

Saturday,  
December 2, 2023  
Gates open at 9:00 am

FY 2023 Japan  
Cultural Expo  
2.0 Project  
(by commission)

流鏑馬

鎌倉教場

神事

Discover Yabusame  
at Yabusame Kamakura Ground

Venue

Yabusame Kamakura Ground, Japan Equestrian Archery Association  
(Kajiwarra, Kamakura-shi, Kanagawa)

Program

9:00 am — Cultural exhibits  
(Noh, Kamakura-bori lacquerware, Kamakura-period food culture, yabusame)  
10:00 am — Yabusame ritual  
12:00 noon — Cultural exhibits (see above), meet-and-greet with archers,  
hand-led horse rides for children

Notes on  
Viewing

- Seats will be offered to guests who donate ¥1,000 or more at reception.
- Standing room will also be available that can be entered without a donation.
- Due to limited space, admission may be restricted if capacity is reached.
- A large screen will be set up in the entrance area for live viewing.
- Visiting guests are asked to take precautions against the cold.

Presented by

The Japan Equestrian Archery Association, the Japan Arts Council,  
and the Agency for Cultural Affairs, Government of Japan



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Website



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7-min. walk from Fukasawa Bus Stop (take Enoden Bus or Keikyu Bus from Kamakura Sta.),  
short walk from Hachozura Bus Stop (take Enoden Bus from Fujisawa Sta.); 8-min. walk  
from Shonan Fukasawa Sta. on Shonan Monorail

\* Visitors are encouraged to use public transportation, as traffic congestion is expected.



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## ◆ Objectives

The *yabusame* ritual will be held to pray for peace, a rich harvest, and people's health, as well as to wish for the promotion and development of various cultural traditions that live on in the city of Kamakura and for the preservation of *yabusame* and other forms of Japanese horseback archery. In addition to allowing Japanese citizens to appreciate the allure of *yabusame*, the event will convey *yabusame*'s appeal to foreigners by providing live commentary and reference materials in English.

Furthermore, the event will promote the appeal of Kamakura more broadly and eloquently by presenting exhibit booths that showcase the diverse culture passed down in the city—including not only *yabusame* but also Noh theater, Kamakura-bori lacquerware, and the food culture of the Kamakura period—and offering hand-led horse rides for children.

## ◆ About Yabusame

Shooting arrows from a galloping horse is called *kisha*, and the Shinto ritual in which *kisha* is dedicated to a shrine is called *yabusame*. *Yabusame* has a history that goes back 1,500 years and is said to have taken its present form in the early Kamakura period (1185–1333). Being a Shinto ritual, it is not just a competition of martial skill but is conducted to pray for such things as peace, a rich harvest, and people's health.

The Japan Equestrian Archery Association, which preserves and maintains *yabusame*, invites you to take this opportunity to view the ancient art that has been handed down for eight centuries.

## ◆ Yabusame Kamakura Ground

The Yabusame Kamakura Ground is a training ground featuring a 220-meter *yabusame* horse track. Established on November 15, 2020, by the Japan Equestrian Archery Association on land owned by Kamakura City, it is the largest permanent facility in Japan designed for *yabusame*. The association welcomes visitors who wish to observe the training sessions held at the ground every Sunday. For more information, please visit the association's website.

## Discover Yabusame at Yabusame Kamakura Ground



### Request from the Japan Cultural Expo Secretariat

- After participating in this project, please fill out a short questionnaire by scanning the QR code at right.
- Survey results will be utilized to improve the project and the Japan Cultural Expo.
- The questionnaire takes about five minutes to complete.

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