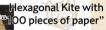


## Historic Big Kite Battle that has continued since the Edo period.

It originated more than 360 years ago, when paper merchants from Shinano visited the area and flew kites on the bank of the Karivata River, Later, during the Tenmei era. kite-flying was carried out as a measure to strengthen the embankment for the Kariyat River renovation project. And it is still carr on today, becoming an early summer tradition.



is called "Hyaku mai hari" because it was once made by pasting 100 sheets Mino paper together. It is 4.3m long and 3.3m wide, about the size of 8 tami mats. In addition to paintings of warriors and heautiful women kites with various designs and colors are flown in the sky powerfully.



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## Big Kite Battle

Big kites flying gracefully high in the sky on both banks of the Kariyata River.

The moment kites flying from both sides of the banks become entangled, the battle begins! The tug of war continues until one of the kite strings breaks.

Event Period / 1st Saturday~2nd Monday Every June enue / Downstream of Nakanoshima Ohashi Bridge in Mitsuke City Kariyata River riverbed ss / about 3 min. from Nakanoshima-Mitsuke IC

# experience!

#### Mitsuke City Big Kite Inheritance Museum

It presents the history and attractions of the Big Kite Battle. Visitors can also observe up close the making of white kite (kite without painting) and the painting process by kite painters during the period of kite production. (Mid-March~Late May) A lot of information to help you enjoy the Kite Battle like history, trivia about viewing and actual displays of unique Kite Battle tools " Kvara (nulley)\*

Let's make your ow Experience kite flying with your original kite in the lawn area at Roadside station Patio Niigata

Tel:0258-62-1700 1-7-28 Imamachi Mitsuke City Open 9:00-17:00 Closed Mon.-Fri., 12/29-1/3

