

## Sponsored IGO FESTIVAL 2015

SENKO Co., Ltd. sponsored and held “IGO FESTIVAL 2015” at “Crefeel Koto”, a road safety training facility (Higashi-Omi, Shiga) in the SENKO group on October 4, 2015. The festival started in 2006 in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of Crefeel Koto to “promote local cultural activities by the popularization of IGO” and this year is the nine time for the festival.

On the day, the festival had approximately 150 participants, including spectators from different generations from 6 to 89 years old. They played a teaching game with woman professional igo players including Yukari Yoshihara 6-dan, Akino Izawa 4-dan, Sayuri Tanemura 2-dan and Mieko Nakajima 2-dan invited as guests, and played a game by class in leagues according to their levels of strength.

In the teaching game, one professional igo player commented on the game in turn while the other three players played four games at once. A total of 48 participants from beginners to rank holders played a teaching game with professional players. In addition, important moments during the teaching game were projected on a large screen, on which professional players gave comments, and not only participants but also spectators enjoyed professional players’ technique and teaching.

The participants were classified into three classes by strength for a class-based game and 16 players each class (a total of 48 players) staged exciting games in a Swiss style league match.

At the end of the festival, woman professional igo players appeared on a talk show and a lottery was held to get their autographed books and cards. There were lots of enjoyable things that made igo fans participated in this festival feel happy.



From the left: Yoshihara 6-dan, Izawa 4-dan;  
Tanemura 2-dan; and Nakajima 2-dan



Picture of a teaching game