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.

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

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

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.

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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.
   - **Moss phlox**
     - all over route, leaving from either JR Ichikawa station or Keisei Kōnodai station.
   - **Sino-Japanese war started. Kakumatsujaku Memorial Hall** was reconstructed of Japan-Germany relations.

2. **Rose season: May and October**
   - **[Direction]** a 8-minute walk from the North Exit of JR Motoyawata station, roses as a part of an ongoing project, "Gardening City Ichikawa." The rose arch

3. **Suwada Park**
   - **Betsu Suwada Monument**
     - Commemorative tree for concluding friendship city relations with Medan (Yoko cherry, 2014)
     - **[Direction]** a 1-minute walk from Myoden station on the Tōzai line
   - **Betsu Suwada** in 2001. An evergreen magnolia tree was planted
   - Road signs as well as street lamps with a palm tree symbol
     - can be seen on the street.
   - **Mr. Moro** 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. A bodhi tree, also given by Rosenheim, was planted at the 150th anniversary commemoration of Japan-Germany relations.

4. **During World War II, Rosenheim was forced to leave Japan. In 1955, the Rosenheim family returned to Japan and was received with a hero's welcome. The Rosenheim Square was created to commemorate the completion of the park in 2001. An evergreen magnolia tree was planted.

5. **Zennikkei Hall**
   - **Ichikawa City Yawata Civic Hall**
     - Commemorative tree (Michelia compressa) and anniversary bench for the 50th 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.

6. **Higashiyama Kaii 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 "Kakusana" bus stop on "Shiomi Reisen" or "Honen Inryn Fukushi Center" bus route, leaving from JR Shimosuigawa station.
   - **Satomi Park**
     - **Nakayama**
     - 047-333-2011
     - 10:00~17:00 (Doors are open until 16:30).
     - Yes (200 yen)
     - Yes
     - 510 yen (Adults), 460yen (65 or over), 255yen (High school / University students), Free: Junior high school students and younger.

7. **Ichikawa Zoological and Botanical Garden**
   - **Styra's red pandas**
     - Sumateran 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 "Ōmachi 4 chome" bus stop on "Ichikawa Eiyōshū" route;
     - a 3-minute walk from "Konagata" bus stop on "Ōmachi eki" route.
     - **[Entry fee]** 430yen (Adults), 100yen (Elementary/Junior high school students)
     - **[Bus fare]** 30~160yen (Doors close at 16:00).

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]** Gardena Avenue crosses California Road.
   - **Gardena Avenue**
     - Crosses California Road.
   - **Gardena Tree**
     - **[Address]** Gardena Avenue
     - **[Parking]** Yes
     - **[Restroom]** Yes
     - **[Business hours]** 10:00~17:00
     - **[Admission fee]** 30~160yen (Doors close at 16:00).

9. **California Road**
   - **Commemorative tree of the 30th anniversary of sister city relations with Gardena (Flowering dogwood, 1981)**
   - **Commemorative plaque of the 45th anniversary of sister city relations with Gardena City (2007)**
   - **[Direction]** Gardena Avenue crosses California Road.
   - **Gardena Avenue**
     - Crosses California Road.
   - **Gardena Tree**
     - **[Address]** Gardena Avenue
     - **[Parking]** Yes
     - **[Restroom]** Yes
     - **[Business hours]** 10:00~17:00
     - **[Admission fee]** 30~160yen (Doors close at 16:00).

10. **Gyōtoku Ekimae Park**
    - **Commemorative tree of the 150th anniversary of Japan-Germany relations (Bodhi tree)**
    - **[Direction]** a 5-minute walk from Gyōtoku station on the Tozai line
    - **Gyōtoku Ekimae Park**
      - 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.

11. **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](http://www.city.ichikawa.lg.jp)**