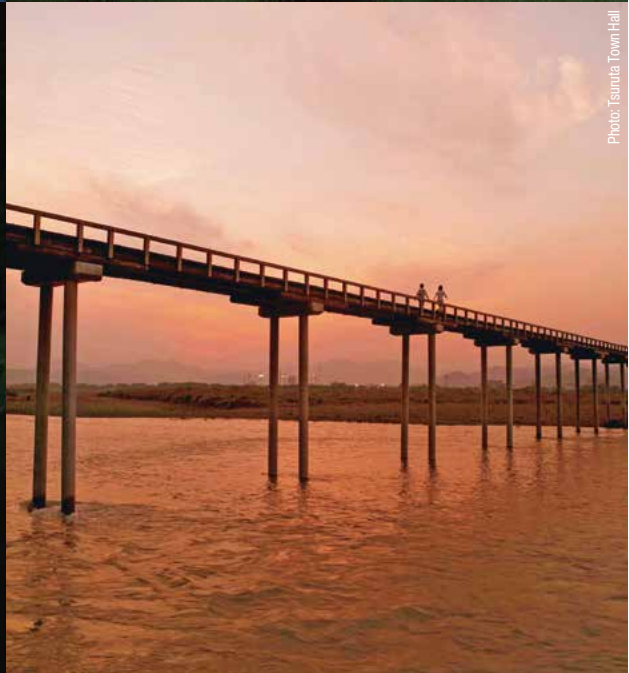
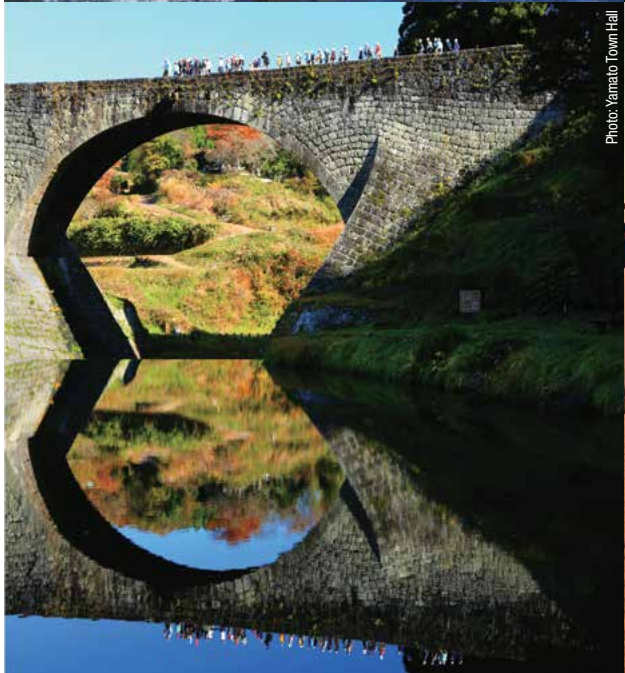
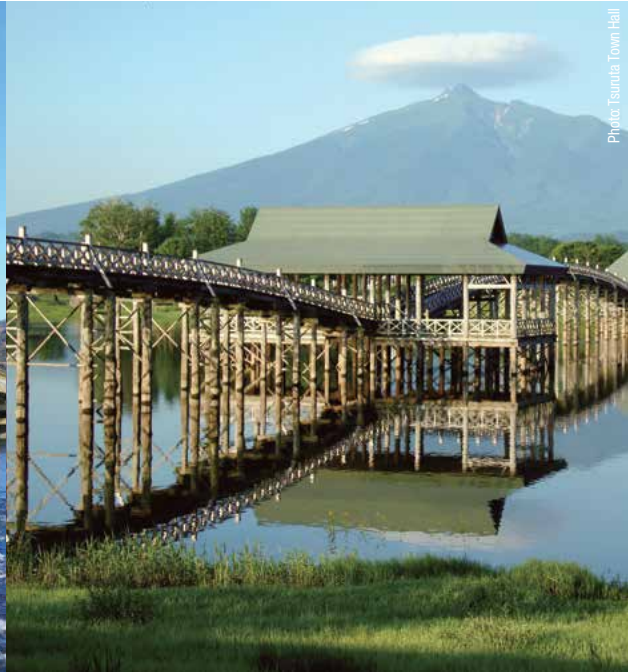
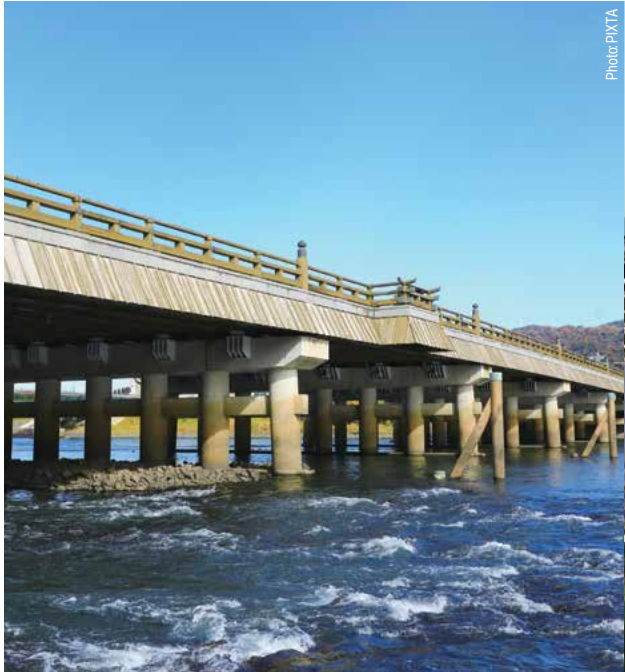


FEATURES

Bridges of Japan <Part 1>



Above left: This Japanese-style *sori-hash*i arched bridge is 101.8 meters long and 8.4 meters wide.

Above right: Every 100 meters, at the foot of each arch, there are *azumaya* stages.

Below left: The top of the bridge is also open for visitors to enjoy the view.

Below right: The structure of the bridge was inspired by a desire to pass down to the next generation the warm ambience of wood.

Japan has a long history of building wooden bridges. In modern times, stones have also been used skillfully to build bridges. In this month's *Highlighting Japan*, we present various bridges built in traditional Japanese styles, sharing their history and telling their stories. Meanwhile, we also introduce bridges depicted in ukiyo-e art and unique Japanese perceptions of bridges.

