

1 Profile of Fukuchiyama City

Fukuchiyama City is the second oldest city in Kyoto Prefecture. It is located in the center of the Fukuchiyama basin in the northwestern part of Kyoto Prefecture, about 70 kilometers from Kyoto City, Osaka City and Kobe City. On January 1st, 2006, Fukuchiyama City merged with the surrounding towns of Miwacho, Yakunocho, and Oecho. The merger of the towns into one Fukuchiyama City has brought the population up to 84,000. The area also became about 553 Km².

The current population of Fukuchiyama is 81,818 as of Jan. 31st, 2011.

Fukuchiyama City flourished as a castle town around Fukuchiyama-Castle, which was constructed by Akechi Mitsuhide, a general in the Warring-States period. In the 1900s after being connected to Osaka and Kyoto by rail, it became the center of transportation in the Kinki area and developed as a commercial city.

Industry was influenced by the completion of the Osadano Industrial Estate. Today, Fukuchiyama is a core city, not only for economics and industry, but also for culture and education in the northern Kinki area. The opening of an express way to Osaka, the building of the high speed railroad, starting operation of elevated railways extending from Fukuchiyama station, together with the development of infrastructure through the addition of a sewerage system and parks, led to many institutions of higher education being located here, including the only four-year university in the northern Kinki region.

Fukuchiyama City is the gateway to the Northern Kinki area and plays an important role in the transportation network of the region. Many National Highways beginning with Route 9, and the wide highway (Maizuru-Wakasa) pass through Fukuchiyama and provide access to the three important railway lines; JR Sanin line, Fukuchiyama line, and Northern Kinki Tango line.

Fukuchiyama is aiming to become “A leading town of the Northern Kinki District that is full of creativity.”

- ◆ Fukuchiyama City’s home page, where you can find this Foreign Language Guidebook together with an outline of the city, tourist and event information, can be viewed at:
<http://www.city.fukuchiyama.kyoto.jp/>

Fukuchiyama Citizen Charter

Live in Happiness

We the citizens of Fukuchiyama will make this land our stage for happiness. To make a home where the land has pure waters of the Yuragawa River, green mountains, and good interaction with people. We will make our hometown a place that is comfortable and full of life. We believe that we have the power in each of us to live a beautiful and free life. With this power we will value life, respect the four seasons, and combine our strength so we all may live in happiness together.

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