



Japan Mint

Cherry Blossom Viewing at the Japan Mint

The grounds of the Japan Mint contain many different varieties of flowering cherry trees. Every year, during the cherry blossom (sakura) season, a path through its grounds approximately 560m long is opened to the public for cherry blossom viewing. This event is known as “Passing through of Sakura” in Japanese because people walk along a one-way passage while viewing the cherry blossoms.

History

The Cherry Blossom Viewing at the Mint began back in 1883 when the then Mint Director suggested that the cherry blossoms should be admired not only by the employees but all residents of Osaka.

Since then, it has remained popular as one of Osaka's best-loved spring traditions.



Cherry Blossom Viewing in 1912

Nowadays

Every year in mid-April when the cherry blossoms come into full bloom, the gate leading to 560m walk along a river has been opened for one week, and hundreds of thousands of visitors (the record of 1,147,000 visitors was set in 2005) from all over Japan and neighboring countries gather to enjoy the scenic beauty.



Illustrated map of the Cherry Blossom Viewing



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■ Cherry Blossom Viewing in 2019

The event in 2019 was held from April 9th to April 15th. During the week, 586,630 visitors in total (175,780 visitors on Saturday April 13th) enjoyed 134 varieties of 338 cherry blossom trees. As usual, the event was widely reported by the media, including 17 TV programs and 8 newspapers.



Special Preview for the elderly and disabled persons

■ Cherry Blossom Viewing in Hiroshima

To mark the 120th anniversary of the Mint, the Hiroshima Branch opened its gate to the public in 1991 so the residents of Hiroshima could enjoy the many cherry trees transplanted from Osaka. They have been drawing crowds ever since.

The event in 2019 was held from April 9th to April 15th and more than 50,000 visitors enjoyed 63 varieties of 216 cherry blossom trees.



Illustrated map of the Cherry Blossom Viewing in Hiroshima



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■ Cherry Blossom Viewing coin sets and medals

The Japan Mint offers various Cherry Blossom Viewing coin sets and medals every year.

These products, sold at the event venues and/or via online/mail-order, are purchased by many visitors and collectors for their souvenir, gift and collection.



2019 Cherry Blossom Viewing Proof Coin Set

Mintage: 15,000 (Sold out)



2019 Cherry Blossom Viewing Uncirculated Coin Set

Mintage: 45,000 (Sold out)



2019 Cherry Blossom Viewing in Hiroshima Uncirculated Coin Set

Mintage: 4,000 (Sold out)



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2019 Cherry Blossom Viewing Gold Medal

Material: Pure Gold

Diameter: 40mm

Weight: 95g

Sales Quantity: More than 250

2019 Cherry Blossom Viewing Silver Medal

Material: Pure Silver

Diameter: 55mm

Weight: 135g

Sales Quantity: More than 2,000



2019 Cherry Blossom Viewing Red Brass Medal

Material: Red Brass

Diameter: 55mm

Weight: 110g

Sales Quantity: More than 2,500



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Temporary Shop for Cherry Blossom Viewing coin sets

■ Blossom of the Year

The Blossom of the Year is chosen from more than 130 varieties of cherry blossoms, and the one in Hiroshima is chosen from more than 60 varieties. The blossom of the Year is featured on the coin sets and the medals.



The Blossom of the Year 2019 “Beni-temari”



The Blossom of the Year 2019 in Hiroshima “Beni-gasa”

Conclusion

- The cherry blossom trees at the Japan Mint have been raised and protected carefully by the Mint employees and cherished by the Osaka residents for more than 130 years.
- The Cherry Blossom Viewing in Osaka is widely known and attracts hundreds of thousands of visitors from all over Japan and neighboring countries for a week every year.
- The Japan Mint is associated with the beautiful cherry blossoms and has a good reputation from a great many people.
- Sale of various Cherry Blossom Viewing coin sets and medals at the event provides an opportunity for many people to know the Mint's products.