Weather in Japan \sim Snow Cover, Snowfall, and Snowstorm \sim

OSekisetsu (snow cover), kosetsu (snowfall)

Sekisetsu refers to snow that has accumulated naturally and also the amount of snow that has accumulated on the ground surface. Kosetsu refers to the fall of snow, and the amount of snow that has fallen during a given timeframe. Japan is known as one of the most famous snow countries in the world, and Mt. Ibukiyama, straddling the border of Shiga and Gifu Prefectures, holds the world record for the greatest snow cover (11.82 meters, 1927) and daily snowfall (2.3 meters, 1975).

○Fubuki (snowstorm)

Fubuki is a snowstorm generally marked by strong winds that blow so much falling and accumulated snow up into the air that visibility is significantly reduced. When snow is not falling during this type of storm, it is referred to as a jifubuki (ground snowstorm). In extreme cases, both types of snowstorms can cause a whiteout, which reduces visibility to near zero and severely disrupts transportation systems. According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, fubuki are accompanied by winds of more than 10 m/s, and mofubuki (severe snowstorms) are accompanied by winds of more than 15 m/s. Snowstorms with wind speeds of less than 10 m/s are called fusetsu (literally, wind and snow).

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○吹雪

吹雪とは、一般に降っている雪や積もった雪が強風によって空中に舞い上げられて見通しがきかない状態のことをいいます。他方、筒じ状態でも雪が降っていない場合を地吹雪といいます。いずれも極端な場合にはボワイトアウトと呼ばれる視界すべてが真っ白となる状態になり、交通機関に多大な影響が出ることがあります。ちなみに、気象庁では風速10m/s以上を吹雪、それ以下を風雪、15m/s以上を猛吹雪と呼んでいます。