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The Life of Shimotakaido



Photo by Kenshin Fujimoto

Shimotakaido has a shopping street that can be said to be the lifeline. The shopping street has a very retro atmosphere and is fashionable.

Why the shopping street is said to be the life line of Shimotakaido? It is because the shopping street greatly supports this area. For example, there are all the necessary things such as convenience stores and supermarkets in this shopping street. In addition, Shimotakaido Shopping Street boasts more than 250 stores, and even though it is close to Shinjuku in the city center, there are many stores. And the most important thing is fresh food. There are many shops dealing with fresh food in Shimotakaido.

In addition, there are shops in

the shopping street where you can live comfortably from the old to young people.

If you are young or middle-aged men, there are also ramen shops called Jiro-kei such as Ramen Dai. That's why this shopping street supports the city called Shimotakaido.

Shimotakaido is a city with many young people, owing to the fact that there are many schools nearby. Among them, it becomes very important to have this shopping street. I would like to cherish the city so that it can continue to be a good city in the future.

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Student town, SakuraJosui

Abura-tei Sakurajosui is a ramen restaurant located about a 3-minute walk from Sakurajosui Station, heading north along the Sakurajosui shopping street that runs from the station to Koshu Kaido. The store is said to be the originator of the B-class gourmet

Abura-men and its signature

product. "Abura-men," is a simple yet delicious dish of thick, firm noodles, with pork, bamboo shoots, and chopped green onions. However, you need to be careful of the oily scent may stay on the clothes. Furthermore, there are still attractive stores in the Sakurajosui shopping district. Located a minute walk from

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Sakurajosui Station is a store called Woodpecker. It is a bakery that focuses on homemade and additive-free products. Its most popular bread is called Butter Bread. The store has a sign that says "No. 1 for 41 years since its opening". The sign is shaped like a hat and is very cute. The bottom feather is crispy and

sweet, and the top bread is soft and satisfying. In addition to these, Sakurajosui Shopping Street has many other stores and is popular with many people.

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92 years with Kyodo town



Kyodo city
Photo by Haruki Nakabe, and Satoya Kobayashi

The origin of the name of Suzuran Street is the lily-shaped lamps installed on the street. The Suzuran street has been in Kyodo for 92 years. It means that it has existed from before the war, to the war, during the war, and even to the present day.

Suzuran Street is very convenient because there are shops of a wide range of services including industry, shopping, hospitals, foods and beverages. Also, in the past, a candy store on Suzuran Street has been

featured on TV programs. This candy store is about a 10-minute walk from Kyodo Station and has a retro look that tells the history of the shopping street. The shop itself is very small and not very noticeable, but it is a popular shop among local children for many generations. In addition, this store sells not only sweets but also various toys. This is also one of the reasons why this store is popular. This Suzuran Street, which has various shops other than candy stores, is a shopping street loved by the people of

Kyodo.

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Why are there so many temples!?



Chitose Karasuyama station

Photo by Marimi Ozawa

The Karasuyama area has so many temples that you can go on a temple tour. We will try to find out why so many temples were gathered here.

There are many temples in Karasuyama, and there are 26 of them. The reason for this is the impact of the Great Kanto Earthquake.

During the Great Kanto Earthquake, many temples

originally located in urban areas such as Asakusa and Tsukii were damaged. Therefore, those temples were forced to relocate. Land prices in the Karasuyama areas are high now.

Due to its convenient transportation to city centers in trains and buses, the area is highly populated. Karasuyama region was originally farming village, so land prices were low,

and it is suspected that temples were built obtaining the benefit. It was the perfect place to move to.

In addition to this, the main Koshu kaido road could have provided convenient transportation for the relocation. There are now more than 20 temples, and the place is called Karasuyama Temple Town.

The most famous shrine among

them is Karasuyama Shrine. It is said to have been founded by the Kira clan, the lord of Setagaya, during the Muromachi period. It was once called Hakusan Shrine, but the name was changed to Karasuyama Shrine after three shrines were enshrined together.

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Shimotakaido, town loved by locals and visitors



Taiyaki shop Tatsumiya Photo by Anri Nomura

This article describes about the history of Shimotakaido history and its shopping street.

Shimotakaido shopping street has been in Setagaya ward, Tokyo. It is known that the region called Shimotakaido has been there since the Edo period, and it has had a market since 1955.

There is a shopping street called Nihon Odori, and the row of cherry blossom trees continues along the street. In front of the Nihon University Faculty of Letters and Science, the cherry blossoms in full bloom is favored by residents and students in the

area. There is also an event held at Matsuzawa Elementary School called the Shimotaka Cherry Blossom Festival. The cherry blossom tunnel is famous and very popular, and bingo tournaments and street performances are one of the events that the guests look forward to. In the shopping street, there are family restaurants, old-fashioned store and cafes. Among them, the most popular store is Taiyaki Tatsumiya. The taiyaki, fish-shaped traditional pancake, from Tatsumiya is famous with its taste and the crispy ends. The filling, red bean paste is filled fully in the fish-shaped pancake.

Many customers favor the red bean paste in Tatsumiya and sometimes, they purchase a pack of Anko. Although it is closed during the summer, Tatsumiya is loved by people of all generations and there is always a line when it is open.

Shimotakaido is a place that is crowded with various people including elderly people, children, and foreigners, and it shows that the place is loved by many people.

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Setagaya's Challenges toward the Park Maintenance



In Kamikitazawa park

Photo by Shiori Ito

According to the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, the number of parks has increased by 1.0% over the previous years.

Setagaya Ward, which ranks second in the number of parks in Tokyo's 23 wards, is no exception.

Parks are the best places for

children to play and get in touch with nature.

Kamikitazawa is a neighboring area to our high school. It takes about 15 minutes from Shinjuku on the Keio Line, where efforts are underway to protect parks.

There are at least six parks in Kamikitazawa. Since the majority of maintenance

costs for parks are covered by taxes, it could lead to higher maintenance costs in this area. Recently, accidents due to outdated playground equipment has been on the rise. Without a sufficient budget, restoration is not realistic and with less budget, the restorations could not be done enough to protect the securities

for the park users.

Looking at the budget for restoration costs for parks in Setagaya Ward*, the cost is about 210 million yen, or about 350,000 yen per park when divided by the number of parks in Setagaya Ward**. For example, the cost of repairing a slide is about 190,000 yen. In this light, the maintenance cost of a single park seems insufficient.

In contrast, Setagaya Ward is working to generate income from other than taxes. For example, Setagaya Ward is working to generate non-tax revenue by inviting kitchen cars, restaurants, and vending machines to the park. We believe that if we hold these initiatives in Kamikitazawa parks, we can protect Kamikitazawa parks. It is important for us students not to overlook this issue, but to take it seriously and participate in these efforts on a school-by-school basis.

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Secret of Popularity; Chitose Karasuyama Shopping Street



Hachimanyama Shrine / Photo by Yukino Miyazawa

Shopping streets all over Japan is said to be about 3 million.

There are two reasons to introduce why Chitose Karasuyama Shopping Street has developed.

The first is the stamp business. It is a kind of event that is adopted in Chitose Karasuyama Shopping Street. When a customer purchase a product or receive services at this shopping street, he can gain stamps which can be used to participate

in various events, such as visiting Tokyo Disney Land or accommodation tickets in trips.

90% of customers visiting the shopping street. The system continues to support the shopping street for 50 years since it has started.

In Chitose Karasuyama Shopping Street, there are many shops that are close to local people. Among them, many restaurants for drinking parties and families are favored by the locals.

Also, the ward center in the shopping street is a place for residents to relax.

In El Mall Chitose Karasuyama Shopping Street, the original characters, El-kun and Mall-chan, interact with visitors in in the shopping street.

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Hachimanyama city



Photo by Iori Sato

Hachimanyama Shopping Street is one of the favorite places for the locals in Setagaya Ward, Tokyo.

With numerous stores and events, it offers a lively townscape and fun.

Hachimanyama Shopping Street has many local stores. There are restaurants, cafes, general merchandise stores, candy shops, and many other types of stores.

Stores loved by locals have a

special charm that can only be experienced here. Visitors can also enjoy the unique atmosphere of the shopping street. A total of 49 retro street lights have been installed, giving visitors the feeling of going back in time.

Events are held in the Hachimanyama shopping street.

For example, the festival called "Wasshoi Hachimanyama" has been held for 24 years. It is a lively event with delicious festival foods, with stage events,

and a bingo tournament and a lucky draw with gifts.

Other events include an early morning radio exercise gathering, which has originally started from a small group of local baseball players. Now, the gathering has grown to a large event that attracts as many as 400 people of all ages. Now in its 34th year, the event is held for five days each year, which takes place from July to August.

Participants receive a Chokin

(saving in Japanese) Passbook and are asked to accumulate stamps. The stamps are used as shopping coupons in the shopping district. In addition to promoting good health, we hope that this event will become one of the summer memories for children in Hachimanyama.

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