Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area (KCCUA) Introductory Pamphlet



Find your favorite character! / Characters of the KCCUA









Seventeen municipalities working together as a team to revitalize Fukushima Prefecture.

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 Miharu
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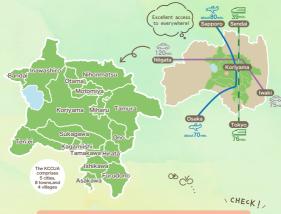
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Q. What is the Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area (KCCUA)?

It is a region comprising 17 municipalities in central Fukushima Prefecture.

Under the slogan of "Sharing, Growing, and Helping Each Other," the region is working together to create a community where residents can continue to live in peace and good spirits.





Koriyama Collaborative Core
Urban Area Database

Key Points of Living



O2 Thriving Industrial hub TAP

The area accounts
for about 30% 03
of the total
number of hospital
beds in Fukushima
Prefecture!

Well-developed medical system

O4

Cooperation in case of a disaster

05 Support for childcare

Wide access to libraries in the region TAP

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There are many advantages to living in the KCCUA!



Discussion with people who moved here

The charms of the Koriyama
Collaborative Core Urban Area
(KCCUA) as understood from living there.



We asked everyone who has chosen the KCCUA as a place to settle to share their thoughts on the charms of the area.



Participants



Tanaka Mizuho

Born in Kumamoto. After living in Tokyo and Ibaraki, he moved to Tamakawa in 2022. His trademark T-shirt is "If you're moving, Tamakawa's the place."



Seki Motohiro

Born in Tokyo. While farming in Nihonmatsu, he produces "Nanakusa Beer", a low-malt beer, during the farming off-season in winter.



Seki Naoko

Born in Niigata. Moved to Nihonmatsu with Motohiro. While engaged in farming, she also serves as a member of the local school board.



Miyajima Kiyoto

Born in Nagano. Fascinated by the strawberry farming he was involved in at his previous job, he moved to Miharu to start a new business as a strawberry farmer.





Nagatomo Hiromu

Born in Tochigi, he moved to Inawashiro in 2020 and established "Inabishi Corporation" in 2022 to develop business utilizing local resources.



Ota Akiko

Born in Fukushima. She is a board member of "Inabishi Corporation". She operates a tour boat herself and guides tourists visiting Lake Inawashiro.



Koyanagi Takumi

Born in Saga. After working in a restaurant in Tokyo, he moved to Kagamiishi in 2022. Opened a bistro called Poco a Poco in the town.



Koyanagi Hiro

Born in Sukagawa, Fukushima Prefecture. Moved to Kagamiishi after meeting and marrying Takumi in Tokyo. They both work at Poco a Poco.



What is the attraction of the KCCUA?

Ms.Koyanagi Hiro (Hiro) I find it interesting that each of the 17 towns in the metropolitan area has its own charms and special characteristics. Kagamiishi, where I live, is unique in that it is easy to raise children, Miharu has wonderful sightseeing spots that remind me of a historic castle town, and Koriyama is very easy to live in and has a thriving music scene. I feel that it's an area packed with the characteristics of each place. We moved to Koriyama as part of the Regional Development Cooperation Member's activities, and our first activity was to make a pudding using eggs from chickens raised by students at Iwase Agricultural High School in the town. However, there was no production facility in the town, so we borrowed a processing plant in the neighboring village of Tamakawa to make the pudding. I think that this is the kind of neighborhood cooperation that's available in this area.

Mr. Nagatomo What I feel is most attractive about the KCCUA is the ease of starting a business. I feel that there is a base including government systems and support with which it is easy to take on new challenges. I started my business in Inawashiro when I was 24 or 25 years old. It is thanks to this support

that I was able to succeed in business even though I didn't have much money or experience. In addition, the region is geographically close to Tokyo, is extremely rich in local resources, and there are many underutilized resources. It is often said that there are few young people in rural areas, but I believe that Koriyama has many strengths, including three universities and a large amount of young human capital.

Ms. Seki Naoko (Naoko) My family and I live in the countryside in the mountains of Nihonmatsu, but we can go shopping in Koriyama if we drive a little further. We like it very much because it is a place where we can enjoy both the benefits of the countryside and the strong points of towns.

Mr. Tanaka
Tamakawa, where I live, is also a small village, so it is difficult for the village to make efforts to attract new residents on its own. However, Koriyama plays a central role in forming an economic zone that transcends the presence of a municipality, which makes it possible for us to get information out about the attractiveness of Tamakawa. I feel that the surrounding towns and villages are more attractive because of Koriyama.

Mr. Miyajima Indeed, having a city with a population of over 300,000 nearby is very important

for starting a business of one's own. In the case of Miharu, where I live, I run a farming business, so I also feel good about the convenience of commercial facilities, such as having a home improvement center where I can go to buy materials immediately when I need something for my greenhouses. The people are also kind and there is no stress in my life. I have lived in many places, but I feel most comfortable living here now.

*Introduction to each municipality is here.



What is your impression of the people in the area?

Ms. Ota I was born in the city of Fukushima, moved to Aizu, and now live in Inawashiro. Based on my experience of living in various places in the prefecture, Koriyama and its surrounding areas are "just right." It is easily accessible, and if you go a little further into the countryside, you can enjoy the great outdoors, and there is an airport that allows us to go overseas. I think it is an area where more and more people could live.

Mr. Seki Motohiro (Motohiro) I wish we could better convey the good points of the area, but people in Fukushima Prefecture are not very good at advertising. But the fact that they don't show off is also good. I have been living in Fukushima Prefecture for 18 years now, and their sense of humility has remained unchanged, which makes me feel reassured.

Mr. Koyanagi Takumi (Takumi) From my perspective as a native of Kyushu, I have the impression that people in Fukushima Prefecture are more reserved. For example, in meetings, most meetings in Kyushu start with a summary of main points and then a simple "yes" or "no" decision is made, but in Fukushima Prefecture, people start with some tangential comments before moving on to the main topic. I often feel the

difference in communication between East and West Japan.

Motohiro To be honest, you may not be able to blend in well with the community. It may seem that the consensus-building process is very slow, but on the other hand, if you know how to address it, it will be easier to move things forward.

Mr. Nagatomo There are moments when I feel that I must pay attention to the different cultures in some area units of a village, which are even smaller than a municipality. On the other hand, once you get to know each other well, I feel that the older generation actively supports the activities of younger people in the community. Even things that would not be noticed if done in the city are noticed in rural areas, and if the content of the activity is good, they will support it more and more. I appreciate that stance.



Mr. Miyajima In my case, there was no one growing strawberries around where I moved to, so in that respect, I have the impression that the local people are happy with my work. I sell strawberries directly from my greenhouses, so I have many opportunities to talk with local people, and I am able to build relationships with them naturally. It is hard to find people who don't like strawberries, and we often receive comments like, "I'm happy to be able to buy strawberries nearby," so I feel that we are contributing to the community even in some small way.

What surprised you after relocating?

Takumi I was surprised by two things in terms of daily life: First, people always change their car tires in the winter. I was surprised to see that everyone has two sets of tires, one for summer and one for winter, which is a concept that does not exist in Kyushu. Another thing is that water pipes can freeze and burst during the winter. This is also something that does not happen in Kyushu, so it was a bit of a culture shock when I first heard about it.

Motohiro I live in a farming village, so there are probably more customs from the old days than where you live. For example, after rice planting and

harvesting, everyone in the village eats "sekihan" (red bean rice) together, or there is a "yama no kamikou," a drinking party after making offerings to the mountain god. No matter where you move to, they will always have their own local culture, but you need to try to embrace it.

Carp, fruits, sake....
Rich food culture is also an attraction.

Mr. Nagatomo I also sense a difference in food culture. In Koriyama, they eat carp. I had never had it before I came to Fukushima Prefecture, but when I had it for the first time, I thought it was very delicious.

Takumi In our food culture, sugar is often used in cooking. Kyushu also has dishes that are cooked sweetly, but they tend to be rather salty, and I often feel the difference. I also feel the difference in fruits. In Kyushu, citrus fruits are the main type of fruit, but here, peaches, apples, pears, and shine muscats are delicious. I often use local fruits in desserts at my restaurant, and the ingredients are all very good. I often think the dishes are completely wonderful.

Naoko There are many good sake brands in Fukushima Prefecture. Niigata, where I was born, is also a sake production area, but I prefer Fukushima's Prefecture sake because it has more "umami" or flavor.



It's the community's nature to support people who work hard.

Have you ever had local people help?

Mr. Nagatomo After working as part of the Regional Development Cooperation Members, I am currently developing a business producing tea made from "hishi," a plant that grows in Lake Inawashiro and is a cause of water pollution. When processing the tea, the president of a local food company helped us a great deal by teaching us about processing and connecting us with the necessary vendors for production and sales. When we suddenly needed to increase our production volume but ran out of freezers to store the ingredients, a nearby meat producer offered us an empty freezer.

Ms. Ota Once, a nationwide TV program featured the anti-aging effects of hishi-nuts, and we were inundated with orders. When we calculated the number of hishi-nuts we needed to harvest from the number of orders, we found that we needed 10 times as many as the previous year. So, we called out to everyone in town and asked for volunteers and part-timers to help with the harvest. It was hard work, requiring working in the water up to our waists, but we had a lot of local people helping us. I felt that people in the town have a supportive spirit to help those who are working for the community.

Hiro We renovated a vacant storefront in the town and opened our own store in November 2023, and we received a lot of help from the local people. The store was over 30 years old, so we renovated everything from the interior to the water system, and we were able to accomplish it together with the help of the water company, painters, and other local residents. After the store opened, our network has continued to expand, with regulars promoting the store by word of mouth. I'm deeply grateful for the connections I have made with people in the local community since starting the store.



I want to give back to the community what I owe from when I first moved here.

What do you want to do in the future?

Mr. Tanaka I also received a lot of help in renovating my house. I bought an old house, and when I consulted with someone and said I want to renovate it, a local carpenter came right away. If you want to help the community and do your part to help the community, people in the community who see this will offer help out of nowhere. This is a type of relationship I have never felt in other areas. Tamakawa is home to Fukushima Airport, which was used as a filming location for the drama "Crying"

Out Love in the Center of the World". Eventually, we would like to run a guest house in a renovated house and invite people who come to Tamakawa to visit the place that was actually featured in the movie or to consider moving here.

Motohiro When I moved to the area, I received a lot of help from people who were known to many people and helpful in the community, for example, when searching for the house where I now live. Even after I moved here, the local people have been very kind to me. On the other hand, as the years have passed and the population has aged, it is now my turn to take on responsibilities for the community. It is my turn to return the favor, and I want to do something for it. There is a saying, "giving back," but giving back to those who have helped you is not the only way to repay your debt of gratitude. I believe that giving back to the community as a whole is one form of returning the favor that people who move here can do.



\ Thank you //



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Click here for a list of immigration and settlement support systems.

The venue for the roundtable discussion was here.



Tamakawa Complex Waterfront Facility "Otsuna Eki Tamakawa"

Opened in September 2024. There is a restaurant where you can drink craft beer and experience activities such as stand-up paddleboarding and canoeing.

yummy





Tamakawa's famous saru-nashi juice is made from kiwi berries that are just as juicy as a pear.



The juicy 100% Fukushima beef hamburger steak is superb!



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A craft beer brewery, Abukuma Riverside Brewery, is also located on the premises.





Introduced by a family that
has moved to the Koriyama
Collaborative Core Urban Area (KCCUA)! //

Recommended places for childrearing activities in the KCCUA

The KCCUA has many attractive parks and facilities that support families raising children. We asked Ms. Yoshida and her daughters (residents of Furudono) and Mr. and Ms. Seki and their daughters and son (residents of Nihonmatsu) to introduce spots that many people from neighboring cities, towns, and villages visit to enjoy with their parents and children!

*Children must be accompanied by parents or guardians at the indoor playground. Admission may be restricted during busy times.



Indoor facility where you can play, read, and learn about special effects filming

Sukagawa Citizen Exchange Center "tette"

One spot that has many fans among parents and children in the central and southern parts of the prefecture is the Sukagawa Citizen Exchange Center "tette." There is an indoor playground for preschoolers, a library, and even the Tsuburaya Eiji Museum, where visitors can learn about the achievements of the "god of special effects filming," director Tsuburaya Eiji!



The Yoshida family will guide you.





No worries even on rainy days! Spacious and safe Waiwai Park



This is a free indoor playground for preschoolers and their parents. In addition to the main space with slides, net play equipment, and a sandbox, there is also an area with toys and books, so both active children and those who prefer to spend time quietly can focus on playing at their own pace. "Uses a changeover system with 4 sessions per day, 1 hour and 10 minutes each.



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One of the places with the most children's books in the KCCUA! You can encounter books everywhere in the library!



In addition to the four libraries (Main, Children's, Teens, and Research), there are books available for borrowing throughout the building, including near the café and at the Tsuburaya Eiji Museum, making the entire tette center look like a library! It has one of the largest collections of children's books in the KCCUA, with approximately 50,000 titles. It is fun to find a place to open a book on the terrace or between the bookshelves.



There are more books than in the school library! Which one should I read?



Learn about Tsuburaya Eiji, the "god of special effects filming," at the Tsuburaya Eiji Museum



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Sukagawa is the hometown of director Tsuburaya Eiji, known as the "God of Special Effects Filming" who created the Godzilla and Ultraman series. The Tsuburava Eiii Museum has a Godzilla's suit and a diorama of a reproduced movie studio! "How did he design the monster?" and "How were they filmed?" Let's go and learn the source of ideas for special effects movies!



The special effects technology is amazing somewhere between the real world and

begins to move!

by combining the head and limbs. large screen and

You can create your own original monster

Other recommendations

- There are also cafés and a convenience store, so there is no need to worry about meals and snacks inside the building!
- There are coin-operated lockers where borrowed books and children's luggage can be left!
- The building is barrier-free, so families with strollers and wheelchairs can feel at ease.
- The Childrearing Support Center also offers production events for parents and children that can be attended by those who do not live in Sukagawa!

Sukagawa Citizen Exchange Center tette



- 9 4-1 Nakamachi, Sukagawa
- **6** 0248-73-4407

Closed: 3rd Tuesday of each month, year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 29 - Jan. 3) *The Central Library, Children's Center (Waiwai Park), and Tsuburaya Eiji Museum are closed on Tuesdays.

Hours: Central Library 9:00-20:00 on weekdays (9:00-18:00 on Sundays and holidays), Children's Center (Waiwai Park) and Tsuburaya Eiji Museum 9:00-17:00. 'Times differ depending on the facility within the museum.

Parking: 72 spaces on site (free for the first 2 hours for tette visitors)

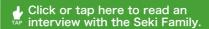
Lots of physical play both outdoors and indoors

Prince William's Park

Prince William's Park, located in the mountains in the eastern part of Motomiya, is very popular among local children! The park has an outdoor playground that takes advantage of the mountainous terrain and an indoor playground where children can play safely even on rainy days. The reason for the park's popularity is the abundance of playground equipment. Many children cannot play on everything there in one day and keep coming back. Another attractive feature is that children can choose various ways to play depending on their age.



The Seki family will be your guides.









An outdoor playground with a variety of large and small playground equipment on a gently sloping site. This large site is an adventure in the woods! It is divided into several areas such as the Exploration Zone, Kids Zone, and the Free Play Zone. It's good exercise just to move from one area to another as children yell "Let's go this way!" All of the playground equipment is cute and colorful, and you can enjoy a little bit of something different.



I usually play soccer, but playing like this is also fun!





Enjoyable for infants to elementary school students! An indoor playground where you can play safely even on rainy days



An indoor playground where children can choose various ways to play according to their age and preference, including a baby room for children under 2 years old, a playroom and sand playroom for children from 3 to 12 years old, and a junior sports area for elementary school students. Two big pluses are that children can play even on a rainy day, and siblings can enjoy the same playground! The outdoor playground is connected to the indoor playground by an underground passageway.



I came here to play when I was little! It's lively and the little ones enjoy it!





Official recognition by the British Royal Family! English garden with a variety of flowers during the peak period



The park was granted the nickname "Prince William's Park" after a visit by Prince William (current Crown Prince) of the U.K. in 2015; in 2017, the English Garden was established, and Prince William sent a congratulatory message when the park opened. From spring to fall, roses and various other flowers are in full bloom. Recommended for parents who want to have a relaxing time!

The Satoyama Play Zone next to the English Garden is home to medaka (killifish) and waterside plants. It is nice to have a place that I can enjoy with my daughter who is now in junior high school!

Other recommended spots

A 5-minute drive from Prince William's Park is the Motomiya City Fureai Art Museum, which exhibits many automata, mechanical playthings, by British artist Paul Spooner! There are also facilities such as the Shirasawa Dream Library where you can experience many books in a relaxing space with an outdoor terrace and indoor lounge. This is an area where children can grow not only physically but also emotionally.





Prince William's Park



[Outdoor Playground and English Garden]

- 212 Aza Bansei, Motomiya, Motomiya
- © 0243-24-5406 (City Development Division)

Hours: 9:00-16:45 (April 1 to October 31)Winter: 9:00-16:00; Summer vacation: 9:00-17:00"Underground walkways and restrooms are available only during the above hours.

[Indoor Playground]

- 60-1 Aza Chiyoda, Motomiya, Motomiya
- © 0243-24-5368 (Child Welfare Division)

Closed: Wednesdays (or the following day if Wednesday is a national holiday), year-end and New Year holidays (December 28 to January 4) Hours: 10:00-16:00 (Summer vacation: 10:00-17:00)

Special Feature "Playgrounds"

Introducing playgrounds in the Koriyama Collaborative Core
Urban Area (KCCUA)! We hope you'll visit them after
hearing what the children think!

Chap Koriyama
Chap Ishikawa
Chap Miharu

Chap Nihonmatsu
Chap Hirata
Chap Otama

Chap Tamura
Chap Furudono
Chap Bandai

Chap Ten'ei
Chap Ono

Chap Kagamiishi
Chap Inawashiro

Chap Tamakawa
Chap Asakawa





Click or tap here for audio guide.







No worries even on rainy days! \ Indoor Playground /





Sandbox and kitchen! One of the largest indoor playgrounds in Tohoku

This is one of the largest indoor playgrounds in Tohoku, with a lineup of fun playground equipment that attracts children's interest centered on "Pep Active." There is also a "Pep Kitchen," where parents and children can experience cooking together, and a sandbox, which draws visitors from far and wide.



It's fun to play with the Play Leaders!





a024-942-6777 (Certified NPO Koriyama Pep Kosodate Network)
Closed: The third Wednesday of each month and the following day, year-end and New Year holidays (12/29 - 1/3)
Hours: 10:00-18:00 (complete changeover system, 4 sessions)

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An indoor pool with a water slide!

This indoor pool is loved by people of all ages and features a 50-cm-deep toddler pool, a waterslide, and a flowing pool. There are also exciting events such as competitions for the fastest time sliding down the waterslide!



There are also seasonal events on Christmas Day and Golden Week (early-May holiday season in Japan)

94-170 Kakunai, Nihonmatsu 60243-24-7555

Closed: 1st Monday of each month (if that day falls on a holiday, the first weekday after that date), year-end and New Year holidays (12/31, 1/1) Hours: 9:00-21:00

Admission: ¥500 for adults, ¥300 for high school students, ¥200 for elementary and junior high school students, free for infants, ¥400 for people aged 60 years and over



Indoor playground where children can stretch

This is an indoor playground for children of elementary school age and younger. There's playground equipment, toys, a ball pit, and a sandbox in a space inspired by the Abukuma Limestone Cave, a famous sightseeing spot in Tamura. The space is divided into several sections so that children can concentrate on their own activities



The texture of the smooth floor also feels great!



 ↑ 120-3 Aza Genjiro, Funehiki, Funehiki-machi, Tamura (in Funehiki Sports Ground)
 ★ 0247-82-2700

Closed: Thursdays, year-end and New Year holidays (12/29 - 1/3) Hours: 10:00-16:30 (3 sessions per day, 90 minutes each)



Lots of toys that children love to play with!

This is an indoor plaza where preschool children can spend time. In addition to a ball pit, there are fun toys such as building blocks, miniature cars, papier mâché clay, coloring books, and origami. Staff members are always available for consultation on childcare issues.



It's great when I want to move around on the playground equipment or when I want to spend time quietly.

Closed: Thursdays, Saturdays, Sundays, and year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 - January 3)

Hours: 8:30-17:15



Tsudoi no Hiroba 🖒

Indoor space for preschoolers to play safely

In addition to playground equipment for preschoolers, this warm and inviting space is stocked with picture books and educational toys. The outside terrace is equipped with a large slide, so children can play even on rainy days. There are also toilets for infants and a nursing room.



I want to read books at a small chair and table!



Kagamiishi Town Health and Welfare Center 2F, 286 Higashi-machi, Kagamiishi, Iwase-gun

30248-62-7278

Closed: 4th Saturday of every month, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 - January 3)

Hours: 8:30-21:00



See the runway outside the window! Indoor playground at the airport

This is an indoor playground located inside Fukushima Airport, where visitors can watch the runways and airplanes take off and land from the windows. Open to children up to the second grade of elementary school. In addition to large playground equipment, visitors can enjoy Ultraman toys and a wide variety of educational toys.



There is also an Ultraman monument at the entrance of Fukushima Airport.



♥21 Aza Habakida, Oaza Kitasugama, Tamakawa, Ishikawa-gun (in Fukushima Airport Terminal Building)

30247-57-1511

Closed:Open all year round

Hours: 10:00-16:30 (3 sessions per day, 90 minutes each)
Fees: 100 yen/time (*free for Tamakawa residents and infants up to 6 months old)





A warm indoor playground renovated from an elementary school

An elementary school was renovated to house an indoor playground, "Ishikawa S Kids Plaza," which can be used by children up to the second grade of elementary school. The space is equipped with bouldering and playground equipment to nurture curiosity and creativity through play.



There's also a library, so you can borrow books you want to take home.



♥ 165 Aza Sekine, Ishikawa, Ishikawa-gun ☎0247-26-2566 Closed: Year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 28-Jan. 3), 4th Tuesday of each month for rental of the museum Hours: 9:00-21:00 Fees: Fees are charged for use of study facilities and rental facilities.



A flower garden with wooden playground equipment

A famous flower spot with an abundance of moss phlox in April and May, as well as 27,000 hydrangeas of 825 varieties in July. In 2021, four types of wooden playground equipment, including a mountain climbing facility, were newly installed.



There are about 250,000 moss phlox plants. The pink flower garden is beautiful!



• 437 Aza Yomogitadake, Oaza Yomogitashinden, Hirata, Ishikawa-gun

• 0247-55-3557 (Hirata Village Industrial Promotion Corporation)

Closed:Open all year round Hours:8:30-17:00

Fee:Free *Admission fee collected only during events

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Barbecue while enjoying the scenery of the four seasons

The park is located on a high hill. The square with a lawn has an arbor and water fountain, as well as a large playground equipment. There's a cooking area in the local woods plaza where visitors can enjoy barbequing while admiring the seasonal scenery.



There is a walking trail in the forest. It's like an adventure!



₱ 9 Aza Daisaku, Oaza Matsukawa, Furudono, Ishikawa-gun ☎0247-53-4613, 0247-53-4620 (Furudono Town Industrial Promotion Division)





Let's run around on the natural lawn!

Located in Ono Athletic Park, this park for children is equipped with toddler playground equipment and natural grass for children as young as 1 year old. There are also four roof covered benches. The park is surrounded by fences, so it is easy for parents to watch over the children.



I like that the fence allows my children to run around outside as much as they want.



965-1 Aza Biuri, Oaza Ononiimachi, Ono, Tamura-gun @0247-72-2518 (town hall gymnasium)

Closed: Mondays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 -January 3)

Hours: (April-September) 8:30-19:00 *October-March: 8:30-17:00



Let's make memories together as a family ♪ /





Lake bathing and camping with spectacular views

Lake Inawashiro is located almost in the middle of Fukushima Prefecture. From the beach, you can see Mt. Bandai, one of the 100 most famous mountains in Japan, and the scenery is beautiful in any season. In summer, the lake attracts many people enjoying lake bathing, camping, and marine sports.



I heard that a natural phenomenon called "SHIBUKI GORI (splashing ice)" also occurs in winter. I want to go see it!









Asakawa Fireworks Festival finale venue

A great location with a panoramic view of the town. The Nasu mountain range can be seen in the distance. It is also the launch site for the fireworks that cap off the finale of the Asakawa Fireworks Festival, a symbol of the town.



I want to bring my lunch and go on a picnic .



 \$58 Aza Shiroyama, Oaza Asakawa, Asakawa, Ishikawa-gun
 2247-36-2815 (Asakawa Town Planning, Commerce and Industry Division)





"Commutan Fukushima"
Fukushima Prefecture Environmental
Creation Center Interaction Building

Experiments and shows to learn about the environment and science

This is a facility where visitors can learn about radiation and the current environment of Fukushima Prefecture. On weekends, science experiments, crafts, and science shows are held, attracting many parents and children.



The experience events change weekly, so check the website calendar before visiting!



Closed: Mondays, year-end and New Year holidays (December 29 - January 3)

Hours: 9:00-17:00





Playing in nature at a forest campground

This campground is located in a forest park at the foot of Mt. Adatara, and has public bath facilities. The campground is also popular for its hands-on programs that allow visitors to fully enjoy nature, such as walking in the forest and trekking with snowshoes in winter.



In the winter, they have an event where people go looking for animal tracks in the forest!



§ 68 Nagakubo, Tamai, Otama, Adachi-gun

§ 0243-48-2040

Closed: Open year-round. "Group sites, free sites, some individual sites, the Forest Learning Center, and youth campgrounds are closed in winter.

Hours: 9:00-17:00 Admission: 660 yen for adults, 330 yen for elementary and junior high school students, free for infants, other facility fees not included

Let's exercise a lot!/



Hoshino Resort Nekoma Mountain

This is the place for children to experience skiing for the first time!

This ski resort is open from early December to early May. There is a children's area where you can enjoy sledding on a small snow hill that you can climb and play on, and "snow tubing" where you can slide down the slope on a snow tube that looks like a float.



Sledding on the slopes is great!



Open, Hours: For more details, please visit the official website.

Fee: Web discount 1-day lift ticket: Adults 5,700 yen. Junior and senior high school students 4,100 yen. Elementary school students 2,700 yen. Free for preschool children. Various other lift tickets are available.



We also recommend these places!

(Koriyama)

Niko Niko Kodomo Kan, Otsuki Park, Yatsuyamada Kodomo Park, Oyasuba Historical Park, Fureai Science Museum, Koriyama Ishimushiro Fureai Farm, Koriyama Culture Park

Nihonmatsu

Skypia Adatara Active Park, Genki Kids Park Nihonmatsu

Tamura

Motomiya

Katasone Forest Park Mizuiro Park

(Kagamiishi)

Torimiyama Park, Fureai no Mori





Inawashiro

Kamegajo Park, Inawashiro Children's Center

Hirata

Hirata Children's Garden Childcare Plaza



Miharu

Miharu no Sato Agricultural Park, Child Raising Support Center



Ono-machi Multipurpose Athletic Facility, Children's Smile Plaza Furusato Bunka no Yakata





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.









What are SDGs?

Adopted by the United Nations in September 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are comprehensive objectives comprising 17 goals and 169 targets to be achieved by 2030 as well as guidelines for evaluating progress toward these goals, with the aim of "realizing a sustainable world" based on the principle that "no one is left behind."





































Koriyama SDGs Award





Crowdfunding 8 9

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.

Local Tourism

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

KCCUA Global Business Promotion

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.





Asaka no Gakuen University

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



Program



participation 1 4

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.





Aerial Photography

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

Care and Support Services for Sick Children

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

Korivama Civic Support Center 17



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



Disaster Management Support System

A support system for public employees to facilitate disaster management.



Sports Innovation



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



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.



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.





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.

Matching Project for Gen Z Community Development [1] 17

We hold intergenerational exchange meetings and other events to match the younger generation with local organizations to "ensure the sustainability" and "refine the activities" of each organization.



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.



Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area

Introducing the municipalities







Audio Guide

Kaiseizan Park



A symbol of the city's history, kaiseizah Park tums pini 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.

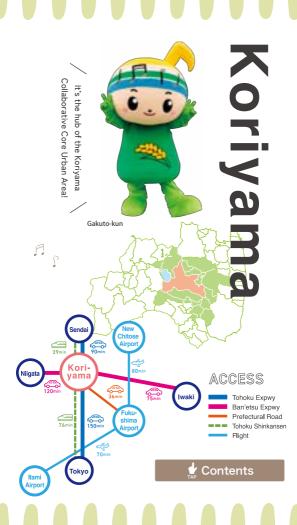
- 024-934-8733 (Kaiseizan Frontier Partners: Inquiries about park facilities)
 024-934-1500 (Kaiseizan Cross Field Koriyama Inc: Inquiries about sports facilities)
- Parking: Available
- Designation: Japan Heritage Stories "Ippon no Suiro:

The Asaka Canal* Cultural Property

What is the OTOTABI 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 the sounds of some of the most beautiful places and scenic tourist attractions the KCCUA has to offer.





"SDGs Future City" Koriyama.

In 2019, the Cabinet Office selected Koriyama as a "SDGs Future City" in recognition of the local government's efforts toward achieving the SDGs. With the aim of realizing a "Healthy Urban Area for All Generations," Koriyama is striving to create a community that ensures the well-being* of residents, leaving no one behind. Koriyama ranked first in the Fukushima "SDGs Promotion Survey" (Nikkei Inc., 2025).



"Tohoku SDGs Future Cities Summit" – bringing together SDGs Future Cities in the Tohoku region (August 9-10, 2024)

[&]quot;Being in good physical, mental, and social condition. A concept that includes not only short-term happiness, but also sustainable happiness into the future, such as a sense of purpose and meaning in life.

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 (1869-1912) when the construction of the Asaka Canal stimulated agricultural production and provided the area with electricity, which spurred industrial development.

The city celebrated the 100th anniversary of its municipal status in 2024. Koriyama is also known as "The City of Music" because of its many musical activities.



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



We have produced a "Koriyama Digital Sightseeing Map" that allows you to enjoy a high-quality 360" panoramic aerial view of Koriyama captured by drone. For details, please click/tap the button on the right.



Kaiseizan Park



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- 1-5 Kaisei, Koriyama
- 7 024-934-8733 (Kaiseizan Frontier Partners: Inquiries about park facilities)
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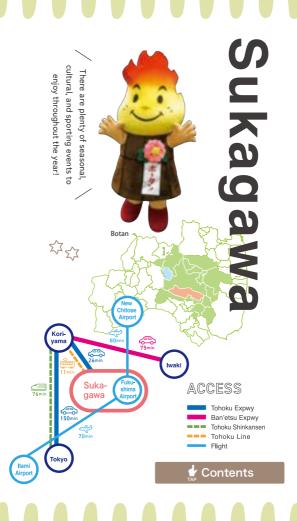
The Asaka Canal" Cultural Property

City of Koriyama Policy Development Div.* TEL.024-924-2021

1-23-7 Asahi, Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture *Name changed to the "Policy Management, Sustainability, and Regional Development Division" in April 2025.



Related websites



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 Prefecture, 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.



Audio Guide

Sukagawa City Hall Main Building



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.

- 135 Hachiman-machi, Sukagawa
- ☎ 0248-88-9122 (City of Sukagawa Adminstrative Management Div.)

Parking: Available

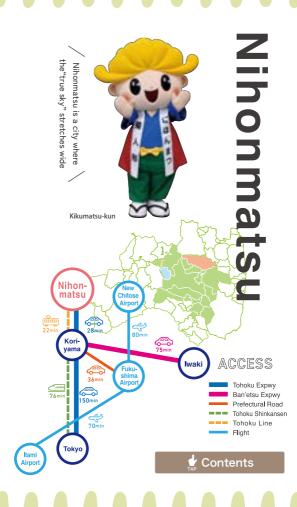
Inquiries

City of Sukagawa Planning and Policy Div. TEL.0248-88-9131

135 Hachiman-machi, Sukagawa, Fukushima Prefecture



Related websites



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 Prefecture, and has a population of around 50,500 (as of October 01, 2024). 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, which 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 (1603-1868), and for the Nihonmatsu Chrysanthemum Festival, one of the largest chrysanthemum festivals in Japan." . In addition, the city is home to four sake breweries, which use the high-quality ground water from Mt. Adatara.



Audio Guide

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.

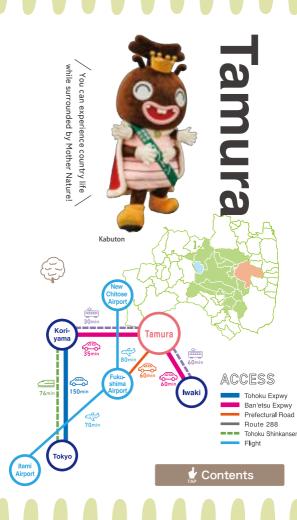
- 雷0243-55-5122 (City of Nihonmatsu Tourism Div.)
 Parking: Available at nearby public parking facilities
 Designation: Fukushima Prefecture Important Intangible Folk
 Cultural Property

Inquiries

City of Nihonmatsu Secretarial Policy Div. TEL.0243-55-5090

403-1 Kanairo, Nihonmatsu, Fukushima Prefecture





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 Prefecture, 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.



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

Abukuma Limestone Cave



A limestone cave with a 600-meter long open area that was formed over millions of years. With many caverns, such as the roughly 29-meter high Takine Palace, the Abukuma Limestone Cave is the perfect place for an adventure.

♥ 1 Sugaya aza-Higashikamayama, Takine-machi, Tamura ☎ 0247-78-2125

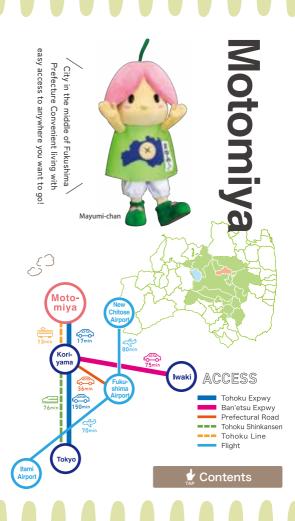
Parking: Free parking available (700 cars and 30 bus spaces)

Inquiries

City of Tamura Planning and Coordination Div. TEL.0247-61-7615

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





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 Prefecture.

Motomiya is located near the center of Fukushima Prefecture and long ago occupied a strategic position at the crossroads of the Echigo, Soma, and Miharu Roads. It is known as the "Center City" of Fukushima Prefecture because of its important location, and is very popular with young families. For two years in a row—2023 and 2024—Motomiya was ranked Fukushima Prefecture's most livable city by the Toyo Keizai newspaper.



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).

🔾 38 Motomiya aza-Ja no Hana, Motomiya

☎ 0243-34-2036

Parking: Available (300 cars)

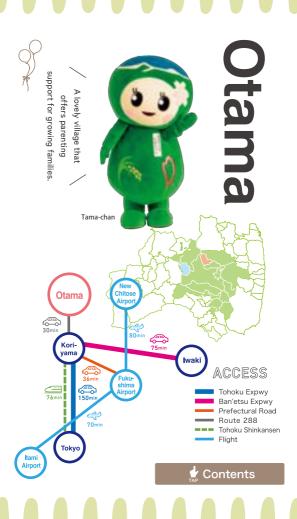
Designation: Tangible Cultural Property of Japan "Ja no Hana Mansion"

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City of Motomiya Policy Promotion Div. TEL .0243-24-5323

212 Motomiya aza-Bansei, Motomiya, Fukushima Prefecture





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 years. The village also has the highest proportion of young people (aged 14 and younger) in Fukushima Prefecture. Because cities like Koriyama and Fukushima Prefecture are within commuting distance, many people have moved to Otama.



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

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.

♥ Sooji-Temple Grounds, Tamanoi aza-Minami-machi, Otama, Adachi

© 0243-24-8096 (Otama Tourism Association)

Parking: Available (10 cars)

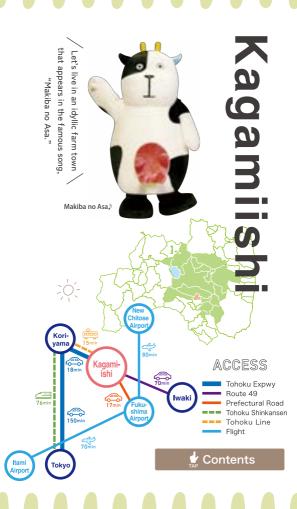
Designation: Fukushima Prefecture Green Cultural Property

Inquiries

Village of Otama Policy Promotion Div. TEL.0243-24-8136

70 Tamanoi aza-Hoshiuchi, Otama, Adachi, Fukushima Prefecture





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. Why the library? The reason is because the art was made based on the concept of "a picture book viewed from a window." In 2024, farmers used six colors and ten varieties of rice plants to create art under the theme of "Tanabata Monogatari" (The Tale of the Star-crossed Lovers).



Rice Field Art for 2024, the theme of which was "Tanabata Monogatari" (The Tale of the Star-crossed Lovers)

Students from the Iwase Agricultural High School planting the rice plants.

A farming town popular with families.

Kagamiishi lies between Koriyama and Shirakawa, and is a compact town, covering a modest 31.3km. Half of the town's area is used for agriculture, and this year marks the 12th year of the Rice Field Art event. The town is located near the JR Tohoku Line and the Tohoku Expressway, and there are many large supermarkets and companies in the area. Because a high proportion of the population is 15 years old or younger, the town is popular with young families.



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

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.

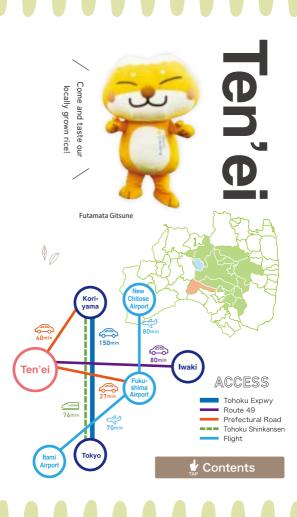
- 199 Midori-machi, Kagamiishi, Iwase
- ☎ 0248-62-7636 (Town of Kagamiishi Sport Facilities Management Office)
 Parking: Available

Inquiries

Town of Kagamiishi Planning and Policy Div. TEL.0248-62-2117

345 Fujinuma, Kagamiishi, Iwase, Fukushima Prefecture





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 the Sea of Japan run through the village. Rice and yacón are grown near the village office. A highland resort area with vacation homes and golf courses lies near Lake Hatori. There are also many secluded hot springs in the area.



- 1. Ten'ei from above.
- 2. Popular hot springs.
- 3. The Hatoriko Highland has a wide assortment of resort facilities.

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 m3 spring.

- ♥ 6 Oaza-Makinouchi aza-Kyoyahara, Ten'ei
- ☎ 0248-82-2117 (Ten'ei Tourism Association)

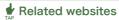
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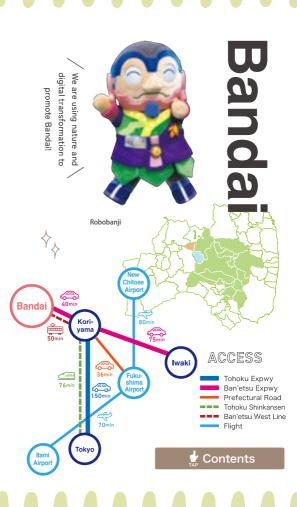
Designation: Designated Cultural Property and Natural Monument of Ten'ei

Inquiries

Village of Ten'ei Planning and Policy Div. TEL.0248-82-2333

78 Oaza-Shimo-Matsumoto aza-Harahata, Ten'ei, Iwase, Fukushima Prefecture





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.



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.

38 Oaza-Bandai aza-Teranishi, Bandai

80242-73-3000

Parking: Available

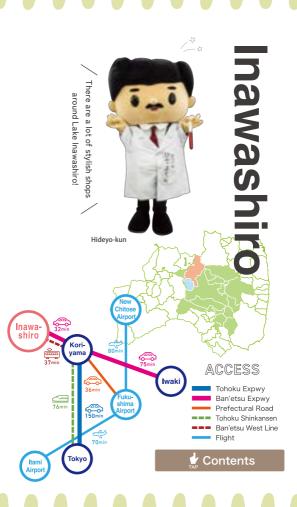
Designation: National Historic Site

Bandai Town Administrative Management Section TEL.0242-74-1211

1855 Oaza-Bandai aza-Nakanohashi, Bandai, Yama, Fukushima Prefecture



Related websites



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.



- 1. Lake Inawashiro Sightseeing Boat "Kamemaru."
- 2. Inawashiro Snow Paradise.
- 3, Tenkyodai Showa no Mori Park.
- 4 Soba Juku Bandaikai.
- 5. Hideyo Noguchi Memorial Infectious Disease Museum.

Lake Inawashiro



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

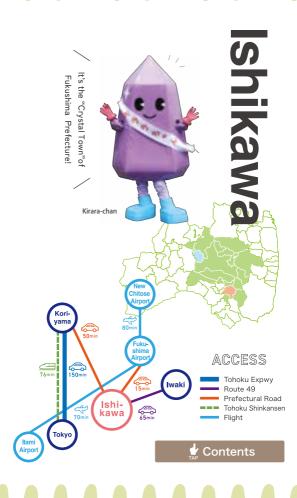
- **♀** Inawashiro
- ର 0242-62-2048 (Inawashiro Tourism Association) Parking: Available

Inquiries

Town of Inawashiro Commerce and Tourism Div. TFL .0242-62-2117

100 aza-Shirominami, Inawashiro, Yama, Fukushima Prefecture





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.



Community Center "Hitokurasu."

Educational Welfare Complex "Motto Gacco."

Just the right size.

A mid-sized town in the southern part of Fukushima Prefecture, 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.



Bobata Lakeside Center (right).

- 3. Cherry Blossom Valley.
- Ishikawa Hot Springs.

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.

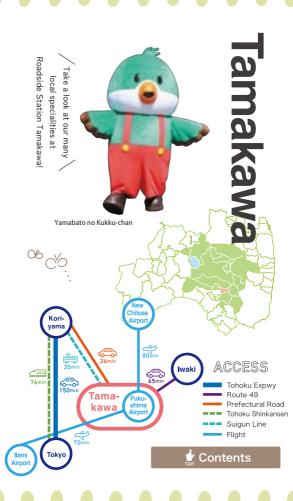
- **♀** Ishikawa
- ☎ 0247-57-7731(Regional Trading Company Sakuraize) Parking: Available

Inquiries

Town of Ishikawa Planning and Commerce Div. TEL.0247-26-9114

185-4 aza-Nagakubo, Ishikawa, Ishikawa, Fukushima Prefecture





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

Besides Fukushima Airport, two interchang es 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 October 01,2024). There are 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 are also plenty of delicious foods to try, including the hardy kiwi, a superfruit. Fukushima Airport, the "gateway to the skies," is located in the center of the village, while the JR Suigun line runs north—south through the village.



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.

- Oaza-Tatsuzaki aza-Takiyama, Tamakawa, Ishikawa
- ☎ 0247-57-7230 (Tamakawa Tourism and Industry Association) Parking: Available

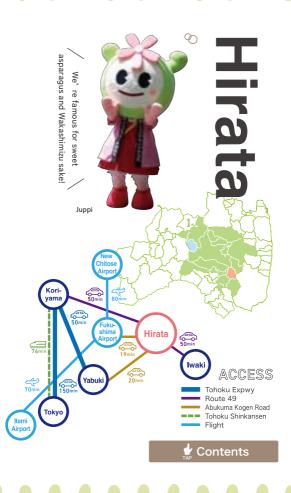
Designation: One of the "One Hundred Waterfalls of Japan"

Village of Tamakawa Planning and Policy Div. TFI .0247-57-4628

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



Related websites



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 Prefecture, between Iwaki 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.



Hirata."
4. Mt. Yomogida.

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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

- Sugeta, Nakagura, Hirata, Ishikawa
- ☎ 0247-55-3115 (Hirata Village Office)

Parking: Available

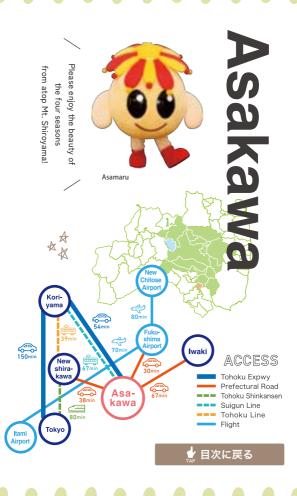
Designation: 50 Best Walking Trails in Fukushima Prefecture 100 Best Fukushima Prefecture Heritage Sites

Inquirie

Village of Hirata Planning and Commerce TEL.0247-55-3115

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





A town brightened by fireworks.

Asakawa, the home of fireworks. Fireworks displays are held four times a year, one in every season. The townspeo ple 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

Mavoke Charms.

A town with a 200-year tradition of fireworks.

This small town is located in the southern part of Fukushima Prefecture. 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.



Audio Guide

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 "Okaraku ri" and "Jiraika."

Oaza-Takiwa, Asakawa, Ishikawa

☎ 0247-36-2815 (Asakawa Town Office)

Parking: Available (1400 cars)

Designation: Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Fukushima Prefecture

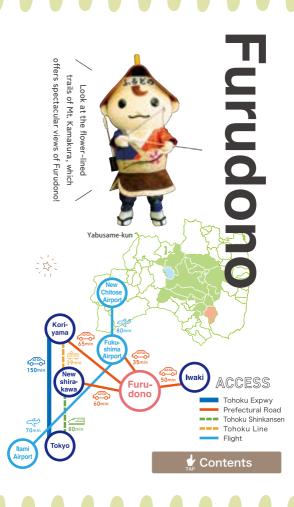
Inquiries

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

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



Related websites



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 Prefecture and has a population of roughly 4,300 people as of October 01, 2024. Situated along an ancient highway, it is about an hour from Iwaki, 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 konnyaku.



- 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."

Audio Guide



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.

- ත 0247-53-4620 (Town of Furudono Industry Div.)

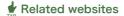
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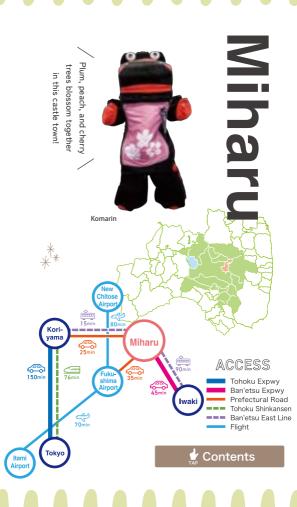
Designation: Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Fukushima

Inquiries

Town of Furudono Industry Promotion Div. TEL.0247-53-4620

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





Cherry blossoms, castles and outdoor activities.

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 lwaki are accessible via the Ban'etsu Expressway.





- 2. Ruins of Miharu Castle.
- 3. Miharu's Old Town.
- Blueberries from Miharu.



Audio Guide

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.

Omachi, Miharu, Tamura

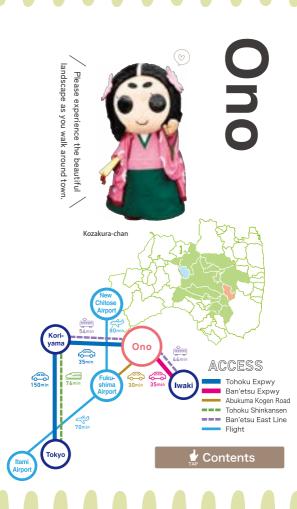
© 0247-62-3690 (Miharu Tourism Association)
Parking: Available (partway up the hill)
Designation: Continued 100 Fine Castles of Japan

Inquirie

Town of Miharu Planning and Policy Div. TEL.0247-62-1122

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





A hobby town with a beautiful landscape.

Ono's landscape was named one of the "Top 100 Landscapes in Fukushima Prefecture." 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 Prefecture, bordering Korivama 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 completion of the Fukushima Recovery and Revitalization Road, in addition to existing infrastructure such as the Ban'etsu Expressway to Koriyama and Iwaki as well as the Abukuma Kogen Road, which connects to the southern part of the prefecture.



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



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.

Suwa Shrine Grounds, Oaza-Natsui aza-Machiya, Ono, Tamura

₹ 0247-72-6938 (Ono Tourism Association)

Parking: Available

Designation: National Natural Monument

Town of Ono Planning and Policy Div. TFI .0247-72-6939

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





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



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.

Many industrial support organizations are located in the area.



Institutions and Industrial Support Organizations

More than 20 businesses

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

(Excerpt from the "Phase 2 of the KCCUA Vision")



Capable and Talented People



University Students (including junior college students)

6,179

(Each university's website [Number of students] (as of May 01, 2023))



High School Students

15,054

(Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Division Basic School Survey Report 2023)



▲Industrial Technology Institute Fukushima Prefectual Government (Koriyama)



Fukushima Medical Device
Development Support Centre
(Koriyama)



Fukushima Agricultural Technology Centre (Koriyama)



▲JETRO Fukushima (Koriyama)



Koriyama Technopolis Manufacturing Incubation Center (Koriyama)



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



▲.IICA Nihonmatsu. (Nihonmatsu)



▲Inawashiro Aquatic **Environment Centre** (Inawashiro)



▲Fukushima Prefectural Inland Water Fisheries Experimental Station (Inawashiro)



▲Wildlife Symbiosis Centre (Otama)

- 1, NIES Fukushima Regional Collaborative Research Center
- 2 Sector of Fukushima Research and Development, Japan Atomic Energy Agency
- 3 Fukushima Prefectural Centre for Environmental Creation Research Building

(Miharu)



A strong industrial cluster that drives economic growth and development



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 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 account for approximately 30% of the prefecture's total.

Gross Municipal Income ¥17.95 trillion
(Prefecture: ¥52.92 trillion)

Gross Municipal Product ¥25.92 trillion

(Prefecture: ¥78.85 billion)

(based on the 2021 Fukushima Prefecture Annual Report of Municipal Accounts by the Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Div.)



Annual Sales Value (Commerce)

¥1,884 billion

(based on the 2023 Economic Census of Fukushima Prefecture)



Total Value of Manufactured Goods Shipments (Industry)

¥1.84 trillion

(based on the "2022 Industry in Fukushima Prefecture," Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Div.)



Agricultural Output

¥6.77 billion

(2022 Agricultural Output by Municipality (Projected), Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries)



23,888

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



69 Industrial Parks

(Phase 2 of the KCCUA

One of the leading industrial clusters in the Tohoku region, with well-balanced development of agriculture, commerce, and industry.

26,579 Private Companies

(2021 Economic Census, Fukushima Prefecture)



6,556 Wholesale & Retail Companies



3,561 Construction



2,129
Manufacturing
Companies



731 Transport and Delivery Companies

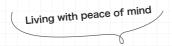


472
Financial
Companies



165
Telecommunication
Companies





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.



30% of the total number of beds in Fukushima Prefecture

8,224 Beds

(Prefecture: 24,806)

(as of October 1, 2023 – according to the "Survey of Medical Institutions" conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)



7,913 Hospital beds

(Prefecture: 23,844)



311 Clinic beds

(Prefecture:962)



The number of hospital beds per 100,000 population

Let's compare Koriyama with the rest of the country!

(as of October 1, 2023 – according to the "Survey of Medical Institutions" conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

Hospital beds

National average

Koriyama

1,191.1

1,706.5

>>> Above the national average!

Clinic beds

National average

Koriyama

60.9

59.9

>>> Almost the same as the national average



A living environment with great healthcare

Hospitals, Clinics, and Dental Clinics 765

(as of October 1, 2023 - according to the "Survey of Medical Institutions" conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)



38 Hospitals



446 و ١ Clinics



281 **Dental Clinics**



Emergency care



Symptoms /urgency **Tertiary Emergency Care**

● Koriyama / Ohta Nishinouchi Hospital Critical Care Center

Very severe Severe 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 (Emergency Cooperative Hospital)
- Sukagawa / Sukagawa Hospital, Iwase General Hospital, Ikeda Kinen Hospital
- Nihonmatsu / Masu Memorial Hospital, Nihonmatsu Hospital, Masu Hospital
- Motomiya / Tani Hospital
- Miharu / Miharu Municipal Hospital (Emergency Cooperative 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

Moderate Mild Miharu, Ono / Tamura Medical Association After-Hours Care System

(8th Fukushima Prefectural Medical Program)



▲Ohta Nishinouchi Hospital (Koriyama)



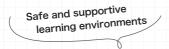
▲Iwase General Hospital (Sukagawa)



▲Masu Memorial Hospital (Nihonmatsu)



▲Hirata Central Hospital (Hirata)



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

227 Educational Institutions

(as of May 1, 2023 – according to the "Basic School Survey Report (Basic School Statistic School Year 2023)"conducted by the Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Division and the "Statistical Abstract" published by the Fukushima Prefectural Board of Education)



129

Elementary Schools



65

Junior High Schools



26

High Schools



3

Compulsory Education Schools



4

Universities (including junior colleges)





Universities and Vocational Schools

Universities and Junior Colleges

 Koriyama / Nihon University College of Engineering, Koriyama Women's University & College, Ohu University

Vocational School

- Koriyama / 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
- Sukagawa / Iwase General Hospital Nursing College, Sukagawa Training School

Upper Secondary Specialized Training School

- Koriyama / Koriyama Gakuin
- Miharu / Fukushimaken Riko Training School

Business skill development school

Koriyama / Koriyama Technical Academy





▲Nihon University College of Engineering



▲Ohu University



▲Koriyama Women's University & College

A safe and healthy environment to support child-rearing



Many local parenting and family support centers are being created within the KCCUA, and they provide places where

parents, guardians, and families can socialize, consult with experts about problems and insecurities regarding parenting, and receive various kinds of support. In this way, residents can raise their children with peace of mind while working.

High-quality day care and early childhood education

131 Day Care Centers

(as of October 01, 2024 – according to the "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

Kindergartens and
Certified Centers
for Early Childhood Education

(according to the "Basic School Survey Report (Basic School Statistic for School Year 2023)" Published by the Fukushima Prefecture Statistics Division)



131 Day Care Centers



33
Certified Centers for Early Childhood Education



72 Kindergartens

Supporting child-rearing by providing activities for parents and children, and consultations about parenting problems and insecurities.



(as of October 1, 2022 - according to the "Survey of Social Welfare Institutions" conducted by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)



Local Parenting and **Family Support Centers**

(as of March 31, 2024 - Fukushima Prefecture Website, Childcare Support Div.)



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
- Provide consultations and assistance related to parenting
- Provide information about parenting within the communities
- Provide short courses about parenting and parenting support



An introduction to playgrounds and childcare facilities in the KCCUA.



▲Midorigaoka Park (Sukagawa)



▲Genki Kids Park (Nihonmatsu)



▲Fureai Forest (Kagamiishi)



▲Mt. Bandai Enichiji Temple Archive and Garden (Bandai)



▲Miharu-no-Sato Agricultural Park (Miharu)



▲Mizuiro Park (Motomiya)

Parenting and Family Support Center (Niko-Niko Kodomo kan)

Parenting and Family Support Center | Koriyama



This childcare support facility has an indoor playground with a large slide and ball pool, a childcare library corner with picture books and parenting guides, a lounge where you can eat and drink, and an administrative office where you can receive Maternal and Child Health Handbooks and child-rearing consultation. There is also an outside terrace and playground equipment such as bouldering walls and jumping mats, so parents and children can enjoy themselves all day long.

Location: 1-2-3 Kuwano, Koriyama Phone number: 024-924-2525

(Child Benefit & Facility Management Division)

Closed: The third Saturday of each month and the following day,

(December 29 - January 3)

Open: 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. (rental hours are until 9:00 p.m.)



Parenting and Family Support Center (Niko-Niko Kodomo kan)



▲1st Floor: Playroom



▲1st Floor: Family Plaza



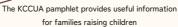
▲3rd Floor : Sun-Sun Plaza (outdoor terrace)



▲4th Floor : Exercise Experience Corner



Click/Tap here for each organization's website, etc.



A testimonial from the Seki Family, a family who relocated with their children



Two families recommend their favorite local spots



A quide to playgrounds in the KCCUA







Libraries in the KCCUA

Residents can use every library within the KCCUA.

Koriyama	∯ Kagamiishi	Hirata
Sukagawa	Ten'ei	Asakawa
Nihonmatsu	Bandai	Furudono
Tamura	Inawashiro	Miharu
Motomiya	shikawa	Ono
Otama	Tamakawa	

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



1 Koriyama Chuo Library

Located next to Hayama Park. There is an audiovisual room on the third floor. The Koriyama Museum of History recently opened next door, to the west.



Collection

Approx. 476,000 books

Seats

121

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

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)

963-8876

7 024-923-6601





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

Approx. 262,000 books

Seats

893

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

hours 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

3 0248-75-3309





3 Nihonmatsu Library

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



Collection

Approx. 85,000 books

Seats

55

hours

Opening 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

6 0243-23-5082





4 Tamura Library

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



Collection

Approx. 95,000 books

Seats

51

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

hours 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

6 0247-82-1001





5 Motomiya Shirasawa Yume Library

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



Collection

Approx. 136,000 books

Seats

43 (including sofa and terrace seating)

Opening 9:30 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. (Tue. - Sat)

hours 9:30 A.M. - 5:00 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

3 0243-44-2112





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

Approx. 16,000 books

Seats

8

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

hours (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

3 0243-48-2569





7 Kagamiishi Library

Has a reading space where you can relax.



Collection

Approx. 98,000 books

Seats

52

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

Closed

 $\label{eq:Mon.} \mbox{Mon. (The library will be open on public holidays and close the following Tue.)}$

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







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

Approx. 27,000 books

Seats

15

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

nours 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

3 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

Approx. 9,000 books

Seats

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

6 0242-73-2017





10 Inawashiro Library and History Hall (Nagomina)

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



Collection

Approx. 46,000 books

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

6 0242-23-7855





11 Ishikawa Library

(Educational Welfare Complex "Motto Gacco")

This repurposed school building now functions as a com - munity space that holds many facilities. including a library.



Collection

Approx. 40,000 books

Seats

38

hours

Opening 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 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

3 0247-26-9136





_earn more

12 Tamakawa Kukku-chan Library

This reading room is located inside the Tamakawa Gymnasium.



Collection Approx. 17,000 books 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







13 Hirata Chuo Community Center Library

There is a small library inside the Chuo Communi - ty Center.



Approx. 15,000 books

30

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

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

8 0247-55-2131

hours



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

Approx. 19,000 books

Seats

17

Opening hours

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

Closed

Mondays

Public holidays; End-of-Year Holidays (December 29 – January 03)

Special inventory period

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







15 Furudono Library

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



Collection

Approx. 10,000 books

Seats

8

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

Hour 5

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

3 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

Approx. 104,000 books

Seats

19

Opening 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

8 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

Approx. 110,000 books

Seats

45

Opening 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)

2 Oaza-Ononimachi aza-Nakadori, Ono, Tamura, 963-3401

8 0247-72-2120









Are there different types of libraries?

Libraries are classified into national libraries, public libraries, academic libraries, school library media centers, special libraries, and other institutional libraries, according to the type of user.

In Japan, the National Diet Library is the national library, which serves the public and supports the legislative and research activities of the Diet. Public libraries established by local governments and private libraries established by corporations are collectively called "public libraries."

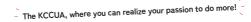
University libraries are organizations that store and provide materials necessary for university students and faculty members to study and conduct research.

School libraries are established to support and enrich the school curriculum. In Japan, the School Library Law requires all schools to have a library. Specialized libraries are intended for members of various organizational bodies and are established to realize the objectives of those bodies.

Other types of libraries include Braille libraries (information facilities for the visually impaired), hospital patient libraries, and libraries in correctional facilities, which are set up for people who cannot receive regular library services due to special circumstances.



Reference: Japan Library Association website



Social Entrepreneurship Acceleration Support Program

About the Social Entrepreneurship Acceleration Support Program

Koriyama is implementing the Social Entrepreneurship Acceleration Support Program, which provides companion support to entrepreneurs and venture companies that aim to achieve SDGs, solve regional issues in the KCCUA, and expand their businesses from the KCCUA while utilizing the network of local governments, entrepreneurs, and business start-up support providers in the KCCUA. The program provides companion support for entrepreneurs and venture businesses in the KCCUA.

Support Contents



01. Mentoring by experts

02. Brush-up courses, etc.





We develop leaders who take action as entrepreneurs and continue to build businesses that can withstand the changing times.



Program name

Regional Innovation Lab Koriyama

Selected applicants

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Example case

Local Retort Curry Association (Tokyo) in collaboration with Hirose Carp Farm (Koriyama)

Objective

To develop sales channels for local ingredients

Implementation and outcome

Developed a retort curry using carp, a specialty of Koriyama

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Program name

Regional Innovation Lab Koriyama

Selected applicants

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(*6 continued from the previous year)

Example case

Fukuei Shokai Inc. (Koriyama)

Objective

To develop new products

Implementation and outcome

Developed a cacao and amazake (a sweet non-alcoholic sake) beverage in collaboration with Horaiya Honten Inc.

Koriyama SDGs Accelerator Program

Selected applicants 10 Shortlisted applicants

Example case -----

Shinoya Corporation (Koriyama) Objective

To create a new product-development and sales community of farmers and businesses in the Koriyama economic zone

Implementation and outcome

Developed a human resources strategy for business expansion and explored collaboration with other regions

Program name

Koriyama SDGs Accelerator Program

Selected applicants 10 Shortlisted applicants

Example case

Kokage Corporation (Tamura)

Objective

Youth-led sustainable community-development project involving the development of upcycled products

Implementation and outcome

Conducted user interviews and customer development activities aimed at expanding sales channels for new products

Program name

Koriyama SDGs Accelerator Program

Selected applicants 10 Shortlisted applicants

Example case

Chikara Zushi Co. (Sukagawa)

Purpose

To prevent food loss and utilize local ingredients through the promotion of a frozen sushi sales business

Implementation and outcome

- 1. Commercialized frozen sushi
- 2. Developed a hypothesis of the customer base
- Explored OEM consignment of food-freezing technology

Program name

Impact Startup Studio

Selected applicants 10



• SUPPORT PROGRAMS •



List of migration and settlement support ystems for municipalities in the KCCUA

(As of December 2024)

	Municipality name			ıppoı	rt	Housing Support				Parenting Support			Experiences	
(Spaces Coworking	Start-up Support	Subsidy for using vacant shops	Scholarships	Vacant House Bank	Moving Assistance	Home Buyer's Assistance	Vacant House Renovation Assistance	Childbirth Payment Gift	Medical Care Subsidies	Day Care Fee Support	Trial Housing	Support for working in the agriculture industry
	Koriyama	•	•	•		•				•	•	•		•
	Sukagawa	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Nihonmatsu	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
	Tamura	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Motomiya	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Otama		•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
	Kagamiishi		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
	Ten'ei		•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Bandai					•	•	•	•	•	•	•		
	Inawashiro		•	•		•		•		•	•	•		•
	Ishikawa		•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•		•
	Tamakawa	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Hirata					•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•



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Asakawa				•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Furudono				•		•	•		•	•	•		
Miharu		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•
Ono		•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•

*For the latest detailed information and conditions, please contact your local municipality.

*Medical expense assistance is implemented throughout the prefecture (medical expenses for those under 19 are free).

*The scholarship assistance system is implemented throughout the prefecture.

*Work-From Home subsidy is provided by the prefecture, as well as transportation subsidies for those considering relocation.









The Past and future of the KCCUA

Please also watch the video "Stories of the KCCUA taken over to the future" that tells about the "now" and "future" of each municipality in the KCCUA!





Formation of the Collaborative Core Urban Area



2018 September,2018:The City of Koriyama declares itself a core city of collaboration.

January, 2019: The City of Koriyama and 14 municipalities signed a cooperation agreement

March: The City of Koriyama formulated the KCCUA Vision.

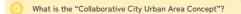
October: The City of Koriyama and The City of Nihonmatsu concluded a

cooperative agreement.

2022 February, 2022:The City of Koriyama and

The Town of Bandai concluded a partnership agreement bringing the total number of municipalities to the current 17.

2024 March, 2024: The City of Koriyama formulated Phase 2 of the KCCUA Vision.



A To revitalize the region and make the economy sustainable, even in a society with a declining population, declining birthrate, and aging population, and to enable people to lead comfortable lives with peace of mind, the major cities in the region will work together with neighboring municipalities to "drive economic growth," "accumulate and strengthen higher-order urban functions," and "improve lifestyle-related functional services" through compactness and networking. This policy aims to realize a base for maintaining a vibrant social economy with a given regional population even in an aging society with a declining population and low birthrate. (Source: Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications website)





Economy and Industry



[Status of primary, secondary, and tertiary industries]

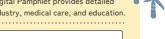
F Wholesale and other industries account for a high share of the prefecture's total sales.

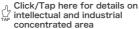
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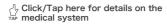
Medical welfare, education, culture, sports, commercial facilities, and national institutions are concentrated in the area.

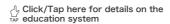


The KCCUA Digital Pamphlet provides detailed information on industry, medical care, and education.











Population Goals for the Area (by 2040)



Population in 2010

671,245



617,844



The population is expected to decrease by approximately 158,000 people in 30 years.

Estimated population in 2040

513,238

Population decline is also expected for Japan as a whole.

We will continue to make efforts throughout the area to maintain the population of 500,000 in the long term!

*1 and *3: Phase 2 of the KCCUA Vision

*2 KCCUA (Published in March 2024) Data Book of Constituent Municipalities



Let's do our best to achieve it!

Slogan

KCCUA: Spreading Together, Improving together, and Helping Each Other



ONE TEAM¹⁷ Towards a brighter future

Koriyama Collaborative Core Urban Area

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