

Encounter Aizome, the "Japan Blue"



The hue of "ai", or indigo, is much deeper and clear from the standard color we usually refer to a process that does not rely on any chemical substance, has been used since the Edo period. The profound shade of indigo made through this process is referred to as "Japan Blue". Since this method of dyeing requires much effort, there are very few studios in the country that still practice this technique today. All materials used in indigo dyeing are natural and provide antibacterial and UV exposure reduction effects. The used dye can also be used as fertilizer. The indigo produced here is friendly to the earth and people. Through encountering their products, it is possible to understand the love and passion that these craftsmen have for their work.

Ome

Indigo Dyeing Studio Kosoen

📍8-200, Nagabuchi, Ome-shi 🕒10:00 - 18:00 / Closed on Tuesdays *The experience is held twice (10:00 - 13:00-) from Friday to Sunday and holidays

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Beautiful Tamacrafts

Hachioji

Tokyo Kokeshi

The Tohoku Kokeshi doll is set apart by how they are made, using one square timber, and the "happiness ring" at its neck. The dolls are carved by the owner and flower patterns are drawn by his wife.



The products are available at 802 Sky Station (Hachioji Sky Hotel) etc.

Hachioji

Tamaori

The textiles of Hachioji have a history that spans over 400 years, the Tamaori is made using traditional techniques. In recent years, the p-Tie, a modern necktie-shaped pin, has become popular.



Hachioji Textile Industrial Association Benck; 📍11-2, Hachiman cho Hachioji-shi 🕒10:00 - 17:00 / Closed on Wednesdays, Sundays and Holidays

Hachioji

Souto Tenugui

Established to revitalize the city of Hachioji, once known as "the town of textiles". Their products combine tradition with innovation, designed by artists and dyed by local craftsmen.



The products are available at Michi no Eki Hachioji Takiyama, and Soto Terrace, 802Sky Station (Hachioji Sky Hotel) etc.

Mizuho machi

Tama Daruma

The Daruma is a fortuitous item used to pray for good luck, and when it is answered, people draw an eye on it. Darumas are handmade in Tama and there are also other unique items such as the "Daruma Daki Neko" (combining the Daruma with the Maneki-Neko cat charm).



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