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Roads around Kyoudo



Kyodo Station / Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

Kyodo is located in Setagaya Ward, Tokyo, Japan. The town has a rich history and culture. The Odakyu Line opened in 1927, and the name Kyodo is said to have originated from a hall enshrining sutras in the residence of Matsubara Tosamori Neemon, a Chinese medicine doctor in Muromachi Period. There is another saying that the first letter of Kyodo, Kyo derives from the sound, kyo of Kyoto. According to this theory, the hall used to mean Fukushoji, a branch temple which originated in Kyoto. As related to the origin of the name, there are also historic buildings such as Setagaya Hachimangu Shrine and Fukushoji Temple in

the Kyodo neighborhood.

In the past, the area was the site of sumo tournaments and other lively events. During the period of high economic growth in the modern era, a building became well known around the area. The Kyodo Store was constructed at Kyodo station, and around 1970, living in a condominium has become a boom among people. Kyodo was one of such areas which draw interests of people. The railroad was opened around this time, and since then, 19,468 people have lived in Kyodo. Famous people have also lived in Kyodo, such as a comedian named Kanashizuki and Mr. Sakurai of the Japanese band, Mr. Children. Thus, in

addition to its history, Kyodo was a wonderful town that developed along with the rapid economic growth of Japan.

Kyodo Suzuran Shopping Street, which stretches from Kyodo Station on the Odakyu Odawara Line and the north exit, is a shopping street with a homey atmosphere. In fact, this shopping street has a long history of 92 years. As a result, there are few chain stores. Old-fashioned individual stores loved by local residents still remain, thanks to the efforts of the second and third generations. In the Suzuran Shopping Street, lively conversations of visitors are often heard, such as "This is delicious today!" Why not stopping by at



Kyodo and feel the warmth of the shopping district?.

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Short History of Sakurajosui

Kamikitazawa is located in Setagaya Ward in the center of Tokyo, Japan. Kamikitazawa is characterized by its convenient access to city center and, safe neighborhood with many families, and a supermarket conveniently located in front of the station.

However, where there are good points, there are also bad points. For example, there are few restaurants. In addition, the Koshu-kaido highway is close by and cars are noisy, and even though it is close to the center of Tokyo, only the local train stops at each station. Another unique feature of Kamikitazawa is the cherry blossom festival, which takes place every year under the cherry blossoms of Somei Yoshino cherry trees along Ribbon Street. The cherry blossoms in this area have been selected as one of the 100 best cherry tree-lined streets in Japan. Also, we must not forget Shogun Pond Park. This park was created by the residents of a hospital, and has a large pond with some ducks.

cherry blossoms in the cold.

Some of the people who were born and raised in Kamikitazawa include actors such as Eiji Wentz and Sadao Abe. In this way,

Kamikitazawa is a comfortable place to live, for better or worse!

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Kamikitazawa Station / Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

Our High School Town

The place name Sakurajosui is derived from the name of the station. Sakurajosui Station was originally named

as Kitazawa Shako-mae Station and Keio Shako-mae Station, before they were renamed to to Sakurajosui Station, the current

station name. The name of the station comes from the cherry blossoms on the banks of the river, Tamagawa-Josui. Since

the station was established in the Showa period, it has a short history and the area has no shrine. Originally, the area around Sakurajosui was a large area including parts of Tokyo and Kanagawa called Ebaragun, but after the Edo shogunate was established, Ebaragun was not recognized, and the area was divided into several cities and wards, and it became the present Sakurajosui. Finally, Sakurajosui already has many attractions, but it is also a place that can be developed in the future because of its short history.

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Our school / Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

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Erumor Karasuyama

The shopping street in Chitose Karasuyama has the slogan, “a livable town that connects with people” to enliven Chitose Karasuyama. We would like to introduce Erumor Karasuyama, a shopping street in front of Karasuyama Station.

Erumor Karasuyama means a walkway in your life. This slogan expresses the hope that people will enjoy shopping with a relaxed feeling as if they were walking slowly along a walkway in the greenery. Erumor Karasuyama is carrying out several projects to achieve this slogan.

The first project is the stamp business. In Chitose Karasuyama, some stores introduce the stamp card that the visitors can collect stamps depending on the amount of their purchase. The number of stores which introduced the stamp card has increased and the number of stamps issued has also increased, which has revitalized the business. The stamps can be exchanged for movie tickets, travel vouchers, and ryokan (Japanese-style inn)

accommodation vouchers at a discount.

The second is events. In addition, barrier-free design, such as widening the narrow sidewalks, has made Chitose Karasuyama more accessible to people with physical disabilities.

In this way, Chitose Karasuyama is becoming a more comfortable place to live year by year.

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Chitose Karasuyama shopping street / Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

Power of Human Connection in Hachimanyama

Hachimanyama is conveniently located only 18 minutes to Shibuya and 16 minutes to Shinjuku. A trivia about Hachimanyama is that a popular Youtuber, Jintan of Sky Peace graduated from Daito Gakuen in the Hachimanyama neighborhood.

It was named Hachimanyama Village after the Hachiman Shrine was built in the past. In the medieval period, the place was called Kajiyama, and in the Edo period (1603-1867), the area was under the direct control of the government, and during the Keian period (1615-1868).

Hachimanyama is home to the Hachimanyama Shofukukai shopping district, which was established in 1955 and is home to 65 stores. It is also a place where many events are held and local residents can communicate with

each other.

Hachimanyama Station opened on May in 1918 as Matsuzawa Station of Keio Electric Railway. It was renamed to Hachimanyama after 19 years in September 1937. Later, the station was renovated to its current form in conjunction with the construction of the new Loop Route 8 road.

It has three kindergartens, one elementary school, and a Jr. High school. In addition to that, there are three supermarkets, three children’s hospitals, and four parks.

This makes Hachimanyama a good place to raise children.

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Hachimanyama Station / Photo by Hitomi Nakajima

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Making Shimotakaido More Exciting

Shimotakaido is the name of an area with a population of approximately 20,000 located in the southern part of Suginami Ward. The area is 50 hectares, about 10 times the size of Tokyo Dome, and there are 11,318 households.

There are many festivals in Shimotakaido. One of them is the Shikinen Matsuri which is held once every five years. Another festival, Daisakura Matsuri, which literally means a big cherry blossom festival, is enjoyed by many families and local residents. There are also many other events throughout the year, making the area attractive to all kinds of people.

How Shimotakaido became Shimotakaido

There are two theories regarding to the name origin of Shimotakaido.

The first theory says it has derived from a village name. Long time ago, when farmers moved to the area in order to construct the Tamagawa Waterworks, the area was used to be called as Naka-Takaido village. Eventually, the village was divided into three parts: Upper, Middle and Lower, of which the lower part was named Shimo (lower) Takaido village.

Second is the name "Takaido" was changed to "Shimotakaido" in the name of the Fudo (immovable object) Takaido at Sogenji Temple.

Takaido, a transport hub in Edo

The history of Shimotakaido dates back to the Edo period (1603-1867), when it was the first post town of Takaido Juku on the Koshu Kaido. At present, Shimotakaido is one of the junctions in five highways starting from Nihonbashi.

Because the distance from Nihonbashi to Takaidojuku was as long as 16 km, the new town was built before people reach to Takaido juku. The town, Nijuku, which means new town is the origin of present Shinjuku, which is also written as new town in Japanese.

Advantages and Disadvantages of Shimotakaido

The good point is that it takes only 10 minutes to get to Shinjuku station without transferring trains. Furthermore, the rent is inexpensive in spite of the convenient transportation. Another attractive point is that the area is very safe, with a crime rate of 0.58%. These good points may be the reason why many households with children live here. One area that requires improvement is the proximity of residential area to the main road. It causes noise and unclean air due to the traffics. The railroad crossing at the station is called a dead crossing, due to the fact that it does not open for up to 40 minutes in the worst. Such a crossing is very inconvenient when you are in a hurry.

Best place to visit at Shimotakaido

The first store is HEIM coffee & bistro. As the name suggests, it is a famous coffee and bistro store, famous not only for its coffee, but also for its pudding, black sesame banana toast, four kinds of cheese toast, cheesecakes, chai, and other toasts.

On Instagram, the owner wrote, "The atmosphere is moderately inorganic and warm, and the store is too cozy. The sun shining in on a nice day is perfect."

You can recharge your batteries, and the pastries and coffee are delicious while you work. It is a good place to relax or do some work.

Why don't you spend a blissful moment in the calm space of HEIM coffee & bistro?

The second restaurant is Abura-tei. This restaurant is famous for its abura-soba noodles, which are thick and rich in flavor. The noodles are gaining popularity around Tokyo.

In addition to abura-soba, fried rice and gyoza with shiso are also delicious and popular.

An Instagrammer says, "The restaurant is getting old, but the cheerful and energetic voices of the wait staff echo through the restaurant. They serve boiled eggs

to customers who wait a while to enter the restaurant, and their customer service is quite good." The atmosphere is very friendly, and the restaurant is easy to go to. We hope you will try the delicious abura-soba at Abura-tei. Summary.

Shimotakaido has many undiscovered attractions. Please visit Shimotakaido and see for yourself.

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