

What kind of international activities are going on in Ichikawa City?

Foreign Residents in Ichikawa

Approximately 17,000 people from about 110 countries and regions are living in Ichikawa City. It is the 23rd highest number among 1,741 municipalities in Japan. (Sources: Statistics Bureau, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communication. As of December, 2017).

I see many foreign residents are living in Ichikawa. That's why the City is working to support foreign residents.



1. China 6,486 people
2. Vietnam 1,513 people
3. South Korea 1,507 people
4. The Philippines 1,502 people
5. Nepal 1,210 people



16,966 people from 111 countries (as of October 2018).

Which country has the highest number of citizens in Ichikawa?



Support for Foreign Residents

The City of Ichikawa supports foreign residents' daily lives so that people with various cultural backgrounds can cohabitate in the City.

1. Assistance Desk for Foreign Residents

The desk provides interpreting services for city administrative procedures and gives information for daily life.

Venues: City Hall Temporary Main Bldg / Gyotoku Branch Office
Languages: English / Chinese / Spanish
Telephone: 047-712-8675
Opening Hours: Please check the city's homepage↓



foreign residents' assistance desk

2. Ichimail



Ichikawa City sends English/easy Japanese newsletters twice a month to provide useful information.

Please send a blank mail to the address below for registration:

English eng@ichimail.city.ichikawa.chiba.jp
 Easy Japanese ejp@ichimail.city.ichikawa.chiba.jp



English



Easy Japanese

The archives are available on the Ichikawa City homepage.

3. Other Activities by International Exchange Volunteer Groups

The Ichikawa International Exchange Association (IIA) contributes to creating worldly open communities with foreign residents by raising the international awareness of citizens through grass-roots international exchange activities and promotion of friendly goodwill relations with foreign cities.

<Volunteer interpreters/translators at evacuation centers>

In case the City is hit by natural disasters, members of the IIA will offer support at evacuation centers and other venues as volunteer interpreters and translators for foreign residents according to "the Agreement on Support for Natural Disasters".

Many other volunteer groups are hosting international exchange activities by cooperating with the City. For more information, please take a look at their pamphlets and/or homepages, or contact them.

Ichikawa International Exchange Association
 Ichikawa Volunteer's Interpreter's Society (IVIS)
 Buddies
 Gyotoku Pen Friend Club

<http://www.iaa21.jp/>
<http://www.iaa21.jp/~iaa0052/>
<http://www.iaa21.jp/buddies.html>
 Inquiry: 047-396-3575



Any proactive groups in the City?



A Sight-seeing Guide to Ichikawa City's International Exchanges

Kuroro, black pine fairy
 Barara, rose fairy
 Gardening City, Ichikawa Original mascots

Let's check them out!



What does International exchange mean?

International exchange means learning about foreign people and their countries, and interacting with them. Going overseas is not the only option to experience international exchange. You can also get international exchange experiences in your own country.



What are international exchanges for?

We see more foreign products in stores as well as more foreign residents in the neighborhood these days.

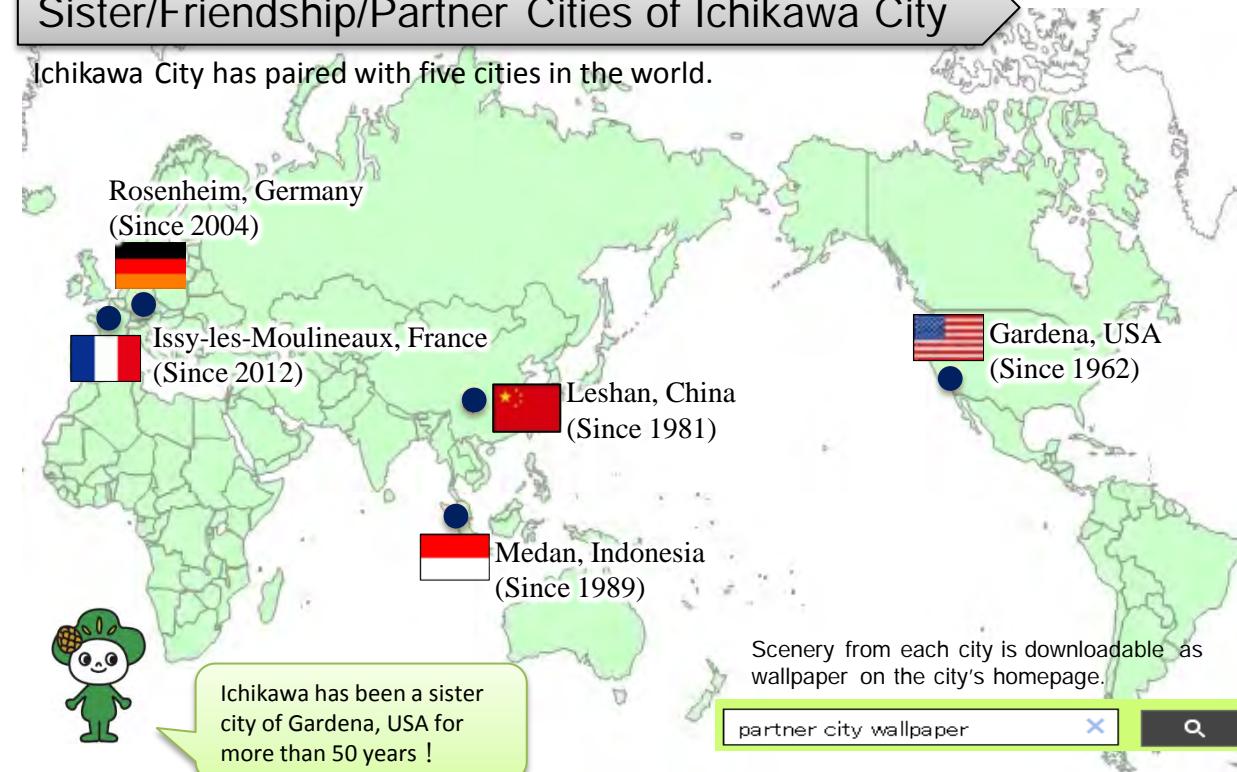
International exchanges are important for everyone in order to promote better understandings of people with different ways of thinking from diverse cultures so everyone can live together in peace in the same neighborhood.



Please tell us about Ichikawa City's ongoing international exchanges with foreign cities!

Sister/Friendship/Partner Cities of Ichikawa City

Ichikawa City has paired with five cities in the world.



Rosenheim, Germany (Since 2004)

Issy-les-Moulineaux, France (Since 2012)

Leshan, China (Since 1981)

Medan, Indonesia (Since 1989)

Gardena, USA (Since 1962)



Ichikawa has been a sister city of Gardena, USA for more than 50 years!

Scenery from each city is downloadable as wallpaper on the city's homepage.

partner city wallpaper

Let's Visit the International Sight-seeing Spots in the City!

We can see the impact of international exchanges with our sister/friendship/partner cities in various places in the city.

Let's review them on the map!

1 Satomi Park

- Rosenheim Garden
- Commemorative tree for the 150th anniversary of Japan-Germany Relations (Bodhi tree, 2011).

[Direction] a 3-minute walk from "Kokuritsu byōin" bus stop on "Matsudo shako" route, leaving from either JR Ichikawa station or Keisei Kōnodai station.

A 3-9, Konodai ☎ 047-372-0062
 Yes (9a.m. ~ 5p.m.), Closed at year-end/new year ♿ Yes
 Rose Season: May and October

Rosenheim Garden was created in 2004 in commemoration of concluding a partner city agreement with Rosenheim. Various roses including Maria Lisa, a rose species given by Rosenheim, add color to the garden. A bodhi tree, also given by Rosenheim, was planted at the 150th commemoration anniversary of Japan-Germany relations.



2 Kakumatsujaku (Guo Moruo) Memorial Hall

- Commemorative tree for the 30th anniversary of Ichikawa/Leshan Friendship city relations (Hall crabapple, 2011).
- Commemorative tree for concluding friendship city relations with Leshan City (Magnolia figo, 1981).

[Direction] a 20-minute walk from Satomi Park, a 15-minute walk from Keisei Ichikawa Mama station, a 20-minute walk from JR Ichikawa station, a 5-minute walk from Kokubunkado bus stop on "Kitakokubun" route leaving from JR Ichikawa station or Keisei Ichikawa Mama station.

A 5-3-19, Mama ☎ 047-372-5400
 Open 9a.m. ~ 5p.m. (Doors close at 4:30p.m.), Closed on Mondays (Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday),

♿ Please use the public transportation. ♿ Yes ¥ Free
 Moss phlox season: April

Guo Moruo was a Chinese historian, politician and writer. While seeking asylum, he lived in Ichikawa between 1928 and 1937, the year the second Sino-Japanese war started. Kakumatsujaku Memorial Hall was reconstructed with his original home by relocating to the current place. Moss phlox all over the garden blooms in spring. When the Leshan Official Delegation visited in Ichikawa in 2011, hall crabapple, the city flower of Leshan, was planted.



3 Suwada Park

- Betsu Suwada (Suwada ni Wakareru) Monument
- Peace Monument

[Direction] a 2-minute walk from Kakumatsujaku Memorial Hall, a 13-minute walk from Keisei Ichikawa-Mama station, a 18-minute walk from JR Ichikawa station, a 5-minute walk from "Suwada" bus stop on "Kitakokubun" route leaving from either JR Ichikawa station or Keisei Ichikawa-Mama station.

A 2-34, Suwada ♿ No ♿ Yes

Bestu Suwada monument has a poem engraved, which Guo Muruo made to express his feelings at the touching moment when he saw his old friend for the first time in 2 decades in Suwada, where he lived to seek asylum. The Betsu Suwada monument was built in 1967. Also, in order to commemorate the 15 years of relations between Leshan and Ichikawa, the Peace Monument was built in 1996.



4 Ōsu Bōsai Park

- Rosenheim Square

[Direction] a 20-minute walk from the South Exit of JR Ichikawa station, "Ōsu Bōsai Park" bus stop on "Motoyawata" route, leaving from the South exit of JR Ichikawa station.

A 1-18, Ōsu ☎ 047-379-3577 ♿ Yes
 Yes (100yen/30min, first 90 min. are free.)

Rose season: May and October

In commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Japan-Germany relations, the Rosenheim Square was created in 2011. The Rosenheim Square is used to plant roses as a part of an ongoing project, "Gardening City Ichikawa." The rose arch is best seen in spring.

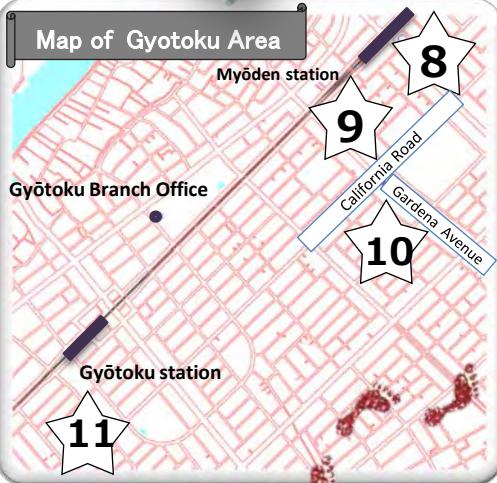
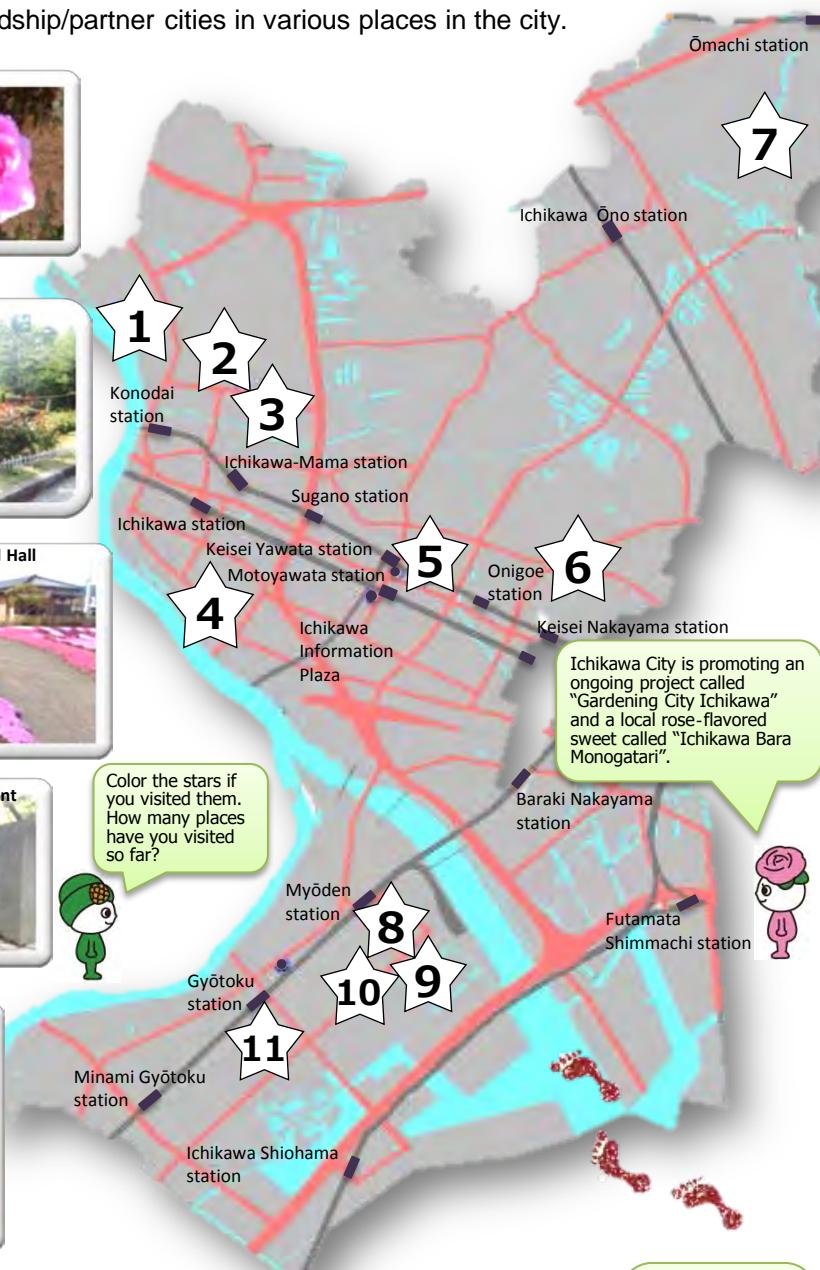


5 Zennicke Hall (Ichikawa City Yawata Civic Hall)

- Commemorative tree (Michelia compressa) and anniversary bench for the 55th commemoration anniversary of Ichikawa/Gardena sister city relations (2017).

[Direction] a 8-minute walk from the North Exit of JR Motoyawata station, a 5-minute walk from Keisei Yawata station.

A 4-2-1, Yawata ☎ 047-335-1542
 Yes (100yen/20min.) ♿ Yes



6 Higashiyama Kai Memorial Hall

- Commemorative tree of the 150th anniversary of Japan-Germany relations (Bodhi tree)

[Direction] a 15-minute walk from Keisei Nakayama station, or a 1-minute walk from "Kitakata" bus stop on "Shiei Reien" or "Hoken Iryō Fukushi Center" bus route, leaving from JR Shimōsa Nakayama station.

A 1-16-2, Nakayama ☎ 047-333-2011
 Open 10:00~17:00 (Doors are open until 16:30).
 ♿ Yes (200 yen) ♿ Yes

¥ 510 yen (Adults), 400yen (65 or over), 250yen (High school / University students), Free: Junior high school students and younger.
 ※Different fees apply for special exhibitions.

A German-style building appears at the top of a long hill. The building was constructed because Kai Higashiyama, a Japanese painter, studied in Germany. There is a bodhi tree at the entrance of the property, which is a commemorative tree of the 150th anniversary of Japan-German relations.



7 Ichikawa Zoological and Botanical Garden

- Styan's red pandas ● Sumatran orangutans
- Commemorative tree for the 25th anniversary of sister city relations with Medan (Yoko cherry, 2014)

[Direction] a 30-minute walk from JR Ichikawa Ōno station; a 3-minute walk from the last bus stop of "Dōshokubutsuen" route, leaving from either JR Motoyawata station or JR Ichikawa Ōno station (available only on weekends and national holidays); a 10-minute walk from "Ōnomachi 4 chome" bus stop on "Ichikawa Eigyōsho" route; a 10-minute walk from "Komagata" bus stop on "Ōmachi eki" route.

A 284, Ōmachi ☎ 047-338-1960 ♿ Yes (500yen/day)
 Open 9:30~16:30 (Doors close at 16:00). ※Closed on Mondays (The following Tuesday if Monday falls on a national holiday)

More than 70 descendants of Shin-shin and Sei-sei (as seen in the photo), red pandas donated from Leshan city in 1986 are being adored at zoos nationwide. Also, Iban and Summi, orangutans given by Medan City in 1992, produced three offspring (Wootan, Lily and Popo). They all live at the Ichikawa Zoological and Botanical Garden.



8 Shirotae Park

- Gardena Tree ● Gardena Square
- Commemorative tree of the 50th anniversary of sister city relations with Gardena (Evergreen magnolia, 2012)
- Commemorative tree of Gardena City (Flowering dogwood, 1981)
- Commemorative plaque of the 45th Anniversary of sister city relations with Gardena City (2007).

[Direction] a 1-minute walk from Myoden station on the Tōzai line

A 1-7, Tomihama ♿ No ♿ Yes
 The Gardena Square was created to commemorate the completion of the park in 2001. An evergreen magnolia tree was planted in 2012 for the 50th anniversary of sister city relations with Gardena City.



9 California Road

[Direction] a 3-minute walk from Shirotae Park. Road signs as well as street lamps with a palm tree symbol can be seen on the street.



10 Gardena Avenue

[Direction] Gardena Avenue crosses California Road. In 1987, the Mayor of Gardena gave the road signs of California Road and Gardena Avenue to Higashi Gyotoku Shopping District.

11 Gyōtoku Ekimae Park

- Commemorative monument of the 30th anniversary of sister city relations with Gardena

[Direction] a 5-minute walk from Gyōtoku station on the Tozai line

A 2-4, Minatoshinden ♿ No ♿ Yes

A stone bench and a stone monument with "Yu-ai," meaning friendship, engraved are standing under a tree. The bench and the monument were given by Gardena City to commemorate the 30th anniversary of sister city relations in 1992.



Color the stars if you visited them. How many places have you visited so far?

Ichikawa City is promoting an ongoing project called "Gardening City Ichikawa" and a local rose-flavored sweet called "Ichikawa Bara Monogatari".

Rosenheim means "rose house" in German. Roses means a lot for the citizens of Rosenheim.

Our sister/friendship/partner cities' pamphlets are available here!

- Foreign Residents' Assistance Desk (City Hall, temporary main building, 2F) (City Hall, Gyōtoku branch office, 1F)
- Division of International Relations (Ichikawa Business Plaza, 2F)
- Ichikawa International Exchange Association (Yawata 2-1-7, 2F)
- Ichikawa City Official homepage

Ichikawa City signed a partner city agreement with Issy-les-Moulineaux, France in 2012. We will see more memorials with Issy-les-Moulineaux in the future!