

# Saidaiji Eyo: Hadaka Matsuri Naked Man's Festival

To all participants

Saidaiji Eyo is a holy festival that goes back more than 500 years. We truly wish this traditional festival to be "safe and cheerful Saidaiji Eyo," and thus would like to ask all the participants to strictly follow the precautions. We appreciate your cooperation.

Participants will be exposed to serious danger. Neither Hosan-Kai nor Kannon-in would take any responsibilities for any kinds of injuries or fatal accidents you might be involved. After fully understanding this, we request you to participate and protect yourself with your own responsibility.

## **You are requested to follow the precautions provided for below**

1. Prepare the name tag with your name, address, emergency contact number, location of your changing room, phone number and your blood type. Put the tag in the ventral part of your "fundoshi" loincloth.
2. Please entry your name in advance with Hosan-Kai (Phone number: 086-942-0101).
3. Please make sure that you know how to protect yourself in the main hall before participation; such as putting your hands up, refraining from placing your arm across others' shoulders, or lying on your stomach when you fall down.
4. The jostling is to be stopped momentarily 30 minutes before shingi sticks are thrown. Please take this break time to step down from the main floor if you feel sick.
5. Please clear the way for the rescue team.
6. Only those who are confident of their own health and/or physical strength can be participated.
7. Please remember the location of your changing room, and make sure the way out to leave the hall.
8. Please be reminded that the photos or films of the crowd can be used for the festival publications.
9. The participants who managed to obtain shingi sticks are requested to dedicate it immediately to Saidaiji Eyo Hosan-Kai (inside Saiidaiji Branch of Okayama Chamber of Commerce & Industry).

## **Prohibited Actions**

1. Participation under the influence of liquor is strictly prohibited. It is very dangerous.
  - The participants who are found to have consumed alcohol will be excluded before entering the site.
2. Any tattoos, jika-tabi socks or tobi-tabi socks are not allowed.
  - The participants are subject to checking before entering the site. Anyone who wears the above is removed.
  - Tatoos covered with clothes, tapes, cosmetics and/or any other stuff are also prohibited.
  - Tattooed participants will not be qualified as fukuotoko (lucky man) even if they obtain shingi sticks. The sticks will be confiscated.
3. Any violence or fights in the site are prohibited.
4. Wearing glasses or any jewelry such as necklaces and pierced earrings is forbidden. (We do not provide any temporary safekeeping service of these items.)
5. Competing for shingi sticks is not allowed to be conducted outside the temple precinct. (Participants who obtain shigi sticks in the outside of the temple precinct will not be qualified as fukuotokos (lucky man)).
6. Wearing hachimaki towels or happi coats, and the use of lanterns, banners or the like within the temple precinct after 9:00pm are prohibited. Participants' attendants are not allowed to enter the temple precinct after 9:00 pm.