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WINTER WRATH OF TATEYAMA PEAKS



The Tateyama Peaks are located in the northern part of the Northern Japan Alps, a cluster of summits famed for its collection of peaks that pierce the sky at over 3,000 meters.

From the vantage of Toyama Bay on the Sea of Japan, you can enjoy a breathtaking view of these towering snow-covered summits, solemnly glistening in the distance.



Seen from across the distant vantage of Toyama Bay, the Tateyama Peaks shine in the distance under the year's first snowfall. The lights of Toyama City can be seen to the lower left in the plains below the mountain range.



Gazing to the west from the Tateyama range, the Sea of Japan looms in the distance. In the foreground to the right is Murodo Terminal, where trolley buses deposit skiers after navigating the climb up the mountain through a series of mountain tunnels.

Since ancient times, the Japanese people have seen something sacred in these awe-inspiring peaks. The Tateyama range has one of Japan's "Three Holy Mountains," so called because the trio—the other two peaks being Mt. Fuji and Mt. Hakusan—have long been the subject of the Japanese mountain worship. At 3,015 meters high, Mt. Onanji is the tallest

of the three Tateyama Peaks, while the 3,003-meter Oyama is the range's principal peak. Oyama Shrine's main hall is located at Oyama's summit. A Shinto priest resides there during the summer season. In the past, the foot of the mountain was home to several lodging facilities for climbers and mountain worshippers.



A mountain lake on the Murodo Plateau surrounded by greenery in late fall. Sparsely covered in snow, the three peaks of the Tateyama range are reflected on the surface of the lake.



The ropeway ascending the Tateyama range affords gondola passengers a view of the reservoir behind the Kurobe Dam, which is located at an altitude of nearly 1,500 meters.

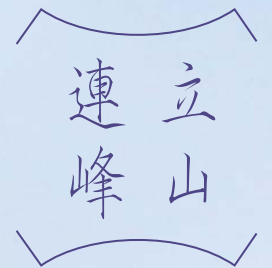


In April, as the area is gearing up for the tourist season rush, snow-clearing activities kick off to ensure that buses can travel the Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route.

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The opening in June 1971 of the Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route has resulted in a sea change in the local landscape, making it easy for visitors to reach the 2,450-meter Murodo Plateau by various means, including bus and cable car. Murodo is the base from which many climbers access the Tateyama Peaks. With time, the area has

been transformed into a major tourist spot. However, the Tateyama Mountains are known for receiving some of the heaviest snowfall in the world. There are a range of cirque valleys—formed by the merciless erosion imparted by glaciers—in these mountains, which are also popular for mountain skiers in spring.

