

# Excursion and Banquet (Sept. 25(Wed))

## <Schedule>

13:15 Meeting point: the entrance (1st floor) of TOKI Messe

13:30 Buses depart



14:30 **Yahiko Shrine** and **Takarayama Sake Brewery**



17:10 **Northern Culture Museum**

18:30 Banquet \* at Northern Culture Museum

\*During the banquet, Niigata convention center, who supports our banquet financially, will take photos. These photos may be used for PR of Niigata city.

20:30 end of banquet and back to TOKI Messe and Niigata station

## <Places we visit>

**Yahiko Shrine** <http://enjoyniigata.com/en/detail/page/detail/5084>

There is Yahiko Shrine in the foot of the Mt. Yahiko. It is said the shrine has the history more than 2,000 years. It is close to many people as Echigo Ichinomiya -most important and prestigious shrine- for a long time. The shrine measures 3 ken (5.4 meters) in both the ridge and span directions and features a thatched roof and some magnificent decorative carving. It was designated as a national important cultural property.



**Takarayama sake brewery** <http://enjoyniigata.com/en/detail/page/detail/4479>

This brewery is established in 1885, one of the most popular brewery in Niigata. They brew many kind of sake, and won the prizes. You can enter in old brewery, learn how to make sake, and hear interesting story around sake.



**Northern Culture Museum** <http://hoppou-bunka.com/english/>

Built by unusual great landowners Ito family, the museum has old style houses, storehouse, and beautiful garden. The banqueting hall is built in 1889 in the so-called shoinzukuri or traditional Japanese architectural style.

