



The 42nd Bon Odori 2018



Date : 21st Jul 2018 (Sat)
Gates open : 4:30pm
Venue : Kompleks Sukan Negara Shah Alam (Panasonic)
 Lot 4, Persiaran Perkilangan, Section 21, Shah Alam

OPEN TO PUBLIC / FREE ADMISSION

ORGANISERS

The Japan Club of Kuala Lumpur
 The Japanese School of Kuala Lumpur
 Embassy of Japan

IN CO-OPERATION WITH (BY ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Alumni Look East Policy Society (ALEPS)
 Japan Graduates' Association of Malaysia (JAGAM)
 The Japanese Chamber of Trade & Industry, Malaysia
 Tourism Selangor Sdn Bhd

SUPPORTED BY-

The State Government of Selangor
 Invest Selangor Berhad



**Do not sit on the ground !!
 Dance with us!!!**

**Please do NOT
 wear High Heels!**

**Sale of Alcohol
 NOT allowed!**

**Baggage CHECKS may
 be CARRIED OUT!**

**Drones strictly
 PROHIBITED!**

NO SMOKING PLEASE!

**Let's Go GREEN!
 Please bring your own
 FOOD CONTAINERS!**

Note:

- ① The organisers of the Bon Odori Festival will not be held responsible for any injuries that might occur during the event
- ② Hazardous items and items that can be used as/or mistaken as weapons are also not allowed.
 Please refrain from bringing any such items to the venue.

PROGRAMME (Tentative)

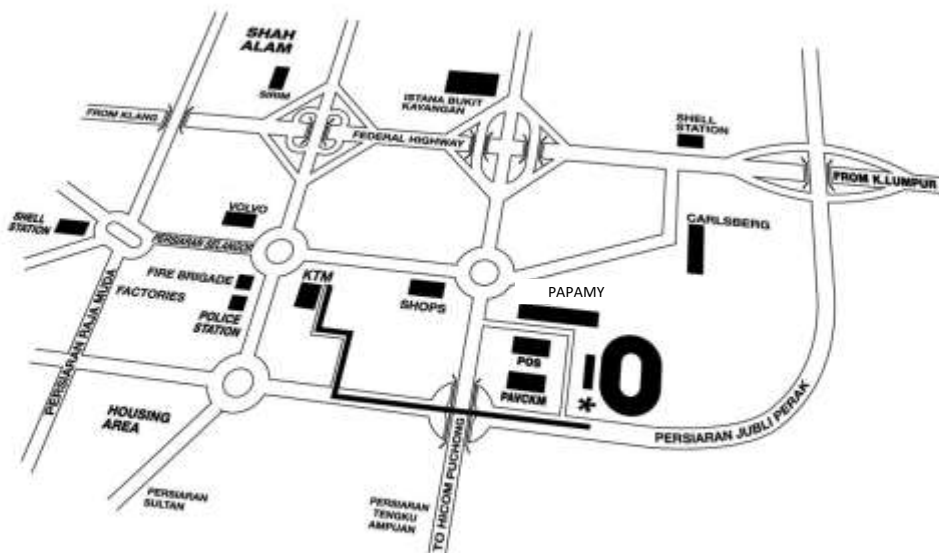
- 16:30 Gates Open
- 19:00 Opening – Drum Performance by Japanese School Students
- 19:10 Opening Address by the Organizing Chairman
- 19:15 Bon Odori Dance – Part 1
- 19:45 Dance Performance by Japanese Hogaku Association
- 20:00 Bon Odori Dance – Part 2
- 20:30 Guest Drum Performance “WaDaiko” / Selangor Cultural Dance
- 21:00 Bon Odori Dance – Part 3
- 21:30 Closing – Drum Performance by Japanese School Students and Closing Address
- 21:35 End

History of Bon Odori in Malaysia

What started out as a small affair for Japanese expatriates to immerse their children in Japanese culture in 1976 has now grown into a much awaited annual event that averages 35,000 participants annually. It is the single largest Japanese Cultural Event in Malaysia and is possibly the largest Bon Odori festival in the world outside Japan. The annual Bon Odori celebration in Malaysia is an effort to promote and strengthen cultural ties between Malaysia and Japan as well as to showcase Japanese culture to Malaysians.

How To Get To The Bon Odori Festival

The Bon Odori event is held at the Kompleks Sukan Negara (the former Panasonic Sports Complex) Shah Alam, and **due to insufficient parking space**, the organisers are providing free shuttle bus services to and from the KTM “Shah Alam” Station (Section 19, Shah Alam) from **4pm till 11pm**.



You can also click [here](#) for Google Map or Waze directions to the Stadium!

TIP: To avoid massive jams and lack of parking space, do make use of the KTM Komuter and free Shuttle Bus service!

BON ODORI FAQs:-

TRANSPORTATION:

Q: What is the best way to get to the Bon Odori event at the Kompleks Sukan Negara Shah Alam?

A: You should take the KTM Komuter or leave your car at the Komuter Station, and make use of the Free Shuttle Bus service.

Q: At which Komuter station should I get off at?

A: You can get off at the KTM "**Shah Alam**" Station and our "**non-stop**" Shuttle Buses will be waiting to take you all the way to the main gate of the stadium.



Q: Which is the right Shuttle Bus?

A: Don't worry! You will be able to recognise the Bon Odori Shuttle Buses by a colourful Bon Odori banner hung in front of all shuttle buses heading to the event area!

PARKING:

Q: Where should I park?

A: As there is limited parking space available around the stadium, we truly do not advise you to drive but instead, **take the Bon Odori free Shuttle Bus services!**



MAIN EVENT:

Q: What is the programme like?

A: At the Bon Odori festival, you can expect amazing festivities such as food stalls, games and participants from all walks of life. Of course, the main attraction is the Bon Odori which is the Japanese cultural dance. All participants are welcome to dance together and there will also be a few guest performances!

APPROPRIATE CLOTHING

Q: What should I wear to the Bon Odori festival?

A: Traditionally, participants wear *yukata*, or light cotton kimonos so do wear them if you have one! Otherwise, light t-shirts and pants with sandals or sneakers will be fine!

TIP: Do not wear heels as the event is held on a synthetically-turfed field and you may damage the field!

Q: What else?

A: You may also want to apply sunblock and bring along mosquito repellent!

FOOD & DRINKS

Q: Is there food at the event?

A: Yes! We have a large variety of Japanese and local food, local snacks and also drinks sold at the venue.

TIP: Remember to drink lots of water at the event to avoid dehydration!

Q: Can I pay by cash or do I have to buy coupons in advance?

A: All vendors at the event accept only cash.



For questions and enquiries please contact 03-2274-2274 **up to 1.00pm** on the event day.

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