Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area (KCCUA) Introductory Pamphlet

#### SUSTAINABLE GOALS

Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area (Koriyama, Sukagawa, Nihonmatsu, Tamura, Motomiya, Otama, Kagamiishi, Ten'ei, Bandai, Inawashiro, Ishikawa, Tamakawa, Hirata, Asakawa, Furudono, Miharu, Ono)

## ONE TEAM<sup>17</sup>



Seventeen municipalities working together as a team to revitalize Fukushima

Prefecture.

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- An R&D cluster that capitalizes
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- b High-quality healthcare that ensures peace of mind and well-being
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#### The 17 Municipalities

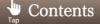
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## ONE TEAM17

"Strengthen, support and help each other. We are actively striving to solve social issues and create sustainability by working together as a team."



The Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area (or KCCUA for short) comprises 17 municipalities in central Fukushima. Our goal is to create a sustainable, safe and healthy area that is able to respond to social issues such as climate change, disaster management and well-being. Our motto is "strengthen, support and help each other."



## City of Koriyama

"Towards a brighter future—uniting hopes and dreams."





Koriyama Nunobiki Plateau "Kaze no Kogen" Nunobiki Plateau offers a breathtaking view of Lake Inawashiro and the surrounding mountains. The countless sunflowers and towering wind turbines on the plateau cause an interesting contrast.

## City of Sukagawa

"Building our ideal city together."



City of Sukagawa Website



#### Sukagawa Peony Garden

The Sukagawa Peony Garden is the only peony garden in Japan that is designated a Place of Scenic Beauty.

## City of Nihonmatsu

"A city filled with happy smiles."



City of Nihonmatsu Website



#### Nihonmatsu Chrysanthemum Festival

The Nihonmatsu Chrysanthemum Festival is a traditional celebration of chrysanthemums and is held at Kasumigajo Park near the ruins of Nihonmatsu Castle (a National Historic Site).

## City of Tamura

"A city full of excitement, nature and challenges."



City of Tamura Website



**Tamura Irimizu Limestone Cave** A cave full of adventure and one of the Natural Monuments of Japan.

## City of Motomiya

"A shining city full of happy people."



City of Motomiya Website



Motomiya Light Fantasia A colorful light display held at Mizuiro Park.

## Village of Otama

"A small, yet beautiful village."



Village of Otama Website



Weeping Cherry Tree at Sooji Temple
This weeping cherry tree is estimated to be 350 years old.

## Town of Kagamiishi

"Moving forward with peace of mind and in good health."



Town of Kagamiishi Website



#### Kagamiishi Rice Field Art

This piece of art is made by carefully planting rice plants in a pattern and is based on the concept "a picture book seen through a window."

## Village of Ten'ei

"Living together with nature and working towards a brighter future."



Village of Ten'ei Website



Mt. Futamata and golden rice fields. With a height of 1,544 meters, Mt. Futamata is known as the symbol of Ten'ei. The golden rice fields are a stunning sight to behold.

## Town of Bandai

"Building a town that future generations will want to live in."



Town of Bandai Website



#### Crape Myrtle Tree at Tourist Information Center "Shokurotei"

"Shokurotei" is an old traditional house that has been renovated into a tourist information center. The Crape Myrtle tree next to the house is known for its vivid blossoms.

## Town of Inawashiro

"Building a community where everyone can live comfortably."



Town of Inawashire Website



#### Mt. Bandai

One of the "One Hundred Mountains of Japan.' Also known as the Mt. Fuji of Aizu.

## Town of Ishikawa

"Building a town full of happiness together."



Town of Ishikawa Website



#### Iwatsutsukowake Shrine Festival

A festival where brightly-colored floats and portable Shinto shrines are paraded around town. The festival has been held for over 900 years.

## Village of Tamakawa

"Building a cheerful village with a bright future."



Village of Tamakawa Website



#### Hardy Kiwi

A fruit full of vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients.

## Village of Hirata

"A healthy and cozy highland village surrounded by nature."



Village of Hirata Website



Hirata Flower Fields "Jupeerland Hirata" Over 250,000 moss phlox flowers cover the fields of Jupeerland Hirata, creating a colorful landscape.

## Village of Asakawa

"A happy town where people live in comfort."



Village of Asakawa Website



#### Asakawa Fireworks Show

A colorful spectacle held near Mt. Shiroyama that features local fireworks such as "Okarakuri" and "Jiraika."

## Town of Furudono

"A town where people will always be able to live in good health."



Town of Furudono Website



#### Yabusame

A type of mounted archery that has it origins at the beginning of the Kamakura period (1185-1333).

## Town of Miharu

"Nature, history, culture, and well-being—building a comfortable town together."



Town of Miharu Website



#### Miharu Takizakura Weeping Cherry Tree

The Miharu Takizakura is estimated to be more than a 1,000 years old. This Natural Monument is known as one of the "Three Great Cherry Trees of Japan."

## Town of Ono

"Working together to build a town where people live happily."



Town of Ono Website



#### Licca Castle

The only factory in Japan where the Licca-chan doll is made.

#### Advantages of the KCCUA

# An R&D cluster that capitalizes on the region's accessibility

Improving working conditions and living environments

The KCCUA lies in the center of Fukushima and is connected to the Tohoku Expressway and Ban'etsu Expressway. The Tohoku Shinkansen, Tohoku Line, Ban'etsu East Line and Ban'etsu West Line that also run through the KCCUA, as well as Fukushima Airport, allow for quick and convenient travel to Tokyo and other parts of the country. As a result of its accessibility, the KCCUA is home to many companies, cutting-edge research institutions and industrial support organizations, leading to a developed R&D cluster.





# Institutions and Industrial Support Organizations

The KCCUA is home to more than 20 institutions and organizations that specialize in fields such as environment, renewable energy, medical device development and agriculture.

#### Capable and Talented People



**6,364** University Students

(as of 05/11/2022) (Fukushima Prefectural Board of Education Statistical Abstract)



15,517 High School Students

(School Year 2022/2023) (Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Division Basic School Survey Report)





Fukushima Medical Device Development Support Centre (Koriyama)



Industrial Technology Institute Fukushima Prefectual Government (Koriyama)



JETRO Fukushima (Koriyama)



Fukushima Renewable Energy Institute, AIST (FREA) (Koriyama)



Fukushima Agricultural Technology Centre (Koriyama)



Koriyama Technopolis Manufacturing Incubation Center (Koriyama)



JICA Nihonmatsu (Nihonmatsu)



Inawashiro Aquatic Environment Centre (Inawashiro)



Fukushima Prefectural Inland Water Fisheries Experimental Station (Inawashiro)



Wildlife Symbiosis Centre (Otama)



 NIES Fukushima Regional Collaborative Research Center

- Sector of Fukushima
   Research and Development,
   Japan Atomic Energy
   Agency
- S.Fukushima Prefectural
   Centre for Environmental
   Creation Research Building
   (Miharu)



#### Advantages of the KCCUA

#### A strong industrial cluster that drives economic growth and development

#### Boosting the local economy by forming an industrial cluster

During the early Meiji era (1868–1912) the Asaka Canal was constructed in Koriyama. With the Asaka Canal the area gained access to a large amount of electricity as a result of hydroelectric power generation, and this electricity was shared with textile and chemical factories, leading to a massive growth of industries.

Now the second largest industrial cluster in Tohoku, the KCCUA is home to a large number of private manufacturing, wholesale and retail companies.

These companies are sided by the many research.

These companies are aided by the many research institutions and support organizations in the area, and the municipalities are working together on various initiatives to revitalize the area even further.



The Gross Municipal Income and Gross Municipal Product of the KCCUA make up roughly a third of the prefecture's.

**Gross Municipal Income** 

¥1,742 billion

(Prefecture: ¥5,193 billion)

Gross Municipal Product **¥2,499** billion

(Prefecture: ¥7,829 billion)

(based on the 2020 Fukushima Prefecture Annual Report of Municipal Accounts by the Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Div.)





#### Annual Sales Value (Commerce)

Total Value of

#### Manufactured Goods Shipments (Industry)

¥1,884 billion

(based on the 2023 Economic Census of Fukushima Prefecture)

¥1,741 billion (based on the "2021 Industry in Fukushima Prefecture," Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Div.)



(Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area Vision)



#### **Agricultural Output** ¥66 billion

(2021 Agricultural Output by Municipality (Projected), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)



farms

(2020 Agriculture and Forestry Census, Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Div.)

"A well-developed industrial cluster in Tohoku with many industrial support organizations."

26,579
Private Companies

(2021 Economic Census, Fukushima Prefecture)





6,556
Wholesale &
Retail Companies



3,561 Construction Firms



2,129
Manufacturing
Companies



731
Transport and
Delivery Companies



472
Financial
Companies



165
Telecommunication
Companies

#### Advantages of the KCCUA

High-quality healthcare that ensures peace of mind and well-being

Living with peace of mind

## Healthcare in the KCCUA

In addition to the large number of hospitals, clinics and dental clinics in the KCCUA, specialists and emergency medical services ensure that patients receive the care they need to stay healthy.



#### **Emergency care**

#### Tertiary Emergency Care

#### Koriyama:

Ohta Nishinouchi Hospital Critical Care Center

#### Secondary Emergency Care

Koriyama: Jusendo General Hospital, Hoshi General Hospital, Ohta Nishinouchi Hospital, Imaizumi Nishi Hospital, Tsuboi Hospital, Ohta Atami Hospital, Southern Tohoku General Hospital, Kuwano Kyoritsu Hospital, Satoh Gastrointestinal Division Hospital

Sukagawa: Sukagawa Hospital, Iwase General

Hospital, Ikeda Kinen Hospital **Tamura**: Tamura Municipal Hospital

Nihonmatsu: Masu Memorial Hospital, Nihonmatsu

Hospital, Masu Hospital **Motomiya**: Tani Hospital **Miharu**: Miharu Hospital **Hirata**: Hirata Central Hospital

#### Primary Emergency Care

Koriyama: Koriyama Medical Association After-Hours Care System, Koriyama Holiday & Nighttime Medical

**Emergency Center** 

Sukagawa: Sukagawa Regional Holiday & Nighttime

Emergency Care Clinic

Tamura: Tamura Medical Association After-Hours Care System, Tamura Area Night Clinic

Nihonmatsu, Motomiya, Otama:

Adachi Medical Association After-Hours Care System Ishikawa, Tamakawa, Hirata, Asakawa, Furudono: Ishikawa County Medical Association After-Hours Care System

Miharu, Ono:

Tamura Medical Association After-Hours Care System

#### A living environment with great healthcare

#### 777 Hospitals, Clinics and Dental Clinics



More information



Hospitals





# A third of the hospital beds in the prefecture

8,234
Beds
(Hospitals and Clinics)

(as of 10/01/2022 based on the "Survey of Medical Institutions" of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)



More information

Number of beds per 100,000 residents	Hospital beds	Clinic beds
National average	1195	64
Koriyama	1696	62
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(as of 10/01/2022 based on the "Survey of Medical Institutions" of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)



7,913 Hospital beds

(Prefecture: 24,081)



321 Clinic beds

(Prefecture: 1,007)



Ohta Nishinouchi Hospital (Koriyama)



lwase General Hospital (Sukagawa)



(Nihonmatsu)



Hirata Central Hospital (Hirata)



List of websites

## Advantages of the KCCUA

# Educational institutions that specialize in a wide variety of fields

Safe and supportive learning environments

Education in the

KCCUA

With many universities, colleges and schools that specialize in a wide variety of fields, the KCCUA can provide a well-rounded education for students with different interests. The KCCUA is also undertaking initiatives based on public-private partnerships with national and prefectural research and academic institutions, companies, and organizations.



# Effective learning environments

# 233 Educational Institutions

(Elementary schools, junior high schools, compulsory education schools, high schools and universities)

(as of 05/01/2022 based on the "Basic School Survey Report (Basic School Statistic School Year 2022)" of the Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Division and the "Statistical Abstract" of the Fukushima Prefectural Board of Education)





133 Elementary Schools



66 Junior High Schools



Compulsory Education Schools



27 High Schools



Universities
(including junior colleges)

## Universities and Vocational Schools

## Koriyama:

Nihon University College of Engineering, Koriyama Women's University & College, Ohu University, Fukushima Medical Care College, Japan Cooking Art Academy, Tohoku Dental College, KeiSen Business College, International Medical Care, Nursing and Welfare College, Fukushima Imaizumi Women's College, iCarrier Medical Welfare Technical College, Koriyama Institute of Health Sciences, Koriyama Hair Make College, Ohta Nursing School, International Business & Public Servant College, International Beauty & Food College, Koriyama School of Nursing, Polaris College of Nursing, International Art & Design College, International Information Engineering Automobile College, Koriyama Gakuin, Koriyama Technical Academy

## Sukagawa:

Iwase General Hospital Nursing College, Sukagawa Training School

## Miharu:

Fukushimaken Riko Training School

(Excerpt from the "Vision for the Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area")



Nihon University College of Engineering



Ohu University



Koriyama Women's University & College



## Advantages of the KCCUA

# A safe and healthy environment to support child-rearing

The KCCUA is undertaking intiatives that are aimed at providing the necessary support that busy and working parents need to raise their children with peace of mind.

Many local parenting and family support centers are being created within the KCCUA to provide a place where parents, guardians and families can socialize, consult with experts about problems and insecurities regarding parenting, and receive various kinds of support.



# High-quality day care and early child-hood education

104
Kindergartens and
Certified Centers for
Early Childhood
Education

(based on the "Basic School Survey Report (Basic School Statistic School Year 2022)" of the Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Division

## 131 Day Care Centers

(based on the "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)





**75**Kindergartens



Day Care Centers



**29** 

Certified Centers for Early Childhood Education Supporting child-rearing by providing activities for parents and children, and consultations about parenting problems and insecurities.





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Local Parenting and Family Support Centers

(as of 03/31/2023, Fukushima Prefecture Website, Childcare Support Div.)



13 Children's Centers

(as of 01/10/2021 based on the "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)

## Local Parenting and Family Support Center

A Parenting and Family Support Center is a place where parents, guardians and families can socialize, enjoy activities as well as consult experts about problems and insecurities regarding parenting.

## Main Activities

- Provide a place for parents, guardians and families to socialize
- 2. Provide consultations and assistance related to parenting
- 3. Provide information about parenting within the communities
- Provide short courses about parenting and parenting support

## Recommended playgrounds and spots for children

Koriyama: PEP Kids Koriyama, Parenting and Family Support Center "Niko Niko Kodomo Kan," Otsuki Park, Yatsuyamada Children's Park, Oyasuba Historic Park, Koriyama City Fureai Science Museum, Koriyama Ishimuro Fureai Farm, Koriyama Culture Park

Sukagawa: Waiwai Park, Sukagawa Community Center "tette"

Nihonmatsu: Nihonmatsu Shinkin Shiroyama Swimming Pool, Skypia Adatara Active Park, Genki Kids Park Nihonmatsu

Tamura: Katasoneyama Forest Park, Ohisama Dome Motomiya: Prince William's Park Indoor & Outdoor

Playgrounds, Mizuiro Park

Otama: Forest Park Adatara Mori no Kids' Place & Kids' Park

**Kagamiishi**: Fureai no Mori Park, Torimiyama Park, Tsudoi no Hiroba (Kagamiishi Children's Hall)

Ten'ei: Wanpaku Hiroba

Inawashiro: Kamegajo Park, Inawashiro Children's

Hall

Ishikawa: Educational Welfare Complex

"MOTTO GACCO"

Tamakawa: Wakuwaku Land Tamakawa

Hirata: Hirata Children's Park "Kosodate Hiroba"

Miharu: Miharunosato Agriculture Park
Ono: Ono Town Multipurpose Athletic Facil

ity, Ono Town Smile Park, Kodomo no Hiroba (inside Ono Town Hometown Culture Hall)

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<sup>\*</sup>Information on recommended playgrounds and spots for children



(Koriyama)



Mizuiro Park (Motomiya)



(Tamura)



Nihonmatsu Shinkin Shiroyama Swimming Pool (Nihonmatsu)



List of websites



Educational Welfare Complex "MOTTO GACCO" (Ishikawa)



Wanpaku Hiroba (Ten'ei)



(Kagamiishi)



Forest Park Adatara Mori no Kids' Place & Kids' Park (Otama)



Ono Town Smile Park (Ono)



Wakuwaku Land Tamakawa (Tamakawa)



"Strengthen, support and help each other. Working together for a brighter tomorrow."

## Libraries in the KCCUA

Residents can use every library within the KCCUA.































<u>Otama</u>



(Services and rules regarding use are different for each library.)

## Koriyama Chuo Library

Next to Hayama Park with an audiovisual room on the third floor. Parking is available at the Hayamachiku Parking Garage north of the library.





#### Collection

479,466

Seats

121

#### Opening hours

May - Nov.: 9:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Tue. - Sat.)

Dec. - Apr.: 9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Tue. - Fri.) 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sat.)

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Sun., public holidays)

#### Closed

Every Monday (On public holidays the library will be open and close the following weekday)

Last day of every month (Tuesday if last day is a Monday) End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 4)

1-5-25 Hayama, Koriyama, 963-8876

Tel: 024-923-6601



## 2 Sukagawa Chuo Library (Sukagawa Community Center "tette")

In addition to a large reading area, the facility also contains a museum dedicated to the filmmaker Eiji Tsuburaya.





Collection

259,889

Seats

893

## Opening hours

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (Mon., Wed. - Sat.)

9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sun., public holidays)

## Closed

## Tuesdays

End of Year Holidays (December 29 - January 3) (Library may close temporarily for reasons such as special inventory period)

4-1 Nakamachi, Sukagawa, 962-0845

Tel: 0248-75-3309



## 3 Nihonmatsu Library

The mobile library "Matsukazego" visits public facilities and schools to loan out books.





#### Collection

85,020

#### Seats

55

## Opening hours

9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. (Tue. - Fri.)

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Sat., Sun., public holidays (except Jan. 1))

### Closed

Mon., final day of every month

End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 3)

Special inventory period (first two weeks of Apr.)

1-102 Motomachi, Nihonmatsu, 964-0917

Tel: 0243-23-5082



## 4 Tamura Library

There are branch libraries in the Takine, Ogoe, Miyakoji and Tokiwa neighborhoods.





#### Collection

94,863

## Seats

51

## Opening hours

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (weekdays)

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (weekends and public holidays)

#### Closed

Mon. (including public holidays)

End of Year Holidays

Special inventory period

19 Funehiki aza-Ogida, Funehiki-machi, Tamura, 963-4312 Tel: 0247-82-1001



## Motomiya Shirasawa Yume Library

There are DVDs, CDs and other audiovisual materials available, as well as a terrace, and a lifelong learning information center.





#### Collection

138,120

#### Seats

43
(including sofa and terrace seating)

## Opening hours

9:30 A.M. - 8 P.M. (Tue. - Sat)

9:30 A.M. - 5 P.M. (Sun., public holidays)

## Closed

Mon. (If Mon. is a public holiday,

the library will be open and close the following Tuesday)

End of Year Holidays Special inventory period (10 days per year)

500 Tsutsumisaki, Shiraiwa, Motomiya, 969-1203 Tel: 0243-44-2112



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## 6 Adatara Hometown Hall

## (Otama Village History and Folklore Museum)

A library and a museum at the same time, you can see archaeological, folk and historical artifacts from Otama, including a reconstructed Edo period (1603-1867) house, at the Adatara Hometown Hall.





## Collection

16,000

Seats

8

## Opening hours

9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

(no admittance after 6:00 p.m.)

### Closed

Tue. (The library will be open on public holidays and close the following weekday)

End of Year Holidays (December 29 - January 3)

183 Tamanoi aza-Saian, Otama, Adachi 969-1392 Tel: 0243-48-2569



## Kagamiishi Library

A library with a cute pyramid-shaped roof. Has a reading space where you can relax.





Collection

98,097

Seats

52

## Opening hours

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

#### Closed

Mon. (The library will be open on public holidays and close the following Tue.)

Last Friday of every month (maintenance)

End of Year Holidays

Special inventory period (end of Feb. - beg. of Mar.)

440-6 Asahi-machi, Kagamiishi, Iwase, 969-0404 Tel: 0248-62-1288



## 8 Ten'ei Village Lifelong Learning Center "Bunka no Mori Ten'ei"

"Bunka no Mori Ten'ei" contains a multipurpose hall, an exhibition hall, and a library.



Collection

26,000

Seats

15

#### Opening hours

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (weekdays)

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (weekends and public holidays)

#### Closed

End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 3)

66 Oaza-Shimo-Matsumoto aza-Harahata, Ten'ei, Iwase, 962-0503

Tel: 0248-82-2504



## 9 Bandai Chuo Library

Inside the front entrance of the Chuo Community Center, this book corner features a diverse collection of novels, local histories, maps, children's books and other genres.





#### Collection

9,117

Seats

0

## Opening hours

9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

#### Closed

First and fourth Monday and the thrd Sunday of every month End of Year Holidays

Special inventory period (twice per year)

1018 Oaza-Bandai aza-Niwatari, Bandai, Yama, 969-3301 Tel: 0242-73-2017



## Inawashiro Library and History Hall "Nagomina"

This facilities contains a library as well as a room with information about Inawashiro's history.





Collection

46,000

Seats

82

## Opening hours

9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Closed

Mon. (The library will be open on public holidays and close the following weekday Tue.)

End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 4)

(Library may close temporarily for reasons such as special inventory period)

132-7 Kojo-machi, Inawashiro, Yama 969-3123

Tel: 0242-23-7855



## Ishikawa Library

## (Educational Welfare Complex "Motto Gacco")

This repurposed school building now functions as a community space that holds many facilities, including a library.





## Collection

37,028

## Seats

38

## Opening hours

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Mon., Thu. - Sun., public holidays)

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Wed.)

## Closed

Tuesdays

End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 3)

Last Friday of May, June, Sep., Nov., and Jan.

165 Ishikawa aza-Sekine, Ishikawa, 963-7852





## Tamakawa Kukku-chan Library

This reading room is located inside the Tamakawa Gymnasium.





Collection

17,000

Seats

25

## Opening hours

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Closed:

Mondays (The library will be open on public holidays and close the following weekday Tue.) End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 4)

71 Oaza-Odaka aza-Oyaji, Tamakawa, Ishikawa, 963-6312 Tel: 0247-57-4632



## Hirata Chuo Community Center Library

There is a small library inside the Chuo Community Center.



Collection

15,000

Seats

30

## Opening hours

9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (weekdays)

9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (weekends and public holidays)

#### Closed

End of Year Holidays (December 29 - January 3)

158-5 Oaza-Nagata aza-Kitta, Hirata, Ishikawa, 963-8205 Tel: 0247-55-2131



## 14 Asakawa Town Asakawa Library

The library can be used for a variety of purposes and includes a combined family activity space as well as a reading space for children's books.





Collection

17,331

Seats

17

## Opening hours

9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

#### Closed

Mondays Public holidays,

End of Year Holidays

Special inventory period

75 Oaza-Minowa aza-Yamashikita, Asakawa, Ishikawa, 963-6217

Tel: 0247-36-2900



## 15 Furudono Library

The library is located inside the Furudono Community Center, and features a rest area and study space.



Collection

10,284

Seats

8

## Opening hours

8:30 a.m. - 5:15 p.m. (weekdays)

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Sun.)

#### Closed

Saturdays

Public holidays

End of Year Holidays (December 29 - January 4)

235 Oaza-Matsukawa aza-Yokokawa, Furudono, Ishikawa, 963-8304

Tel: 0247-53-2305



## 16 Miharu Chomin Library

This library is on the first floor of the NTT building. The library also holds monthly themed exhibitions.





#### Collection

105,459

#### Seats

19

## Opening hours

10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. (Tue. - Fri.)

10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (Sat., Sun.)

#### Closed

Mondays

Inventory Maintenance Day (1st Wed. of each month)

Public holidays

End of Year Holidays

Special inventory period (once per year)

12-1 Aza-Omachi, Miharu, Tamura, 963-7759

Tel: 0247-62-3375



## Ono Hometown Culture Hall & Library

In addition to the library, the building contains the Oka Toshio Memorial Museum, a local history museum and an art gallery.





Collection

110,000

Seats

45

## Opening hours

9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

#### Closed

Mondays (The library will be open on public holidays and close the following Tue.)

End of Year Holidays (December 28 - January 4)

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## SDGs Collaborative Initiatives of the 17 Municipalities

The municipalities are undertaking initiatives that are based on the principles of the Sustainable Development Goals to create sustainability and a comfortable living environment for residents.





Contents



## Koriyama SDGs Award



The City of Koriyama presents the Koriyama SDGs Award to companies and organizations that contribute to the realization of Koriyama as an "SDGs Future City."





## Koriyama Civic Support Center

The Center provides consultations and organizes courses to support public outreach activities by residents or residents' groups from the KCCUA.



## Disaster Management Support System

A support system for public employees to facilitate disaster management.





## Crowdfunding

The KCCUA supports crowdfunding for entrepreneus that want to start a new business, develop new products or create new markets.





### Joint Promotions to Attract Businesses

The municipalities hold joint exhibits at trade shows to attract businesses to the area, revitalize the local economy and create jobs.





# KCCUA Global Business Promotion Program

The City of Koriyama has partnered with the City of Essen (Germany) to support the expansion of businesses in the KCCUA into overseas markets. Activities include hosting online networking sessions between research institutions, connecting businesses and joining trade shows.





# Safe Community

The KCCUA uses its network of knowledge to share data and information to make and keep the entire Area a safe place to live.













# Improving Working Conditions with ICT

The KCCUA is introducing information systems and creating ways to telework to improve productivity and efficiency.





#### Local Tourism

The KCCUA is creating tourism pamphlets, brochures, as well as websites to attract more tourists.





### SDGs Project "Healthy Urban Area for All Generations"

By analyzing medical data and information, as well as through the introduction of ICT, we are striving to implement measures to increase life expectancy.





# Asaka no Gakuen University

Asaka no Gakuen University was established to provide lifelong learning opportunities for seniors and promote their active participation in society.







# Moving to the KCCUA Tour

This tour is aimed at people that are considering moving to the KCCUA and lets you experience what life is like in the KCCUA.





# Wakamono Borderless Project

This project is aimed at raising awareness about the community in high school students by letting them think about possibile solutions for social problems.





### Care and Support Services for Sick Children

Childcare workers, doctors and nurses work together to provide care for sick children at specialized facilities.





# Sports Innovation

The KCCUA works together with professional sports teams and universities to raise awareness about health and increase participation in sport activities.





# Aerial Photography

The municipalities cooperate to take photographs of the area that are used for determining property taxes, agriculture, forestry and road maintenance.



# Challenge New Ideas Study Group

A group made up of young inidividuals that try to come up with innovative ideas by researching and observing the Area

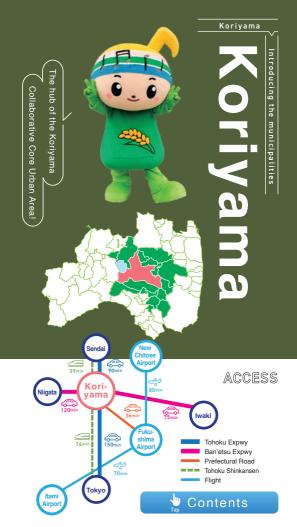


### Public-Private Partnerships

The KCCUA has partnered with 21 companies and organizations in an effort to revitalize the economy, create sustainability, and improve services for residents.







# "SDGs Future City" Koriyama.

In 2019, the Cabinet Office selected Koriyama as a "SDGs Future City" in recognition of the local government's effort towards achieving the SDGs. Aiming for the realization of a "Healthy Urban Area for All Generations," the City of Koriyama is striving to create a sustainable community that leaves no one behind. Koriyama ranked first in the Fukushima "SDGs Promotion Survey" (Nikke Inc., 2023).



A KCCUA SDGs Seminar at Korivama City Hall.

### One of Tohoku's top commercialand industrial cities.

Koriyama is the largest commercial center in the prefecture, the second-largest in Tohoku, and has seen an increase in the number of industrial parks in recent years. Only 76 minutes from Tokyo by shinkansen, the city is thriving as a place where people, goods and knowledge gather. Koriyama's development as a commercial center began in the Meiji era when the construction of the Asaka Canal stimulated agricultural production and provided the area with electricity which spurred industrial development. The city will celebrate the 100th anniversary of its city rights in 2024. Koriyama is also known as "The City of Music" due to its many musical activities.



- Koriyama Auditorium. Constructed in 1924 to commemorate the city rights.
- Musical bench.
- Koriyama Ekimae.
- Coming of Half Age Concert.

Information can be found on the Koriyama Relocation and Residency website.

The City of Koriyama provides financial support for people moving to the city from the Tokyo area (¥600,000 for singles, ¥1,000,000 for households of two or more people and an additional ¥1,000,000 for each member of the household under 18 years of age). There is also financial support for newlyweds and for working in the agriculture industry.

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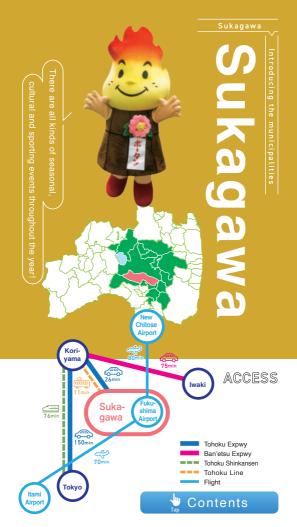
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# I Love "My Sukagawa."

Sukagawa is the birthplace of director Eiji Tsuburaya, who is also known as the "God of Tokusatsu." The City is undertaking initiatives to treasure his legacy and pass it on to future generations.



Statues of the Ultraman franchise line the streets of Sukagawa.

# Ultra Heroes in Sukagawa.

Sukagawa lies in the southern part of Fukushima, and shares jurisdiction of Fukushima Airport with Tamakawa. Sukagawa is a lush green city, with tourist attractions such as the Sukagawa Peony Garden, Midorigaoka Park, and the Shakado River. Many events, such as the Shakado River Fireworks Festival and the Taimatsu Akashi Fire Festival are held throughout the year. A popular local product is the "summer-autumn cucumber," and at the Kiuri Ten'o Festival that has been held for over 260 years, this cucumber becomes the star of the show



Information can be found on the Sukagawa
Relocation and Residency website, such as a
collection of video interviews with new residents of
Sukagawa titled "Why I Moved to Sukagawa,"
information on vacant house banks, financial support
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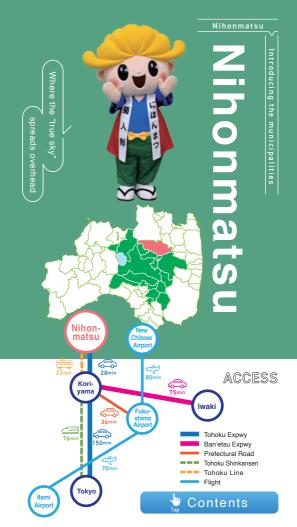
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135 Hachiman-machi, Sukagawa, Fukushima





# A scenic and cultural city.

Surrounded by nature, Nihonmatsu is known for its local sake that is brewed from local water and rice. The city is home to many hot spring resorts, and the Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival



The Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival, one of the "Three Lantern Festivals of Japan."

# A castle town surrounded by highlands and mountains.

Nihonmatsu is located in the northern part of Fukushima, and has a population of around 51,300 (as of 11/1/2023). Nihonmatsu Castle is in the downtown area; to the west is the hot spring and highland area, home to Dake Onsen, and to the east is the satoyama area that is known for its advances in organic farming. The city is also famous for the "Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival," a tradition that dates back to the early Edo period (roughly 370 years ago), and for the "Nihonmatsu Chrysanthemum Festival." In addition, the city is home to four breweries that use the high-quality ground water of Mt. Adatara.



The City provides financial support for home buyers who have moved here from outside the prefecture (a ¥1,400,000 base amount plus up to an additional ¥600,000). For those who have relocated from other cities in the prefecture and have renovated a vacant house, the City provides up to ¥500,000 in financial support. For those who have newly renovated their homes to accommodate three or more generations, the City provides up to ¥360,000 in financial support.

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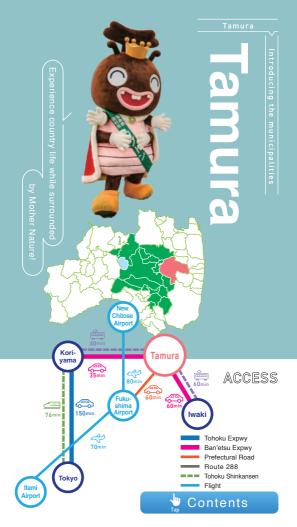
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# An "Insect Sanctuary."

Tamura is a habitat for rhinoceros beetles and other insects, and in July 2023, the City of Tamura joined with other KCCUA members to launch the "Insect Sanctuary Conference" to create a circular society that can support a diverse variety of insect life.



Mushi Mushi Land. Specimens from over 100 species of insect, such as the Hercules beetle, are on display.

# Actively supporting new entrepreneurs.

Tamura, located in the center of the Abukuma Highlands in eastern Fukushima, was created by the 2005 merger of five towns and villages, and it only takes 30 to 40 minutes from Koriyama by car. It has an inland climate with little rain or snowfall and a wide range of temperatures. People have been relocating to the area prior to the 2011 Great East Japan Earthquake, and in recent years the city has been actively welcoming new residents who want to start their own business.



- Ozawa no Sakura Cherry Trees.
- Telework Center "Terrace Ishimori."
- Green Park Miyakoji.
- 4. Sky Palace Tokiwa.

Terrace Ishinomori has a consultation office in Tokyo's Shibuya Scramble Square for people considering moving to Tamura. To assist with starting a new business, the City offers a startup grant of up to ¥500,000, and has partnered with 12 other communities in the prefecture to offer financial support for entrepreneurs of up to ¥4,000,000.

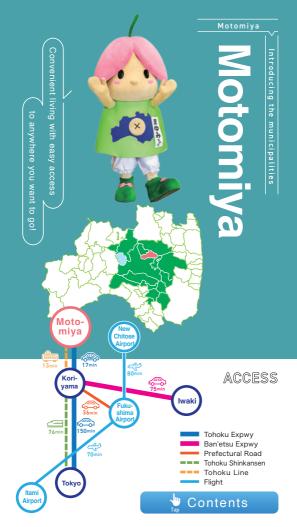
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#### Inquiries

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76-2 Funehiki aza-Hatasoi, Funehiki-machi, Tamura, Fukushima





# A park officially recognized by the British Royal Family.

After a visit by the UK's Prince William, the city was given permission by the British royal family to use the nickname "Prince William's Park." The park is now a popular tourist attraction.



The grounds include a British-style rose garden, rose arch and gazebo, as well as a wide variety of flowers in both formal and informal gardens.

# Ranked no.1 place to live in Fukushima.

Motomiya is located near the center of Fukushima, and used to occupy a strategic position at the crossroads of the Echigo, Soma, and Miharu Roads long ago. It is known as the "Center City" of Fukushima due to its important location, and is very popular with young families. In Toyo Keizai's "Most Livable Cities 2023," Motomiya was ranked no 1 in Fukushima



The City provides ¥500,000 to families of 2 or more moving to Motomiya from outside the prefecture. For those who are either buying a new home or renovating an old home to accommodate multiple generations, the City provides up to ¥500,000 in subsidies (additional subsidies are available for those who use Motomiya-based construction companies or purchase from a vacant house bank). The City provides up to ¥600,000 in financial support for housing and moving expenses for newlyweds.

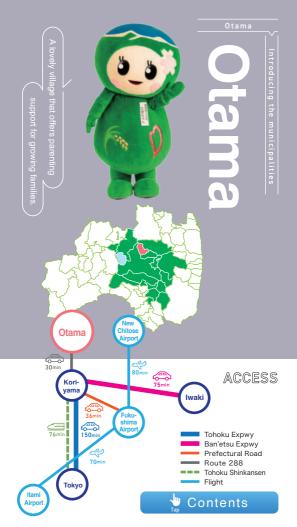
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#### Inquiries

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212 Motomiya aza-Bansei, Motomiya, Fukushima





# A small but beautiful countryside village.

Mt. Adatara, one of the "One Hundred Mountains of Japan," is the symbol of Otama. Rice, vegetables, fruit and cattle flourish in the hills surrounding the village.



Golden rice fields near Mt. Adatara.

#### A village you won't want to leave.

Located between Nihonmatsu and Koriyama on a plain at the foot of Mt. Adatara, the 2020 Census showed that Otama had the highest increase rate of population in the prefecture in the past five vears. The village also has the highest proportion of young people (aged 14 and younger) in Fukushima. Because cities like Koriyama and Fukushima are within commuting distance, many people have moved to Otama.



- Fukushima Prefectural Forest: Forest Park Adatara. 2. Juni Kagura Dance at Kamiharada Shrine.
- 3. Weeping Cherry Tree at Sooji Temple.

The Village provides up to ¥1,100,000 to home buyers from outside the prefecture, and provides a monthly payment of ¥10,000 per child to households that have children younger than a year old. Childcare services are free after the first child.

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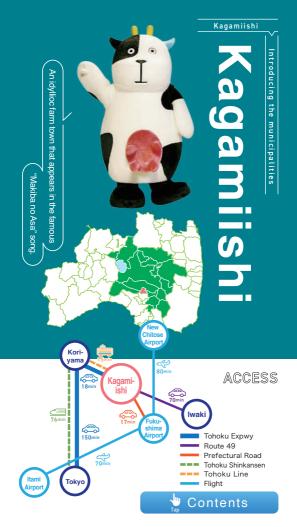
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70 Tamanoi aza-Hoshiuchi, Otama, Adachi, Fukushima





# Turning the rural landscape into a work of art.

When looking outside the window of the observation tower of the town's library, people can see the rice field art clearly. The reason you have to go to the library is because the art was made based on the concept of "a picture book viewed from a window." In 2023 farmers used six colors and ten varieties of rice plants to create the art



# A farming town popular with families.

Kagamiishi lies between Koriyama and Shirakawa, and is only a humble 31.3 km² big. Half of the town's area is used for agriculture, and this year marks the 11th year of the Rice Field Art event. The town is located near the JR Tohoku Main Line and Tohoku Expressway, and there are many large supermarkets and companies. Because a high proportion of the population is 15 years or younger, the town is popular with young families.



- Roadside Station "Kankanterasu."
- 2. Iwase Ranch.
- 3. Torimiyama Park.

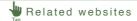
The Town provides up to ¥500,000 in home buyer's assistance for married couples who have moved here from outside the town if the head of household is under 40 years old, or if the household haschildren of junior-high-school-age or younger. For property registered with the vacant house bank, there is additional financial support of up to ¥400,000 for renovation costs, and up to ¥50,000 for disposal costs.

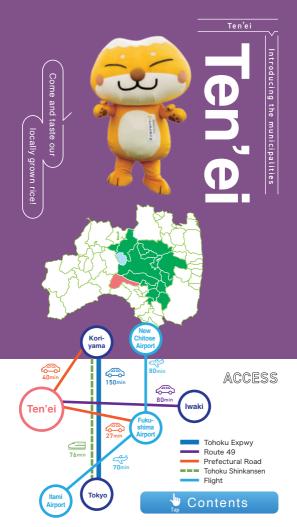
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#### Inquiries

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## Surrounded by clear mineral water.

Ten'ei is known as the "Village of Springs" for its many underground springs. The water from the springs is used for tap water in homes and for agriculture in the area. Other local products include sake, rice and vegetables.



Rice from Ten'ei. Has won numerous gold medals at the International Contest on Rice Taste Evaluation.

# Farms, highlands and hot springs.

Ten'ei is located near the Ou Mountains and rivers flowing to the Pacific Ocean and Sea of Japan run through the village. Rice and yacon are grown near the village office. A highland resort area with vacation homes, golf courses and ski resorts lies near Lake Hatori. There are also many secluded hot springs in the area.



- 1. Ten'ei from above.
- Popular hot springs.
- Hatoriko Highland.

The Village provides up to ¥2,600,000 in home buyer's assistance for married couples who have moved here from outside the village if the head of household is under 40 years old, or under 50 years old with children of junior-high-school-age or younger.

The Village provides a monthly payment of ¥30,000 to households with children less than 1 year old, and ¥15,000 to households with children between 1 and 3 years old. Childcare services are free after the first child

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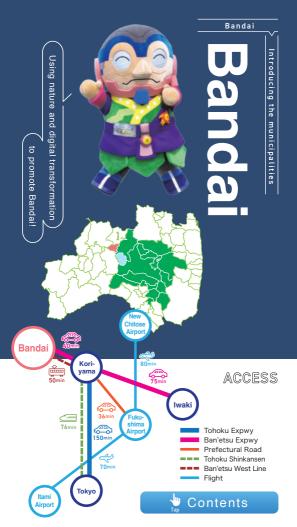
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### Using technology to improve living environments.

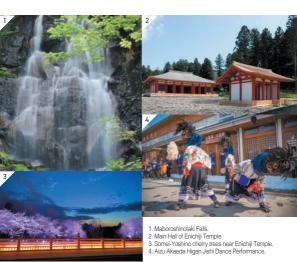
The Town of Bandai is striving to create an inclusive society where residents can live as they wish. In order to fulfill this mission, the Town is undergoing a digital transformation as well as undertaking public-private co-creation projects.



Guest House "Living Anywhere Commons Aizu-Bandai."

# Tourism, agriculture and manufacturing.

The town offers mountain climbing, skiing and other activities that take advantage of the surrounding nature and mountains. Two famous Hoshino Resorts are located nearby; "Bandaisan Onsen Hotel" and "Nekoma Mountain." Agriculture is centered on rice cultivation, but spinach and sweet potatoes are also cultivated. In addition, there are also two sake breweries, and Sigma, maker of world-famous camera lenses, has a factory in town.



The Town provides financial support for people who have moved here from outside the prefecture and are either constructing a new home (up to  $\pm 1,800,000$ ) or purchasing existing housing (up to  $\pm 1,300,000$ ). For those renovating a vacant house for permanent residence, the Town provides up to  $\pm 100,000$  in financial support.

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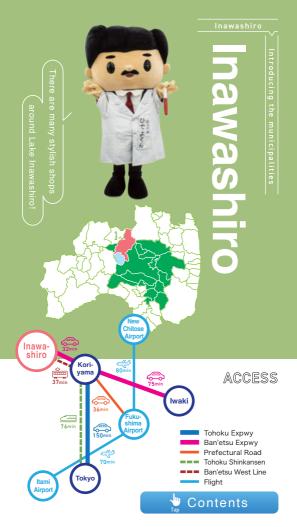
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### Bandai-Asahi National Park.

Bandai-Asahi National Park is Japan's second-largest park. The area around Mt. Bandai and Lake Inawashiro features large and small lakes, marshes, and forests. The landscape was formed by volcano eruptions.



Lake Inawashiro.

Hot Springs in Inawashiro.

#### A hidden resort area nestled between Lake Inawashiro and Mt. Bandai

Lying on the north shore of Lake Inawashiro and surrounded by Mt. Bandai, Mt. Adatara, and Mt. Azuma, Inawashiro is known as a resort area in the Aizu region. The climate is similar to the Sea of Japan side, averaging 1-2 meters of snowfall annually. In summer you can hike or take a dip in the lake; in winter you can enjoy skiing. In the rural outskirts of the town, local specialties like soba wheat, rice and tomatoes are grown. The town is also known as the birthplace of world-renowned scientist Hideyo Noguchi.



Tenkyodai Showa no Mori Park.
 Soba Juku Bandaikai.

5. Hideyo Noguchi Memorial Infectious Disease Museum.

The Town provides financial support for those constructing a new home (up to ¥1,800,000) or purchasing existing housing (up to ¥1,100,000). For those using private rental housing, the Town offers a monthly ¥20,000 payment for up to 12 months. The Town provides a maternity allowance of ¥50,000 for the first child, ¥70,000 for the second child, ¥100,000 for the third child, and ¥200,000 for the fourth child and any children that follow.

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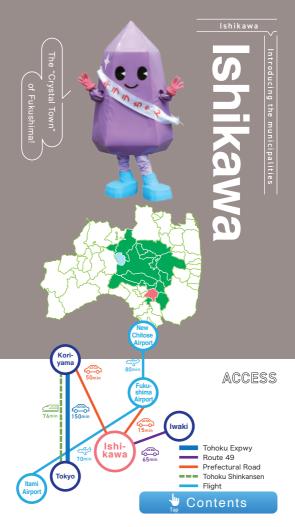
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## A town of crystal.

Ishikawa is one of the only three places in Japan with significant deposits of rock pegmatite that are composed of large crystals joined together. At "Hitokurasu" you can learn and experience things related to fire and living. Educational Welfare Complex "Motto Gacco" also offers things to learn.



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#### Just the right size.

A mid-sized town in the southern part of Fukushima, Ishikawa is home to many large supermarkets and medical facilities. Situated between Shirakawa and Iwaki, the town is accessible by highways and by the JR Suigun Line. On the outskirts of town, farmers raise livestock and grow crops like rice, apples and grapes. Bobata Hot Spring is one of the popular hot springs in town.



For new arrivals under 40 years old, the Town provides rental assistance of ¥15,000 per month for those working in the town, and ¥10,000 per month for those working outside of town, for a maximum of 36 months. The Town provides financial support for young families or young people constructing a new home (¥700,000) or purchasing existing housing (¥350,000). Additionally, the Town has a robust financial support system, including subsidies for people moving from the Tokyo area, and lodging expenses for those considering moving to the town. Those who meet the necessary requirements can receive up to ¥5,000,000 in financial support.

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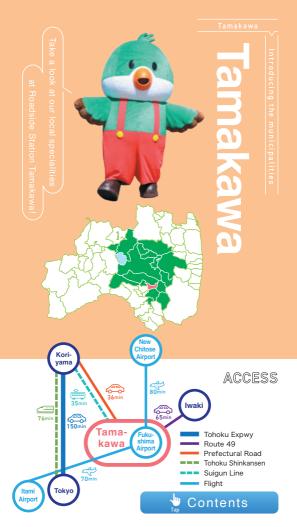
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## Tamakawa: Fukushima's "Gateway to the Skies."

Besides Fukushima Airport, two interchanges and two stops on the JR Suigun Line are also located in the village. This means that there are plenty of places to work, live, play, and study. The Village of Tamakawa accomodates diverse work styles and lifestyles.



Sugama Plaza Community Center.

Tourist Center "Mori no Eki Yodge."

# Cycling and canoeing in Tamakawa.

About 2 hours from Tokyo by train or car, this cozy village has a population of roughly 6,000 (as of 11/1/2023). Plenty of experience-based activities, including numerous cycling courses (the village is called "the most cycle-friendly village in Japan"), and canoeing on the majestic Abukuma River. There's also plenty of delicious foods to try, such as the hardy kiwi, a superfruit. Fukushima Airport, the "gateway to the skies," is located in the center of the village, while the JR Suizun line runs north-south through the village.



A selection of fully-equipped trial houses are available for those considering moving to the village. Stay for at least 2 and up to 29 nights at ¥1,000 per night. The Village provides financial support for those constructing a new home (¥700,000 plus childcare subsidy) or purchasing existing housing (¥600,000 base amount plus childcare subsidy).

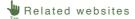
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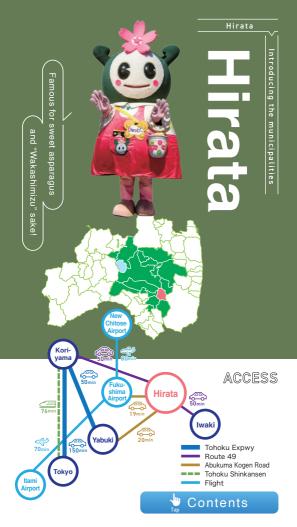
#### Inquiries

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9 Oaza-Odaka aza-Nakanawate, Tamakawa, Ishikawa, Fukushima





# Adding some spice to life.

Hirata is hoping to create a buzz by becoming the "Spiciest Village in Japan." Famous for its Habanero peppers, Hirata is heating up the region with red-hot energy.



Habanero Soft Ice.

Habanero peppers.

#### A village in the Abukuma mountains.

The village is located in the south of Fukushima, between lwaki and Koriyama. The entire village is situated among the Abukuma Mountains, between 500 and 700 meters in elevation. The village's tourist attractions include the area's nature, sake and yams made from the waters of the Abukuma Mountains, as well as local mountain vegetables, timeless traditions like the Komagata Jangara Nenbutsu Dance, and the ruins of the 15th-century mountain castle of Yomogida.



- Komagata Jangara Nenbutsu Dance
  - Flower Fields "Jupeerland Hirata."
  - 4. Mt. Yomogida.

The Village provides financial support for couples buying a home, if at least one of whom is under 45 years of age (¥300,000 base amount for new home construction; ¥150,000 base amount for renovating existing housing). Additional support is available for new residents, families with young children, and people who obtain work in the village. There is also financial support for newlyweds.

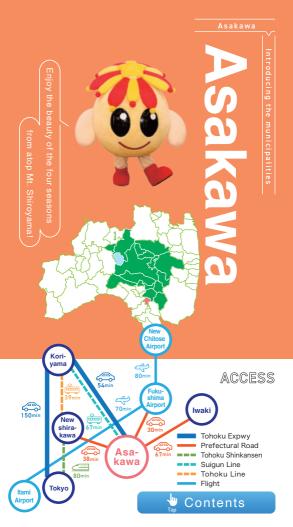
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#### Inquiries

Village of Hirata Planning and Commerce Tel:0247-55-3115

116 Oaza-Nagata aza-Kitta, Hirata, Ishikawa, Fukushima





# A town brightened by fireworks.

Asakawa, the home of fireworks. Fireworks displays are held four times a year, one in every season. The townspeople have made traditional fireworks a part of their daily lives. For example, a local tempura shop has menu items named after fireworks.



Nanasundama Rice Bowl.

Mayoke Charms.

# A town with a 200-year tradition of fireworks.

This small town is located in the southern part of Fukushima. Surrounded by the Abukuma Mountains, the Koshihikari rice fields spread out over the flat plains along the river. Beginning as a memorial to the victims of peasant uprisings, the local fireworks festival is a tradition more than 200 years old. Today, these festivals are held once every season. The town is about an hour away from Koriyama by car and is accessible through the JR Suigun Line.



The Town provides financial support for those who have moved here from outside the prefecture (up to  $\pm 2,100,000$  for those constructing a new home or purchasing a ready-made home; up to  $\pm 1,900,000$  for those purchasing existing housing). The Town also provides up to  $\pm 600,000$  in financial support for housing and moving expenses for newlyweds. The Town also provides a congratulatory childbirth payment.

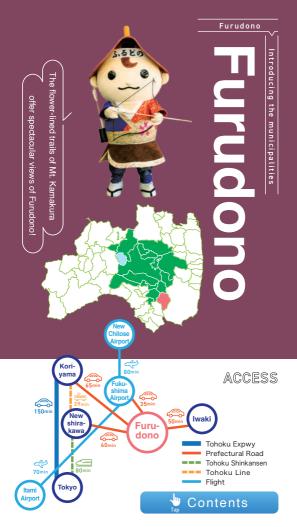
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#### Inquiries

Town of Asakawa Planning and Commerce Div. Tel: 0247-36-2815

112-15 Oaza-Asakawa aza-Setoyachi, Asakawa, Ishikawa, Fukushima





## Forests and forestry.

Forests cover 80% of Furudono's total area. Most of these are planted forests; the town used to be a center of charcoal production, and is now a center of cedar lumber production. While the economy revolves around forestry, many visitors come to the town to enjoy the walking trails and campsites. In recent years, the town has aimed to create a stronger relationship between people and the forest through activities such as woodworking workshops, charcoal making, and forest bathing.



Kimiteju; joints made from unused lumber.

Mt Kamakura

# Cherry blossoms in spring, yabusame in autumn.

This mountain town is located in southern Fukushima, and has a population of roughly 4,400 people. Situated along an ancient highway, it is about an hour from lwaki, Koriyama and Shirakawa by car. "Koshidai no Sakura" is a giant mountain cherry tree that is known as a late bloomer. In autumn, tourists come to the Furudono Hachiman Shrine to see the 800-year old tradition of yabusame, a form of mounted archery. The town also makes sake, miso and konjac.



- 1. Yabusame at the Furudono Hachiman Shrine Festival.
- 2. Cedar trees at the Furudono Hachiman Shrine.
- 3. "Koshidai no Sakura," a 400-year-old mountain cherry tree.
- 4. Roadside Station "Furudono Ofukura no Eki."

The Town provides financial support for those constructing a new house or buying a ready-made house for permanent residence (¥1,000,000), or purchasing existing housing for permanent residence (¥500,000). Additional subsidies are available for those purchasing land, using local construction companies, or raising young children. The Town also has systems for congratulatory childbirth payments, free kindergarten, and free school lunch for young children and students.

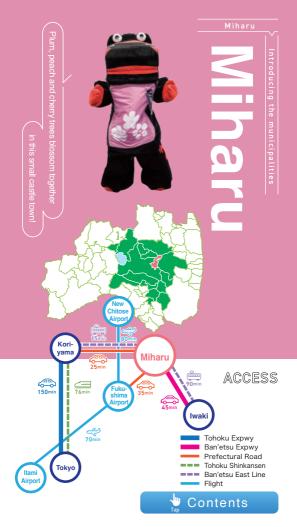
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#### Inquiries

Town of Furudono Industry Promotion Div. Tel:0247-53-4620

31 Oaza-Matsukawa aza-Shinkuwabara, Furudono, Ishikawa, Fukushima





Miharu has a long history as a castle town that is famous for cherry blossom viewings in spring. Experience-based tourism focused on year-round outdoor sports activities is part of the Town's plan to revitalize the area.



Rural Life Museum in Miharu no Sato Agriculture Park (left) and Lake Sakura (right).

#### Home of the legendary Takizakura Weeping Cherry Tree

Situated at the western edge of the Abukuma Mountains, the terrain of Miharu is mostly hilly, with an elevation between 300-500 meters. Many visitors come during spring to see the Miharu Takizakura. It is also a commuter town for Koriyama since it takes only 30 minutes by car. Cafes popular with young people have been popping up around Miharu recent years. Aizuwakamatsu and Iwaki are accessible via the Ban'etsu Expresswav.



- Miharu Takizakura Weeping Cherry Tree.
- Ruins of Miharu Castle. Miharu's Old Town.
- 4. Blueberries from Miharu.



The Town provides financial support for newlyweds and households with young families who have moved here from outside the town (up to ¥20,000 per month in rental assistance, for a maximum of 2 years). For those paying back scholarships, the Town offers grants of up to ¥180,000 per year for a maximum of 8 years. The Town also provides a "Miharu Pre-paid Card" of ¥50,000 per child at the time of birth and on their first birthday, for a total of ¥100,000.

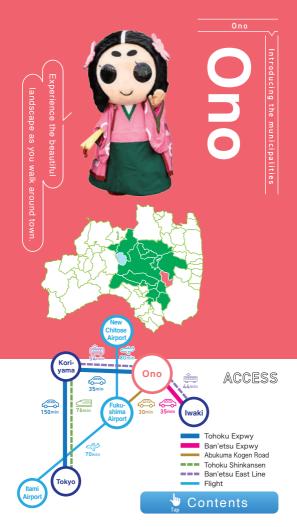
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#### Inquiries

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Tel:0247-62-1122

1-2 aza-Omachi, Miharu, Tamura, Fukushima





# A hobby town with a beautiful landscape.

Ono's landscape was named one of the "Top 100 Landscapes in Fukushima." Midori to no Fureai no Mori Park is located in the area. Its symbols are the Fureai no Mori Log House and the Mori no Taiikukan Gym. Visitors can enjoy camping and various other activities. The town provides a campsite with electricity and woodworking courses.



#### Nature and accessibility.

Ono is located in the eastern part of Fukushima, bordering Koriyama and Iwaki. Flatlands follow the Natsui River and its tributaries. Famous sights include the cherry trees in Natsui River Park and the rhododendron flowers on Mt. Takashiba. Access to and from the town is improving with the construction of the Fukushima Recovery and Revitalization Road, in addition to existing infrastructure such as the Ban'etsu Expressway to Koriyama and Iwaki, and the Abukuma Kogen Road. There are also plenty of large-scale commercial establishments.



- 1. Manpuku Temple.
- Buddhist statues at Manpuku Temple.
- 3. Natsui River Park.
- 4. Mt. Takashiba.



#### **Relocation support**

"Tsudotte Ono-machi" Relocation Information Plaza offers consultations to those considering moving to the town. The Town provides conditional home buyer's assistance for those who have moved here from outside the town (up to ¥1,500,000 plus ¥100,000 in gift certificates). The Town also provides rental assistance to new residents under 39 years of age (up to ¥20,000 for a maximum of one year), and subsidies to farmers operating guest houses (up to ¥500,000).

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#### Inquiries

Town of Ono Planning and Policy Div.

Tel:0247-72-6939

92 Oaza-Ononimachi aza-Tatemawari, Ono, Tamura, Fukushima



#### Audio Guide

This audio guide takes you on a journey with sounds that stimulate the senses and bring the scenes to life. Sit back and relax while listening to some of the most beautiful places and tourist attractions the KCCUA has to offer.





#### **1** Koriyama Kaiseizan Park



A symbol of the city's history, Kaiseizan Park turns pink when its 1,300 cherry trees start blossoming during cherry blossom season. Among them is the oldest Somei-Yoshino Cherry Tree of Japan. Many sport facilities, such as a baseball stadium and a track and field, are located in the eastern part of the park.

Addre	ess	1-5 Kaisei, Koriyama
TEL	024-9 Inqui	ries about park facilities 924-2361 (City of Koriyama Parks and Green Spaces Div.) ries about sport facilities 924-3441 (Sports Promotion Div.)
Parkii	ng	Available
Designation		Japan Heritage Stories "Ippon no Suiro:

The Asaka Canal" Cultural Property



#### 2 Sukagawa Sukagawa City Hall



The Sukagawa City Hall opened its doors in 2017, and many residents use the Minna no Square public space on the first floor. The observation room on the sixth floor is at the same height as Father of Ultra from the Ultraman series. You can view the cityscape as well as Mt. Uzumine and Mt. Adatara from the room.

Address	135 Hachiman-machi, Sukagawa
TEL	0248-88-9122 (City of Sukagawa Adminstrative Management Div.)
Parking	Available



#### 3 Nihonmatsu Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival



The Nihonmatsu Lantern Festival is a 370-year-old traditional festival in which floats from the city's seven districts that are decorated with hundresds of lanterns are paraded around the city.

Address	1-61 Moto-machi, Nihonmatsu
TEL	0243-55-5122 (City of Nihonmatsu Tourism Div.)
Parking	Available at nearby public parking facilities
Designation	Fukushima Prefecture Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property



#### 4 Tamura Abukuma Limestone Cave



A 600-meter long limestone cave that was formed over millions of years. With many caverns, such as the 30-meter high "Takine Palace," Abukuma Limestone Cave is the perfect place for an adventure.

Address	1 Sugaya aza-Higashikamayama, Takine-machi, Tamura
TEL	0247-78-2125
Parking	Free parking available (700 cars and 30 bus spaces)

## 5 Motomiya Ja no Hana Gardens



The Ja no Hana Gardens are known for the vibrantly blooming flowers that visitors can see throughout the year. The historical Ja no Hana Mansion next to the gardens used to be the holiday home of local politician Ito Wataru in the Meiji era (1868-1912).

Address	38 Motomiya aza-Ja no Hana, Motomiya
TEL	0243-34-2036
Parking	Available (300 cars)
Designation	Tangible Cultural Property of Japan "Ja no Hana Mansion"



#### 6 Otama

#### Weeping Cherry Tree at Sooji Temple



This weeping cherry tree is estimated to be 350 years old. Well-known among the locals, the branches and light red color of the blossoms attract visitors from far away.

Address	Sooji-Temple Grounds, Tamanoi aza-Minami-machi, Otama, Adachi
TEL	0243-24-8096 (Otama Tourism Association)
Parking	Available (10 cars)
Designation	Fukushima Green Cultural Property



#### Kagamiishi Torimiyama Park



In spring 400 cherry trees blossom and in summer 40,000 irises bloom in this 18-hectare park. There are also various sport facilities in the park.

Address	199 Midori-machi, Kagamiishi, Iwase
TEL	0248-62-7636 (Town of Kagamiishi Sport Facilities Management Office)
Parking	Available



#### 8 Ten'ei Wakui no Shimizu Spring



This spring is known for the many folktales about it that have been passed down since long ago. It is said that 2,200 liters of water flow up every minute. The sand that rises from the clear bottom lends a mystical air to this 500 m<sup>3</sup> spring.

Address	6 Oaza-Makinouchi aza-Kyoyahara, Ten'ei
TEL	0248-82-2117 (Ten'ei Tourism Association)
Parking	Available
Designation	Designated Cultural Property and Natural Monument of Ten'ei



#### 9 Bandai Ruins of Enichiji Temple



The Enichiji Tempel was founded by a priest of the Nanto Hosso Buddhist school named Tokuitsu. The main temple structure and central were renovated in 2008. Highlights include the Deva Gate, the Yakushi Hall, and the Kizashi cherry trees in spring.

Address	38 Oaza-Bandai aza-Teranishi, Bandai
TEL	0242-73-3000
Parking	Available
Designation	National Historic Site



#### 10 Inawashiro Lake Inawashiro



Lake Inawashiro is the fourth largest lake of Japan and is bordered by Aizuwakamatsu, Koriyama and Inawashiro. The lake's pristine surface beautifully reflects the surrounding nature, such as the slopes of Mt. Bandai

Address	Inawashiro
TEL	0242-62-2048 (Inawashiro Tourism Association)
Parking	Available



#### 11 Ishikawa Four Hot Springs Tour



The small town of Ishikawa is home to four hot spring resorts. The variety of baths and scenery have given many visitors a reason to return.

Address	Ishikawa
TEL	0247-26-9113 (Town of Ishikawa Planning and Commerce Div.)
Parking	Available



#### 12 Tamakawa Otsujigataki Falls



Named one of the "One Hundred Waterfalls of Japan" in 1990. Nicknamed "Little Niagara," the waterfall's Japanese name derives from the shape of the river. The sound of falling water across the entire 100 meter breadth of the Abukuma River creates a powerful impact.

Address	Oaza-Tatsuzaki aza-Takiyama, Tamakawa, Ishikawa
TEL	0247-57-7230 (Tamakawa Tourism and Industry Association)
Parking	Available
Designation	One of the "One Hundred Waterfalls of Ja



#### 13 Hirata Yamadori Falls



Located 750 meters down the trail along the Kitasu River, these falls have a height of 10 meters and a drop of 8 meters. The steep cliffs surrounding the falls turn red with foliage in autumn and white with snow in winter

Address	Sugeta, Nakagura, Hirata, Ishikawa
TEL	0247-55-3115 (Hirata Village Office)
Parking	Available
Designation	50 Best Walking Trails in Fukushima 100 Best Fukushima Heritage Sites



### 14 Asakawa Asakawa Fireworks Show



An annual fireworks show that is held during Obon on August 16 in Asakawa. It is the oldest fireworks show in the prefecture, and features thousands of fireworks, large and small, including local varieties such as the "Okarakuri" and "Jiraika."

Address	Oaza-Takiwa, Asakawa, Ishikawa
TEL	0247-36-2815 (Asakawa Town Office)
Parking	Available (1400 cars)
Designation	Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Fukushima



#### 15 Furudono **Yabusame**



Tracing their histories back to the Kamakura period (1185-1333), the Kasagake and Yabusame mounted archery demonstrations are held during annual festivals at the Furudono Hachiman Shrine where people can watch the thrilling spectacle up close.

Address	38 Furudono, Yamakami, Furudono, Ishikawa
TEL	0247-53-4620 (Town of Furudono Industry Div.)
Parking	Available
Designation	Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Fukushima



#### 16 Miharu Ruins of Miharu Castle



Also called "Maizuru Castle," Miharu Castle served as the capital of the Miharu Domain. It was placed under the power of the most powerful daimyo of Tohoku some time later. Miharu Castle has been recreated as a VR panorama.

Address	Omachi, Miharu, Tamura
TEL	0247-62-3690 (Miharu Tourism Association)
Parking	Available (partway up the hill)
Designation	Continued 100 Fine Castles of Japan



#### 17 Ono

#### Husband and Wife Cedars of Suwa Shrine



Lining the road to Suwa Shrine, row after row of cedar trees shoot straight up into the sky. Among them are a pair of massive, imposing 1,200 year-old cedars. Towering into the heavens, these two trees nestle together like a loving couple.

Address	Suwa Shrine Grounds, Oaza-Natsui aza-Machiya, Ono, Tamura
TEL	0247-72-6938 (Ono Tourism Association)
Parking	Available
Designation	National Natural Monument



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