Honoring our forebears and our history. Using the arts to resurrect our culture of “Water and Land”. This is Niigata, a city designated by government ordinance on the sea of Japan Coast.

Most of the water and soil was brought to this land by the two great rivers, the Shinano and the Agano. After the hard battle with the water and soil, the City of Niigata was born.

One-quarter of the land in Niigata City is still under sea level. Artists from home and abroad will display artwork at multiple locations in honor of Niigata’s Water and Land.

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NIIGATA

水と土の芸術祭

Niigata Water and Land Art Festival 2009.

Works of art to awaken the memory of “Water”, the smell of “Land”.

Art project — Creating monumental artwork by visiting artists.
Community Appeal — Presenting the fascination of Niigata’s culture of food, traditional arts and festivals.
Rediscovering history — Offering a new understanding of the effects of “Water” and “Land” on human history and artwork.

Disused treasures lying at homes and communities will be displayed to summon the memories of “Water” and the smell of “Land” for thousands of years.

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Enjoy “the culture of Water and Land” representing all these distinctive features of Niigata - lagoons, river ports, willow trees, and wealthy farmers and merchants.
Access to Niigata

[From Tokyo]
- Japan Railway (JR): Joetsu Shinkansen / Tokyo → Niigata (Approx. 2hrs)
- Car: Kanetsu Expwy, Hokuriku Expwy / Niigata JCT → Niigata-nishi IC (Approx. 300km, 3hrs 40min.)

[From Osaka]
- Air (Itami airport): JAL,ANA,JAC (8-10 flights a day, Approx. 1hr 5min.)
- Japan Railway (JR): Tokaido and Joetsu Shinkansen / Osaka → Tokyo (TRAI) → Niigata (Approx. 5hrs)
- Car: Meishin Expwy, Hokuriku Expwy / Sota IC → Niigata-nishi IC (Approx. 580km, 7hrs)

Admission Pass Fees
Adult ¥2,500 (¥2,000 in Advance) College Student / Over 65 ¥2,000 (¥1,500 in Advance) Elementary, Junior High and High school Student ¥800 (¥500 in Advance)

Organizer: Water and Land Art Festival Committee Secretariat
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