

# IW-FIRT 2010 Excursion

March 17, 2010

## Schedule:

- 12:20 Assemble at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the FIR Center
- 12:30 Departure from the University of Fukui
- 12:55 Arrival at the Echizen Bamboo Doll Village
  - 13:00 Japanese-style lunch + souvenir shopping
  - 13:50 Bamboo craft experience  
(Bamboo tiger figure)  
Tour of the bamboo craft workshop
- 15:00 Departure from the Echizen Bamboo Doll Village
- 15:20 Arrival at the Maruoka Castle
  - Tour of the castle tower
- 16:20 Departure from the Maruoka Castle  
via JR Fukui station and Hotel Fujita Fukui
- ~17:00 Arrival at the University of Fukui

### Echizen Bamboo Doll Village

Echizen Bamboo Doll Village is the only place in Japan where visitors can learn about Echizen bamboo dolls (take-ningyo). Serving as the center of the local bamboo doll industry, the facility includes a workshop where visitors can see the delicate work of local craftsmen, as well as a museum displaying masterpieces they have created. Visitors can also experience bamboo crafting and doll making.



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### Maruoka Castle

Maruoka Castle was built on a hillside in 1576 by Katsutoyo Shibata. Herein lies the oldest castle tower designated as an important national cultural property. Its stone-tile roof made of Shakudani stone is quite rare in Japan. The castle is also known as “Mist Castle” (Kasumi-ga-jo) due to the legend that whenever an enemy approaches the castle, a thick mist appears and hides it.



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