

# LIVING GUIDE MORIOKA

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## Information about Winter Events in Morioka ~'Morioka Snow Lights Festival 2015' ~

Cold Morioka Winter has arrived! Many people think that it is too cold to go out, however, in Morioka, a festival of fantastic candle-lights called 'Morioka Snow Lights Festival' is held on just such a cold winter night.

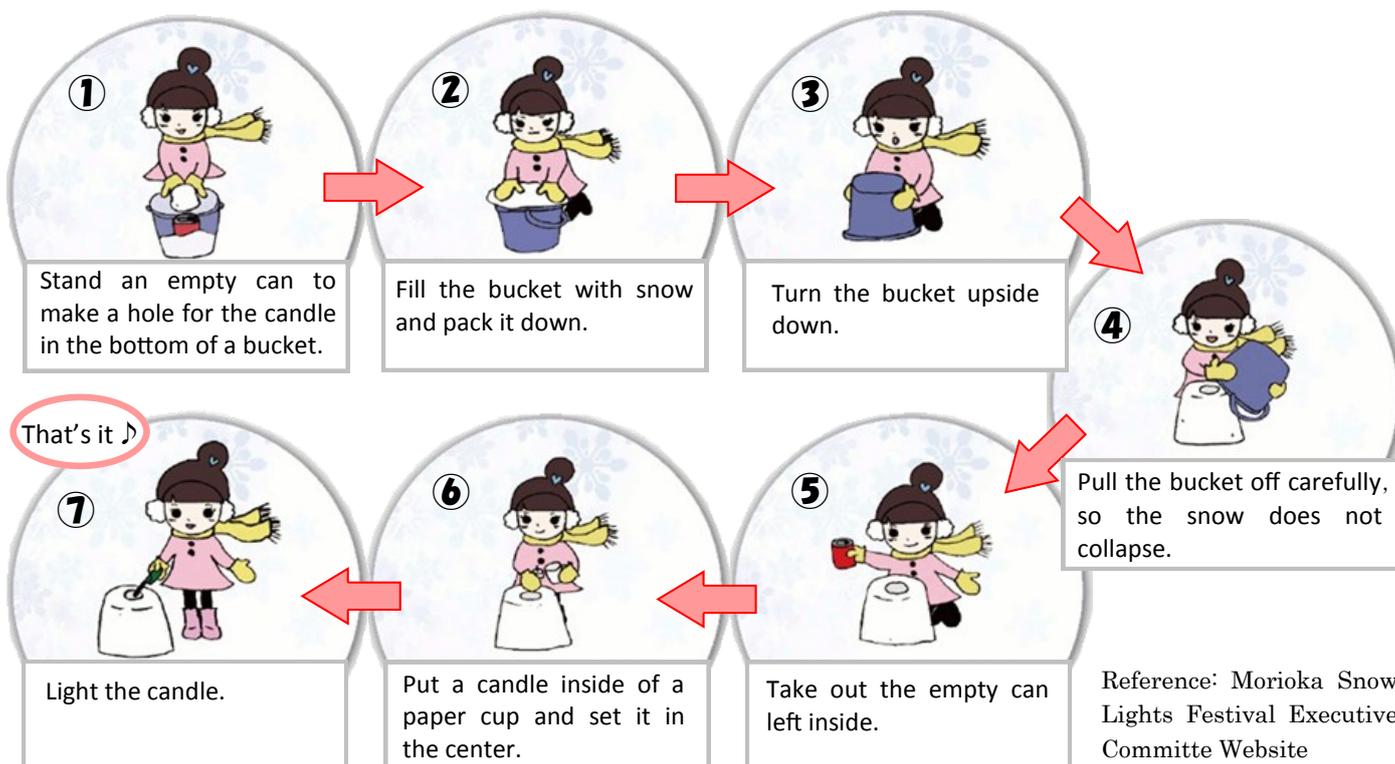


### The concept of 'Morioka Snow Lights Festival'

'Morioka Snow Lights Festival', which will be held for the 11<sup>th</sup> time this year, aims at making our town lively and promoting interaction between citizens and tourists with the assistance of citizen groups and volunteer groups. This event was started in order to show the 'warmth of the community' on a winter night in Morioka, the coldest city in Honshu (the main island of Japan) by illuminating hand-made snow statues with 'snow candles'.



### How to make a snow candle ♪



☆☆☆Information about 'Morioka Snow Lights Festival 2015' ☆☆☆

**【Date and time】** February 12 (Thu.) ~14 (Sat.) 2015  
17 : 00~20 : 00

For more details, please go to the following Morioka Snow Lights Festival Executive Committee website.  
■<http://www.odette.or.jp/moriokayukiakari/>

**【Venues】** Main Venues : Morioka Castle Ruins Park and Morioka History and Culture Museum  
Sub Venues : Taki no Hiroba in Morioka Station, Moss, Plaza Odette, Iwate Prefecture Public Hall, Morioka Machiya Story House, the area around the Morioka Fureai Riding Hall (13<sup>th</sup> ~14<sup>th</sup>) , Hikagemon Snow Lights 2015, Yukimi Café & Snow Lights (Higashi Odori), Kawatoku (Saien Dori) , the precinct of Morioka Hachiman-gu Shrine (13<sup>th</sup> ~14<sup>th</sup>)

**【Art Contest】** The best snow statue will be decided by your vote. (Voting day; Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>.)

**【Stamp Rally】** The Stamp Rally will be held at a total of 12 sites at the Main and other venues. Participants will receive a present depending on the number of stamps collected.

**【Events】**

■Opening Event

Lighting Ceremony. Performance of Iwate Marugoto Omotenashi Tai.

Date and Time: February 12<sup>th</sup> (Thu.) 18 : 00~

Venue: Morioka History and Culture Museum

■Valentine Event

Gift of 'Choppiri Choco' (a little bit of chocolate) from Iwate Marugoto Omotenashi Tai, etc.

Date and Time: February 14 (Sat.) 18 : 00~

Venue: Morioka Castle Ruins Park

Would you like to light a message candle?



Theme; 'Let's show our thanks♥'

Would you like to light your message candle in the big snow lights in front of Morioka History and Culture Museum? For someone close to you or far away, candle light illuminates the feeling of gratitude you write on a paper cup, words that perhaps you do not usually say it to the person



very often. Why don't you show your thanks with warm candle light by coming here with the person to whom you want to express your appreciation or send a picture of it to the person far away from here? (Message candle sets are on sale at the venue: price ¥100)

Volunteer Supporters are wanted

We need volunteers who can support the 'Morioka Snow Lights Festival 2015'. Volunteer staff will carry out activities like making snow statues or snow candles, and be one of the staff members at the venues to light the candles etc.

**【Term of Activity】** February 10 (Tue.) ~15 (Sun.)

You can choose the time: afternoon/night/clearing up after the event.

**【Briefing session】** Date: February 4<sup>th</sup> (Wed.) / Time: 18:00~ /

Place: Main Conference Room, 3F at Plaza Odette.

**【For more information】** Tourism Division, Morioka City Hall, Tel.019-651-4111 (Ext. 3726)