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Attractive Town for All; Kyodo



Kyodo station crowded with many people Photo by N. Watanabe, A. Fuchida.

yodo is located in the center of Setagaya Ward, which is home to the largest number of people in Tokyo with 940,000 people. It takes you 17 minutes from Kyodo Station to Nihon University Sakuragaoka High School.

It has an express stop on the Odakyu Odawara Line, which will take you to Shinjuku Station in 14 minutes. Many buses also run, so you can go directly to Shibuya Station. Because of its convenient access to the city

center, about 76,000 people get on and off the train and the bus each day.

Many high schools and universities are in the city, so many children and students live here.

And, the city has a low crime rate and is safe, making it a comfortable city to live in.

There are shopping malls and shopping streets around the station, which are very lively.

In front of the station, there is a shopping mall called "KYODO

CORTY" which is the main commercial facility in the city. This facility was established in April 2011 when the Odakyu Group redeveloped the Kyodo Joyful building that was located in front of the station at the time.

It has a garden on the roof and plenty of seating space, making it a facility that it is easy to access for people of all ages. In this garden, many flowers bloom in early spring, and the ``Rooftop Summer Festival" is held every August, which is a unique event.

This is KYODO CORTY which is shopping mall Photo by N. Watanabe, A. Fuchida.

The building has various stores, including a general store, bookstore, and restaurants, so you can enjoy the whole day without getting bored.

Kyodo has convenient access to the city center and many shops.

In order to let more people, know about Kyodo, it is important to hold events and spread the word about the greatness of this place.

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Shopping Town with Calm Atmosphere; Kamikitazawa

he name Kamikitazawa comes from its location upstream of the Kitazawa River, which flows from Tamagawa Josui.The northern half of Kamikitazawa 5-chome was a field. However, it was developed around the same time as 2-chome and 4-chome, and developed to the northwest around Shoshi Hachiman Shrine, including Takisaka North Road. In addition, after the war, the area attracted attention as a place where women campaigned for

"gender equality" and created a city centered on women. The city's transportation is a little inconvenient as the city has few stations and trains. Additionally, the city has few chain restaurants, and eating out tends to be expensive. Although the stores have changed frequently, the area is rich in nature and has a shopping street, making it a family-friendly town. One of the most delicious restaurants in the city is Ramen Koike. It's highly rated by offering

foods very quickly and tasting good. If you go out to eat there, you'll see a line in front of the restaurant whenever you go there. Kamikitazawa does not have any outstanding facilities, but it is a family-friendly town with good basic facilities.

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Kamikitazawa station photo by Y. Aihara

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Illegal Parking around Accessible Chitose Karasuyama







Many bicycles in Chitose Karasuyama. / Photo by I. Amamoto

hitose Karasuyama Station is a limited express stop on the Keio Line, and has excellent access to the city center, taking about 13 minutes to Shinjuku Station and about 25 minutes to Shibuya Station. It is an area with a large population of 68,095 people. (Sakura Jyosui has 26,402 people) It is a safe and comfortable city to live in. The

station is very busy with many shops and shopping streets, but there is an issue with abandoned bicycles.

One area that needs to be improved in Chitose Karasuyama has many abandoned bicycles. The number of abandoned bicycles exceeds 500, ranking 19th in Japan.

There are especially many

abandoned bicycles are in front of stations and shopping streets. It's good that the population is increasing year by year, but the number of bicycles on the streets is also increasing. Currently, there are not enough bicycle parking spaces for the number of bicycles. Many reviews said "it was difficult and dangerous to walk on." Although progress is being made in establishing bicycle storage areas, improvements are still needed.

To solve this problem, it is important for each and every person to be aware of not leaving their bicycles on the road.

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Hachimanyama's Gourmet



Hachimanyama is located in the northern part of Setagaya Ward, and there are Kamikitazawa, Minami Karasuyama, Kasuya, and Jihashi around it. There is Hachimanyama Station on the Keio Line in Hachimanyama. The good thing is that there is good access to road traffic and many restaurants around the station. Moreover, the city hassome restaurants.

The first one is a shop called

Photo by S. Yukumoto

"Nice & Warm" and it is a shaved ice shop. It takes us 2minute by foot from the station. The shop has about 20 kinds of menus, many toppings, and you can customize it freely, so you can find your favorite taste.

The second one is a ramen shop called "Sanichi". It's a little far from Hachimanyama Station, it takes us 6 minutes on foot. The good thing about Sanichi is that the price starts from 1000 yen, and the shop has about 20 kinds



of dishesand plenty of toppings. Also, the turnover rate of the store is also good. The shop has no regular holidays, so you can go whenever you want to go.

Finally, a pancake shop called "Le Pose Sugi"is in the city. It takes us less than 1 minute from Hachimanyama Station. The price of the shop's dishes is about 1000 yen to 1999 yen, which is somewhat expensive. However, the shop has also other snacks such as pasta, so you can eat it Photo by S. Yukumoto

when you want to eat something light.

Hachimanyama has good transportation and various restaurants, so let's go to Hachimanyama to eat food!

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Making Shimotakaido More Fun













Photo by Honami Kurokawa, Keigo Satoh, Yuu Majima and Shiori Tokoro

S himotakaido is ideal place to live. There are some charming points.

For example, history is different from other places around the Tokyo.

Dating back to the Edo period, Shimotakaido was originally Takaido-jyuku, the first post town on the Koshu Highway, one of the five highways that started from Nihonbashi. A new jyuku called "Shinjuku" was built before Shimotakaido-jyuku because it was far from Nihonbashi to Shimotakaido-juku. And it made the shopping street.

The shopping street is called "Shimotaka-shopping street." At Shimotaka-shopping Street, the association brings together residents, public institutions, school-related, and various groups to revitalize the shopping district and to make it a shopping district loved by the local community. The street has

many events called "Shimotaka-

festival." "Shimotaka-music Festival." "Shimotaka-dance Festival." "summer festival." "Mochi pounding tournament." and so on. They have been held regularly. In addition, there are many volunteers to live safely in the area. For example, volunteers patrol around the area and run greeting campaigns. Thanks to patrolling, the crime rate is 0.58%. So, the city has become safer. It is 700 meters from east to west and 500 meters from north to south.

It is longer than other shopping streets. Many customers visit there for many purposes. The reason why is not only many stores such as supermarkets, nostalgic specialty stores with a retro atmosphere, but also Koendori and Ekimae-dori in the Shimo-Takaido shopping street have become pedestrian paradises. The street had 255 stores in 2018. Specifically, the street has many types of stores ranging from food *—Continue to Page 4*

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to beauty products, and many major chain stores.

Shimotakaido shopping street is near the major places. For example, if you walk for 10minutes from the street, you will arrive at Nihon University Sakuragaoka High School, where we attend, and the Nihon University Faculty of Letters and Science. So a lot of young people are coming and going. Contrary to the birthrate declines and the population ages, the city have become more active. Also, if you walk a little from Shimotakaidostation, you will arrive at a quiet residential area. So maybe you should try to go there to enjoy Shimotakaido.

However, it is not enough yet to live safely. In fact, there were many complaints about train noise and air pollution before. But recently, the entire ward has begun to take active steps to address environmental issues and improve the local community. the city has to do many things. For example, the roads are narrow, and it has not been solved. So, we tried to think about what would happen when the roads were allowed and how to solve the problem. If the roads are narrow, when a disaster occur, people may be delayed in escaping. Improving the issue could be made by having the ward bear part of the cost because it is not possible to widen the road due to cost issues. It's important to conduct evacuation drills regularly, Shimotakaido, though there are some problems there, has many places you can learn various things and enjoy.

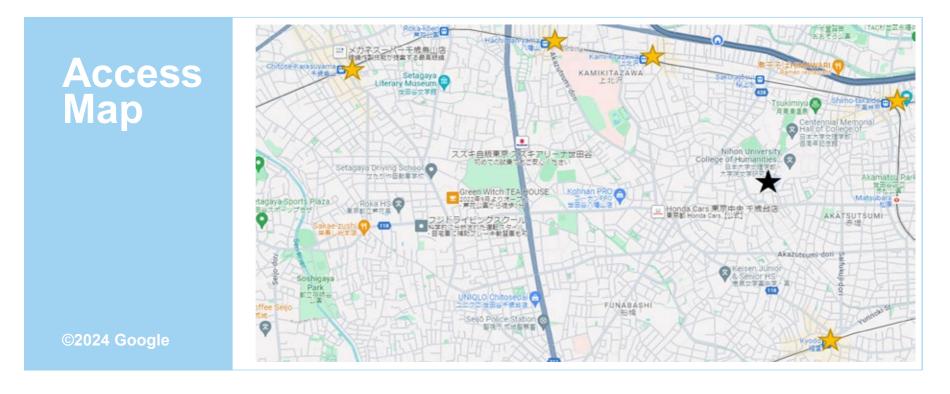
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Danger lurking in the Sakurajo-sui

Setagaya Ward. The area is 1015 km. 13975 people live in Setagaya Ward. The origin of the Sakurajosui is that there were rows of cherry blossom trees in Tamagawa Josui. The advantage of this area is that it has good access to the city center, and there are many hospitals and

parks, so it is easy for the elderly and children to spend time. And the disadvantages are traffic jams at the crossing, narrow alleys, noise, etc. We thought about how to improve the traffic jam at this crossing. That's to elevated the station. Elevated railways are to pass bridges and lines to high places. This can reduce accidents at the crossing around Sakurajosui. In addition, the merits of elevated railways can also be reduced by eliminating train delays and reducing the environmental load associated with phenomeno such as noise and exhaust gases. Currently, such initiatives are being taken up at other stations. However, there are still some places where traffic in front of the station has not been maintained, so be careful of cars.

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