



1 Article : Spectacular Drone Show in Yokohama Rings in the New Year

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

At the drone show, around 1000 LED-fitted drones will form massive images of [iconic](#) characters like Tanjiro Kamado from the anime "Demon Slayer."

A special drone show featuring [iconic](#) characters from popular anime [is set to enchant](#) audiences during its five-day run on December 23, 24, and 29-31. The event will take place at Yokohama Hakkeijima Sea Paradise, an amusement park in Kanazawa, Yokohama.

At the event's press preview on December 6, approximately 1,000 drones fitted with LED lights danced across the night sky. They created images of characters from Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba and the Ultraman franchise. Each luminous image spanned an impressive 150 meters in height and 100 meters in width, bringing to life the famous characters in a vibrant array of colors.

Hiroyoshi Uruma, the director [oversee](#)ing the production, shared his aspirations for the event. "I hope families and friends will come together to create delightful memories as they [gaze upon](#) the starry sky," he beamed.

Source : Spectacular Drone Show in Yokohama Rings in the New Year
[JAPAN Forward](#)

2 Key phrases and vocabulary

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

1. **iconic** 象徴的な

The Eiffel Tower in Paris is an **iconic** landmark that many people recognize.

2. **be set to** ~することになっている

The new movie **is set to** release in theaters next month.

3. **enchant** (人を) 魅了する、うっとりさせる、大いに喜ばせる

The fairy tale **enchanted** us with its charming prince and princess.

4. **oversee** (人や仕事を) 監督・監視する、隠れてこっそり見る

The manager will **oversee** the project to make sure everything goes smoothly.

5. **gaze upon** ~を見つめる・じっと見る・眺める、~に目を据える

We climbed the hill to **gaze upon** the beautiful sunset over the city.

3 Questions

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. How many drones with LED lights participated in the press preview?
2. Which popular anime characters were featured in the drone show?
3. Have you ever attended a special event featuring drones or light shows?
4. If you had the opportunity to organize a drone show, which anime characters or themes would you choose?
5. In your opinion, why might amusement parks choose to incorporate special events like drone shows?

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**日本語関連記事：
夜空を彩るドローンショー 横浜・八景島シーパラダイス**

横浜・八景島シーパラダイス（横浜市金沢区）で、人気アニメ「鬼滅の刃」や「ウルトラマン」などを夜空に描くドローンショーが、12月下旬のイベント開催を前に報道陣に公開された。

LEDライトを搭載した約1千機のドローンが、高さ約150メートル、横幅約100メートルにわたって上空を舞い、色とりどりにキャラクターを再現した。

総合演出を手掛けた潤間大仁さん（47）は「家族や友人と一緒に星空を見上げて素敵な思い出を作ってもらえれば」と話した。

ドローンショーは「STAR DANCE in 横浜・八景島シーパラダイス」として、12月23、24、29～31日の計5日間行われる。観覧には事前予約が必要。