

Traditionally, people in Japan have “(O)bon” in mid-August (mid-July in lunar calendar) every year, when they take a few days off, go to their family’s grave and pray for the soul of the deceased. For centuries, a few days in New Year and Obon have been the times for Japanese people to take a break. In Tohoku region, where the earthquake and tsunamis hit, many communities have “Bon Festivals” in different styles (e.g. lighting and decoration). Among them, Kanto Festival (in Akita Prefecture), Nebuta Festival (in Aomori Prefecture) and Tanabata Festival (in Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture) are quite famous, attracting tourists throughout the world nowadays.



Tohoku Rokkon (6-Souls) Festival (Tanabata·Hanagasa Dance) [Photo by Sendai City]→
Tohoku Rokkon (6-Souls) Festival (Nebuta) [Photo by Sendai City]↓



Tohoku Rokkon (6-Souls) Festival (Tanabata) [Photo by Sendai City]



Tohoku Rokkon (6-Souls) Festival (Kanto) [Photo by Sendai City]

