

Hirakata's Eight Best Views

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the city's establishment, Hirakata's Eight Best Views were designated with the aim of passing on to the future the scenery distinctive of our hometown Hirakata.
Designated on October 1, 1984, by Hirakata City



Breeze in the pines at the former site of Kudaradera Temple

The site of Kudaradera Temple, a Special Historical Site in Nakamiya, is believed to be where the Kudara-no-Konikishi clan, descendants of the last king of Paekche (Korea), moved to from Naniwa in the second half of the 8th century and built their clan temple. In 1941, it was designated a National Historic Site, and in March 1952, it became a Special Historical Site.

Despite being a Special Historical Site, the only one in the prefecture besides Osaka Castle, before the area was developed, it was deserted, and the ruins were so dilapidated that the foundation stones could only be seen among the bamboo grass, while old pines blocked the sky and thick mixed growth covered the area. However, in 1965, it became the first Historical Site Park in the country, and over the course of the two years that followed, it was developed into a place where the public could come to relax.

Once noted for its verdant landscape, with aged pines and other trees covering the ruins, it was beloved as "Breeze in the pines at the former site of Kudaradera Temple." However, a redevelopment project was launched in 2012, changing the face of the park completely. In order to protect the precious site and restore the grand scenery it had when the temple stood here, many of the pines were cut down. Some, such as in the northeast, do remain to offer a reminder of what it once looked like.

The positions of the Golden Hall, East and West Pagodas, Central Gate and other structures have been faithfully recreated based on the latest archaeological findings. The tile-topped earth walls were completed in 2025, and it is now possible to get a much clearer picture of the beautiful compound with its twin pagodas. The breezes that blow through the pine tops speak to visitors of this prestigious historical site, once home to a state-level temple that is appearing anew while holding onto memories of the old groves.

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Map of the Hirakata's Eight Best Views

