

YOU'RE UNDER ARREST DISC 13, EPISODES 49-52

File 49 - Inspector Kinoshita

"I'm sure you're all aware of...a recent wave of luxury car thefts." - Kinoshita

The National Police Agency of Japan reports that automobile thefts are on the rise in Japan totalling almost 56,000 in 2000. Over the past few years, an increase of up to 30% has been observed. These thefts have also been found to be a significant source of income for organized crime in Japan. Automobile insurance companies have stepped up to try and hinder these thefts by joining forces to create new anti-theft systems.

Here are some more stats provided by the National Police Agency of Japan:

Japanese Car Thefts

Year	Number Reported	Arrest %
1990	34,167	40.5%
1995	35,730	58.3%
1996	33,722	57.1%
1997	34,489	53.0%
1998	35,884	50.7%
1999	43,092	35.3%

File 50 - The Investigation at Bokuto Station

"You win!"

According to our in-house expert on Japan, who happens to be our boss, many vending machines have slot machine-like qualities like the one shown in this episode. In this instance, the winner receives a free drink. However, it seems hardly anyone ever really wins a free drink. We suggest sticking to other activities to try and get freebies, like getting on our mailing list and ordering stuff from us!

YUA Special - Diverting Traffic at the Beach

"Yahoo! This is Miku in a pareo." - Miku

A pareo (or pareu) is a rectangular piece of printed cloth worn as a wraparound skirt.

"I'm at the Shonan Seashore." - Miku

The Shonan seashore is a popular hangout for young folks, especially surfers, bikers, and other hipsters. It is one of the most accessible beaches for the Tokyo Metro area and is located in the Kanagawa prefecture. You can also get a good view of Mount Fuji from there. In the summer, it gets unbelievably crowded.

Another thing that makes this area popular is the Tanabata festival, which is held from July 4th

through the 8th in the Hiratsuka City part of Shonan. The Tanabata festival is a traditional event based on a romantic legend of two lovers (2 stars) in the vast galaxy. In 2002, it attracted 3,100,000 visitors from all over Japan. All this in a city that is normally only populated by 255,173.

Because the festival occurs during the last days of the rainy season, not many people actually make it over to the beach, except for crazy surfers! Shonan's beach season starts up around mid to late July through mid-September.

"A high-pressure system covers the Pacific Ocean side." - Miku

Time for a quick lesson on the climate of Japan. Japan has a very diverse climate which includes the four seasons and is mostly temperate. In the northern part of Japan (eg. Hokkaido area), it's generally dry with very cold winters and mild summers. In the southern part (eg. Okinawa region), it is more humid and subtropical with mild winters and long, hot summers. In the middle portion of Japan (eg. Tokyo Metro area), there is a nice balance of cold winters with occasional snow, hot or warm summers, and mild springs and autumns. There are, of course, exceptions like in the Niigata Prefecture region, on the Sea of Japan side in the upper middle portion of Japan, where snowfall can sometimes reach 10 feet. Japan's rainy season usually occurs from June to early July although it does rain year round. Typhoons, which rarely last more than a day, usually occur in September or October.

"Today, Rte 134 is congested from around Chigasaki for 10 kilometers..." - Yukari
Chigasaki is another city in the Shonan area with its own beach.

A Note about the Songs

The songs in the special episode are different than in the regular episodes. We decided to use these newer songs because we wanted to preserve the way this special "You're Under Arrest" originally aired on TV in Japan. The Japanese video release of this special, however, contained the usual "Love Somebody" opening and "Looking Up To The Sky" ending songs.