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Festival Map of Yao  
2025 Spring Edition

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### 凡例 Map symbol

ふとん太鼓   
Futon Taiko

だんじり   
Dannjiri

まくら太鼓   
Makura Taiko

みこしのみ   
only Mikoshi

A scene from the Futon Taiko festival depicted  
in the Settsu Meisho Zue (1796-1798)



### Message for the Spring 2025 edition of Maturi Map

It is said that the origin of Japanese festival is The Gion Festival. Over 1,150 years ago, an epidemic broke out in Kyoto, and many people lost their lives. This was said to be the coming of the gods, and people pulled “**yama**” and “**hoko**” to calm it down. Over 1,000 years ago in Yao, Onji Shrine’s parade of “**mikosi**” (portable shrine) began to travel to Sumiyoshi Shrine in Osaka in an attempt to calm epidemics and disasters with the power of the gods. It was in the mid-Edo period that “**futon daiko**” (**futon daiko** drum) began to parade in front of the portable shrine with the sound of the drums to ward off evil spirits. The summer and autumn festival of Yao feature **futon daiko** and **dannjiri**. In some areas, there are only **futon daiko** or only **dannjiri**. There is not just one **futon daiko** at the shrine, but in some areas, several **dannjiri** are brought into the shrine, and then kept by the neighborhood association or children’s group. As you can see in the “Festival Map of Yao” that has been compiled every year for the past 26 years, there are as many festivals as there are **futon daiko** and **dannjiri**.

The flags along the roads announcing the “**Futon Daiko** and **Dannjiri** Festivals”, the sound of the drums, and people carrying matching “**happi**” coats. People gather for the procession and “**Miyairi**” (climax of the festival in each shrine).

The yao festival, which inherits the traditions that have been preserved in each town is enjoyed by people of all generations with the motto “**My town’s festival is the best!**”.

The sound of the drums, the way they are beaten, and the chant “**yoiyassaja!**” vary slightly depending on the region. Experience and enjoy the “Festival of Yao” with its **Futon daiko** drums and **dannjiri** floats in Yao while checking out the annual “**Maturi Map of Yao**”.

※Event dates may be subject to change or cancellation due to bad weather.

※Please or forgive any omissions typos. The dates are based on the survey at the time of publication. If you have any questions or information, please contact us.

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