

AGAIN! Mitomi Yamanashi Old Farmhouse Restoration Workshop 2026

Sponsored by Yamanashi Minka no Kai (山梨民家の会)

●Program

This series of 6 workshops will be again offered in 2026. The house that was built more than 150 years ago used to be engaged in raising silk worms, making charcoals, and selling lumbers from mountains owned by the house. This restoration workshop started in 2021. As in the past 4 series, the workshop offers you a useful work experience in how and where to start in a house restoration project. The participants will also learn and pick up tool skills.

With the completion of several projects such as wood and tatami flooring, this year, participants will be engaged in a couple of focused projects including the construction of a Korean traditional floor heating system (Ondol) and a traditional kitchen stove (okudo-san). A basic farming preparation at the house property may be added if time permits.

The workshop is designed and coached by Mr. Takumi Osawa, a first class architect, the founder of JMRA Minka-no-Gakko, and a JMRA minka restoration engineer.

●Place

Mitomi Yamanashi-shi Yamanashi-ken. We will send a detailed access information to those who signed up as participants.

●Access

By rail: Get off at Yamanashi-shi Station via JR Chuo Line. A bus to Tsuburagawa Stop (45 mins from Yamanashi-shi train station)

By car: Katsunuma Exit on Chuo-do Highway). a 40 min drive from there. Parking at the workshop site is available.

●Workshop Dates (Sat and Sun)

1. May16~17
2. Jun20~21
3. Jul18~19
4. Aug15~16
5. Sep19~20
6. Oct17~18

●Max participants and qualifications

Upto 20 participants (staff not included), above 6 years old. No particular skill requirements. English speaking participants welcome. All participants will be insured.

●To Apply

Google Form. Participation is confirmed with the payment

●Participation fees

Non-JMRA member: JPY30,000, JMRA member: JPY24000, Junior upto 12years old: JPY10000

*As a JMRA membership (tomono-kai) is only JPY6000 per year, we suggest you sign up to become a member and save money and receive membership benefits.

●Food and boarding

Not included in the participation fees. Overnight staying at the house is possible provided that the participants bring their own sleeping bags and food, or cooking at the site.

There are several inns and B&B nearby in a 30min driving radius.

●Deadline

Apr30 (Thu), or when the 20 participants max reaches

●Questions and where to apply

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Apply from our HP: JMRA (Nihon Minka Saisei Kyokai) <https://minka.or.jp>

●Past footage and videos available at the JMRA Home Page