



Japan Screen Topics

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MARATHON EN MASSE

99 feet 2 min. 45 sec.

1. (FEET) Many of the world's cities stage marathon races. Still... there never has been a marathon in history quite like the one held in February in Ome, a suburb of Tokyo. The jogging boom of the 1970's has provided Japan with an army of amateur marathon runners. More than twelve thousand of them crowded into Ome to take part this year.
2. (START) Here's how it looked when 9,000 runners started the main 30 kilometer event. There was also a 10 kilometer course for senior citizens, youngsters and women. This was the twelfth year Ome has staged a marathon. The first one back in 1967 attracted only 337 runners.
3. (LONG SHOT) The pace was brisk at the start, but the runners spread out as the course began to take its toll. Every entry had to take a physical examination before the race... and there were no casualties.
(POLICEMEN) About 250 policemen patrolled the route to keep cars away from the athletes.
(POST) ... And here they round the half-way mark.
4. (WOMEN IN RED) About 3,300 runners took part in the shorter 10 kilometer event... and many were women.
(OLD MAN) Senior citizens were urged on by the cheering, flag waving crowds.

5. (FINISH) Japan's Morio Suzuki won the main event, followed by Yutaka Taketomi. America's Gary Tuttle was third... in the largest mass marathon in history.

RESTAURANT ZOO

54 feet 1 min. 30 sec.

1. (SIGN) An invitation to dine with your favorite animal is the attraction offered by an unusual restaurant opened recently at a small animal farm near the city of Nagoya.

2. (CHILD EATING) Children love this restaurant because many of the farm's animals are popular performers in television shows and movies.

The famous beasts can be seen from the dining room, separated from the customers by glass walls. The walls safeguard the restaurant from odors and sanitation problems. The restaurant has seats for about 80 guests.

At any given time, about 20 of the animals kept at the farm are likely to be on display.

3. (LION CUB) After their meals, diners can walk up and meet the animals face to face.

4. (GIRL & GORILLA) This attendant learned that the way to a gorilla's heart goes through his stomach.

(LION) Not so many people are in a hurry to socialize with this grown lion. Lions... perhaps... are best appreciated at a distance.

(LEOPARD) A lonely leopard shows off his spots....

5. (MONKEY UPSIDE DOWN) Viewing the world upside down, Mr. Monkey says goodbye as we end our dinner at Nagoya's restaurant zoo.

NARITA--NEW GATEWAY TO JAPAN

169 feet 4 min. 42 sec.

1. (MAP) The 1,000 year old city of Narita becomes the gateway to Japan when Tokyo's new international airport goes into use there March 30th. It will open up a new era for this ancient community, whose Monzencho, or old quarter, still retains many traditional buildings.

2. (TEMPLE) Located 60 kilometers northeast of Tokyo, Narita was originally built around the Shinshoji Buddhist Temple... still a popular place for prayers and burning of incense to Buddhist dieties.

3. (CROWD) Thousands of people come to the temple in February for its setsubun festival on the day before the start of spring by the old Japanese calendar. Following a colorful tradition, they throw beans to drive away the evil spirits of winter.

(LARGE MAN) Actors and athletes such as Hawaiian sumo wrestler Jesse Kuhaulua are among the guests of honor.

4. (POND) Narita has often been called "one of the kitchens of Tokyo." It abounds in commercial flower gardens, and fruit and vegetable farms.

5. (AIRPORT) On its 4,000 meter runway, the new international airport will handle the 150 daily international flights formerly operated at the old Tokyo international airport at Haneda. Its 1,065 hectare area makes it about three times the size of the old airport.

6. (TERMINAL BUILDING) For travelers, the centerpiece of the airport is the modernistic terminal building, with its spacious departure lounge. The final weeks before Narita airport opens are a time of intensive training for its corps of ground hostesses.

7. (SATELLITE TERMINALS) Travelers embark and debark in four circular satellite terminals, linked by passages to the customs area. There is no busing of passengers to and from planes.

8. (CONTROL TOWER) Like the ground hostesses, the air control staff train intensively over a period of many months before the airport opens.

(COCKPIT) Over and over again, the controllers guide planes through practice landings.

9. (TRAIN) A new non-stop express train known as the "Skyliner" links Narita station near the airport with Tokyo's Ueno Station in one hour.

10. (HOTEL) Four modern hotels were constructed at the same time as the airport for stopover travelers.

The old and the new stand side by side at Narita, the city that has become the new gateway to Japan.

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