

# The 16th Asia-Pacific Rally

## General Information



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The 16th Asia-Pacific Rally will be held for a four-day period from Friday, October 11 to Monday, October 14, 2013 at the “Sonmin no Mori Tsutsuji Eco Park (or Higashi Village People’s Park Azalea Eco Park)” in Higashi Village, Okinawa Prefecture. The event will be organized by the Japan Auto Camping Federation and co-organized by the Higashi Village and Higashi Village Furusato Development Corp.

The Okinawa prefecture is located in the southern-most part of Japan, consisting of some 160 large and small islands in a mild, subtropical oceanic climate, blessed with warm sunshine throughout the year. As one of leading tourist spots in Japan, Okinawa is surrounded with the emerald green ocean under which colorful coral reefs widely spread, making it a favorite destination of marine sport lovers. Due to its unique climatic features, Okinawa is also a habitat of fauna and flora to the region, well-known as the land of natural treasures.

With its close proximity to the Asian continent, Okinawa has a long history of having active trades with neighboring countries. Reflecting the unique culture grown in its history, Okinawa has many places to visit to this day, including a number of historical relics that goes back to the Ryukyu Dynasty, traditional arts and crafts, entertainment, manners and customs and cuisine, which allow us to vividly imagine what the dynastic culture might have looked like in the ancient era.

The Azalea Eco Park, or the event site, is located in the Higashi Village in the north part of the main island of Okinawa. It sits in a corner of dense evergreen forests called “Yanbaru no Mori” and has a camping area on a hill looking down the ocean. In March, azalea flowers bloom across the park, brightly coloring the hilly area in various hues of

pink forming a sharp contrast with the lush green. The Higashi Village is also the largest producer of pineapples in Japan.

The park has one of the leading auto camping areas in Okinawa, with each site equipped with 100-voltage AC power supply. Log house-style bungalows are scattered across the camping area and are fully equipped with kitchenettes and other amenities so that campers can enjoy their stay comfortably.

October, when the Asia-Pacific Rally will take place, is the best tourist season in Okinawa after summer heat subsides. Join us to enjoy excellent local hospitality, the beautiful nature and valuable culture and to foster warm friendships with Asian participants in the rally at the same time.



Higashi Village People's Forest - Azalea Eco Park

## Outline of the Event

Organized by:	The Japan Auto Camping Federation
Co-organized by:	Higashi Village and Higashi Village Furusato Development Corp.
Period:	Friday, October 11 – Monday, October 14, 2013
Site:	Higashi Village Sonmin no Mori Tsutsuji Eco Park
	Address: 766-1, Taira, Higashi-son, Kunigami-gun, Okinawa
Application	Please submit applications for participation in the period of:
Acceptance Period:	June 28 - July 30, 2013
Fee:	Adults: 3,000 yen/person
	Children (aged 18 or younger): 1,500 yen/person

## Time Schedule

Friday, October 11:		Site opening
		Eve of Rally party for overseas participants
Saturday, October 12:	5:00	Big game fishing experience (option)
	9:30	“Yanbaru 3-Ocean View Spot Tour” Excursion (option)
	17:00	Opening Ceremony
	17:30	Welcome Party
Sunday, October 13:	9:00	Taira Bay fishing experience (option)
		Handicraft making experience (option)
	9:15	“Neniya Beach Walk & Dugong Watching” Excursion (option)
	9:30	Original Shimasaba (Okinawa-style beach sandal) making experience (option)
		Pineapple jam making experience (option)
		Fukuji Dam adventure (by canoe/natural exploration boat) (option)
	10:00	Higashi Village Fureai Hirugi Park Walk & Canoe Experience (option)
		Project adventure experience class (option)
	10:30	How to cook Okinawan food with the Dutch oven (option)
	13:00	How to make traditional Okinawan sweets (option)
From time to time		Finger whistling class (free admission)
From time to time		Park golf (free admission)
Monday, October 14:	9:30	Closing Ceremony

## ◆Accommodation:

### **Tsutsuji Eco Park Bungalows**

3 Type A Bungalows for 8 guests: 54,000 yen/unit

6 Type B Bungalows for 6 guests: 36,000 yen/unit

5 Type C Bungalows for 4 guests: 30,000 yen/unit

(Each amount above covers a 3-night-4-day stay for the Oct. 11-14 period)

NB.

- Each bungalow is equipped with a kitchenette, a bathroom and a toilet room, as well as a small refrigerator, air conditioners (with charge), a rice cooker, a small pot, a hot plate for barbeque, the tableware and the bedding
- The accommodation (bungalow use) charge should be paid by transferring the money to the bank account designated on the last page of this information on or before September 30, 2013. The event participation fees should be paid at the reception desk on October 11, 2013.
- Restaurants also available within in the park, with prior application required.

Exterior



Interior



### **Sunrising Petit Hotel**

A 15-minute drive from the Tsutsuji Eco Park, the event site

Address: 940-1, Arume, Higashi-son, Kunigami-gun, Okinawa, 905-1206

Phone: +81 980 51 2616 Fax: +81 980 51 2615

Mobile Phone: +81 90 1944 3364 (Contact: Mr. Yoshimoto)

Room Rates:

Standard	4,500 yen per night, per person for adults (with no breakfast,
Twin:	3,000 yen for children aged 12 or younger; 7,000 yen for single use)
Special Twin:	5,500 yen per night, per person for adults (with no breakfast,
Petit Suite	4,000 yen for children aged 12 or younger; 8,200 yen for single use)
Twin:	11,500 yen per night, per person for adults (with no breakfast,
	6,000 yen for children aged 12 or younger; 12,500 yen for single use)

Please call the hotel for reservation.

An extra bed available at a separate charge of 3,000 yen.

Each room rate above does not include breakfast. Japanese-style breakfast is available at an additional charge of 500 yen per person.

Payment method: Cash only

Check-in time: 15:00

Check-out time: 11:00

◆Optional Programs (Reservations Required);

Big game fishing experience	5,000 yen per person for adults only
How to cook Okinawan food with the Dutch oven	1,000 yen per person
Original Shimasaba (Okinawa-style beach sandal) making experience	1,000 yen per person
Pineapple jam making experience	1,000 yen per person
Project adventure experience class	1,000 yen per person
Fukuji Dam adventure (by canoe/natural exploration boat)	2,000 yen per person
Taira Bay fishing experience	2,000 yen per person for anyone aged 6 or older
Handicraft making experience	1,000 yen per person
How to make traditional Okinawan sweets	200 yen per person

## ◆ Excursions (Options)

### October 12: “Yanbaru 3-Ocean View Spot Tour”:

Adults: 9,000 yen; Children: 8,000 yen (lunch charge inclusive)

9:30 Departure

10:00 Visit the Dugong no Mieru Oka (Hill of Dugongs) (15-min.walk from the parking lot).Enjoy scenic beauty over the Nago Bay from the Nagogusuku relics.Visit the Churaumi Aquarium.Enjoy scenic beauty over the Haneji Inland Sea from the Arashiyama Observatory

12:00 Lunch

Visit the Yagaji Island for salt farm sightseeing

16:00 Return to the camping area

The tour will have as its tour guide, Mr. Hayashi Kishimoto, known as the “Indiana Jones of Yanbaru” for his great knowledge about the nature and culture native to the region. Listen to his valuable talks that could never be heard anywhere else.

The Hill of Dugongs commands a panoramic view. Up on the hill, you can appreciate the excellent scenic beauty overlooking the Oh-ura Bay, less known to even local people.

The Nago Bay is a resort beach representing the surrounding area of “Yanbaru.” The area along the beach with colorful coral reefs spreading out to the sea provides fascinating points for divers and other diverse marine sport lovers.

The Arashiyama Observatory is a sightseeing point commanding the beautiful scenery of an isle seemingly floating beyond the emerald green sea.

The “Churaumi Aquarium” is one of the most popular sightseeing spots in Okinawa, providing a dynamic, amazing view of how 8.5-meter-long whale sharks and many other marine inhabitants of Okinawan are swimming in the huge water tanks.



The Churaumi Aquarium



The Arashiyama Observatory overlooks the Nago inlet

### **October 13: “Teniya Beach Walk & Dugong Watching”**

Adults: 7,000 yen; Children: 6,000 yen (lunch charge inclusive, max 20 participants)

NB. An additional fee of 6,500 yen per person required if you are interested in riding a kayak to move from one place to another.

9:30 Departure

10:00 Walk from the estuary along the coast line to make a field trip of the folded strata in the Kayo Formation

12:00 Lunch

13:10 Visit the Hill of Dugongs (a 15-min. walk from the parking lot)

15:00 Arrive at the Higashi Village

Joining the tour will be Mr. Hayashi Kishimoto, known as the “Indiana Jones of Yanbaru” for his great knowledge about the nature and culture native to the region. It is a tour of adventure interwoven with his intriguing talks that could not be heard anywhere else.

The Teniya Beach is a geologically important area where “isoclinal folds” can be seen on the rock surfaces as a result of enormous stress that caused the rock strata to undergo bending and curvature in the ancient periods. It is a valuable place where such dynamically folded strata like this can only be seen. In 2012, the Teniya Beach was officially designated as a Natural Monument site in Japan.

The Hill of Dugongs is a panoramic view point of scenic beauty looking down the Oh-ura Bay, less known to even local people.



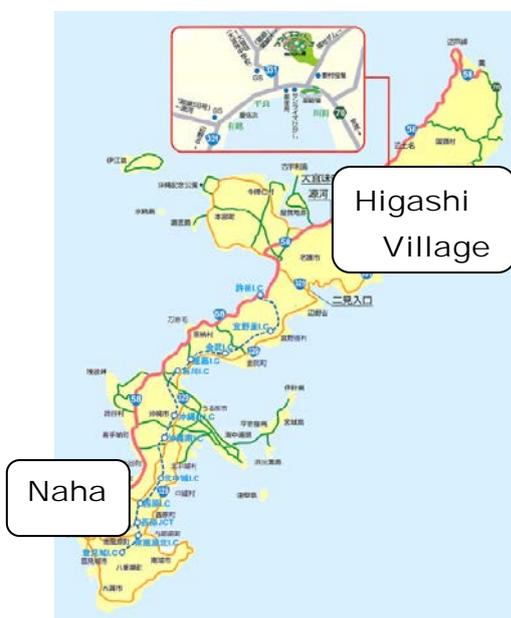
The Hill of Dugongs



Dynamically folded strata in Teniya

## ◆Access

### Okinawa Map



About a 2.5-hour drive from the Naha Airport to the event site:

Take the Okinawa Expressway to its northern termination at Kyoda, then follow signs to the east side of the island and Higashi Village. It is about 60 minutes by car.

Local Temperature:

Average in October: 25.5°C

## ◆Banking Information:

Bank : Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation

Bank Code : SMBCJPJT

Branch : Koujimachi (Branch No.218)

Account No : 0042273

Account Holder : Japan Auto Camping Federation

## ◆Address:

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