Japanese Festival Quiz
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What do people wear on their head when they carry omikoshi portable shrines?

① hachimaki
② tasuki
③ fukin
④ obi
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What is not allowed when you look at omikoshi portable shrines?

① watch from a high place
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Which is the common rhythm of “tejime” (ceremonial rhythmic hand clapping) performed at occasions such as festivals?

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① swimming costume
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Which word was the origin of "dontaku" of the "Hakata Dontaku" Festival in Fukuoka?

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