## Hakata Traditional Performing Arts Centre Event



Fukuoka minyou buyou Shiki no kai

Game with geigi (お座敷遊び体験)

## 🗭 『博多芸妓 Hakata Geigi』

The Japanese term for the office in which geigi (female Japanese entertainers) are hired is kenban. These offices are located all over the country, but the recent decline in the number of geisha has resulted in fewer requests for their services. The first kenban in Hakata opened in 1889, and by the early 20th century there were five of them here. During this heyday there were over 2,000 registered geigi in Hakata, but now there are only 18, ranging in age from their teens to their 80s. The work of a geisha involves more than just appearing at private parties.

They also participate in the Hakata Dontaku Minato Festival in May. On the 3rd and 4th they perform on shamisen and taiko drums, and sing and dance on stages located throughout Hakata. A jikata is a geigi who specializes in singing and playing musical instruments.

A tachikata is a geigi who specializes in dancing.



## 『福岡民踊舞踊四季の会 Fukuoka minyou buyou Shiki no kai』

Fukuoka minyou buyou shiki no kai was established in 1965.

It is a traditional dance team in Fukuoka.

They have visited overseas (The United States, France, Italy, Korea, China etc...) in order to advertise Hakata Dontaku Minato festival from 1968. They showed a dance performance at each country. There are about 300 members from children to adults.



MAP of Hakata Traditional Performing Arts Centre

