Ibaraki Town



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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

IBARAKI TOWN Area Overview

Ibaraki-machi is a rural town, situated roughly in the middle of Ibaraki Prefecture adjacent to Mito City, which is the prefectural capital. Offering a natural environment rich in waterways and greenery, including Lake Hinuma, and striking a balance between agriculture, business, and industry, Ibaraki Town is an ideal place to live.

Location / Topography

Location ▶ Latitude 140°25′ Longitude 36°17′
Surface area ▶ 121.58㎢ East-to-West ▶ Approximately 17㎞
North-to-South ▶ Approximately 14㎞
Average temp. ▶ Approximately 14.1℃
Annual rainfall ▶ Approximately 1,367.7㎜

Three rivers flow through the center of the town: the Hinumagawa River, the Hinuma Maekawa River, and the Kanseigawa River which feed into Lake Hinuma, situated to the eastern edge of the town.


1 Town Hall


2 General Welfare Center “Yuyu-kan”


3 IBARAKI-TOWN CULTURE HALL “IBASAN HALL”


4 Fire Department Headquarters


5 Komaba Government Building


6 School lunch communal cooking place


7 Sports Park


8 Sakuranosato Community Center


9 Waterworks Department


10 Ibaraki Seien (Funeral Hall)


11 Hinuma Nature Park


12 Hinuma Waterbird and Wetland Center (Exhibition Facility)



ACCESS

By Car

From Tokyo (Approx. 1 hour)
【Misato JCT】▶ Joban Expressway ▶【Tomobe JCT】▶ Kita-Kanto Expressway ▶【Ibarakimachi-Nishi IC】

From Gunma/Tochigi (Approx. 45 min.)
【Tochigi-Tsuga JCT】▶ Kita-Kanto Expressway ▶【Ibarakimachi-Nishi IC】

From Fukushima (Approx. 1 hour 10 min.)
【Iwaki-Chuo IC】▶ Joban Expressway ▶【Tomobe JCT】→ Kita-Kanto Expressway ▶【Ibarakimachi-Nishi IC】

By Train

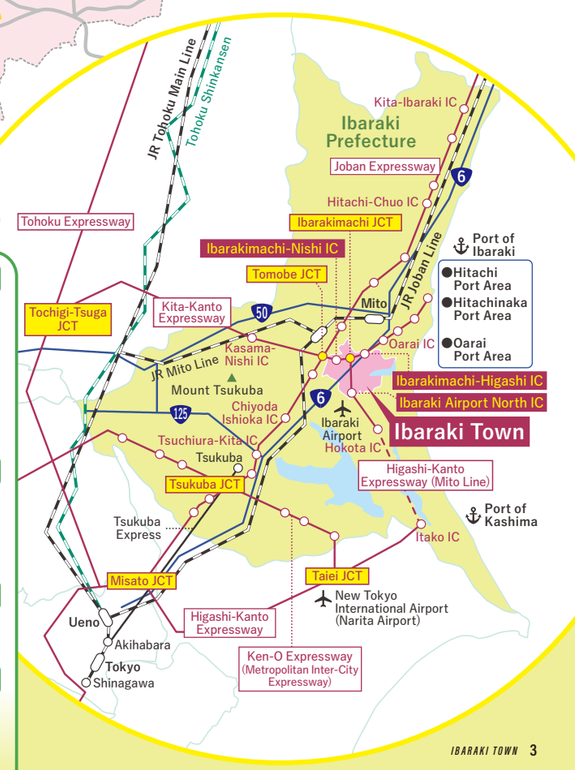
From Tokyo (Approx. 2 hours)
【Ueno Sta.】Limited Express Hitachi/Tokiwa (Approx. 1 hour 20 min.) ▶【Mito Sta.】Bus for Okunoya (Approx. 40 min.) ▶ Ibaraki Town
【Ueno Sta.】Limited Express Tokiwa (Approx. 55 min.) ▶【Ishioka Sta.】Bus for Okunoya (Approx. 35 min.) ▶ Ibaraki Town

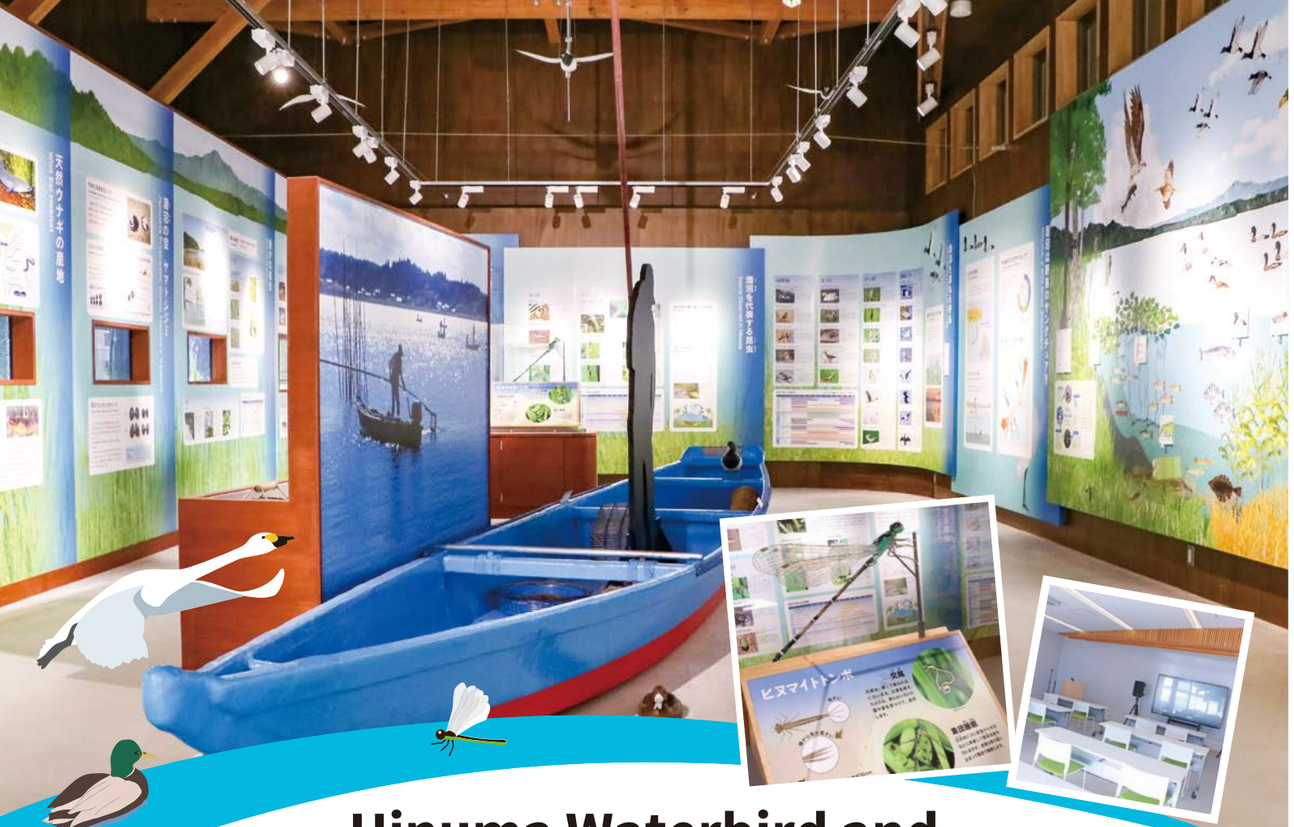
By Highway Bus

From Tokyo (Approx. 1 hour 35 min.)
【Tokyo Sta.】“Mito-go” Bus (Approx. 1 hour 25 min.) ▶【Ibarakimachi-Nishi IC】Taxi (Approx. 10 min.) ▶ Ibaraki Town

By Aircraft

From Ibaraki Airport (Approx. 20 min.)
Taxi via Prefectural Route 18 → Ibaraki Town





Hinuma Waterbird and Wetland Center

Exhibition Facility



The new facility will offer an exhibit area showcasing the history of Lake Hinuma—which is a registered wetland area under the Ramsar Convention—as well as the rich environment of this brackish lake, including birds, fish, insects, plant life, and more. It will also have a lecture room that can be used for a variety of conservation projects and as a learning hub.

Hinuma Waterbird and Wetland Center (Exhibition Facility)





Lake Hinuma

A brackish lake where freshwater and saltwater mix

Lake Hinuma is the only brackish lake in the Kanto region. As part of the Hinuma River system, at high tide, saltwater from the Pacific Ocean flows into Lake Hinuma via the Naka and Hinuma Rivers.

Registration under the Ramsar Convention

Because Lake Hinuma is home to a diverse array of flora and fauna, including the Hinuma damselfly, as well migratory birds such as the scaup, the area was registered as a wetland under the Ramsar Convention in May of 2015.

A production area for Yamato shijimi clams

Lake Hinuma is conducive to the growth of shijimi clams, which thrive in the sediment of the lake. This clams also benefit from the local topography characterized by high salinity and swampy water. The area is well-known around Japan for these clams, which feed on the variety of different types of plankton found in the waters of Lake Hinuma.

Prominent flora and fauna of Lake Hinuma



Photos provided by: Mr. Michio Shimizu

Japanese Swamp Warbler



Photos provided by: Mr. Michio Shimizu

Greater Scaup



Photos provided by:Mr. Tsugio Kosuge

Hinuma Ito-tombo (Mortonagrion hirosei / Damselfly)



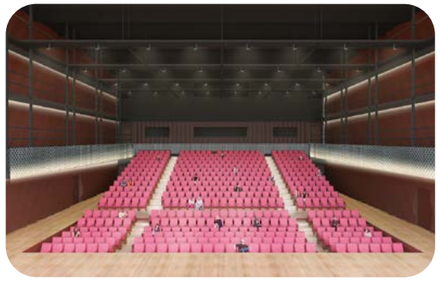
IBARAKI-TOWN CULTURE HALL “IBASAN HALL”



The facility will open in September 2026 as a hub for culture and the arts, as well as a place for interaction between localities—and between generations.

【Facility Overview】

Hall | **Light Exercise Room** | **Large and Small Meeting Rooms** | **Music Studio** | **Cafe & Lounge** etc.



Hall (500 Retractable Seats)



Cafe & Lounge





Sightseeing in Hinuma


Campground


Seseragi Plaza


Tenbo Plaza


Waiwai Plaza


Taiyo Plaza


Hydrangea Valley

Hinuma Nature Park

Drawing on the natural topography of the area, the park is a place where the visitor can experience close-up the flowers and plants of the four seasons. The vast area features a diverse array of open spaces and campsites, which means there is something that everyone wants to do.





Oyazawa Park

This is a spot for the magnificent views of the rising and setting suns. From the adjacent campsite, the visitor can take in an elegant moment of simultaneous views of Lake Hinuma and Mt. Tsukuba. There is also a stone tablet here denoting Tokugawa Mitsukuni, second lord of the Mito Domain (affectionately known as Mito Komon), at the site of the Lone Pine of Oyazawa, which is associated with the Tokugawa.



Agake Park

From here the visitor can take in a panoramic view of Lake Hinuma. Also from the bird-watching platform, one can observe water fowl such as the scaup.

Lake Hinuma



Hiroura Park

This park offers vast sandy beaches from which the visitor can take in a view of Lake Hinuma in its entirety—and it's also popular with fishermen. There is also an adjacent camp, barbecuing, and opportunities for water sports. This spot is also know for the autumn moon at Hiroura, one of the traditional eight spectacular view of Mito.

Four Seasons

Fun Events

Ibaraki Town is a comfortable place to live. Boasting a temperate climate, it is neither excessively hot in the summer nor excessively cold in the winter. Residents enjoy the relaxed transitions of the four seasons. It is also a nice treat to be able to witness the unique aspects of spring, summer, fall, and winter, including specific flowers, birds, and more.

The Town is host to numerous fun events. Both residents and non-residents can take in a relaxing moment at local festivals showcasing seasonal flowers—and much more.



June – July
Hinuma Hydrangea Festival

The visitor can take in a spectacular array of 10,000 bulbs in 30 different varieties of hydrangea. In particular the “Hydrangea Valley,” featuring differences in elevation, should not be missed. Events held during the festival duration offer booths where visitors can sample various kinds of food as well as hands-on “workshop”-type opportunities. These are some of the many featured events to be enjoyed here.



July
Kozuru Gion Festival

This is a festival of Yasaka shrine, which located on the grounds of the Kozuru Suwa shrine, which is said to be the place where people first came to pray for freedom from illness and disaster during the Meiji Period. Portable shrines and floats wind their way around the town in a dynamic display.



July
Amba Festival

Witness a fascinating ritual atop the Osugi shrine in the Shimoishizaki area. In an unusual sight even in Japan, stages are set atop Japanese traditional boats, with floats fitted with lanterns to create a magical atmosphere.

November
Ibaraki Town Citizens’ Festival

The various exhibits at the venue are truly elaborate and creative, including artwork of children of the town, paintings, calligraphy, traditional ikebana flower arrangement, and more.



November
Ibaraki Festival

This is one of the largest events held by the town, bringing together the agricultural, trade and commerce, and industry sectors. It is a festive event involving merchandise sales, local specialty foods, workshops and PR booths, stage shows, and more. The fireworks finale is truly an amazing display.







December
Hinuma de Marche

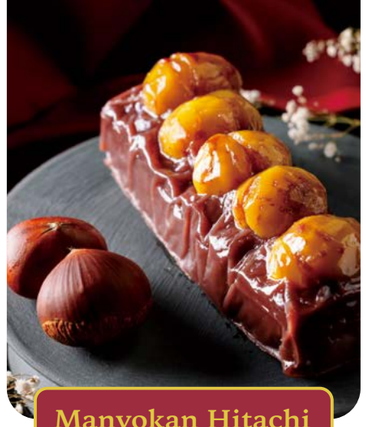
In addition to special Christmastime light shows, visitors can purchase gourmet specialties, handmade items, and more, as well as engage in special workshops.

Around November – December
Ibaraki Town Physical Fitness 10-Mile Ekiden Relay Race

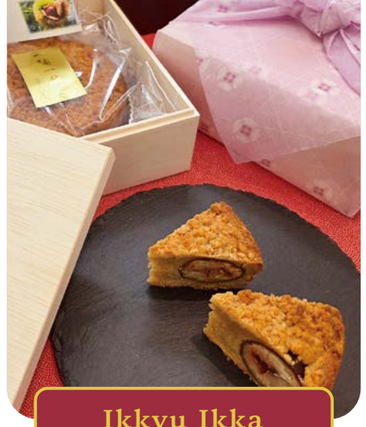
People from the town as well as other places throng the streets, braving the cold and wind coming off of Lake Hinuma.



Ikkyu Ikka



Manyokan Hitachi



Ikkyu Ikka



Iinuma Chestnuts

Ibaraki Town chestnuts are cultivated for their large size—one piece per burr, and cold storage tends to bring out their sweet taste. These were the first chestnuts registered in Japan under the Geographical Indication (GI) protection system in 2017.



Melons

The climate and soil of the region are suitable to melon cultivation. Melon produced here is both highly aromatic and flavorful.



Hoshi-imo-no-Pie-dutsumi



Local Rice Flour Sweets



Galette Sandwich

See Town Website for descriptions of rice flour sweets. ▶

Rice

Ibaraki Town is blessed with a temperate climate, ample waterways, and fertile, flat land, all of which contribute to the cultivation of great-tasting rice.

Local Specialties



Yamato shijimi

The Yamato shijimi clams caught in Lake Hinuma tend to be large and thick. They are rich in both nutritional value and flavor.



Strawberry

Ibaraki Town is also one of the prefecture's few strawberry production areas. The area's strawberries are large, sweet, and juicy.



Hitachiwagyu Beef

Ongoing research initiatives and superior breeding techniques yield the highest quality marbled beef—considered a pride of Ibaraki.



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1st Certified Products

1 Bairi-ton Pork
2 Shijimi Ramen
3 Iinuma Chestnuts

2nd Certified Products

4 Ai-chan Melon
[Andes, Lennon, Ibaraking]

3rd Certified Products

5 Tagane-mochi

4th Certified Products

6 Aigamo Method Rice
7 Milky Queen Amazake

Click here for details (Ibaraki Town Official Website)

Ibaraki Town Specialty Brand "IPPIN"

What is the Ibaraki Town Specialty Brand "IPPIN"?

The Town takes pride in its local specialties, particularly agricultural, livestock, and fisheries products. These products must pass strict inspection standards on quality and reliability, local flavor, brand improvement, originality, general appeal, and more.

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IBARAKIMACHI BRAND
茨城町特産品ブランド

IBARAKI TOWN



Crafts【Wire Art, etc.】

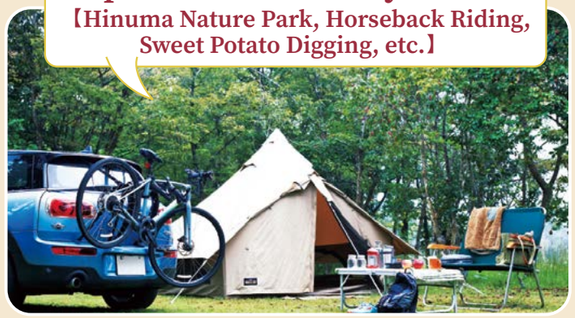


Hitachiwagyu Beef Hamburger Steak

Herb Tea



Experience & Facility Tickets
【Hinuma Nature Park, Horseback Riding, Sweet Potato Digging, etc.】







Pet Training Pads





Melons
【Yuka Melon, Ibaraking, Earls Melon, etc.】



Rice
【Milky Queen, Koshihikari, Fukumaru, Nijinokirameki】

Delivered with Our Gratitude

The Hometown Tax Donation Product

Click here for details (Ibaraki Town Official Website)

Dried Sweet Potatoes



Vegetables
【Sweet Corn, Sweet Potato, Tomato, Regular Vegetable Delivery, etc.】



IBARAKI TOWN

Ibaraki Town
Comprehensive Plan VI

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



1 A Health-Social Welfare-Focused Town

Health Check-up



Senior Rehabilitation Exercises





Fureai Iki-iki Salon (Community Social Salon)



Child-Rearing Support Center “Manma-room”

1. Health and Medical Care
2. Child-Rearing Support
3. Support for the Elderly
4. Support for Persons with Disabilities
5. Community Welfare
6. National Pension and Welfare for Low-Income Households

The Town strives to create a safe environment for child-rearing, and where all residents have the opportunity to live long, healthy lives. We also work to provide nursing care and social welfare services designed to ensure that the elderly and people with disabilities can safely live the lives they want in the places they are accustomed to. The town also implements social welfare strategies to ensure that all residents can live comfortably here.





2 A Pleasant, Safe, and Comfortable Environment

Hinuma Basin Cleanup Campaign



Hinuma Environmental Learning Session





Disaster Prevention Drill



Traffic Safety Class

1. Environmental Conservation
2. Environmental Sanitation (Waste Disposal, etc.)
3. Water and Sewage Systems
4. Parks and Green Spaces
5. Firefighting and Disaster Prevention
6. Traffic Safety and Crime Prevention
7. Consumer Protection Measures

Ibaraki Town is known for its waterways and greenery, especially Lake Hinuma, which is recognized around the world. Our goal is to create a pleasant living environment where people want to live permanently—and a place where they want to move from other localities.
In addition, we take steps to ensure that the town is resistant to all kinds of potential crises, and that all residents can live comfortably and safely.



Historical Sites and Cultural Assets of Ibaraki Town



Town-Designated Historic Site

Obata Castle Ruins

These ruins from Japan’s middle ages retain roughly their original structure. The dry moats, which look like mazes, show a great deal of skill in their construction, which leaves a strong impression on the viewer.

Nationally-Designated Sculpture

Wooden Seated Statue of Amida Nyorai

This wooden seated statue of Amitabha Buddha, housed at Enpuku-ji temple, was carved from the end of the Heian Period through the beginning of the Kamakura Period. It was named an Important Cultural Property in 1915.



Nationally-Designated Natural Monument

Odo no Sakura

This giant white mountain cherry blossom is roughly 500 years old. During the early Taisho Period, it is believed that this tree spread to an area of approximately 1,000 square meters. Tokugawa Mitsukuni is said to have loved this tree very much.

Nationally-Designated Historic Site

Obata Kitayama Haniwa Production Site

These ruins of a Haniwa sculpture kiln site date back to the 6-7th centuries. The area has been known since ancient times for its excellent quality clay. With remnants of 59 kilns, this is one of the nation’s largest such sites.

Prefecturally-Designated Building

Kimura Family Residence

This wooden building was built as a secondary inn at the castle town of the Nagaoka Domain (an inn that would take overflow of guests such as the entourages of daimyo and shomyo, who were the major and minor local lords). Though it was lost in a major fire at Nagaoka in 1857, it was rebuilt with the nostalgic thatched roofs that remain to this day.





3 A Town of Culture and Education for the Next Generation

1. School Education
2. Lifelong Learning
3. Sports
4. Culture, Arts, and Cultural Properties
5. Healthy Development of Youth

Ibaraki Town promotes human resource development with the goal of motivating people to want to educate their children here—that is providing education that inspires creativity and facilitates both a healthy body and mind. More broadly, we want to create a society where each of our residents takes the initiative to learn, grow, and be active.

Citizen Education Course



ICT-Based Classroom Instruction





Obata Hyottoko-bayashi



Ibaraki Town Physical Fitness 10-Mile Ekiden Relay Race

4 A Dynamic Town of Vibrant Industry, Dynamism, and Social Interaction



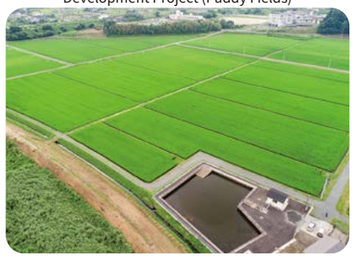
1. Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries
2. Commerce and Industry
3. Tourism and Exchange
4. Employment Measures

Making Ibaraki Town's distinctive agricultural sector a key part of our community-building, we develop various support initiatives for agriculture, and also focus on revitalization of the fisheries sector, taking special advantage of Lake Hinuma. In addition, in order to achieve dynamic community-building, we are also taking steps to stimulate commerce and industry, as well as enhance interaction with other localities through multifaceted tourism and resource-sharing.

Diverse Agricultural Products



National Emergency Farmland Reorganization & Development Project (Paddy Fields)





Hiroura Rural Life Experience



Cycle Tourism



5 A Town with a Solid Foundation to Build on for the Future

1. Land Use and Urban Development
2. Roads and Public Transportation
3. Information Technology (IT) / Digitization
4. Housing, Permanent Residency, and Migration Measures

Ibaraki Town works toward well-organized land utilization with a view to the future—specifically integrated, sustained development throughout the town. In addition, in order to boost convenience and safety for the people of the town, we are stepping up road networks and public transportation as well as informatization.
As part of initiatives to combat diminishing populations, we are developing strategies to encourage people to live in the town permanently, as well as to move here from other localities.

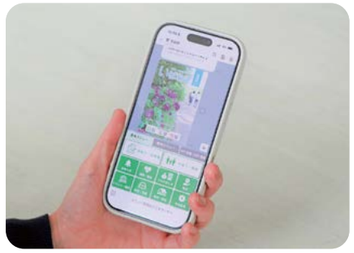
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Sakuranosato



Demand-Responsive Shared Taxi "Hinuma-ru"





Town Official LINE Account



Migration and Settlement Pamphlet



6 An Independent Town Built by the Power of the People

1. Citizen Participation and Collaboration
2. Community
3. Respect for Human Rights
4. Gender Equality
5. Administrative Management

Ibaraki Town addresses town initiatives with a comprehensive approach that includes the townspeople, related organizations, private companies, universities, and more, as well as community projects. We also implement initiatives designed to ensure that the human rights of all people in our town are respected, and that we can live and work together. Further, with a view to engendering an independent, sustainable management structure, we are moving forward with administrative and fiscal reforms.

Hometown Development "Demae" (On-Demand) Lecture



Hometown Vitality Promotion Project





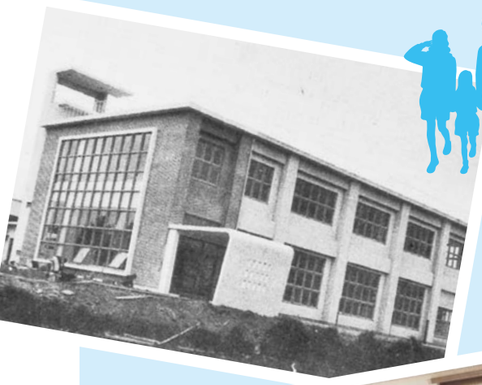
International Exchange



Small Home Appliance Recycling Promotion Project

History of Ibaraki Town

Ibaraki Town was established in 1955. The town name was determined via a public call for names. It was ultimately given its name with the hope that it would prosper far into the future as the top town in the prefecture of the same name, through development of the town government.









Showa Era

1950s

February 11 ▶ *1955*
Ibaraki Town was established through a merger of the Nagaoka Village (became a town on same day), Kawane Village, Kaminoai Village, and Numasaki Village localities.

May ▶ *1956*
Ibaraki Town Hall completed

March ▶ *1958*
Ishizaki Village (incorporated)

November ▶ *1972*
1st Town Citizens' Festival held

1970s

July ▶ *1973*
Fire Station building completed

October ▶ *1974*
Ibaraki National Sports Festival held at Police Academy(pistol competition)

February ▶ *1975*
Chuo Community Center completed

May ▶ *1979*
Ibaraki Town Sports Park completed

August ▶ *1984*
Hideaki Tomiyama, Gold Medalist, Los Angeles Olympics

November ▶ *1984*
Town Charter and Town Flower, Tree, and Bird established

1980s



Government (Executive Branch)

Ibaraki Town: A place where people are proud to live

Ibaraki Town has three fundamental principles that act as guideposts for developing the town: that we can be proud of, where residents interact with each other and with people from other localities, and where residents collaborate on community-building. We devise initiatives based on these.



Vice Mayor: Mitsuko Ishige



Mayor: Norio Kobayashi



Superintendent of Education: Kazumi Yaguchi

Town Councils (Legislative Branch)

Forging the future of the town by thinking together, creating together

The Town Council decides on key strategies pertaining to life in the town through deliberations, including budget as related to town government, establishment of ordinances, response to petitions, and more. In order to implement more specialized and detailed discussions, deliberations are held at standing committees, where members can utilize their specialized knowledge. These are: administration/economic development, education/community services, and budget/account settlement. Content of Council deliberations and results are announced to the townspeople through the Town Council Bulletin.



Chairperson (Town Council): Ryoichi Kubota



Vice Chairperson (Town Council): Toshio Nezaki

Heisei Era



1990s

1990 ◀ December
New Town Hall building completed

1995 ◀ April
Hinuma Nature Park completed

1996 ◀ November
Comprehensive General Welfare Center "Yuyu-kan" completed

1997 ◀ December
Ibaraki Seien Crematorium services begin



2010s

2010 ◀ June
1st Hinuma Hydrangea Festival Held

2011 ◀ March
Hinumaru-kun mascot created

2011 ◀ March
Great East Japan Earthquake occurs

2013 ◀ March
New Fire Station building competed

2014 ◀ January
Partner City Agreement established with Tamamura Town, Gunma Prefecture

2015 ◀ May
Hinuma registered under Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

2016 ◀ October
1st Hinuma de Marche held

2017 ◀ October
Partner City Agreement established between Otama Village, Fukushima Prefecture, and Miho Village, Ibaraki Prefecture





Reiwa Era



October 2019 ▶
Iki-iki Ibaraki Yume Kokutai National Sports Festival (Rifle Shooting Competition [CFP, Center Fire Pistol competition]) held at Police Academy



April 2021 ▶
Kasumidai Clean Center Mirai services begin

May 2021 ▶
Brand certification system IPPIN brand of Ibaraki Town specialty items established

September 2021 ▶
New School lunch communal cooking place services launched



April 2022 ▶
Ibaraki Town Demand Response Transport Taxi Hinuma-ru services launched

April 2023 ▶
Hinuma Nature Park Waiwai Playground Complex

2020s

January 2024 ▶
Town Rd. No. 120 Bypass opens

June 2024 ▶
Ibaraki Town International Exchange Association established

July 2024 ▶
Agreement with Kaisei Town, Kanagawa Prefecture, on Mutual Assistance in the Event of Disaster

November 2024 ▶
Hinuma Waterbird and Wetland Center (Exhibition Facility) opens



January 2025 ▶
Agreement with Shinagawa Ward, Tokyo on Mutual Assistance in the Event of Disaster

February 11th 2025 ▶
70th anniversary of town establishment of town status

Profile of Ibaraki Town

Town Charter

This is a stylized version of the first character of the name of the town.
The acute angle represents the development of the town, while the circle represents its harmonious nature.



Town Flower, Tree, and Bird



Cherry Blossoms

The cherry blossom was selected for nostalgic strains such as the Odo no Sakura and the Senkanzakura cherry trees, which are located in the town vicinity, as well as the fact that the cherry blossom has symbolized the heart of the Japanese people from long ago.



Plum Blossoms

The plum blossom was selected because of the fact that it is a harbinger of early spring, plus the idea that it represents the town as it grows, and due to its widespread presence across the town.



Japanese Bush Warbler

This warbler was selected for its beauty and because its song—full of hope—announces the beginning of spring, because many live in the town, and because it is a familiar bird.

Partner Municipalities



Miho Village, Ibaraki Prefecture

Situated in the south of Ibaraki Prefecture, the northern and eastern ends of the village border Lake Kasumigaura. It is home to the JRA Miho Training Center. In addition to being known as the origin point of horse racing, Miho also boats numerous historic spots such as the Okadaira Shell Mound, a National Historic Site. As such it is a perfect blend of nature and history.

Photo provided by: Miho Village



Otama Village, Fukushima Prefecture

Located in roughly the center of Fukushima Prefecture, Fukushima City Lies to the north, while Mt. Adatara—one of Japan's top 100 mountains—is located to the west. Particularly striking is the view of the shelterbelt of cedar and zelkova, which appear to wrap the traditional houses in a cozy environment, all with the ridge line of Mt. Adatara in the background.

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Tamamura Town, Gunma Prefecture

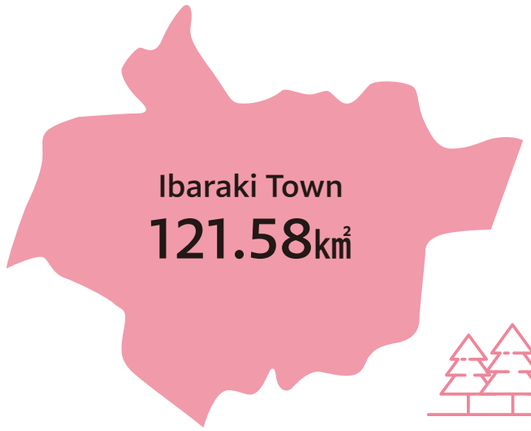
Tamamura Town, located in the southern part of Gunma Prefecture, is a rural town neighboring Maebashi City, Takasaki City, Isesaki City, and more. The Tonegawa River flows through the northern part of the town, while the Karasugawa River flowers through the southern part. The town enjoys beautiful views, including what are known as the three famous mountains of Gunma: Mt. Akagi, Mt. Haruna, and Mt. Myogi.

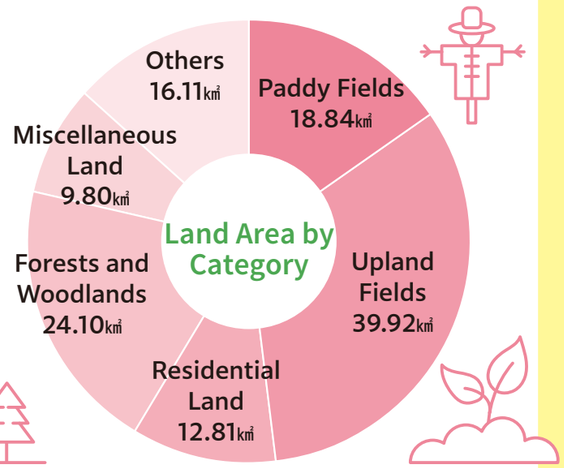
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Ibaraki Town in Data

[Source: Land Tax Ledger, etc., as of January 1, 2025]

Area of Ibaraki Town





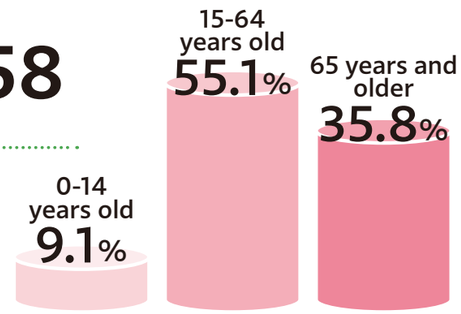
[Source: Basic Resident Register, as of January 1, 2026]

Total Population ▶ 30,179

Male ▶ 15,108 **Female ▶ 15,071**

Number of Households ▶ 13,758

Population Ratio by Age Group ▶



[Total for January – December 2025]

Number of Births ▶ 119 **Number of Deaths ▶ 480**

In-migration ▶ 1,273 **Out-migration ▶ 1,256**











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茨城町名誉町民

故	雨谷　俊夫	氏	元茨城町長
故	荻津　正夫	氏	元茨城町長
故	皆川　弘次	氏	元茨城町長
	郡司　和幸	氏	元茨城町長
	富山　英明	氏	ロサンゼルスオリンピック金メダリスト(レスリング)
故	小川　菊松	氏	(株)誠文堂新光社創業者

歴代助役

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	皆川　次郎	昭和30年 4月12日	昭和41年 4月30日
2	金沢　正夫	〃 43年 3月26日	〃 50年12月20日
3	森作　光久	〃 51年 7月 1日	〃 55年 6月30日
4	篠原　光	〃 55年 7月 1日	〃 59年 6月30日
5	神谷　誠	〃 60年 1月 1日	平成 4年12月31日
6	小貫　和通	平成 5年 2月 1日	〃 10年10月31日
7	山田　春男	〃 15年 6月 1日	〃 18年 3月31日

歴代収入役

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	佐藤　満雄	昭和30年 4月12日	昭和42年 4月11日
2	塙　義幹	〃 43年 4月 1日	〃 51年 2月 2日
3	篠原　光	〃 51年 7月 1日	〃 55年 6月30日
4	菅谷　秀男	〃 55年 7月 1日	〃 59年 6月30日
5	郡司　和幸	〃 60年 1月 1日	平成 3年 1月19日
6	小貫　和通	平成 3年10月 1日	〃 5年 1月31日
7	高安　孝悌	〃 5年 2月 1日	〃 11年 3月26日
8	小林　宣夫	〃 15年 6月 1日	〃 19年 2月19日

歴代教育長

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	菅谷　艶	昭和28年 4月 1日	昭和39年 9月30日
2	雨谷　厚	〃 39年10月 1日	〃 43年 9月30日
3	久保田　弘文	〃 43年10月 1日	〃 45年 9月30日
4	高安　武雄	〃 45年10月 1日	〃 47年 1月22日
5	篠原　大資	〃 47年 1月28日	〃 51年 1月25日
6	沼尻　淳	〃 51年 6月24日	〃 59年 9月30日
7	久保田　治部	〃 59年10月 2日	〃 63年10月 1日
8	二宮　昭	〃 63年11月 8日	平成 4年12月21日
9	野口　秀夫	平成 4年12月24日	〃 12年10月31日
10	和田　和	〃 12年11月 1日	〃 15年 5月20日
11	清水　衛	〃 15年 5月21日	〃 16年 9月19日
12	川澄　幾造	〃 16年 9月21日	〃 20年 9月19日
13	鈴木　由美	〃 20年 9月20日	〃 28年 9月19日
14	矢口　和美	〃 28年 9月20日	

歴代町長

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	雨谷　俊夫	昭和30年 3月27日	昭和42年 3月26日
2	荻津　正夫	〃 42年 3月27日	〃 54年 3月26日
3	皆川　弘次	〃 54年 3月27日	平成 3年 3月26日
4	郡司　和幸	平成 3年 3月27日	〃 11年 3月26日
5	木村　睦	〃 11年 3月27日	〃 15年 3月26日
6	佐藤　順一	〃 15年 4月27日	〃 19年 4月26日
7	小林　宣夫	〃 19年 4月27日	

歴代議長

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	松浦　義夫	昭和30年 2月11日	昭和30年11月30日
2	海老沢　宗重	〃 30年12月27日	〃 32年12月29日
3	〃	〃 32年12月29日	〃 34年12月20日
4	萩谷　源之助	〃 34年12月31日	〃 37年 2月14日
5	小松崎　顕美	〃 37年 2月15日	〃 38年12月20日
6	〃	〃 38年12月21日	〃 39年 9月26日
7	萩谷　源之助	〃 39年 9月26日	〃 41年 1月28日
8	金沢　正夫	〃 41年 1月29日	〃 42年12月20日
9	宇野　博明	〃 42年12月21日	〃 46年12月20日
10	高安　進	〃 46年12月23日	〃 48年12月17日
11	皆川　剛毅	〃 48年12月18日	〃 49年12月19日
12	黒田　博	〃 49年12月19日	〃 50年12月20日
13	村田　昇	〃 50年12月22日	〃 52年12月20日
14	鳥羽田　昭二	〃 52年12月20日	〃 54年12月20日
15	黒田　博	〃 54年12月22日	〃 56年12月20日
16	鳥羽田　昭二	〃 56年12月22日	〃 58年12月20日
17	大和　義明	〃 58年12月21日	〃 60年12月20日
18	〃	〃 60年12月21日	〃 62年12月20日
19	嶋根　昭治	〃 62年12月21日	平成元年12月15日
20	鬼澤　幸男	平成元年12月16日	〃 2年11月19日
21	石井　明	〃 2年12月 6日	〃 3年 7月25日
22	大和　義明	〃 3年 7月25日	〃 3年12月20日
23	〃	〃 3年12月24日	〃 5年12月 8日
24	東ヶ崎　晋一	〃 5年12月 8日	〃 7年12月20日
25	高根沢　節夫	〃 7年12月21日	〃 9年12月11日
26	皆川　重孝	〃 9年12月12日	〃 11年12月20日
27	飯田　耕	〃 11年12月22日	〃 13年12月12日
28	澤　秀雄	〃 13年12月13日	〃 15年12月20日
29	佐藤　勇	〃 15年12月22日	〃 17年12月12日
30	〃	〃 17年12月13日	〃 19年12月20日
31	小貫　昭夫	〃 19年12月21日	〃 21年12月 8日
32	〃	〃 21年12月 9日	〃 23年12月20日
33	小貫　和通	〃 23年12月21日	〃 25年12月10日
34	〃	〃 25年12月11日	〃 27年12月20日
35	海老澤　忠	〃 27年12月21日	〃 29年12月 5日
36	福田　茂	〃 29年12月 6日	令和元年12月20日
37	田家　勇作	令和元年12月23日	〃 3年12月 1日
38	澤　秀雄	〃 3年12月 2日	〃 5年12月20日
39	山西　正樹	〃 5年12月21日	〃 7年12月 3日
40	久保田　良一	〃 7年12月 4日	

歴代副町長

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	星　勝美	平成19年 6月 1日	平成22年 3月31日
2	矢口　和博	〃 22年 4月 1日	〃 25年 3月31日
3	柴　義則	〃 25年 4月 1日	〃 28年 3月31日
4	酒井　和二	〃 28年 4月 1日	〃 30年 3月31日
5	小林　弘文	〃 30年 4月 1日	令和 6年 3月31日
6	石毛　光子	令和 6年 4月 1日	

歴代副議長

歴代	氏名	就任年月日	退任年月日
1	萩谷　源之助	昭和30年 2月11日	昭和30年11月30日
2	木村　健治	〃 31年 1月 4日	〃 33年 1月 6日
3	山口　源重郎	〃 33年 1月 6日	〃 34年12月20日
4	寺内　久	〃 34年12月21日	〃 37年 2月14日
5	加藤　才之允	〃 37年 2月15日	〃 38年12月20日
6	大須賀　雲八	〃 38年12月21日	〃 39年 9月26日
7	金沢　正夫	〃 39年 9月26日	〃 40年10月 5日
8	小貫　善通	〃 40年10月 5日	〃 41年 1月28日
9	黒田　博	〃 41年 1月28日	〃 42年12月20日
10	大貫　周美	〃 42年12月21日	〃 46年12月20日
11	中村　栄助	〃 46年12月23日	〃 48年12月18日
12	萩谷　平	〃 48年12月18日	〃 50年12月20日
13	大和　義明	〃 50年12月22日	〃 52年12月20日
14	小貫　力雄	〃 52年12月20日	〃 54年12月20日
15	松浦　善治郎	〃 54年12月22日	〃 56年12月20日
16	嶋根　昭治	〃 56年12月22日	〃 58年12月20日
17	中村　勝男	〃 58年12月21日	〃 60年12月20日
18	飯塚　一郎	〃 60年12月21日	〃 62年12月20日
19	石塚　孝且	〃 62年12月21日	平成元年12月16日
20	溝口　章夫	平成元年12月16日	〃 3年12月20日
21	長津　芳男	〃 3年12月24日	〃 5年12月 8日
22	飯田　耕	〃 5年12月 8日	〃 7年12月20日
23	清水　操	〃 7年12月21日	〃 9年12月11日
24	皆藤　文雄	〃 9年12月12日	〃 10年 4月22日
25	萩谷　寿蔵	〃 10年 5月20日	〃 11年12月20日
26	澤　秀雄	〃 11年12月22日	〃 13年12月12日
27	高橋　良雄	〃 13年12月13日	〃 15年 3月20日
28	鳥羽田　秋典	〃 15年 3月21日	〃 15年12月20日
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30	市村　照彦	〃 17年12月13日	〃 19年12月20日
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32	福田　茂	〃 21年12月 9日	〃 23年12月20日
33	佐藤　慎一	〃 23年12月21日	〃 25年12月10日
34	髙安　能久	〃 25年12月11日	〃 27年12月20日
35	久保田　良一	〃 27年12月21日	〃 29年12月 5日
36	〃	〃 29年12月 6日	令和元年12月20日
37	山西　正樹	令和元年12月23日	〃 3年12月 1日
38	〃	〃 3年12月 2日	〃 5年12月20日
39	石川　祐一	〃 5年12月21日	〃 7年12月 3日
40	根崎　敏夫	〃 7年12月 4日	