

Moominvalley Park's Umbrella Display Brightens Rainy Days

どんよりとした天気が続く梅雨の時期。雨の日は外に出かけるのがなかなか億劫になりますが、あえて雨の日に行ってみたい展示が埼玉県で開催されました。色鮮やかな傘がつるされたこの展示はどんな天気でも楽しめるようになっているようです。



1. Article

Read the following article aloud.

Moominvalley Park in Iruma, Saitama Prefecture, is a theme park [inspired](#) by the popular characters created by Finnish writer and illustrator Tove Jansson. The Moomins and Finnish culture enjoy [immense popularity](#) in Japan, with Moominvalley Park the first Moomin theme park outside of Finland.

[Coinciding](#) with the rainy season, the park is hosting a special [exhibition](#) featuring 1,000 umbrellas until July 7. This outdoor display, now in its fifth year, spans approximately 200 meters along the park's pathways. According to a park spokesperson, the [interplay](#) of light filtering through the pink umbrellas creates various hues, promising a delightful experience for visitors regardless of the weather.

An office worker visiting with his family from Chiba Prefecture expressed his delight, saying, "I've always wanted to see this [exhibition](#). The arrangement of the umbrellas is beautiful."

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2. Key phrases and vocabulary

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

1. inspired 触発された

The novel was **inspired** by his own experiences.

2. immense popularity 大人気

The actor's **immense popularity** is evident in his large fan base.

3. coincide 一致する

The timing of the announcement was made to **coincide** with the company's 50th anniversary.

4. exhibition 展示会

The **exhibition** will run until the end of the month.

5. interplay 相互作用

The **interplay** between the actors was one of the highlights of the play.

3. Questions

Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. What is Moominvalley Park inspired by?
2. Where is the first Moomin theme park outside of Finland located?
3. What did the office worker from Chiba Prefecture say about the exhibition?
4. Are you familiar with the Moomins or any other elements of Finnish culture?
5. Have you ever attended an exhibition that coincided with a particular season or event?

4. 日本語関連記事： 見上げると傘がいっぱい 埼玉・飯能「ムーミンバレーパーク」

約1000本の傘がつるされ空を彩る「アンブレラスカイ」が埼玉県飯能市のテーマパーク「ムーミンバレーパーク」で開催され、来場者の目を楽しませている。

今年で5回目となる屋外展示。赤やピンクなど約1000本の傘が、園内の通路約200メートルにわたりずらりとつるされている。天気によって傘を通した光の入り方が異なり、「どの天候でも楽しむことができる」と担当者は話す。

千葉県印西市から家族で訪れた会社員の男性（37）は「ずっとこの展示に来たいと思っていた。傘の並びがきれいですね」と笑顔で話した。