

Hands-on workshop: Learn about wood while making a souvenir

Using Thinned Wood from Water Source Forests of Yokohama

Crafting your own sustainable *Shimenawa*

POINT1: Crafting your own *Shimenawa* (sacred rope)

using wood shavings from the *Miya-daiku*'s plane

The significance of *Shimenawa*, a famous Japanese New Year decoration, is that it designates "a place occupied by the deity". By crossing ancient traditions with modern concepts of sustainability, visitors will experience a creative workshop in which they will make their original pieces using the very shavings that were previously thrown away.

POINT2: Learn about historical and sustainable techniques

passed down within the *Miya-daiku* trade

The traditional techniques and wisdom passed down from *Miya-daiku* to *Miya-daiku* are not available to us in our daily lives. Listening to valuable stories about their involvement in building and maintaining shrines and temples will inspire you to discover and deepen your understanding of sustainability.

POINT3: Sub-quests available!

Experience using a plane to shave wood, and folding *Origami*

Visitors can also try their hand at planning, a technique used by *Miya-daiku*. Taste the *Miya-daiku*'s world, by using a plane to shave the wood's face. You can also decorate your own *Shimenawa* using *Origami*, a traditional Japanese cultural art. *Origami* is another traditional Japanese technique, full of history and ingenuity.

POINT4: Multilingual facilitators available to accommodate MICE clients from abroad

Our uniquely trained facilitators and interpreter-guides will guide you through the experience.

Japan has a history of carbon-neutral architecture dating back over 1,400 years. The *Miya-daiku*, or carpenters specializing in shrines/temples whose skills and techniques are passed down through the generations, as well as their addition to the UNESCO registry of Intangible Cultural Heritage (2019) is proof that they are the most advanced "wood professionals" in the world. As part of this workshop, you can experience wood's sustainable value by crafting your own *Shimenawa* while listening to them tell their stories.

