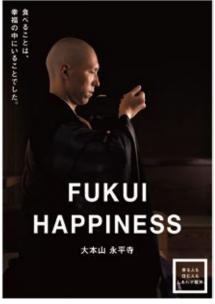




In preparation for the 2018 National Sports Festival, Fukui Prefecture is improving both its facilities and human resources.



DAIHONZAN EIHEIJI



Fukui Prefectural Dinosaur Museum



Fukui Happy and Healthy National Sports Festival Mascot Character Happy Ryu

Fukui Prefecture...

- * is ranked as the happiest prefecture in Japan
- * is full of hard-workers and has produced the largest number of CEOs per capita in Japan for 33 years straight
- * is 3 hours and 15 minutes from Tokyo Station by the fastest route



Governor of Fukui Prefecture Issei NISHIKAWA

Have your pre-games training camp in Fukui!

Starting with facilities improvements, Fukui Prefecture is moving forward with preparations to welcome guests from all over Japan for the 2018 Fukui Happy and Healthy National Sports Festival.

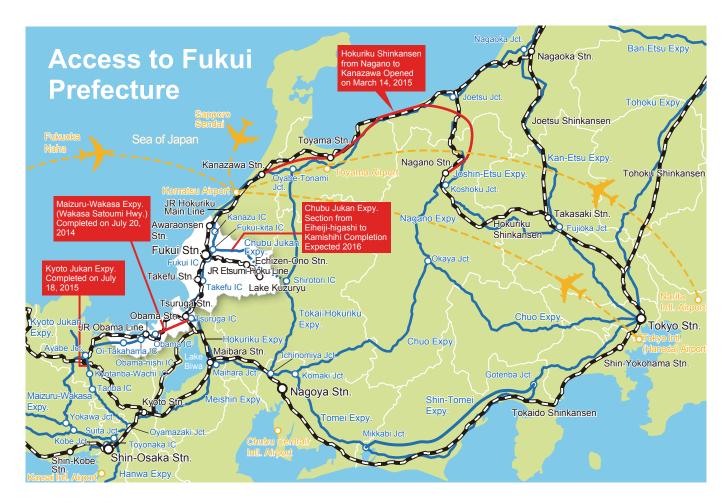
The hospitality fostered during the National Sports Festival will prepare Fukui to welcome athletes from around the word

Fukui Prefecture is a naturally blessed treasure trove of cuisine that is a splendid place to get married and raise a family. Come see why Fukui is Japan's happiest prefecture.

What kind of place is Fukui?

Fukui Prefecture faces the Sea of Japan and is located near the center of Japan's main island of Honshu. Fukui is blessed with clean air and water, is surrounded by lush greenery, and boasts gastronomic wonders found in both the mountains and the sea.

Fukui Prefecture's main industries include textiles, with a focus in woven fabric, as well as machinery and eyeglass production. In recent years, Fukui has also taken the initiative in developing aerospace technologies for artificial satellites as well as creating business models based on satellite data. In this age of rapidly advancing technological revolutions, Fukui is promoting the use of cutting edge technologies in existing industries.



▶▶▶ From Tokyo

- JR: Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki to Hokuriku Main Line, Ltd. Exp. Shirasagi to Fukui Stn. (Approx. 3 hrs. 20 min.) Tokaido Shinkansen to Hokuriku Main Line, Ltd. Exp. Shirasagi to Fukui Stn. (Approx. 3 hrs. 30 min.)
- Air: Haneda to Komatsu (Kanazawa/Fukui), Direct Bus to Fukui Stn. West Exit (Approx. 2 hrs.)
- Car: Tomei Expy. to Meishin Expy. to Hokuriku Expy. Exit at Fukui IC (Approx. 5 hrs. 20 min.)
- Hwy. Bus: Tokyo Stn. Yaesu South Exit to Fukui Stn. East Exit (Approx. 8 hrs. 20 min.)

▶▶▶ From Osaka

JR: Kosai Line Ltd. Exp. Thunderbird to Fukui Stn. (Approx. 1 hr. 50 min.)

Car: Meishin Expy. to Hokuriku Expy. – Exit at Fukui IC (Approx. 2 hrs. 40 min.)

Hwy. Bus: Osaka/Umeda Stn. to Fukui Stn. East Exit (Approx. 3 hrs. 30 min.)

▶▶▶ From Nagoya

JR: Tokaido Shinkansen to Maibara, Ltd. Exp. Shirasagi to Fukui Stn. (Approx. 1 hr. 40 min.)

Car: Meishin Expy. to Hokuriku Expy. - Exit at Fukui IC (Approx. 2 hrs.)

Tokai-Hokuriku Expy. via Shirotori IC – Exit at Fukui IC (Approx. 2 hrs. 50 min.)

Hwy. Bus: JR Nagoya Stn. to Fukui Stn. (Approx. 2 hrs. 40 min.)

From Meitetsu Bus Center to Fukui Stn. (Approx. 2 hrs. 50 min.)

Summer Weather in Fukui

Rather than being muggy and hot, the summer weather of Fukui Prefecture is characterized by a drier heat. Fukui also lacks a pronounced urban heat island effect, while the mountains, rivers, and Sea of Japan offer natural respites from the summer heat. Fukui's summers are ideal for outdoor recreation.

Late July Weather Comparison between Fukui and Tokyo

	福井	東京
Daily Mean (°C)	27.1	26.2
High (°C)	31.6	30.6
Low (°C)	23.5	23.0
Relative Humidity (%)	73	76
Precipitation (mm)	39.2	46.9
Hours of Sunlight	71.8	63.0



%Averages for 1981 to 2010

Fukui City

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Fukui City Introduction

Despite the ravages of war and natural disasters such as earthquakes and flooding, Fukui City has risen from the ashes like a phoenix and continues to thrive.

Fukui is known for having a plethora of historic sites such as the Ichijodani Asakura Ruins, as well as a rich and varied cuisine, natural gifts, a safe living environment, and a culture of respecting one another.

We look forward to the opportunity to host your pre-games training camp.





The complementary Fukui City Gymnasium sub-arena will be available for use in January

The site will be hosting basketball and handball tournaments for the 2018 National Sports Festival and is one of the main sport venues in Fukui City.

[Overview]

Area/Sub-arena Total Floor Area of Approx. 2,700 m

- Shower Rooms
- Meeting Rooms
- First-aid Room

Fukui City Sports Park is a communitybased facility that boasts seating for up to 10,000 people in its Phoenix Stadium, a multipurpose natural grass field that is suitable for football or rugby, as well as a softball field.

[Overview]

Sports Park Total Area of

Approx. 74,800 m

- Shower Rooms
- Meeting Rooms



Gymnasium Arena

Fukui City is making preparations to host 14 events for 16 different sports during the 2018 National Sports Festival.

The picture on the right shows the Sports Park's multipurpose field that will serve as the location for the National Sports Festival archery competition.











Athletics Stadium, Gymnasium, Baseball Field, Tennis Courts, etc.

[Overview]

- OAthletics Facilities (Track & Field)
- Capacity: 15,075
 Japan Association of Athletics Federations
 Class 1 Certified
- Track: 400 m 8-lane All-weather Urethane Paved
 4 Sets of Stadium Lighting
- Main Stands
 Gym, Meeting Rooms, First-aid Room
 Locker Rooms (w/ Showers), Indoor Running Track
- Separate Class 3 Certified Track Field (400 m Track)
- Indoor Practice Facilities on Premises (100 m/5-lane)



Hello! I am Yumemaru Asakura, captain of the Fukui City promotion squad. With Fukui City's scenic beauty and abundant athletic facilities, it is an ideal location to hold your pre-games



[Past & Future Uses]

2007: World Championships in Athletics in Osaka (Hosted Greek Camp)

2008: Beijing Olympics (Hosted Greek Camp)

2017: Japan Student Athletics Championships (Planned)

2018 : National Sports Festival – Opening/Closing Ceremonies and Track and Field Venue (Planned)



[Overview]

- Large Judo Dojo(4 Platforms/540 Tatami Mats)
- Small Judo Dojo
 (2 Platforms/240 Tatami Mats)
- Gym
- Shower Rooms, Meeting Rooms

[Past & Future Uses]

1999 : National Junior High Judo Championship 2018 : National Sports Festival – Judo/Kendo (Planned)





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Katsuyama City Introduction

Katsuyama is a rural city of 26,000 residents located in northern Fukui Prefecture, a region that has a long history of textile production and is blessed with abundant natural beauty. The majority of recent dinosaur fossil discoveries in Japan have been in Katsuyama and the city is home to a world-class dinosaur museum that is not only the largest in Japan, but also one of the top three in the world. Ski Jam Katsuyama welcomes many skiers throughout the winter months, and is the largest ski resort with the best snow in western Japan.

In addition, the Former Temple Precinct of Hakusan Heisenji National Historic Site and its beautiful green moss date from the middle ages, and Katsuyama also boasts Japan's largest Buddha statue, the Echizen Daibutsu. Katsuyama is also famous for Sagicho Festival, a unique celebration which heralds the arrival of spring in the Okuetsu area.

A 2007 online issue of Forbes Magazine ranked Katsuyama as the 9th cleanest city in the world. The Dinosaur Valley Fukui Katsuyama Geopark was designated in 2009 and covers the whole of Katsuyama City.

Regarding sports, Katsuyama's own Katsuyama High School's badminton team makes yearly appearances at national tournaments and has a history of earning national titles.









DINOSAUR VALLEY FUKUI KATSUYAMA GEOPARK







Opening in Late May 2016

[Overview]

- Arena Size: 57 m by 38 m
 12 Badminton Courts, 2 Basketball Courts, 3 Volleyball Courts,1 Futsal Field, 16 Table Tennis
 Tables
- ●1,000 Permanent Spectator Seats, Multipurpose Room, Gym, Approx. 200 m Running Course









Sabae City

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Sabae City Introduction

Sabae is a 'City of Makers' that accounts for 90% of eyeglass production in Japan, is the core of Fukui's 'Textile Manufacturing Kingdom', has a 1,500 year tradition of lacquerware production that accounts for 80% of Japan's production for institutional use, and recently has found success in such areas as the information technology industry.

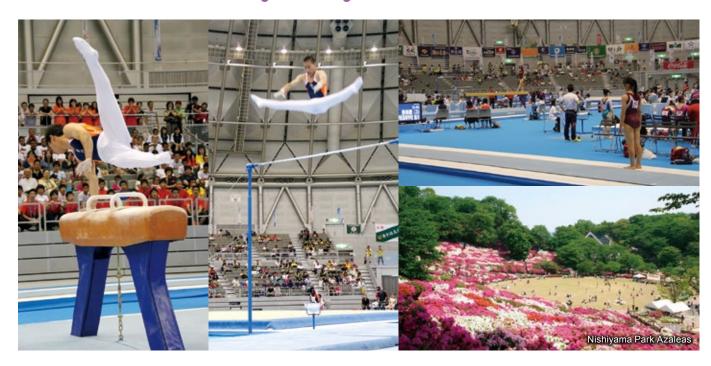








Sabae City: Gymnastics Town





Construction began on August 31, 1993, Completed on March 31, 1995 Steel Reinforced Concrete Construction, Grounds Cover 8,069.25 m² (Excluding Parking Lot), Building Area: 2,828.76 m², Total Floor Space: 3,620.00 m²

Arena

[Overview]

First Floor

- Arena: 1556.16m² (2 Basketball Courts, 2 Volleyball Courts, 6 Badminton Courts)
- Sports Memorabilia Room: 162.05m²
- First-aid Room, Broadcast Booth, Male/Female Locker Rooms (w/ Showers), Office, Lobby





Gym

[Overview]

Second Floor

●Gym: 279.97m²

Fitness Studio: 239.51m²



[Past Uses]

October 1995 : Sabae World Gymnastics Championships

- Secondary Venue

October 1998 : Sabae Gymnastics World Cup – Secondary Venue

August 2012: Interscholastic Artistic / Rhythmic Gymnastics

- Practice Venue

(Main Venue : SUNDOME FUKUI)

August 2015 : Sabae Grand Sumo Tournament - Dressing Room



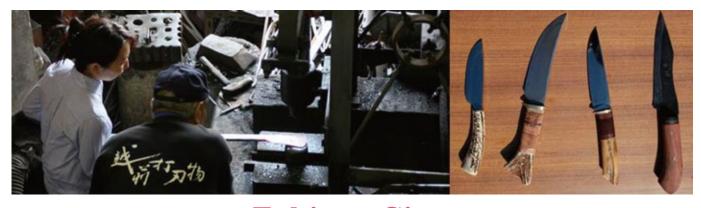


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Echizen City Introduction

Echizen City was established during the Taika Reforms of the 7th century and has flourished as a center of culture in the Hokuriku region ever since. Murasaki Shikibu, the author of the Tales of Genji, lived in 'Echizen-no-Kuni', the area that is now known as Echizen City. It was the only time in her life that she experienced living away from the capital city. Through the production of such varied products as traditional Echizen Washi (Japanese paper) and Echizen Forged Knives, modern Echizen City is still evolving dynamically as a 'City of Makers' through cutting-edge electronics manufacturing and produces more than any other city in Fukui Prefecture. When you visit Echizen City, be sure to try its three most famous dishes, Echizen Grated Daikon Radish Soba Noodles, Volga Rice, and Takefu Station Chuka Soba (Ramen).





Echizen City: A Home of Murasaki Shikibu



Echizen City Integrated Gymnasium





Echizen City Integrated Gymnasium (Provisional Name)

The Echizen City Integrated Gymnasium (provisional name) combines tennis courts, a pool, and other sports facilities with other services such as a library and cultural center. Each fall, the Takefu Chrysanthemum Doll Festival is held at Takefu Central Park (currently being renovated) where the gymnasium is being constructed.

The gymnasium is located in the center of the city, and promotes the idea that sports are to be played, seen, and supported. In its role as a core athletics facility, the gymnasium will serve as the fencing venue for the 2018 Fukui Happy and Healthy National Sports Festival. There are (big) future plans to attract training camps to ensure that the facilities serve to promote sports tourism as well as supporting the lifelong enjoyment of sport for our citizens.

Expected Completion in August 2017

[Overview]

- Construction Standard: 2-story Steel Reinforced Concrete Construction
- ●Total Floor Space: Approx. 7200㎡
- Major Facilities
 - Main Arena: Approx. 2150m²
 - Sub-arena: Approx. 750m²
 - Spectator Seats: 1300
 - · Training Course
 - · Running Course
 - Climate Controlled (Main Arena)
 - · Elevators, etc. as Part of Universal Design





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Sakai City Introduction

Sakai City has 92,000 residents and is located in the north of Fukui Prefecture. Sakai is well-known throughout Japan as a tourist destination due to such attractions as the world-class columnar basalt formations at Tojinbo Cliffs and Japan's oldest castle tower at Maruoka Castle. When it comes to sports, Sakai boasts Maruoka High School, the most competitive high school football team in Fukui Prefecture. Sakai was also chosen to host the football tournament at the 2018 Fukui National Sports Festival. Sakai City has experience hosting training camps, as the Mexican team held their camp in Sakai during the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea / Japan.





Sakai City: Living Life with a Smile





[Overview]

- OAthletics Facilities (Football / Soccer)
- Natural Grass Pitch:
 160 m by 95 m (15.20)
- 160 m by 95 m (15,200m²)
- 1 General Purpose Football Pitch Fully Illuminated
- Seating for 21,053
 in Main Stand and Sub-stand
 Locker Rooms (w/ Showers)

- Athletics Facilities (Football / Soccer)
- Synthetic Grass Pitches: 20,844m²
 Japan Football Association Certified
 Long Pile Synthetic Grass Pitch
 2 General Purpose Football Pitches
 (4 for Children)

South Pitch Illuminated

- Roofed Area for 500 People
- Clubhouse

1st Floor: 8 Tatami Mat Locker Rooms (w/ Showers)

2nd Floor: Classroom/Meeting Room – 89.46m²

- Natural Grass Pitch: 125 m by 85 m (10,600m²)
 - 1 General Purpose Pitch (2 for Children)
- Main Stand and Grass Seating for 3,000
- Dormitory

5 Japanese Style Rooms and 3 Western Style Rooms, Sleep up to 70

Large Communal Bath/Small Bath/Shower Rooms







[Overview]

- OAthletics Facilities (Track & Field)
- Japan Association of Athletics
 Federations Class 2 Certified
- Track: All-weather Paved, 400 m, 8 Lanes

145 m Sprint Track

- Field: Tifton Grass
 - Urethane Paved/En-tout-cas Paved
- Main Stand and Grass Seating for Approx. 10,000

2 Locker Rooms (w/ Showers)

[Past Uses]

The Mexican team held their camp in Sakai during the 2002 FIFA World Cup Korea / Japan (Utilized Technoport Fukui Stadium & Minato Hotel)

[Lodgings in the Area]

• Minato Hotel (Adjacent to Technoport Fukui Stadium)

Address : 2-1-33, Kurome, Mikuni-cho, Sakai-shi, Fukui-ken 913-0037

Tel. (0776) 81-7000

56 Rooms

250 Person Capacity

Mikuni Kanko Hotel (3 min. by Car from Mikuni Athletics Park)

Address : 4-4-8, Midorigaoka, Mikuni-cho, Sakai-shi, Fukui-ken 913-0048

Tel. (0776) 81-3111

112 Rooms

430 Person Capacity



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Echizen Town Introduction

Echizen Town is located at the westernmost extent of the Reihoku region of Fukui Prefecture, spans 17.9 km east to west, 17.3 km north to south, covers 152.97 km2, borders the Sea of Japan to the west, Sabae City to the east, Echizen City and Minami Echizen Town to the south, and Fukui City to the north.

The foundation of Echizen Town's field hockey legacy stems from seeking to host the field hockey tournament for the 1968 Fukui National Sports Festival. Echizen Town has since accumulated over 40 years of field hockey history and in that time has fielded numerous champion teams at events such as the National Sports Festival, Interscholastic Athletic Competition, and All-Japan High School Invitational Tournament. Echizen Town is home to a number of athletes that compete internationally, and in 2001, it completed the Fukui Prefectural Hockey Field that boasts artificial turf, spectator stands, and stadium lighting. Furthermore, 2006 saw the completion of a nationally-renowned field hockey facility with two artificial turf hockey fields certified by new international standards.



People & Their Skills Weaving Together the Sea, the Earth, a Sense of Home, and Nature to Make a Delightful Town Echizen E-town Brand Creation –





A Field Hockey Holy Land

[Tournament Record]

Fukui Prefectural Nyu High School

2013: Boys Field Hockey, Interscholastic Athletic Competition, 1st Place Girls Field Hockey, Interscholastic Athletic Competition, 3rd Place Boys Team, Tokyo National Sports Festival, 1st Place Girls Team, Tokyo National Sports Festival, 2nd Place

2014: Boys Field Hockey, All-Japan High School Invitational Tournament, 1st Place Interscholastic Athletic Competition 1st Place Boys Team, Nagasaki National Sports Festival, 1st Place

2015: Boys Field Hockey, All-Japan High School Invitational Tournament, 2nd Place Girls Field Hockey, Interscholastic Athletic Competition, 2nd Place

Fukui Club

2014: Men's Team, Nagasaki National Sports Festival, 3rd Place









- 3 Artificial Turf Fields for 11-person Teams, Related Equipment, One of the Best Facilities in the Country
- Stands Accommodate 1,000. Support for Practices through to Tournaments





Artificial Turf

3 Artificial Turf Fields for 11-person Teams, One of the Best Field Hockey Facilities in the Country



Training Room

310.6m Indoor Training Room



Meeting Room

58.6 m Air-conditioned Meeting Room



Shower Room

3.6 m² Showers Complete with Changing Rooms in Both Locker Rooms

[Past Uses]

Since 2005: National Junior High School Prefecture vs. Prefecture 11-person Field Hockey Tournament September 2009: FHE Cup International Exchange Field Hockey Tournament

(Fukui Club, Hong Kong Invitational Club, Western Australia Invitational Club, Ritsumeikan University Team)
August 2010 : FHE Cup International Exchange Field Hockey Tournament

(Fukui Club, Mitsubishi Chemical Sakaide Field Hockey Team, FHE X ACTARS, Hosei University)

Since 2012: Men's Hockey Japan League Venue (Approx. 10 Games per Year)

May 2013: Master's International Friendship Game (Welcomed a Team from Australia)

August 2014 : Australian Women's Team Training Camp (17th Asian Games Incheon)

August 2014: Japanese Women's Team Training Camp (Test Match with Australia)





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Mihama Town Introduction

As its town sport, the people of Mihama love boating and Mihama is promoting development based on human interactions through boating. Indeed, Mihama has fostered numerous national team athletes and hosts training camps for multitudes of teams from outside the

prefecture. Suisho Beach was ranked among Japan's 88 best beaches and exemplifies Mihama's natural beauty. However, but such regional products as 'heshiko' (mackerel pickled with rice bran) show that Mihama has much to offer from both the bounty of the sea and the mountains.

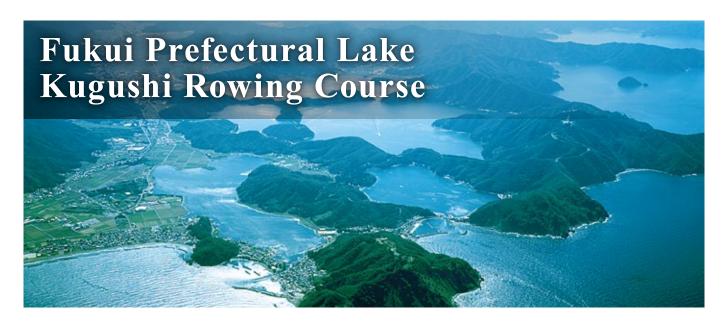






Mihama: Boating Town









- Ergometer Room, Showers, Locker Rooms, Meeting Room
- Onshore Training and Equipment Care Possible

Boating Course

1500m Permanent Course, Lifeboat, On-the-water Guidance Close to Athletes Possible



[Past & Future Uses]

2004 : All-Japan Adults Tournament

June 2010 : 8th All-Japan Junior Boating Tournament July 2010 : U-19 Japanese Team Training Camp July 2013 : U-19 Japanese Team Training Camp July 2014 : U-19 Japanese Team Training Camp

June 2015: Universiade Women's Japanese Team Training Camp July 2017: All-Japan Junior High School Rowing Championship 2018: Fukui Happy and Healthy National Sports Festival



6 Ikeda Town

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Ikeda Town Introduction

A mountain community that quietly exists on the border between Fukui and Gifu prefectures, Ikeda Town is a place where coexisting with nature is still a way of life. The traditional way of life remains and the people of Ikeda Town live by the ideals of mutual cooperation through community fellowship. Indeed, children, adults and the elderly are bringing together what they can bit by bit to help in community development. In this modern age of brutality and wastefulness, we need to show Japan how to truly live. That is what the townspeople of Ikeda strive to do.





A Town Where the Needs of the People Are Always Met

Ikeda Town: The Happiest in Japan



[History of International Exchange]

September 2013 : Satoyama International Symposium 'Satoyama Stay' (One Participant each from Bangladesh and Nepal)

September 2013: Welcomed 11 Bhutanese Government Officials

Officials observed Ikeda Town's efforts on bringing together local resources to create environmentally friendly farming communities.

March 2014: Welcomed 25 Bhutanese University Students

Interaction with Townspeople and Homestay

March 2015: Visit from Bhutanese Minister of Economic Affairs to Observe Ikeda Town



Prospective Cities and Towns







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