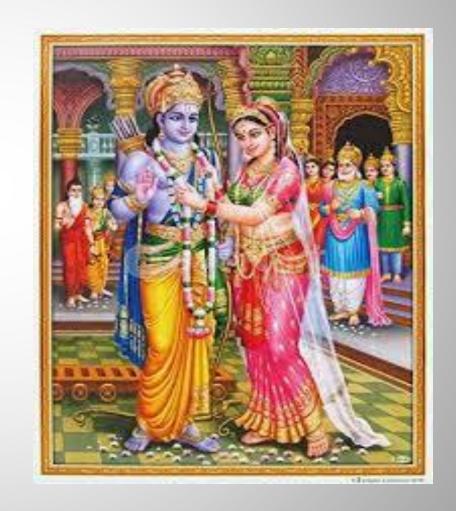
- Puja, vrata(fast) and feasting.
- Reading Ramayana.
- Bhajans, songs and dances.
- New clothes are worn.
- Adorn the entrance doors with mango leaes, which signify prosperity.
- Decorate houses with colors.





ABOUT LORD RAM

- Rama means living on ideal principles.
- Known as Maryada Purushottam.
- Greatest emperors Never returned anyone emptyhanded.
- Married goddess Sita.
- Established asatya par satya ki jeet by killing demon ravana.
- Ramayan Epic story about his life which was written by maharishi valmiki.

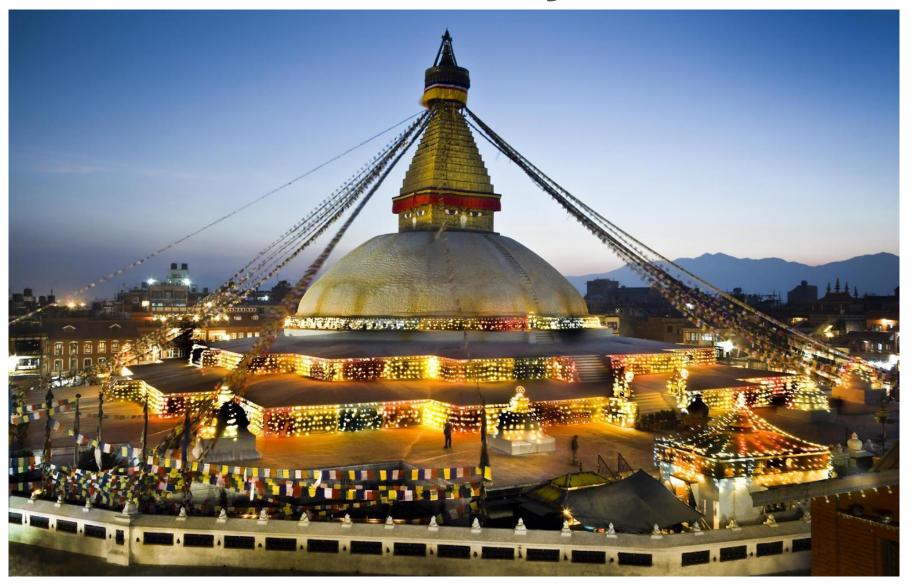


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Buddha
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Buddha Jayanti



Celebration





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Peace lamp

Sites of attractions



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Lumbini

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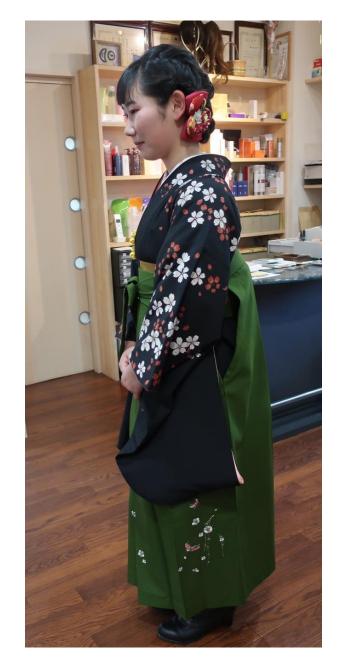




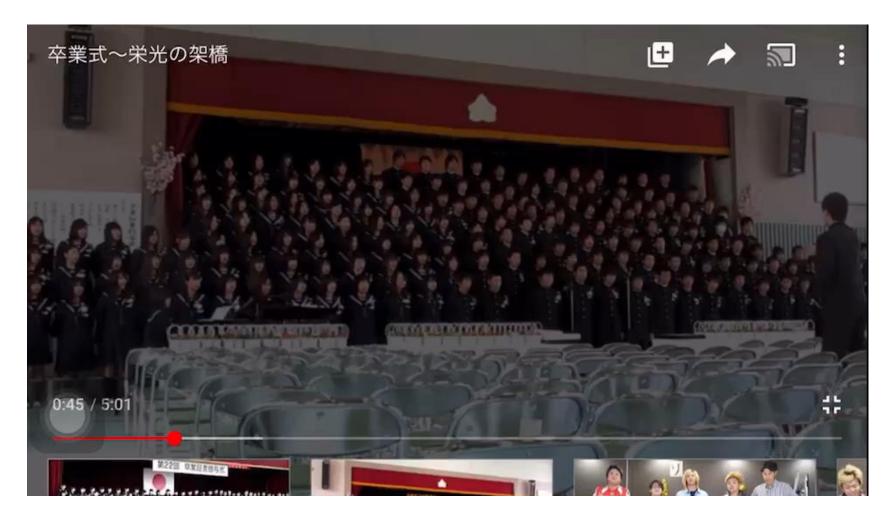








HAKAMA
...one of
the types
of kimono



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What is "Ohanami"???



- "Ohanami" is a custom that has been going on since ancient times in Japan.
- It is an event that celebrates the arrival of spring and wishes good luck.
- This picture took in Ueno park. (photo by Chisaki)

Plum bilssoms





Charry blossoms



Peach blossoms

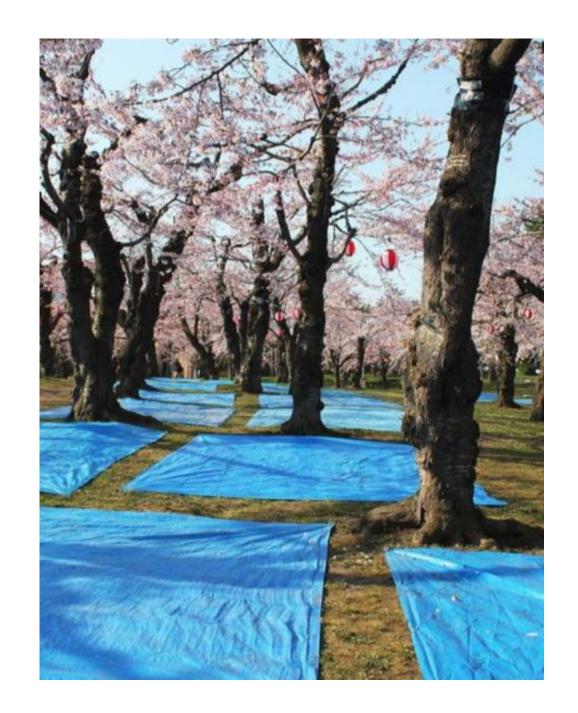
Also held for cherry blossoms, plum blossoms and peach blossoms.



We enjoy eating and drinking with family and friends.



Some people take place from the night before. Because they want to see well cherry blossoms.



Ohanami food

There is proverb called a "Hanayori dango".
Dango is dumpling.

This picture dango name is "Sansyoku dango".

We eating dumplings at Ohanami has become a style.



Sansyoku dango

When you come to Japan, please try the "Ohanami"

Thank you for watching^^



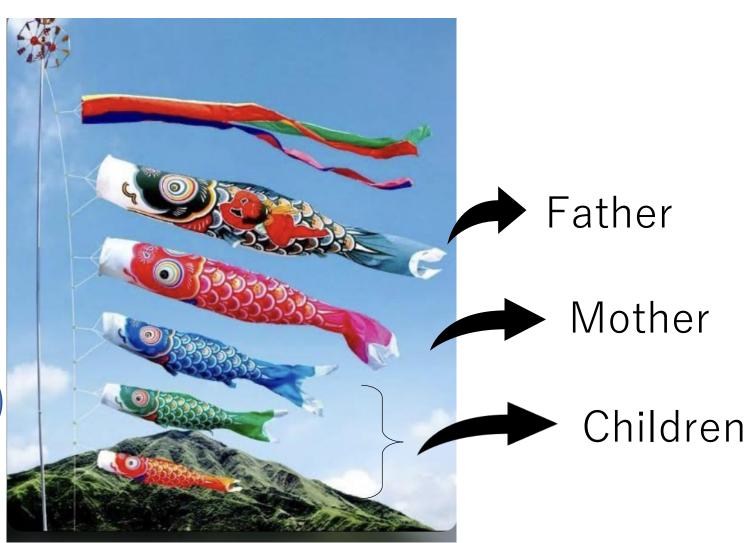


Carp Streamers

Koi-nobori

Display it hoping children will grow up healthy and strong.





Kazari-kabuto

Display a samurai armor and a helmet miniatures. It represents wishes to raise strong and powerful.





Kashiwa-mochi

Rice cakes and sweet red bean paste with wrapped Kashiwa oak leaf.

Thank you for listening!!