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"Anime Watch Party" Special Program

Screenings of "Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits," "Samurai 7," and "The White Snake Enchantress"!

Plus Guest Appearances From Animation Studio GONZO!

Dates: October 1 (Wed) & October 18 (Sat)

Anime Tokyo Station, an exhibition center for Japanese anime operated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and the Association of Japanese Animations, has welcomed 214,731 visitors from Japan and overseas (as of September 15, 2025) as a facility that promotes the appeal of Japanese anime to the world under the motto "Making ANIME more interesting, Bringing ANIME far into the future."

We will hold a **special program for the "Anime Watch Party" event**, which is held monthly on every third Friday at Anime Tokyo Station, **over two days on October 1 and October 18, 2025**. For the special program, screenings of "Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits" and "Samurai 7" will be held on Tokyo Citizens' Day (October 1), and a screening of "The White Snake Enchantress," Japan's first all-color animated feature-length theatrical film, will be held on October 18 to commemorate Anime Day (October 22). A Talk & Quiz Contest will also be held on both days.

For the latest updates on the "Anime Watch Party" special program, please check out of the official website and official social media accounts!

■ "Anime Watch Party" Special Program Details

[Anime Watch Party 10] Tokyo Citizens' Day Special Event

- (1) Date and time: Wednesday, October 1, 2025
 - (1) 11:30-12:00 "Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits"
 - (2) 12:30-13:00 "Samurai 7"
 - (3) 13:30-14:30 "Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits" *Talk & Quiz Contest included
 - (4) 15:00-16:00 "Samurai 7" *Talk & Quiz Contest included
 - (5) 16:30-17:00 "Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits"
 - (6) 17:30-18:00 "Samurai 7"

Navigator Noriko Namiki and staff GONZO will be present at (3) and (4)! *Anime screening only at (1), (2), (5), and (6).

(2) Venue: 1st Floor (in front of Interactive Vision), Anime Tokyo Station (2-25-5 Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima City, Tokyo, Tokyu East No. 5)

(3) Films to be screened

■ Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits

Ep. 1: I'm Marrying into an inn for Spirits

<Story summary>

In *Kakuriyo*, where supernatural beings dwell, protagonist Aoi is kidnapped by the patriarch of the long-established *Tenjin-ya* and learns that a promise has been made: she would marry the patriarch, a demon god, to settle her grandfather's debt. The reluctant Aoi, hoping to return to her own world, declares that she will work at *Tenjin-ya* to repay the debt instead of marrying...

■ Samurai 7

Ep. 14: The Offering

<Story summary>

A TV anime remake of Akira Kurosawa's film, *Seven Samurai*. The story is set in a chaotic era following a long war, where mechanized civilization and agrarian civilization coexist. Bandits raid villages, plundering rice. Amid this, the leader of Kanna Village secretly plans to hire samurai to repel the bandits. Can the summoned samurai protect the village...?



"Kakuriyo: Bed & Breakfast for Spirits" key visual ©2018 Midori Yuma Laruha /KADOKAWA/KAKURIYO PARTNERS



"Samurai 7" key visual ©2004 AKIRA KUROSAWA /SHINOBU HASHIMOTO /HIDEO OGUNI/NEP•GONZO

- (4) Event Navigator: Noriko Namiki (voice actress)
- (5) Number of participants: Approximately 30 per session (come and go as you wish)
- (6) Participation fee: Free
 - *Please sit in the allocated seating area.
- *Photos, video recordings, and sound recordings inside the venue are prohibited on the day of
 - *Guests may be required to stand if all the seats are filled.
 - *Seats may be moved after each screening.
 - *Staff will take photographs for use in Anime Tokyo Station publicity and reporting materials. By participating, it is assumed that you understand and agree to these conditions.
 - *Please follow staff guidance when participating.

For details, please visit https://animetokyo.jp/en/archives/events/events41/

[Anime Watch Party 11] Anime Day Screening

- (1) Date and time: Saturday, October 18, 2025
 - (1) 12:00-13:30 Anime screening only
 - (2) 14:30-16:15 *Talk & Quiz Contest included
 - (3) 17:00-18:45 *Talk & Quiz Contest included

Navigator Noriko Namiki will be present at (2) and (3)!

- (2) Venue: 1st Floor (in front of Interactive Vision), Anime Tokyo Station (2-25-5 Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima City, Tokyo, Tokyu East No. 5)
- (3) Film to be screened

■ The White Snake Enchantress

<Description>

"The White Snake Enchantress" was Japan's first all-color animated feature-length theatrical film, released in 1958. Highly acclaimed both in Japan and abroad, it is an important work in the history of Japanese animation that has had a major impact on later commercial animation. In 2017, October 22, the release date of "The White Snake Enchantress" was officially registered as "Anime Day" by a project commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Japanese animation.

<Story summary>

The White Snake Enchantress, a tale passed down through ancient China, is a beautiful love story between Bai Niang, the reincarnation of a white snake, and her lover Xu Xian. Based on this folk tale, the story unfolds with the addition of characters like the blue fish spirit Shao Qing, Xu Xian's pet pandas, Panda and Mimi, and the monk Fa Hai who seeks to tear Bai Niang and Xu Xian apart. It is a lavish epic woven with beautiful music and rich colors.



"The White Snake Enchantress" key visual ©TOEI COMPANY, LTD.

- (4) Event Navigator: Noriko Namiki (voice actress)
- (5) Number of participants: Approximately 30 per session (come and go as you wish)
- (6) Participation fee: Free
 - *Please sit in the allocated seating area.
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For details, please visit https://animetokyo.jp/en/archives/events/events42/

■ Venue Overview

◆Name: Anime Tokyo Station (also known as "Anime Tokyo")

◆Location: Floors B1 to 2F of Tokyu East 5 (2-25-5 Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo)

* 4 minutes on foot from Ikebukuro Station

◆Hours: 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(last admission: 6:45 p.m. last admission for special exhibitions: 6:30 p.m.)

◆Closed: Mondays

* If Monday falls on a holiday, the venue will be open on Monday and closed on the following

day

New Year's holiday period May be closed on other days

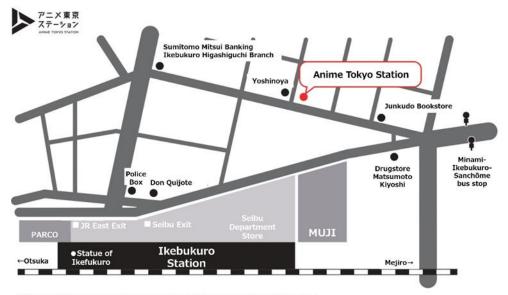
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◆Admission fee: Free

♦ Website: https://animetokyo.jp/en/

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YouTube | https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSJOjGJE5Yiqw3PZ97AVdJw



Tokyu Building East Building No.5, 1-2F above ground, B1F below ground (2-25-5, Minami-Ikebukuro, Toshima-ward)

- Ikebukuro Station (JR Line, Seibu Ikebukuro Line, Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, Yurakucho Line) ... 4-minute walk



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