

Enjoy at Hirakata



Hirakata City



**Hirakata
Family**

Hirakata City
Profile Guide

Cover/Character Cutout: Chihiro Takeuchi

Published March 2024 / Publicity Promotion Section, Mayor of Hirakata-shi Government Office
2-1-20, Ogaitocho, Hirakata City, Osaka Prefecture 573-8666
Tel: 072-841-1258 Fax: 072-846-5341 Email: kouhou@city.hirakata.osaka.jp



Whether from Japan, overseas or even outer space,
if you're keen about Hirakata you're welcome in the Hirakata Family



Hirakata City Profile Guide



About the Hirakata Family...

There is a family-like connection within the Hirakata community, both resident and non-resident alike, that comes from a shared enthusiasm for, and involvement in, Hirakata City. By picking up this booklet and opening its pages, you are already a part of the family.



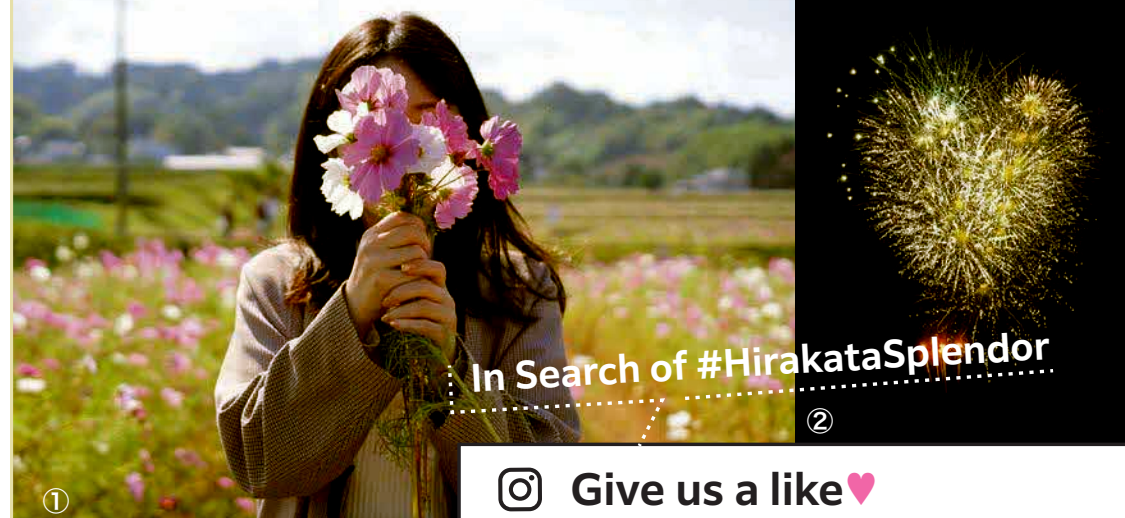
Read on to find out more

about the



HIRAKATA What makes Hirakata such a comfortable place to live?

A great location with accessible transportation is part of the reason why Hirakata City is known as such a comfortable and incredibly convenient place to live. Wherever you need to go, you can get there fast thanks to the fact that Hirakata City is the only city other than Osaka City and Kyoto City where Keihan Railway's limited express trains stop. And while the city itself has an urban environment, it is surrounded by an abundance of nature, including the majestic Yodogawa River and a lush *sato-yama* landscape of cultivated fields and forested foothills. With so many options to choose from, it is likely that Hirakata's popularity stems from the fact that everyone can find the lifestyle that's right for them.



In Search of #HirakataSplendor

Give us a like



LIKE!!
LOVE!!!!



Making daily life more meaningful with #HirakataSplendor — That's what our "Instagram Squad" of Hirakata City Hall employees is doing by showcasing Hirakata's charms on Instagram. All of you who've given us a "like" are part of the Hirakata Family.



- ① Cosmos Village, Hotani / Picking flowers.
- ② Suito Kurawanka Fireworks Festival / The number of fireworks equals the number of children born in the town.
- ③ Rows of trees in Kori-danchi / One of the eight views of Hirakata.
- ④ Kishida Farm / Picking strawberries surrounded by nature.
- ⑤ Hirakata Chrysanthemum Festival / Chrysanthemum dolls are a Hirakata tradition.
- ⑥ Hirakata Ice / A nostalgic taste in a renovated store.
- ⑦ Amanogawa blueberries / Picking some for yourself.

*Current status may differ from that shown.

I don't know about Hirakata City, but I know Hirakata Park!



Japan's oldest continuously operating amusement park

Hirakata Park

An amusement park in operation for over a century
(Includes new attractions as well)
1.3 million visitors per year

Let's
Go!



View from the "Sky Walker" ferris wheel

You can see all of Hirakata's scenery from this ferris wheel situated atop a hill. Residents are always trying to spot their own homes.



Creaking of the "ELF" wooden roller coaster



People can't get enough of the squeaking and vibrations that come from it being wooden. Screaming is always faintly audible when you're in the vicinity of the park.

Whoa!

Yahi

Feel the romance of history

WAKU
WAKU



There was an ancient city here?!

Reconstructed image



A 10-minute
walk from
Miyanosaka
Station
on the Keihan
Katano Line

Kudara-ji Temple Ruins Special National Historic Site

Approximately 1,250 years ago, an ancient city organized along a grid pattern was located where Hirakata is today. Excavations in recent times have revealed a temple and town of the Kudara no Konikishi clan, descendants of the kings of Baekje on the Korean Peninsula. The ruins of Kudara-ji Temple have been designated as a special national historic site, and efforts are currently underway to reconstruct an image of what it would have looked like at the time of its founding.



The foundation stones that supported the pillars of the pagoda remain as they were at the time, while other elements, such as the foundation platform of the main hall and a portion of the roofed earthen wall surrounding the temple, have been reconstructed.

A town landmark offering an "enjoyable daily life"

A lifestyle complex centered on Tsutaya Bookstore

Hirakata T-SITE

This commercial complex opened in 2016 in Hirakata, the birthplace of Tsutaya. Centered on the Hirakata Tsutaya Bookstore, the complex contains food, fashion, beauty and household goods stores, as well as banks, restaurants and more, to offer visitors an "enjoyable daily life." The stylish 8-story exterior and 7m bookshelf on the 4th floor are popular spots for photos.

A landmark encountered right out of the station



The distinctive exterior says to everyone "town landmark," and the building, especially at night, is brilliantly lit, making it a great spot for photos. An attractive building situated right in front of Hirakata

Station with a sky terrace, stylish interior and creative exterior that shimmers at night, drawing you back time and again.

The Tokaido road stations don't end at 53!



Immediately
outside
Hirakata Station
on the Keihan
Main Line

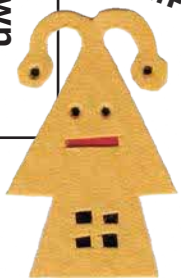
As an extension of the Tokaido road during the Edo period, Hirakata-shuku was the 56th post station when counting from Shinagawa-shuku. Currently, the area is filled with stylish cafes and general stores that are located in the renovated former townhouses. Spend a relaxing time enjoying the area's calm ambiance.



Facility complex scheduled to open on the east side of Hirakataishi Station in fiscal 2024

Entryway into a growing town

IT'S MY LIFE

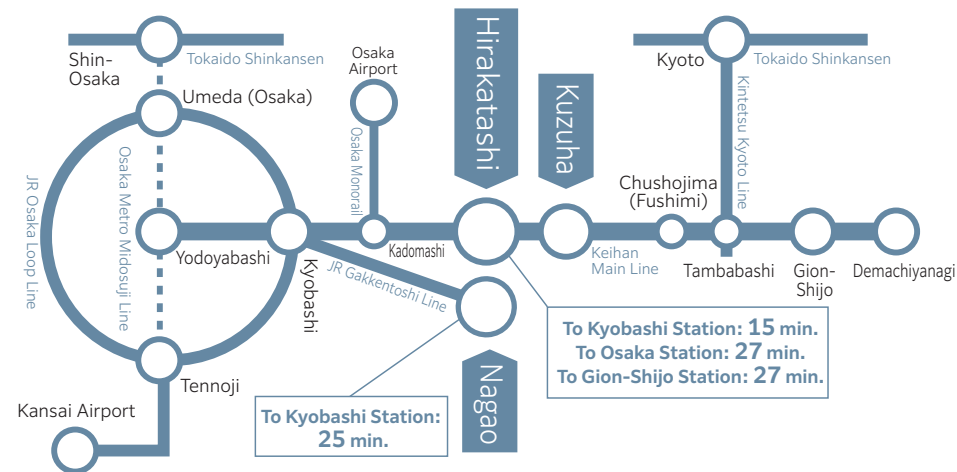


Rotary on the north side of Hirakataishi Station after expansion

Redevelopment around Hirakataishi Station

We are developing an environment which is both spacious and convenient, with an abundance of green space combined with a diverse range of urban functions. Among other developments, fiscal 2024 will see the opening of new hotels; Lifelong Learning Exchange Center and Residential Service Center, where residents can take advantage of remote consultations and other services; a library; and an expansion to the rotary on the north side of Hirakataishi Station. For the future, we are working to develop abundant green space in the form of parks and plazas near the station where everyone can relax, and we are cultivating urban vitality by actively promoting private sector vitality. Through all of this, we seek to create a walkable town where you can easily stroll about and enjoy each area.

Access to Hirakata



Hirakata City is located right in the middle between Osaka City and Kyoto City and has, thus, developed as a commuter town.

Keihan Railway and JR lines run through the city, giving it all the characteristics of a busy transportation hub, which means the city is constantly bustling with interactions.

Hirakata City by the Numbers

■ Total area

65.12km²

■ Location

Longitude 135°39'E Latitude 34°48'N

● Climate (average temperature)

Low 5.2°C (January)

High 28.7°C (August)

■ Population

394,221

■ Population density

6053.76 persons/km²

■ Households

185,778

■ Average age

47.73

■ As of January 1, 2024 ● Fiscal 2022

City Theme Song

By my side

This song was introduced in 2019 as the city's theme song. The lyrics are filled with words which evoke images of Hirakata City, like "riverbed" and Tanabata Festival "paper ribbons," and, along with the gentle melody, warm the hearts of listeners.

Check out the original music video as well >>>



Filmed all on location in Hirakata. The fireworks display footage is also a must-see.