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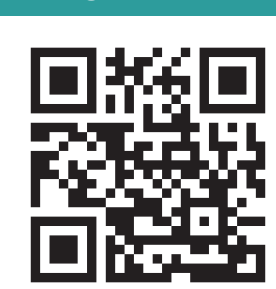
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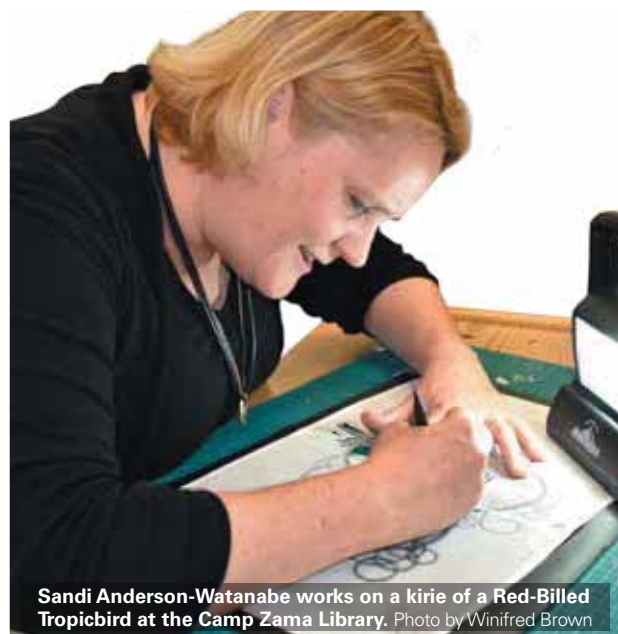
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## Zama teacher masters Japanese art form



BY WENDY BROWN,  
U.S. ARMY GARRISON JAPAN

**C**AMP ZAMA – Sandi Anderson-Watanabe has always been an illustrator and writer, but it wasn't until she began helping her husband with his job at a Japanese art museum that she learned about the art form of kirie.

In Japanese, kirie literally means "cut picture" and it involves cutting a single piece of paper to create an image. Her husband, Shigehiro Watanabe, was the assistant manager of the Fujikawa Kirienomori Museum in Minobu, Japan, and although her discovery of the art form came randomly, it appealed to her for several reasons.

"It's a really different kind of form art because once you get done with your sketch, it's actually a cut-out

piece that you can hold up and look at," said Anderson-Watanabe, whose kirie artwork is on display at the Camp Zama Library for another eight weeks. "It's not as (two-dimensional) as a regular sketch. I thought I'd try it and I really liked it."

Anderson-Watanabe, a Navy veteran about to complete her fourth year as a third-grade teacher at Camp Zama's John O. Arnn Elementary School, began creating kirie in 2012. Since then, two Guild of American Papercutters annual art books have featured her work, and the Fujikawa Kirienomori Museum's International Cut Paper Art Competition and National Cultural Festival displayed her work as a top-50 pick in 2013.

The display at the library includes

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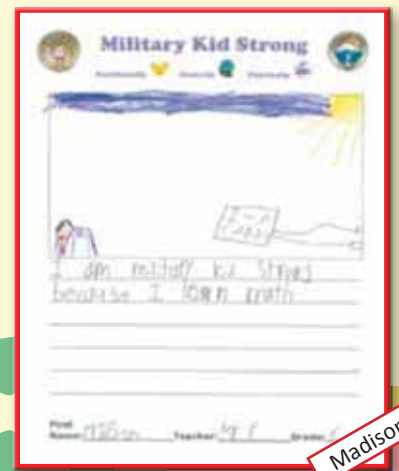
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because I love my  
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mom.

First Name: Natalie Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

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I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because it is  
my very military.

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Julius

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I am a military child  
I am military strong  
because I help out  
with my dad is job.

First Name: Micah Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Micah

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a  
military child  
I am military  
strong because  
I love my  
mom.

First Name: Morgan Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Morgan

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a  
military child.  
I am military  
strong kid  
because I love my  
mom.

First Name: Logan Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Logan

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Gemma Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Gemma

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Chloe Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Chloe

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Patrick Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Patrick

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am a military  
strong because I love  
my mom. I am  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Luna Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Luna

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I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Raymond Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Raymond

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Zebryna Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Zebryna

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Winter Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Winter

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I love  
my mom.

First Name: Ivory Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Ivory

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because  
I love my mom.

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Yoshi

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because  
I love my mom.

First Name: Nicholas Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Nicholas

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because I  
love my mom.

First Name: Ace Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Ace

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military  
child. I am military  
strong because  
I love my mom.

First Name: Jadrien Teacher: [unclear] Grade: [unclear]

Jadrien

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid because I love my mom.

Post Name: Joshua Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Joshua

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a Military Child. I am Military Strong because I help my mom.

Post Name: Merrick Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Merrick

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a Military child. I am Military Strong because I love my mom.

Post Name: Charlie Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Charlie

**Military Kid Strong**

I am Military Kid because I love my mom and dad.

Post Name: Hazel Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Hazel

# Mrs. Hoover Kindergarten

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I read and play a lot and I am healthy.

Post Name: Lucy Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Lucy

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Johnathan Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Johnathan

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Joshua Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Joshua

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Lily Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Lily

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I work hard but my mom loves me more than one language.

Post Name: Julia Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Julia

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I make friends I love to play.

Post Name: Lysa Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Lysa

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Ka'onohi Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Ka'onohi

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I make friends.

Post Name: Reagan Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Reagan

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Brooklyn Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Brooklyn

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Tyler Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Tyler

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Kai Wilson Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Kai Wilson

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Michael Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Michael

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I make friends.

Post Name: Ashlin Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

Ashlin

**Military Kid Strong**

I am a military kid I am strong because I love my mom and I love to play.

Post Name: Kai Teacher: Hoover Grade: K

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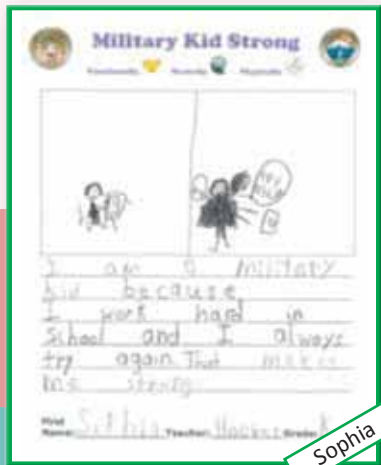
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# TEACHER: Masters Japanese art form

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several of her larger pieces, which feature, for example, a large pelican, called “The Pelican Queen,” a dragon, and a boy riding a bike with huge wings on his back. In addition, the kirie illustrations she used for her children’s book “This Is Piffiny Muckledorn Macabee Oogley Thorpenstein” are on display.

Visitors can also see her other books, “The Secret Stable,” a chapter book for children in grades four through six; “Tennis Shoe Samurai,” a novel; and “I Am a Super Artist!,” a children’s book.

Anderson-Watanabe, who holds a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in early childhood education, said that although she doesn’t hold a degree in art or writing, those subjects have always been a part of her life.

Originally from Davis, California, she has three children: Ava, 19; Ryu, 5; and Carina, 4. She has dedicated works to them, as well as to her mother.

Nature has also served as an inspiration for her work, Anderson-Watanabe said.

“‘The Pelican Queen’ is a reminder that nature is the true keeper of the earth and the need to respect and revere the creatures and resources that exist here,” she said.

Anderson-Watanabe said she bases her works on her own original sketches. She places a sketch on top of a single piece of black paper, and using the sketch as a guide, cuts out the picture with an X-Acto knife through both pieces of paper. When she is done, she displays it against a white backdrop.

She largely keeps to the traditional black-and-white color scheme because she likes the stark contrast, she said, but when it comes to the art of paper cutting, it doesn’t have to be that way.

“Different artists do it all differently,” Anderson-Watanabe said.

For example, Polish paper cutting artists use all different colors and use big sheep shears when cutting,

Anderson said. The Polish call the art form “wycinanki.”

Anderson-Watanabe said she will sometimes add a little pop of color to her works, and plans, for example, to add a red bill to the picture of a red-billed tropicbird she is currently working on.

Anderson-Watanabe

see them all,” Anderson-Watanabe said. “I’m like, ‘You know what? It’s a mistake, but it’s not, because if you cut too much or slip or something, you just either change it or you don’t say anything so nobody notices,’ but I know where they are.”

Anderson said she created most of her larger works from 2012 to 2014, when she was transitioning from Navy life to civilian life and worked part time as an English teacher.

Although she does not have as much time for large works of kirie these days, she still finds time for gifts and creating smaller works from the occasional idea, she said.

“It’s time-consuming, but it’s kind of like one of those relaxing Zen things—kind of meditative—where you’re just cutting all these little details, and then when it’s done, it’s just amazing to cut out the edges and hold it up,” Anderson-Watanabe said. “It’s a really satisfying type of art to do.”

Once she starts working on a piece, Anderson-Watanabe said, she often finds herself engrossed in her work, and even when it is time to stop, she starts thinking, “Maybe I’ll just cut a few more minutes, a few more minutes.”

“Once you start, it’s kind of hard to stop,” Anderson-Watanabe said.

Jim Lacombe, supervisory librarian at the Camp Zama Library, said Anderson-Watanabe’s work is inspirational and he is proud to have it on display.

“When people come to libraries, they don’t have all the answers,” Lacombe said. “They are sometimes looking for answers and to broaden their perspective, and this does it. They learn about something new, and they see that somebody in their own community did it.”

The library is looking for more displays from artists in the community to put up on a rotating basis, Lacombe said, and people can call him at DSN (315) 263-5267 or from overseas at 011-81-46-407-5267.



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said the art form can be challenging, and it is sometimes necessary to change knife blades often because the tips break off.

“The hardest parts to cut are the curves and the circles, not the big circles, but the tiny circles, because you have to basically punch all the way around it,” Anderson-Watanabe said. “A lot of people think you can just pull around the circle, but it’s basically more like pressing all the way around the curve.”

Anderson-Watanabe said she starts at the center of a work and cuts her way out to the edges to reduce tearing.

“A lot of people ask me if I make mistakes and I say, ‘Oh yeah, I can

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# Troops in Japan can join Olympic ticket lottery this month

STORY BY SETH ROBSON,  
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YOKOTA AIR BASE — U.S. military personnel in Japan can join an online ticket lottery for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

A ticket sales website hosting the lottery, which began May 9 and runs through May 28, allows people to register and chose events they want to attend. The website includes information about Olympic sports, venues, prices and dates.

For example, an adult ticket to the Aug. 2, 2020, opening ceremony at the Olympic Stadium starts at 12,000 yen (about \$109). Men's rugby tickets for July 24 matches at Tokyo stadium sell for 7,500 yen (\$69). A ticket to Ariake Tennis Park center court for the men's and women's gold medal matches costs as little as 10,000 yen (\$91).

Only people living in Japan are eligible to purchase Olympic tickets online. Those overseas must buy them from authorized resellers in their home countries, the ticket website states.

The website, which has an English language option, can be accessed at <https://ticket.tokyo2020.org>.

Jeffrey Johnston, a former soldier who works as a civilian defense contractor on various

U.S. bases in Tokyo, said he's excited about the games and has registered for tickets.

"It's my first time being this close to an Olympic venue," he said.

Johnston said he's not looking for tickets to the highest profile sports, such as swimming and gymnastics, which might be harder to come by.

"I went for things like BMX racing, archery and surfing," he said.

To register for the lottery, you need a local address and phone number. At Yokota, for example, residents can obtain a Japanese version of their military address from the post office.

In the first three days of operation 6.3 million people accessed the ticket website, it states.

"The order in which lottery applications are received has no impact on the chances of the applicant's ticket request being successful. All applications received by 23:59 Japan time on 28 May will have an equal opportunity of being selected and fulfilled," the website states.

Ticket lottery results will be announced on June 20. Winners must pay by 11:59 p.m. on July 2. Payments can be made online with a Visa credit card or at a Japanese convenience store.

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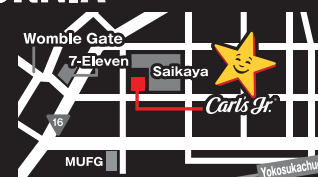
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Chances are, before Japan, you may not have heard of The Moomins. A Finnish children's book series-turned-TV-cartoon, Moomin is based on the adventures of a family which resembles animated hippopotamuses and is wildly popular here.

You'll find all kinds of merchandise dedicated to the many characters at just about any novelty store, as well as plenty of cafés serving up Moomin-themed entrees and desserts.

The Moomins, created by Finnish illustrator Tove Jansson, gained popularity in Japan when the series hit the TV in the 1960s and 70s. Today, the characters instill nostalgia for many 40- to 60-year-olds.

A new attraction, however, is now bringing The Moomins and their storybook setting to life a few hours north of Tokyo. Moominvalley Park opened in Saitama Prefecture in March and is already drawing crowds to its forest and lake setting.

Visitors can now meet the main character, "Moomintroll," or "Moomin" for short, his parents, "Moominpappa" and "Moominmamma," and his friends, "Sniff," the Snork Maiden, "Snufkin" and "Little My" in person.

"There are a lot of people who know The Moomins, but few remember the



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**URL:** metsa-hanno.com/Moominvalleypark/  
**TEL:** 042-980-5224  
**NOTE:** Public bus shuttles visitors between Hanno station and MoominValley Park (200 yen). A bus comes every 10-15 minutes.

story," says Takashi Fujii, spokesman of the Moominvalley Park. "So, I believe the newly built park can help them to reminisce and recall their fantastic

stories." There are many options to get there: by car, if you're at Yokota, or via express train if you're at Zama Atsugi or

Yokosuka (see note in the info box). My wife and I tried the express train which begins its journey in Ikkoma in Central Tokyo to Hanno Station. The ride takes less than 40 minutes.

As soon as we arrived at Moominvalley Park, we were transported into the cartoon. Using the lush forest Saitama is known for and Lake Miyazawa as its backdrop, the park's buildings and surroundings were just like the ones from The Moomins.

The park is split into two areas: Metsä Village and Moominvalley Park. Metsä Village is an admission-free zone where visitors can shop Nordic products and local vegetables, eat at the cafe and enjoy canoeing or ziplining over the lake.

We entered the Moominvalley Park area and could see The Moomins' bathing hut over the lake, and Moominhouse, another one of the family's homes. Along with large windows, light-colored walls and tall ceilings, the buildings at Metsä Village and inside the park itself, had a very Scandinavian feel.



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New express train takes you to Saitama faster

A new limited-express train is making it easier to connect with nature North of Tokyo. If you're located in Yokosuka, Atsugi or Zama, this train may be a good option for your next trip for a little R&R.

"Laview" is a train on the Seibu Line connecting Ikebukuro Station in Tokyo and Chichibu in Saitama Pref. via a 78-minute ride. To get to Hanno Station (where Moominvalley calls home), it's a 39-minute ride on the express.

In addition to the velocity and fewer stops along the way, the new train has large windows, a soft yellow-hued interior and large plush seats offering a comfortable ride. Each seat is equipped with an electrical outlet, and free Wi-Fi is available in each coach. Large 23-inch onboard video screens display information in four languages, Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean. This train ride was so comfortable in fact, that we wished our destination were further so we could stay on longer as we arrived at Hanno Station.

Just as impressive as the inside, the exterior of the train designed by a renowned Japanese architect Kazuyo Sejima, features a rocket-like silver body and rounded windshield.

This train is a dream and will get you to Moominvalley and all the wonders of Saitama faster than ever.

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Ocean Orchestra



# MOOMIN: Great family fun

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We spent a lot of time at Metsä Village so by was time for lunch. We headed straight to the Lettula Pancake restaurant.

Lattu (pancake) is Moominmamma character's staple dish and one the character always carried in her basket when the family would go off on another adventure.

I went for the Very Berry Lattu (pancake) for 2,484 yen (\$22) and my wife ordered a savory spinach and bacon Lattu for 1,620 yen (\$15).

The gigantic five-layered generously topped with strawberries and blueberries overwhelmed me. But they were warm and soft, complimented by the fresh berries, butter and cream. Blueberry sauce flowed as I cut into the pancakes. According to a server, the dishes at the restaurant are enough to serve nearly two people.

My wife's savory pancakes were bright green as the batter had spinach mixed in and came topped with bacon and an egg – sunny side up. A

side of maple syrup gave the dish a slight sweetness to it and overall the dish was quite tasty.

After those hearty pancake servings, a walk through Moominvalley was in order. The various attractions were abuzz with schoolchildren on field trips to the park.

The blueberry-colored Moomin House, the centerpiece of the park, gives you a look into Moomin's five-story home. A main shopping and museum facility, Kokemus, offers the largest selection of Moomin goods for purchase.

We tried the Ocean Orchestra, a digital and musical art interactive which took us on an adventure with Moomin and friends. The projections went over the audience and the

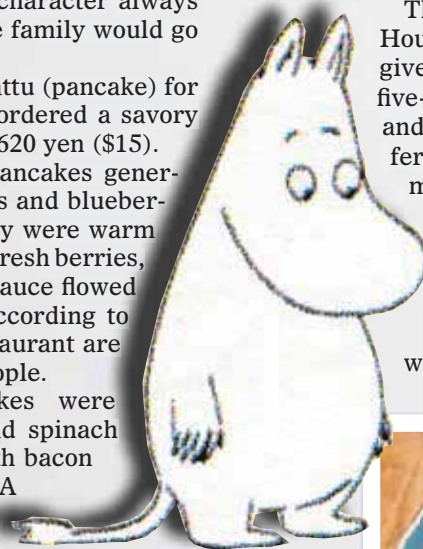


room to give us the effect of being aboard an old-fashioned sailboat plowing through rough ocean.

After, we met some of the characters who were walking around the park for meet-and-greets and photos.

We made our way to Emma's Theatre, an outdoor theater with grass seating, for a 30-minute show featuring all the characters. This adorable performance reminded me of my childhood watching the cartoon on TV.

The many attractions coupled with the impressively-accurate varchitecture



Lettula Pancake Restaurant





Lagom Restaurant



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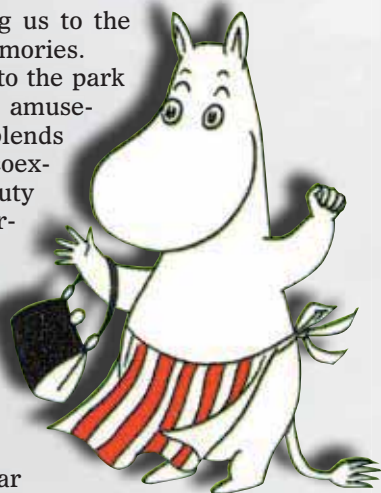
did a good job of taking us to the Moominvalley of my memories.

We enjoyed our visit to the park as it wasn't like other typical amusement parks. Moominvalley blends into Saitama's landscape and coexists with the rich, natural beauty of the lake and surrounding forest.

It is through this environment where one can connect with the world of The Moomins and it is also another opportunity to experience the beautiful nature Saitama has to offer.

Even if you're not familiar with this Finnish cartoon, this place will charm you and your family and maybe even turn you into a Moomin fan too.

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BY TAKAHIRO TAKIGUCHI,  
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In Japan, the “Jumbo Draw” heralds the arrival of each season with the dream of becoming a millionaire.

Unlike the Powerball and Mega Millions drawings in the U.S., the largest Japanese lottery is held only five times a year - each drawing coinciding with the changing of the seasons. With a first prize of 500 million yen (\$5 million) per unit, “Jumbo Takarakuji” aka Jumbo Draws, start selling one month before the drawing.

Public lottery shops, or chance centers as they’re

called, are ubiquitously situated in train stations, banks, shopping malls and parks. From the northernmost main island of Hokkaido to the southernmost island of Okinawa, people flock to these shops, some likely near your installation.

In the Jumbo Draw, one unit of consists of 10 million tickets, so the probability of winning the first prize (500 million yen) is 0.00001 percent; the lowest prize (300 yen) is 10 percent.

“Keep buying Takarakuji and keep dreaming,” says Yoko Funasaka, housewife who runs a liquor shop with her husband in the center of Tokyo. “I’ll keep buying them, regardless of how low the winning probability is.”

The Dream Jumbo for 2019 sold 12 units. Each

- JUMBO DRAWINGS**
- February (Green Jumbo)
  - May (Dream Jumbo)
  - July (Summer Jumbo)
  - September (Autumn Jumbo)
  - November (Year-end Jumbo)



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of the 12 units awarded prizes ranging from 300 yen to 300 million yen at the public drawing on May 10.

Among the shops located throughout the nation, the Nishi Ginza Chance Center near JR Shimbashi Station in Tokyo is one of the most popular shops. Its left-most “Counter-One” has produced 490 first-prize winners, 78.3 billion yen of winnings over the last 30 years and is considered a sanctuary for lottery enthusiasts.

When a Jumbo Draw begins selling, the long lines of those dreaming of becoming a millionaire are often shown on newscasts.

“I feel as if I have to buy a ticket when I see the TV showing serious-looking people in a long line,” Funasaka said.

“It doesn’t matter how long I

have to wait in line at the counter,” says Kunihiko Ishii, a Tokyo salaryman who typically will wait a couple of hours for tickets. “I feel the counter really helps enhancing my luck and leads me to a big win.”

As we know, the winning probability remains the same regardless of where and how the tickets are purchased. The fact that the counter has produced nearly 500 millionaires, only shows it has sold more tickets than others, as the more tickets it sells, the greater the chances of selling a winning ticket.

“I don’t care about the science, I just feel the counter has something special in terms of luck,” Ishii insists. “Just like visiting a Shrine or Temple to make a wish, I visit the counter wishing to be a millionaire.” Ishii says he has spent 15,000

yen per drawing every year for decades. That’s 75,000 yen (\$700) a year - and he estimates that he’s won no more than 30,000 yen during that span.

Besides the unique Jumbo Draw, there are also scratch-off tickets and Loto 6 or 7, which are similar to the daily lotteries in the U.S. These tickets range from 200 to 300 yen.

Japanese laws say the lottery will not pay out more than 50 percent of the total pool. In 2016, winners were paid 46.8 percent (396 billion yen), much less than other public games, such as horse racing (74.9). With such low odds, the winnings are tax-free, as they are considered to already have been taxed.

The odds may be slim, but the allure of life-changing money is what keeps drawing some back to the Jumbo Draw.

“As I see the economy of Japan stays slow and I don’t see any chance for my salary to rise in the future,” Ishii said. “So, there is no other choice to keep buying tickets, which I’m sure will ultimately make me a millionaire.”

“I may have won several million yen by now,” Funasaka said with chuckle. “I usually buy 10,000 yen of tickets, but I always put them in a drawer and forget to check the numbers.”

The selection of the numbers is also vastly different than that of the Powerball or Mega Millions in the U.S. In Japan, arrows are shot from a machine into spinning wheels with numbers on them. These arrows determine the winning two and six digit numbers. Celebrities, standing near the targets, shoot the arrows with the press of a remote button. ↗



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**2019 SUMMER JUMBO (20 UNITS) WINNING NUMBER DRAWN**

- 300 million yen: Match 2-digit set and 6-digit ticket number (20)
- 100 million yen: One above or below winning number (40)
- 100,000 yen: Match 6-digit ticket number (1,980)

**FIVE MORE NUMBERS DRAWN**

- 10 million yen: Match 2-digit set and 6-digit ticket number (40)
- 1 million yen: Match 6-digit ticket number (600)

**INDIVIDUAL NUMBERS DRAWN FOR FINAL PRIZES**

- 100,000 yen: Match last 4 digits (12,000)
- 3,000 yen: Match last 2 digits (2 million)
- 300 yen: Match last digits (20 million)

Drawing number is made up of 2-digit set number and 6-digit ticket number (i.e. 12(set)-123456)

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- Yoko Funasaka,  
A housewife who runs a liquor shop

→ The first, and most important, winning numbers (8 total) determine the first set of prizes. After that, four other numbers are chosen to award the next four prizes. Finally, three more numbers are chosen to determine the winners of the lesser prizes. [See box for more info]

The history of public lottery goes back to July 1945 when the government issued “kachifuda” (literally victory ticket) as a fundraiser for military expenditures at the end of World War II. After the war ended, the government continued the lottery as an

important revenue source for reconstructing public facilities in the post-war chaos.

Money raised goes to constructing public facilities, rebuilding after disasters as well as various social services for children and the elderly. The lottery brought in 786.6 billion yen in 2017, and 39.3 percent (309 billion yen) of that was used for social welfare, while 46.9 percent was paid out to the winners, according to the official site of public lottery.

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"kongetsu" = this month, "hikkoshi" = move
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"itsu" = when, "mitsumori" = estimation, "kite" = come
- **"Jusho wa Roppongi 7-23-17 desu."** = My address is Roppongi 7-23-17.  
"jusho" = address

- **"Nanji ni kite itadake masuka?"** = What time will you come here?
- **"Hikkoshi ni donokurai kakari masuka?"** = How long will it take for you to pack and load my household goods?  
"donokurai" = how long/much/many, "kakari" = take
- **"Kowaremono nanode kiwotsukete kudasai."** = They are fragile, so carry them carefully, please.  
"kudasai" = give me.. please, "kowaremono" = fragile items, "nanode" = because, "kiwotsukete" = carefully
- **"Hako wo ju-ppako kudasai."** = Give me 10 boxes for packing, please?  
"hako" = box, "ju-ppako" = 10 boxes ["go-hako" = 5 boxes, "niju-ppako" = 20 boxes, "sanju-ppako" = 30 boxes]
- **"Kore mo hakonde kudasai."** = Carry out this one, too.  
"mo" = too, "hakonde" = carry
- **"Kore wa tenchi-muyoo de onegai shimasu"** = Please move this without turning upside down.  
"kore" = this, "tenchi-muyoo" = not to turn around  
"Yoroshiku onegai shimasu." = Thank you in advance for a great job.  
(\*A polite expression when you need to ask somebody something.)
- **"Otsukaresama deshita."** = Thank you for the great work.  
(\*An expression to thank somebody's labor. It can also be used when you are leaving your work.)

**WHEN ON OKINAWA,** You can also say it in "Uchinaaguchi" (island dialect) like this:

- **"Yutashiku unigee sabira"** = Thank you in advance for the great job.
- **"Utaimi soochi."** = Thank you for the great work.

- Takahiro Takiguchi, Stripes Japan

Pronunciation key: "A" is short (like "ah"); "E" is short (like "get"); "I" is short (like "it"); "O" is long (like "old"); "U" is long (like "tube"); and "AI" is a long "I" (like "hike"). Most words are pronounced with equal emphasis on each syllable, but "OU" is a long "O" with emphasis on that syllable.

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**Kanji of the week**

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**Language Lesson**

I'm happy.

**Ureshii desu.**

**The Weekly Crossword** by Margie E. Burke

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<p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Umpire's shout</p> <p>5 Carnation color</p> <p>9 Little hooter</p> <p>14 Scandinavian capital</p> <p>15 Math computation</p> <p>16 Poem property</p> <p>17 Fight site</p> <p>18 Essence</p> <p>19 Raptor's roost</p> <p>20 Riot-control substance</p> <p>22 Camping item</p> <p>24 Trial partner</p> <p>25 Breadmaker's need</p> <p>26 Powerball, e.g.</p> <p>29 Playground fixture</p> <p>33 Industrial mechanic</p> <p>37 Gardening tool</p> <p>38 Arrival time, for short</p> <p>39 Oil source</p> <p>41 Naught</p> <p>42 Jonathan Larson musical</p> <p>44 AARP concern</p> <p>46 Come to light</p> <p>48 Sports complex</p> <p>49 Jousting gear</p> <p>51 Part of SSgt</p> <p>55 Wrongdoing</p> <p>58 Soft-shell clam</p> <p>60 Pull strings?</p> <p>61 June 6, 1944</p> <p>63 Sandwich spot</p> <p>64 Blackjack option</p> <p>65 Vegas "lady"</p> <p>66 Reed section member</p> <p>67 Water-logged</p> <p>68 Oxen's harness</p> <p>69 McNally partner</p>	<p>3 Of an arm bone</p> <p>4 Backscratch, politically</p> <p>5 Hemingway nickname</p> <p>6 Tennessee's state flower</p> <p>7 Fishing aid</p> <p>8 Mexican painter</p> <p>9 Sherbet flavor</p> <p>10 Choice word</p> <p>11 Harp's cousin</p> <p>12 Mideast bigwig</p> <p>13 "Riverdale" target viewer</p> <p>21 Weimaraner warning</p> <p>23 Severely simple</p> <p>25 Part of Canis Major</p> <p>27 Ancient Greek ship</p> <p>28 Fork feature</p> <p>30 Fit to be tried</p> <p>31 Similar (to)</p> <p>32 Ridge on skin</p>	<p>33 Nothing more than</p> <p>34 Anagram of "mite"</p> <p>35 Pool path</p> <p>36 Next in line?</p> <p>40 None too brainy</p> <p>43 Kind of cards</p> <p>45 Bullfighter</p> <p>47 Moneygrubbing</p> <p>50 ___ enough...</p>	<p>52 Simple organism</p> <p>53 Record holder?</p> <p>54 Like some eggs</p> <p>55 No ___, no fuss</p> <p>56 Digging, so to speak</p> <p>57 Male deer</p> <p>58 Give a pink slip to</p> <p>59 Youngster</p> <p>62 Twosome</p>
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**Answers to Last Week's Crossword:**

T	H	A	R	S	P	I	T	E	T	O	M	E
H	A	L	E	A	L	O	H	A	O	V	A	L
I	S	L	E	W	A	T	E	R	C	R	E	S
S	H	E	L	F	T	A	M	H	O	R	S	E
G	E	E	S	E	E	L	A	N				
T	R	I	C	Y	C	L	E	A	S	T	I	R
B	O	A	T	E	E	L	Y	E	O	M	A	N
A	W	N	I	N	T	E	G	E	R	P	I	E
R	E	C	E	N	T	C	U	T	R	O	S	E
L	E	A	S	E	T	A	T	T	E	R	E	D
R	U	D	E	R	E	A	C	T				
P	A	P	A	L	M	A	D	P	L	A	I	D
E	L	E	C	T	R	O	N	I	C	A	N	T
E	T	C	H	A	T	T	A	R	I	C	E	D
P	O	K	E	T	E	E	N	Y	M	E	M	O

**SUDOKU** Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

		1	7					2
					5	1		
5		3					7	
9	7	6			8		3	
		3	5					6
5	6			8				
	1							
		1	4	3	2			

**HOW TO SOLVE:**  
Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

6	4	2	3	1	9	5	7	8
7	1	5	6	2	8	3	9	4
8	3	9	4	5	7	2	6	1
1	9	6	5	7	3	4	8	2
2	8	4	1	9	6	7	3	5
3	5	7	8	4	2	6	1	9
5	7	1	9	6	4	8	2	3
4	6	8	2	3	1	9	5	7
9	2	3	7	8	5	1	4	6

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