

(Press Release)

Tokyo Neighbors in the Spotlight for 2020

Introducing the Attractions of Kanagawa, Saitama, and Chiba area to the World

TOKYO, February 1, 2017- The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games are now only three years away. In February, NHK WORLD TV will introduce international viewers to the attractions of Tokyo as well as its neighboring prefectures: Kanagawa, Saitama, and Chiba. The programs will be broadcast under the theme “*One Step from Tokyo*”.

TOKYO EYE 2020 will feature the cities of Kawasaki, Omiya and Funabashi in a three-part series. The profile of Kawasaki (Kanagawa Prefecture) will include the gleaming lights of the factories after dark and a new complex created with international tourists in mind. The Omiya (Saitama Prefecture) coverage includes a railway museum and Japan's leading producer of rubber masks, which renders the faces of cartoon characters, animals, sporting personalities, and many other subjects in their goods. The Funabashi (Chiba Prefecture) program highlights the port city's market, with an abundance of seafood, and the streets around a big temple.

J-Trip Plan will visit lesser-known attractions of the three prefectures in three days. It also will provide information on a travel pass for visitors from abroad that would be convenient for a 550 km trip from Chichibu (Saitama) through Manazuru (Kanagawa), and on to Choshi (Chiba).



Programs *first broadcast time listed; repeated 3 or 4 times

TOKYO EYE 2020

Tokyo's Amazing Backyard, Part 1: Kawasaki

Feb. 8 (Wed.) 08:30 - 08:58 (JST)

Tokyo's Amazing Backyard, Part 2: Omiya

Feb. 15 (Wed.) 08:30 - 08:58 (JST)

Tokyo's Amazing Backyard, Part 3: Funabashi

Feb. 22 (Wed.) 08:30 - 08:58 (JST)

J-Trip Plan

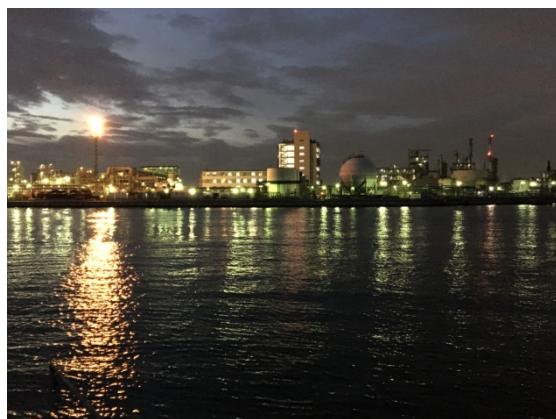
A 3-Day Trip around Tokyo's Neighboring Prefectures

Feb. 20 (Mon.) 23:30 - 23:58 (JST)

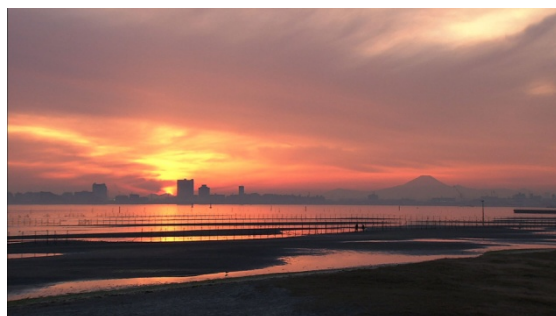
CYCLE AROUND JAPAN

Travel to Izu-oshima from Tokyo

Feb. 25 (Sat.) 08:10 - 09:00 (JST)



Kawasaki City, Kanagawa (TOKYO EYE 2020)



Funabashi City, Chiba (TOKYO EYE 2020)

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