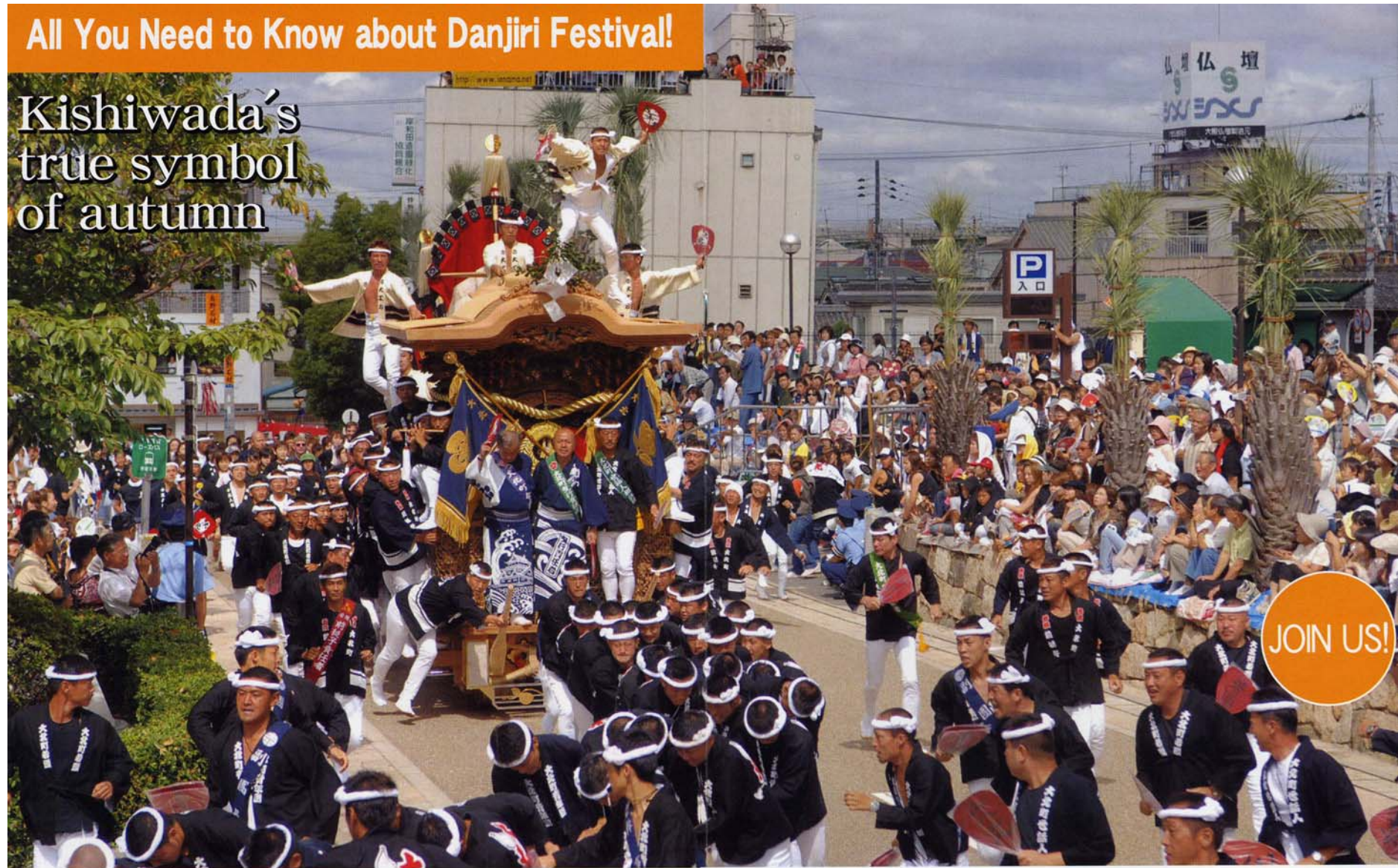


Kishiwada's true symbol of autumn



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It is said the origin of the famous Danjiri Festival today is the festival held by Nagayasu Okabe, the lord of Kishiwada castle at that time, 300 years ago wishing for a good harvest.

For Danjiri Festival, locals play traditional roles in their community, such as "Seinendan", "Kumi", "Wakagashira", "Sewanin". All the activities concerning with the festival are run by community members.

On the days of Danjiri festival in September, from sunrise to sunset, Danjiri- a large wooden float weighing 4tons - is pulled by excited locals wildly in speed. In the evening, Danjiri is nicely decorated with two hundred lanterns, and is slowly and elegantly paraded around.

In the two days of the festival, Kishiwada is crowded with more than half a million visitors.

A month later, in October, the hilly area holds the festival. You can see Danjiris paraded among the autumn crops.

