

Hanami Time!

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It's that wonderful time of year again, the time when spring brings us warm weather, sunny days, and, in Japan, beautiful cherry blossoms.

Hanami (花見) is a **traditional custom** (伝統的な習慣) in Japan.

For hanami, people have picnics or parties and take walks under the cherry blossom trees.

Sakura, cherry blossoms, **bloom** (咲く) in Japan from February to May. In Okinawa they bloom the earliest, in February. Every year, the **blossom forecast** (桜前線) **predicts** (桜前線) when the flowers will bloom around Japan.

This year, sakura are predicted to bloom on April 3rd in Kanazawa.

They have already bloomed in Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

Will you enjoy hanami this year?
Where will you go?
What will you do?

Cherry Blossom Forecast 2014

桜前線

CITY	DATE
Sapporo	May 3, 2014
Kanazawa	April 3, 2014
Tokyo	March 25, 2014
Kyoto	March 27, 2014
Fukuoka	March 19, 2014

