

2025 International Camellia Congress-Tokyo



Higo camellia 'Ōkan' by Masahiro Kobayashi

The latest International Camellia Congress took place in Tokyo, Japan in 2025. Though in Tokyo, there is one of the famous islands of Camellia in Japan, Oshima. The Oshima town is not big enough to accept 200 guests. Then, we decided the 'Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo' to be the main venue, which is located in the center of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. The hotel is one of the very best hotels in Japan and the name 'Chinzanso (椿山荘)' means 'Camellia Mountain Hotel'. They are proud to accept the Congress and treat us as very special guests. There, you can enjoy the beautiful Japanese garden with full of camellias.

We have to express our sincere appreciation to the [Tokyo Convention & Visitors Bureau](#) for supporting our Congress financially.



Japanese garden of the [Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo](#)

To our surprise, Her Imperial Highness Princess Hisako Takamado understood the importance of the Camellia as one of the Japanese traditional cultures and that the participants of the Congress, from all of the world, love not only the Camellia but also Japan and its culture. She decided to take part in the opening ceremony of our 2025 International Camellia Congress in Tokyo on Mar. 9th at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo. We are looking forward to seeing Camellia friends from all over the world in the home country of Camellia, Japan.

[Pre-Congress Tour](#) : Mar. 6th – 9th, 2025

[Course A \(Ishikawa and Toyama Pref.\)](#), [Course B \(Oshima Island Course\)](#)

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[Post-Congress Tour](#) : Mar. 14th – 17th, 2025

[Course E \(Osaka and Kyoto\)](#)



Camellia japonica L. (ヤブツバキ) *C. x hortensis* 'Otome' (乙女) 'Hasumijiro' (蓮見白)

Pre-Congress Tour

Mar. 6th – 9th, 2025

Course A (Ishikawa and Toyama Pref.) and Course B (Oshima Island Course)

Course A (Ishikawa and Toyama Pref.)

[Ishikawa prefecture](#) was severely damaged by the [Noto earthquake](#) occurred on Jan. 1st, 2024. By our experience of the Great East Japan Earthquake in 2011 and Kumamoto earth quake in 2016, it takes a long time to recover, for example, the Higo camellia and Higo sasanqua gardens in the Kumamoto Castle shall be closed for 30 years. So, we had been anxious about the pre-congress tour. We (three core members) visited Ishikawa and Toyama in February and found that the places to visit were not so bad. The local staffs there said that they will be very happy if they have the guests of the International Camellia Congress as a symbol of recovery. We can support them by visiting there as the pre-congress tour of the ICS in 2025.

- March 6 (Thu.)
Two staffs at [Komatsu Airport](#) (Acceptance at the exit, one staff guides guests to the Limousine bus stop for Kanazawa Station, 1,300 yen) and two staffs (Acceptance at the Shinkansen exit of the [Kanazawa Station](#) and the terminal bus stop of the limousine bus)

15:00 Registration at [Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel](#)
Free time

- March 7 (Fri.)
[Kenrokuen Area Cultural Zone](#) : There are more than 18 Art Galleries and museums near Kenrokuen Garden.

9:30 - 10:20 Welcome Ceremony (Opening Ceremony of the Camellia Show of the Ishikawa Prefecture Camellia Society at the [Shiinoki Geihinkan](#))

10:30 [Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art](#)
11:10 [Kenrokuen Garden](#), [Kanazawa Castle](#)
13:00 [National Crafts Museum](#)
13:40 [Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History](#)
14:20 Other 18 [Art Galleries and museums](#) such as
[21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa](#)
15:30 [Nomura Samurai House and Garden](#)
17:00 [Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel](#)
Free time



Camellia Show of the Ishikawa Prefecture Camellia Society in 2024



[Kenrokuen Garden](#)



[Inside of Samurai house \(Nomura family \)](#)



[Garden of Samurai house \(Nomura family \)](#)

- March 8 (Sat.)
Excursion for [Toyama](#) (by bus)

9:30 - 10:00 [Inokuchi Camellia Center](#), Nanto City, Toyama Pref.
13:30 - 14:00 [Botanic Gardens of Toyama](#)

16:00 - 17:00 [Higashi Chaya District](#)

17:30 Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel

Free time



[Collection of *Camellia* species](#) at Inokuchi Camellia Center

Note : The names of the species are automatically translated from the Japanese name to English by Google.



[Botanic Gardens of Toyama](#)



[Higashi Chaya District](#)

March 9 (Sun.)

Excursion for Nonoichi City by bus

9:15 -10:00 [Nonoichi Central Park](#)

10:30 Shinkansen (Bullet train) entrance of the [Kanazawa Station](#)

11:49 Departure by [Shinkansen](#)

14:20 [Tokyo Station](#)

15:30 [Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo](#)

19:00 Opening Ceremony and [Welcome Party](#)



[Nonoichi Central Park,](#)

International Camellia Garden of Excellence



'Haru-no-utena' (春の台)



'Iwane-shibori' (岩根絞り)



'Gakkō' (月光)

Course B (Oshima Island Course)

(See the photos of [Course C \(Oshima Island Course\)](#).)

- March 6 (Thu.)

15:00 Registration at the [Hotel Tavinós Hamamatsucho](#).

Free time

- March 7 (Fri.)
Excursion to (Izu) Oshima

8:00 Depart from the hotel

8:30 [Takeshiba Port](#), [Takeshiba Port 2](#) - by jet boat -

10:35 [Oshima](#) ([Okata Port](#)), [Oshima](#)

10:45 [Oshima High School](#)

13:00 [Tsubaki Hana Garden](#)

14:30 Camellia Forests Park

15:45 [Mt. Mihara Volcano](#) near by

17:30 [Oshima Onsen Hotel](#)



Mt. Fuji from jet boat



[Tsubaki Hana Garden](#), International Camellia Garden of Excellence



Guide of the Camellia garden of [Oshima High School](#), International Camellia Garden of Excellence by students in 2024



Tea ceremony at the [Oshima High School](#), International Camellia Garden of Excellence



Wild Camellia forests

- March 8 (Sat.)

9:00 Depart from the hotel.

9:30 [Tokyo Metropolitan Oshima Park](#)

10:30 Camellia oil factory (1)

11:15 Camellia oil factory (2)

13:30 Camellia oil factory (3)

15:50 Oshima (Okata Port) - by jet boat -

16:25 Ito city

17:30 [Hotel Lavie Kawaryo](#)



Mt. Mihara, active volcano from the hot spring of the Oshima Onsen Hotel and the volcano from the opposite side.

If you are brave enough like Japanese, you can enjoy the hot spring there, a Japanese style of life.



[Tokyo Metropolitan Oshima Park](#), International Camellia Garden of Excellence



Green house of the Oshima Park



Camellia display of the Oshima Park in 2024



Fossil of Camellia leaf, 10,000 years old, Tokyo Metropolitan Oshima Park



Camellia orchard for oil industry

- March 9 (Sun.)
8:30 Depart from the hotel 9:30 [Komuroyama Camellia Garden](#)
13:00 [East Gardens of the Imperial Palace](#)
15:00 [Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo](#)
19:00 Opening Ceremony and Welcome Party



'Momoji-no-Higurashi', Camellia of the East Gardens of the Imperial Palace



'Princess Masako' (プリンセス 雅子)



'Ōniji' (大虹)



'Karyōbin' (迦陵頻)

Congress

Mar. 9th – 13th, 2025

Course C (Oshima Island Course) and Course D (Yokohama and Saitama Tour Course) from March 11th

- March 9 (Sun.)

13:00 Reception at [Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo](#)

Short excursion of Japanese gardens near the hotel will be prepared by small group, 15-20 people each, on Mar. 9th and 10th (Chinzanso Garden, [Higo-Hosokawa Garden](#), [Shouseikaku](#), [Eisei Bunko Museum](#)、 [St. Mary's Cathedral, Tokyo](#).)

19:00 Opening Ceremony and [Welcome Party](#)

Special Guests: Her Imperial Highness Princess Hisako Takamado, and Naotake Takatsukasa (top of shrines in Japan)



[Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo](#)



[Higo-Hosokawa Garden](#)

- March 10 (Mon.)

Oral and poster presentation or Short excursion

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8:30 – 10:00 Session 1

Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 Session 2

Lunch

13:00 – 14:30 Session 3

Coffee break

15:00 – 16:30 Session 4 16:30 -

Free time (Dinner time; You can enjoy the evening in Tokyo if you would prefer.)

16:40 – 17:50 Meeting of Historic Camellia Conservation

17:50 – 18:30 Dinner time for the members of the Director Meeting

18:30 – 21:00 Director Meeting



Higo camellia 'Ōkan' (王冠)



'Mangetsu' (満月)



Kumagai (熊谷)

Course C (Oshima Island Course)

- March 11 (Tue.)
Excursion for Ito city

9:45 [East Gardens of the Imperial Palace](#)

13:00 [Himuro Camellia Garden](#)

14:30 [Komuroyama Camellia Garden](#)

16:00 [Hotel Lavie Kawaryo](#) in Ito City (Shizuoka Pref.)



'Momoji-no-Higurashi', Camellia of the East Gardens of the Imperial Palace

- March 12 (Wed.)
Excursion to (Izu) Oshima

9:40 Ito Port ~by jet boat~

10:15 [Oshima](#) ([Okata Port](#)) , [Oshima](#)

10:30 [Oshima High School](#)

13:00 Opera ([The Lady of the Camelias \(La Traviata\)](#))

14:30 [Tsubaki Hana Garden](#)

16:00 Wild Camellia Forests Park

17:00 Welcome Ceremony by the Oshima Town

18:00 [Hotel Shiraiwa](#) or [Oshima Onsen Hotel](#)



Mt. Fuji from jet boat



[Tsubaki Hana Garden](#), International Camellia Garden of Excellence



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Tea ceremony at the [Oshima High School](#), International Camellia Garden of Excellence



Wild Camellia forests

- March 13 (Thu.)

9:00 [Mt. Mihara Volcano](#) near by

10:00 [Tokyo Metropolitan Oshima Park](#)

11:00 Camellia oil factory

15:30 Oshima (Okata Port) - by jet boat -

17:35 [Takeshiba Port](#)

18:30 Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo

19:00 Gala dinner (Farewell party)



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Fossil of Camellia leaf, 10,000 years old, Tokyo Metropolitan Oshima Park



Camellia orchard for oil industry

- March 14 (Fri.)

Dissolution after breakfast



C. x vernalis 'Egao' (笑顔)



'Ōmi-goromo' (近江衣)



'Yae-wabisuke' (八重侘助)

Course D (Yokohama and Saitama Tour Course)

- March 11 (Tue.)

9:00 Departure from the hotel for Saitama prefecture by bus

10:00 [Saitama Prefecture Flowers and Green Promotion Center](#)

13:00 Omiya Bonsai Village and Manga Kaikan (comic hall)

15:00 Takeo Kawabe Bonsai Garden and his 350 year-old-camellia tree

17:30 [Palace Hotel Omiya](#) Free time

- March 12 (Wed.)

9:00 Departure from the hotel by bus

10:30 [Musashi-Kyuryo National Government Park](#)

14:00 [Jindai Botanical Garden](#)

17:00 [Washington Hotel, Yokohama Sakuragicho](#)

Free time

- March 13 (Thu.)

9:00 Leave the hotel by bus

10:00 Camellia forest of [Kodomo-no-kuni](#)

13:00 Camellia Festival of Machida Camellia Society and
Camellia garden of [Yakushiike Park](#)

17:00 Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo

19:00 Dinner



[Kodomo-no-kuni](#)



[Yakushiike Park](#)

- March 14 (Fri.)

Dissolution after breakfast



C. x hiemalis 'Shiro-kokonoe' (白九重)



'Shikishima' (敷島)



'Enishi' (艶姿)

Post Congress Tour

Course E (Osaka and Kyoto)

Mar. 14th – 17th, 2025

- March 14 (Fri.)

8:00 Leave Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo for Kansai district (Osaka and Kyoto)
10:00 Haneda Airport [ANA17]
11:10 Itami Airport (Lunch)
13:00 [Kishikawa Camellia Collection](#) ([Osaka Museum of Natural History](#))
15:00 [Hattori Ryokuchi Arboretum](#), Osaka
18:00 [Karasuma Kyoto Hotel](#)
Free time



[Hattori Ryokuchi Arboretum](#)



[Osaka Museum of Natural History](#) (Kishikawa Collection)

- March 15 (Sat.)

9:30 Leave the hotel

10:00 [Reikanji Temple](#),

12:00 Lunch

13:00 [Ginkakuji Temple](#),

15:30 Sight seeing ([Gion](#) area, [Yasaka shrine](#), [Kenninji Temple](#), [Chion-in Temple](#) or [Ponto Street](#))

18:00 or 19:00 Leave the parking lot in front of Chion-in temple.

18:30 [Karasuma Kyoto Hotel](#)

Free time



[Reikanji Temple](#)



[Gion](#) area



[Yasaka shrine](#)

- March 16 (Sun.)

9:00 Leave the hotel

10:00 [Kyoto Botanical Gardens](#)

14:00 [Nijojo Castle \(Former Kyoto residence of the shogun\)](#)

16:30 [Karasuma Kyoto Hotel](#)

18:00 Farewell Party



[Nijojo Castle](#) (Former Imperial Villa Nijo-jo Castle)

- March 17 (Mon)

Dissolution after breakfast



C. x wabiske '(Kochō) Wabisuke' (胡蝶侘助) 'Tarōkaja' (太郎冠者) 'Miyo-no-sakae' (御代の栄)