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## A Message from the Mayor



Mayor
Norio Kobayashi

Ibaraki Town is a rural city, situated roughly in the middle of Ibaraki Prefecture. It offers a natural environment rich in waterways and greenery, including Lake Hinuma, making it a pleasant place to live. It was established in 1955 as a merger between administrative jurisdictions, celebrating its 70th anniversary as a town on February 11th, 2025. At this juncture I would like to express my gratitude for the tremendous assistance and support of the people of Ibaraki Town.

In a recent development, the Hinuma Waterfall and Wetland Center (Exhibition Facility) opened in November 2024. Through various exhibits, visitors have the opportunity to learn more about Lake Hinuma, which is a wetland registered under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. In addition, IBARAKI-TOWN CULTURE HALL "IBASAN HALL" is slated to open in September 2026. Hopes are high that the new facility will prove to be a center for culture and art projects, and for regional as well as inter-generational interaction.

Though ongoing dialogue, our goal for Ibaraki Town is for residents to feel happy to call this place home, and that they want to continue to live here.

Another key concept is creating a dynamic place of interaction for three generations of townspeople, and forging our future with our hopes and dreams.

In this Overview of the town, we are pleased to introduce the beauty and charm of Ibaraki Town, and it is our hope that it gives the reader a sense of familiarity with the town.



# Ibaraki Town: creating a dynamic place of interaction for three generations, and forging our future with our hopes and dreams.

By maximizing the town's unique characteristics and resources, we will work together to create a community full of dreams and hopes—where everyone involved in the town can connect with smiles, engage in vibrant exchange, and find renewed energy—passing this legacy on to the future.

### Town Charter

We the people of Ibaraki Town, where we are surrounded by a magnificent natural environment and bountiful land, and where our town is always moving forward with limitless possibilities, hereby enact this Town Charter. Our goal is to create a town imbued with love, and where everyone participates with responsibility and pride, specifically as follows:

Protecting the natural environment and our home area to create a town with a beautiful environment.

Training in physical activity, further educating ourselves, and engendering a healthy town.

Having love and care for our neighbors and families, and creating a town where people are considerate of each other.

Having responsibility and pride in our work, and forging a dynamic environment for our town.

Treasuring our cultural heritage to create a town where we appreciate our predecessors.

Established November 9, 1984