

2025 NIO FES

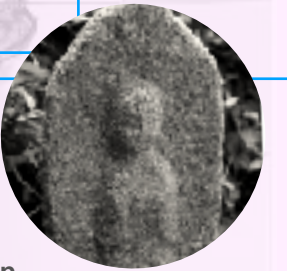
Nov. Fri. 21- Sun. 23

Feel welcome to join!

KOMISEN
YOKOTA

IWAYAJI
Mountain

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Sunday Nov. 16
at 9:15 am bamboo cutting
10:15 am building a gate

Pre-Event Bamboo gate

Let's rebuild the Niōmon in bamboo.
Let's do it together! We gather at Baba
Meeting Area at 9 am

Sunday Nov. 23 at 9:15 am.

O-Jizo san Hunt

Like every year we will go up to
Iwayaji and search for missing Ojizo san
statues. In the old days there were 88
along the path, now maybe 50 have been found. Can we
find 38 more? Let's find them and bring them flowers!
Let's gather at Baba Meeting Area

IWAYAJI
Mountain

Sun. Nov. 23 at 11:30- 12:30 pm

BLUE NIO x consul general Marc Kuipers

Since their first steps in Japan in 2021 consul general Marc
Kuipers and his wife Monique have been deeply involved in the
return of the BLUE NIO. This year it will be Marc Kuipers last
year as consul general and he and his wife will come to
Yokota once more and join the O-Jizo san hunt. After
the hunt let's meet at the Iwayaji Niōmon and say
HELLO!
Sunday Nov. 23 also marks the 5th birthday of the
BLUE NIO! Let's bring them a toast!
KAMPAI!



Location:

Komisen: 1037 Yokota, Okuizumo, Nita District, Shimane 699-1832
Baba Meeting Area: In front of 187 Nakamura, Okuizumo, 699-1831
Iwayaji mountain. Follow signs from Baba parking area
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Fri. Nov. 21 from 1 - 2:15 pm GIAHS
2:30- 4 pm Freyke Hartemink

NIO x GIAHS!

We all know Okuizumo is beautiful. It is a wonderful
place to live and to visit! And now the whole world
knows too! The Blue Nio joined the World Expo in
Osaka and this year Okuizumo was awarded a position
as Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Site!
Shishido Shungo (GIAHS) and artist Jikke van Loon (Blue
Nio) will share with you their views on a bright history
and a bright future for Okuizumo. Architect Freyke
Hartemink (NL) will share her mind mapping method to
think of a future Together!



Sat. Nov. 22 between 10 - 11am and 3-4 pm

NENDO NIO

Artist Jikke van Loon and ceramic artist
Suto Kaori will teach how to build Nio
from real clay.
It will take your effort and the clay
feels good, and you can enjoy and
do it!



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Sat. and Sun. Nov. 22 and 23
Building chado Sat. 9 - 12 am
Tea in chado Sat. 1 - 4 pm/ Sun. 10 am - 3 pm

CHADO x TEA:

During Summer Kyoto Architectural College
has been working hard to build a chado from
the broken beams of the Iwayaji Niōmon. It
served as a place for meeting and a place for
tea during the Osaka EXPO 2025. It was so
beautiful!

During the NIO FES the chado will be set up in the
morning of Nov. 22nd in the Komisen Yokota. Please come
and watch the Kyoto students and let's have a tea!



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Fri. 21 at 2:30 pm and Sat. at 1-3 pm

BLUE NIO into the FUTURE!

Let's think about a future with BLUE NIO!
In a workshop called 'Mind Mapping' we
will find a future building on memories,
talks, dreams. We do it together with
Dutch Architect Freyke Hartemink.
Join us in Komisen and bring your
memories, thoughts and wildest
dreams!



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Sat. Nov. 22 between 1- 4 pm

The art of KANNA

Master carpenter Mr. Ago will teach us the
way of Kanna! Let's try and
listen to the kanna and
invite him to tell his secret!



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MESSAGE FROM BLUE NIO

'We want to thank all people who helped us return home! We are really happy to be back on the Iwayaji mountain and we are so happy you all came to see us! It was a magical moment in time and space being connected to both the Red Nio in Amsterdam and to you all and Iwayaji mountain. We also enjoyed Osaka Expo. It was a vibrant and exciting moment in our lives and we will always remember the many visitors that came to greet us!'



Ceremony OKAERI / TADAIMA!

On Oct. 13th we manage to do something that was sheer impossible: we connected in TIME and SPACE both BLUE and RED NIO. And it was the first time we could walk in between NIO. Let's do it again!



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Osaka Expo:

Osaka Expo has been a big success! Many visitors came and admired the Blue Nio. The Exhibition has been admired and praised for its wonderfulness by both the Dutch Pavilion Members and the many visitors that came. Students of Yokota Junior High School made an inspiring presentation and enjoyed this once in a lifetime moment!



'It was really a life changing event: Meeting the Nio gave me an opportunity to realize we can work together and make beautiful things! Even though sometimes communication is difficult lets try again and again. Now I learned we can do it, Together!'
(Visitor 23 years old)



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