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Trainfest Welcomes Japanese Students

MILWAUKEE – Hard work pays off. Just ask the teenage winners of a fierce Japanese model train competition who will be in town for four days this fall to display their winning layout at Trainfest, America's Largest Operating Model Railroad Show, Nov. 11-12 at State Fair Park.

The all-girls team representing the Geographical History Department at Kyoritsu Girls' Senior High School in Tokyo received their free trip to Trainfest for designing and building the best detailed, miniature model railroad module among nearly 142 participating schools. The teams' module represents the autumn hues that beautifully color the spa town of Ikaho, which is combined with other towns to make up the city of Shibukawa.

The all-girls school is devoted to diverse "learning" and is described a healthy girl's school.

The students describe their display as a model made up of unique ideas related to women. The model is not only judged by general judges, but also judged by fellow students. Students being able to judge these displays is an honor as the module has a special meaning to each individual.

The students and their instructor will be joined by Ms. Yuriya Nakahara at Kato Japan, Mr. Yukito Teranishi at Rail Contest, and Mr. Hiroshi Terazaki at Rail Contest. The winners will be arriving in Milwaukee Thursday, November 9th and returning to Chicago on Monday, November 13th. The team will be presenting their beautiful module at Trainfest.

The competition and travel prize is sponsored by KATO USA's parent company, Sekisui Kinzoku Co., Ltd., headquartered in Tokyo. KATO USA is a 30 year old company in Schaumburg, Illinois known worldwide as one of the leading manufacturers of precision railroad products for the modeling community.

Trainfest is a family-friendly annual event offering activities and sights for every generation to enjoy. From the spectacular displays to a huge selection of workshops, the annual show features more than 50 running model railroads, along with many manufacturers and vendors that represent most of the industry, the chance to ride the MLES train, and over four football fields of train-filled fun.

Discounted advanced tickets are available at local hobby shops and online at www.trainfest.com until 11:59pm Nov. 10. Tickets are also available at the door.

About Trainfest

Trainfest, an almost 50 year old annual event, is America's largest operating model railroad show. The two-day public show attracts train hobbyists and families who come to see and learn more about the hobby of model railroading. Visitors experience nearly 70 remarkable operating railroads from Z to G scale, over 100 manufacturers and hobby dealers, plus artists, photography displays, historical displays, clinics, and on-site demonstrations. Trainfest is managed and sponsored by the Wisconsin Southeastern Division, Inc. of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA), a non-profit organization. Trainfest is held annually on the second weekend of November. For more information, visit www.trainfest.com.

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