



# How to walk around Sakuragaoka

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## History of Sakurajosui



Current Sakurajosui Station / Photo by Ryoma Noguchi

Old Sakurajosui Station / <https://www.setagaya-old.com/>

Many people gathered in Sakurajosui

In 1945, Japan lost the Pacific War, and sense of values changed 180 degrees, and the Japanese particularly the men lost their confidence. In that, the women people living around Kamikitazawa were in high spirit, because they had been able to have a right equally as well the men.

"The patriotism women's society" invited "a campaigner" which had an antipathy to by men as an advisor and an enlightenment movement of "the equality of the sexes" began.

Soichi Oya evacuated to Hachimanyama from the downtown area, though it was inspired by Mr. and Mrs. Oya, but the various cultural activities that a woman led around Setagaya, were begun, and that made it an area that considerably attracted attention.

However, it is Reverend Kagawa of the Matsuzawa church that had a big influence in Japan Toyohiko Kagawa was known as a bestseller as a social welfare campaigner for cooperative motion before the Great Kanto Earthquake. And at that time, Toyohiko Kagawa rushed to the

reconstruction aid from Kobe, and held a church and a house in Setagaya after 1931, and it was pushed on by social welfare and the propagation exercise.

Communism raged by serious force in Japan, however, after the defeat, the power in hope of socialism except Marx increased, too. Kagawa had a profound knowledge of British socialism and worked for the enlightenment. It is said that people said to be the Socialist Party right wing were affected by most of Kagawa in those days.

That's why the church became full of people who were not

Christians on Sunday service of the Matsuzawa church, and a lot of people moved a house around Setagaya were for because they wanted to hear the story of Kagawa. Particularly, Sakurajosui 5-chome was a strong area of the influence of the Matsuzawa church as there was "the Japan deafness talk school" which parents of the Reischauer former stationing in Japan ambassador built on the Keio Corp, which is existing Setagaya 4-chome. And relations were deep with the Matsuzawa church, and the foreign propagator of the deafness talk school lived in the existing Sakurajosui 5-chome.

For these reasons, Setagaya was a grand information dispatch base until the decade from 1955 to 1964.

Since Sakurajosui has a deep history, people gather in Sakurajosui.

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## Life in Kamikitazawa



Kamikitazawa Station / Photo by Hayata Shimanuki

Kamikitazawa has wonderful shops that are loved by the local community. One of them is a bagel shop called Kepo Bagels. A bagel is a ring-shaped bread

with a doughnut-like hole and a chewy texture. This shop pursues the texture of bagels, and has 19 types of "Japanese bagels", which have a chewy texture that resembles rice cake and is made with Japanese ingredients such as black beans and soybean flour.

In addition, the popular sandwich menu can be made on the spot by combining your favorite bagel and sandwich ingredients. Kepo bagels reportedly sells as many as 700 bagels on a weekend.

Another of them is a Japanese sweets shop called Shizuka. The store has been around for decades, but it was renovated in 2017 and has a stylish interior. A popular

product is the "Kamikitazawa Castella" castella, which is made with fresh red eggs and slowly baked in a special oven.

In addition, the limited-time product "Strawberry Drops" available from mid-December to early April is so popular every year that people line up at stores to get their hands on it. This is a masterpiece made with the utmost care, as it is made directly from ripe Amaou from Hakata. Because it is a delicate Japanese sweet, it has a best-before date on the same day and cannot be made ahead of time, so the amount sold each day is limited.

Kamikitazawa shopping street is full of wonderful shops like these that are loved by the local

community. Although there are issues, the continuous grade separation project currently being carried out has great benefits from the perspective of urban development, and examples of revitalizing the town from the viewpoints of overall station convenience, commerce, the environment, etc. So, people can expect future development of Kamikitazawa.

That's why you should definitely visit.

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## ENTERTAINER

# History and Gourmet Food of Kyodo



Kyodo Honmachi Street / Photo by Hayato Akimoto / <https://town.mec-h.com/>

Kyodo is a charming town located in Setagaya Ward, Tokyo. This area has a special atmosphere, a perfect blend of tradition and modernity. While ancient landscapes and culture are still exist and well, new trends and ideas are also emerging one after another.

Kyodo Street is a mix of a variety of elements, from historic buildings and traditional atmosphere to modern and sophisticated atmosphere. Just by walking, you can see interesting sights where the past and present intertwine. Kyodo has also a lively local market selling fresh produce and handicrafts.

Kyodo's charm is also reflected in its food and drink culture. Kyodo has a wide range of food options from traditional teahouses and Japanese restaurants to international restaurants and cafes. You can enjoy dishes made with local ingredients and flavors from around the world.

Kyodo has an abundance of parks and nature, and you can enjoy beautiful scenery in each season. Kyodo holds also many local events and festivals, giving you plenty of opportunities to

interact with local people. The charm of Kyodo lies in its mix of past and present. traditional Japan Culture

and modern culture have merged to form a unique personality.

Kyodo is a town in Setagaya Ward, Tokyo, with a history dating back to the Edo period. The origin of Kyodo dates back to the end of the Muromachi Period. At that time, the area was called "Kyotsuka-mura", and many rice fields were spread out within the village. One of them was a farm called "Onigoezuka," where a legend remained that demons were said to appear. This legend is said to have been the origin of the name of Kyodo. In the Edo period (1603-1867), Kyodo came under the control of the Hojo family, a feudal lord in the Warring States period. The Hojo family established a large temple in Kyodo and built a Buddhist temple called Kyodoji. This temple later became the head temple of the Tendai sect, a branch of Shugendo, and remains today as Kyodoji. In the Meiji period (1868-1912), the Tokyo Metropolitan Government was established and Kyodo was

also affected by the abolition of feudal domains. Kyodo belonged to Setagaya Ward and had a rural landscape. However, in the Taisho period (1912-1926), the area became more urbanized with the incorporation into Tokyo City. With the opening of roads, Kyodo's transportation network developed. In the Showa period (1926-1989), Kyodo went through a period of postwar reconstruction, and demands for increasing residential areas. New residential areas were built, and Kyodo gradually established itself as a comfortable place to live with good access to the city center. The area also developed as a commercial district, and in the 1960s, commercial facilities and restaurants began to gather around Kyodo Station. Today, Kyodo, while retaining its history, is being developed as a town that makes the most of its local characteristics. Old residential areas and new commercial areas have blended together to form a unique landscape.

Kyodo is also the center of education in Setagaya Ward, where many schools and cram schools are located. Kyodo Temple is a representative historical building in Kyodo. The main hall, which conveys the architectural style of the Edo period, and the beautiful garden are attractive. The entire town is also characterized by its integrated landscape, and walking around the streets is recommended. Kyodo is also deeply involved in culture and the arts. Art spots and galleries are located around Kyodo Station, displaying the works of local artists. In addition, facilities such as the Kyodo Koryu Plaza and the Cultural Center host concerts, exhibitions, and other events.

Kyodo is a peaceful town located in Setagaya-ward, Tokyo. Moreover, Kyodo has gourmet foods, which utilizes fresh local ingredients and traditional methods to create unique flavors unavailable anywhere else. Kyodo's culinary culture is defined by the abundance of local ingredients. The shopping district has a range of eateries catering

to different tastes and budgets, offering a diverse selection of dishes that utilize locally-sourced ingredients and fresh catches from the sea. As some restaurants serve up time-honored recipes that showcase the culinary heritage of the area. Inspiration from local craftsmen pervades many of the dining spots. On the other hand, some restaurants in Kyodo are adapting to new approaches, which has led to emerging changes in the local food scene. The Kyodo area boasts a wide variety of local specialties, including sweets and souvenirs, which visitors can enjoy. Furthermore, many dishes feature locally sourced ingredients, providing visitors with a sense of attachment to their hometown. In addition, Kyodo has a vibrant café culture. While strolling around the city, visitors can observe cafes adorned with tasteful artwork. Also, Kyodo boasts the pleasure of indulging in a warm cup of coffee within the cozy setting of cafes while appreciating the creative endeavors of artists. These atmospheric cafes have grown increasingly popular, not solely for the culinary experience, but for their seamless integration of various cultural elements. The emergence of cafes in Kyodo displays a recent shift in the local food scene and the fusion of cultures.

This evolution is accompanied by a retention of Kyodo's culinary customs and the use of regional ingredients, resulting in culinary innovations while maintaining traditional flavors. The fusion of food and culture in Kyodo has created an enticing destination for lovers of gastronomy. Kyodo is a perfect spot for adventurous eaters seeking novel experiences. Indulge in the delights of Kyodo's gourmet restaurants and immerse yourself in this exciting culinary culture.

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transparent exterior and a modern atmosphere. Hachimanyama has bookstores, convenience stores, general stores, famous restaurant chains, and many other stores around the station, and also a shopping district. So the area near the station is prosperous. The flags on the telephone poles have a character that looks like a ladybug. It is called

## ENTERTAINER

# Charms of Shimotakaido



Shimotakaido Station / Photo by Koji Sakamoto

Shimotakaido shopping street has Shimotakaido Market which is famous for its retro atmosphere!

First of all, Shimotakaido itself has a deep history and prospered as the first post station connecting the Koshu Highway during the Edo period. Speaking of Shimotakaido, it is one of the routes that Nihon University

Sakuragaoka students take to go to school, and it is also called Nichidai Dori Street, where the Faculty of Arts and Sciences is located. The shopping district has many traditional shops. In addition, many students live here, and a shop has been featured on TV that offer reasonable prices for students. Shimotakaido Market is the epitome of the retro Showa period atmosphere of this bustling shopping street. Its history dates back to 1956! A building was built in the Showa period, POP handwritten on paper and cardboard, and a dashing shop owner! This analog makes the retro atmosphere even more appealing. The distance between customers and store owners is close, allowing them to enjoy shopping while conversing with each other.

What is sold at this market with such an atmosphere? The sold items sold are mainly vegetables, fish, and processed foods. It is the market that

responds to needs while still retaining the atmosphere of the Showa period.

One of them is "Suzuki Food Store". you can order "delicious and accurate foods" from all over the country. Processed products such as dried fish are natural rather than farmed, which shows that they are a private shop. The owner says, "We only accept orders from customers we know, because trust is important." The trust between customers and store owners gave us a glimpse of the closeness between store owners and customers in the shopping district.

Another of them is "Shimotakaido Station". This is not a restaurant, but it was created with the motto of making Shimotakaido Station more convenient. This is a great facility that mainly meets the needs of residents, such as luggage storage while shopping, nursing space, and delivery space.

From these two examples,

you may be able to understand the market conditions of Shimotakaido, the strength of its relationships with people, and the response to needs that could be seen in contrast to the retro atmosphere of the market.

Users of Shimotakaido have said that the market has a nice Showa atmosphere, and that they are grateful to be able to take out meat and sushi. The prices are very reasonable and delicious. Also, each store is also concerned about their customers.

It's worth visiting Shimotakaido Market and its shopping street, which responds to modern needs while retaining the good qualities and connections between people that have been passed down through the ages.

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# Calm and Convenient Town for Families



Hachimanyama Shrine / Photo by Yukino Miyazawa

Hachimanyama Station is a station where the Keio Line's rapid train and local train stop. It is very accessible to major stations such as Shinjuku Station and Shibuya Station in about 15 minutes and Kichijoji Station in about 20 minutes, so it is easy to get there. The station is not big, but it is very stylish with a greenish

"Gah-Yan," a character of Hachimanyama. Gah-Yan shows up at events and festivals in the shopping arcade and cheerfully travels around the town saying, "Let's buy in the Setagaya shopping arcade, let's get to know each other!" The origin of the name is a combination of the words "storefront" and "Tento".

Moreover, Hachimanyama has a history. It is said that the name Hachimanyama was taken from Hachimanyama Shrine, and Hachimanyama, which is described in the book of "Kachiyama," developed the land and created Hachimanyama Village. It takes about 15 minutes from Hachimanyama Station to Hachimanyama Shrine. The path is straight and well maintained, and there are large trees growing along the way, so it is a good place for a walk.

Hachimanyama is a quiet residential area with a nice atmosphere in and around the station, making it an easy place to raise children and live with good access to the city center.

For example, within a 5-minute walk from Hachimanyama Station, there are public facilities such as the Tokyo Metropolitan Chubu General Mental Health Welfare Center, Kamikitazawa Machizukuri Center, Hachimanyama Ward Gathering Center, and Seijo Police Station. Hachimanyama has also nursery schools and kindergartens within a 15-minute walking distance, making it a good environment to raise children.

The Hachimanyama and Hachimanyama Station area offers good access to the city center and is a quiet and a popular residential area.

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# Chitose Karasuyama, a Must-Visit for Foods



Chitose-Karasuyama Station / Photo by Riko Sasano

Chitose Karasuyama has faced the challenges.

At first, Chitose-Karasuyama Station was established in 1929 after changing its name from Karasuyama Station. The problem at Chitose Karasuyama is that Chitose Karasuyama has "railway crossings that rarely open". This railroad crossing is the "Roka Park Level Crossing No. 5" adjacent to Chitose Karasuyama Station. The total time this railroad crossing is open is very short, for 4 minutes and 25 seconds per hour, though it opens relatively frequently, 19 times per hour. "Roka Park Level Crossing No. 5" has the problem with that, so the number

of users is decreasing. People rarely wait because people use an underground free passage way at Chitose-Karasuyama Station right next to the railroad crossing and also an elevator, so some bicycle users also use this elevator. As a solution to this problem, construction work has already begun to create a continuous grade-separated intersection. If this construction is complete, the railroad crossing will also be scheduled to be abolished.

Moreover, Chitose Karasuyama has not many large commercial facilities or downtown areas around Chitose Karasuyama station.

That means Chitose

Karasuyama hasn't almost entertainment facilities such as shopping malls or movie theaters. Also, Chitose Karasuyama has not many pubs or cafes and few parks and cultural facilities in the surrounding area, so those who want to enjoy fulfilling leisure have to go to another station. So, it would be a good idea to build a building that has enough impact to compensate for those shortcomings, or to make it a completely commercial town. Also, is Chitose Karasuyama Station should have tourist spots like shopping mall.

However, Chitose Karasuyama has many delicious restaurants for lunch. Among them, the most popular is the ramen called

"Chinese Soba Kitsune," which is famous for its deep-fried tofu. It's the most popular restaurant, won 3rd place in the Newcomer Award at the TRY Ramen Awards 2020-2021, and the taste is guaranteed. The noodles are medium-thin and flat, with lots of toppings that fall apart easily and are easy to eat.

Chitose Karasuyama has also many cafes that have been loved by the people of the town for a long time. In particular, the cafe "Housekibako" has an old-fashioned interior which is decorated with miscellaneous goods from that time, as well as popular songs and new music from the time. So, it seems to be visited by many elderly people who want to immerse themselves in nostalgic memories. Also, it's a place where you can read books that were popular at that time, and it's like you've stepped back in time, making it the perfect place to take a step back from reality and take a break.

Chitose Karasuyama has good restaurants like them. Also, Chitose Karasuyama also has many other attractions, such as the mansion of a writer and the area lined with temples and shrines. So, when you come to Chitose Karasuyama, you should go these restaurants and the places to visit and enjoy.

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