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Chiba Prefecture

Ichikawa city



City Data as of May 31, 2016

- Population: 479,971
- households : 235,171
- Main products: Pear and laver
- Main events:
 - *Two Day Walk March (April)
 - *Firework Festival (August)
 - *Ichikawa Civic Festival (November)

Ichikawa City is located at west of Chiba prefecture and is the gateway of Tokyo separated by Edogawa River. It is about 20 km from the center of Tokyo, and has evolved as residential area. Located at the intersection of transportation network such as JR Sobu Line, Musashino Line, Keiyo Line, Tokyo Metro Tozai Line, Metropolitan Subway, Shinjuku Line, and Keisei Line, there are 16 stations within the city. Also, Keiyo Highway and road network including National Road No.14 run through the city.

Because of such traffic access, it is a commuter town in the Tokyo Metropolitan Area; however, Agriculture, such as pear, is active in northern part. The city is also rich in historical and academic context. Hachiman Kanno area has been prospered as high-quality country house in old time, and is forming a mansion street. There are many academic institute, characterizing the city as educational. Southern part attends Tokyo Bay, and forms a part of Keiyo Industrials Zone, with new urban housing developments. The area is also known for producing laver.



●Highlits of Ichikawa City



Pear is special production localities !

Chiba is Japan's number one pear-producing prefecture, and Ichikawa City is top among cities. History of pear cultivation is said to be 200 years. Evaluated the history and name value comprehensively, Ichikawa Pear was trademarked as a regional brand by the Patent Office Region Associations in August, 2007



Zoological and Botanical Gardens

City breed and exhibit approximately 60 species and 450 animals, including such popular animals as Lesser panda and Oriental small-clawed otter. Especially exhibit is the water slider for the otter. It resembles "Nagashi-somen", traditional way of eating noodles where fine white noodles served flowing in a small flume. In 2013, it broke over internet and became famous worldwide.





Satomi Botanical Garden

It is known as sightseeing spot of Edogawa River and cherry blossom. Western style garden with fountain, former residence of Hakushu Kitahara, poet in Meiji era, and ruins of castle are worth seeing. Especially, rose garden attracts many visitors with 97 species of 806 shares roses during season.



●Healthy City Project

1. Ichikawa Healthy City Promotion Course

This course has been held in order to increase public awareness about wellness, and to help to spread Healthy City concept in local societies since 2005 under cooperation of Wayo Women University. It is designed to increase knowledge on exercise and food for health promotion as well as knowledge on Ichikawa's industry, culture, and environments which surround citizens.

2. Ichikawa Healthy City Promotion Member

They play an active part as a leader of local health promotion in order to collaborate with government. Main activities are disseminating proper knowledge on health promotion, campaigning environment beautification, and local welfare service, etc. In addition to such group activities, they organize private group in order to contribute to community, or take part in volunteer activities personally.

Group Works

Healthy City Promotion Members are grouped into teams. And each groups plans health promotion and manages, and carries out the plan. Currently, four teams are active. Previous year, they held walking event, mini sports event, and reminiscences methods training.



Walking event



Mini sports event



Reminiscences methods training

Regular meeting

Once in every months, regular meeting are carried out, where workshop for leaders of local health promotion as well as reports on events organized by each groups are held.

Ichikawa City's web site:
<http://www.city.ichikawa.lg.jp>