

Koedo Kawagoe News



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A question to foreign visitors: What has brought you here to Kawagoe?

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Last year Kawagoe welcomed about 7,040,000 visitors, and about 170,000 among them were foreigners. The number of foreign visitors has been going up year by year. Why? The following are the results of interviews and a questionnaire to foreign tourists.

Interviews to foreign visitors at Tourist Information Center of Kawagoe Station

Q: Why have you chosen Kawagoe to visit among others?

A: Kawagoe has a quiet and peaceful atmosphere different from other tourist spots. It is very popular among foreigners. That's why I am here and this is my first visit. I am looking forward to walking in the streets lined with old warehouses, and Kitain Temple. (a tourist from the UK)

A: I am here to visit the streets. I'm going to Hikawa Shrine. It is famous for matchmaking. (an excited lady from Taiwan)

Many of the interviewees answered they want to stroll in the old streets lined with traditional warehouses.

A questionnaire to 100 foreign visitors

We asked 100 foreign visitors to fill out our questionnaire at Tourist Information Centers at Kawagoe Station and Honkawagoe Station.

Q: What has led you to visit Kawagoe?

38%	Information on the Internet, SNS, etc.
26%	Recommendation from friends or acquaintances
15%	Programs on TV or radio
8%	Seeing posters or brochures
5%	Visiting the World Travel Festival
1%	Joining a tour which includes visit to Kawagoe
1%	Reading newspapers or magazines
6%	Other than the above

Q: Which country are you from?

30%	Taiwan
15%	Thailand
14%	Hong Kong
7%	the US
6%	China
4%	Korea
24 %	Other than the above

Q: What is required of the city for tourists from abroad to feel easy to enjoy Kawagoe?

20%	More multilingual information
19%	Easier access to Wi-Fi
18%	More information on Kawagoe's website and on social network services.
13%	More multilingual tour guides
30%	Other than the above

How can we receive more foreign visitors with warm hospitality?

The result of the questionnaire shows more information on the Internet and on social networks will encourage foreigners to visit Kawagoe, because they are the main sources of information of Kawagoe. We also have to be aware that recently we have more and more tourists from Asian countries such as Taiwan. The number of foreign tourists will increase and the city will make Kawagoe more attractive and convenient to them by providing easier access to WiFi, and giving more multilingual information and guide maps.

The Swimming pool opens for the season!

Hatsukari Park Swimming pool **Contact:** Kouenkanrijimusho tel: 049-222-1301

Period: June 24 Sat.~August 31 Thu. (Open only on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays until July 19 Wed.) **Hours:** 10:00 am ~5:00 pm *Last admission is at 4 pm.

Admission: (for two hours): 200 yen for adults, 100 yen for high school students, 50 yen for junior high school and elementary school students Admission is free for preschoolers. Locker fee is 50 yen.

- The pool may be closed early or closed due to bad weather.
- Preschoolers need to be accompanied by guardians (up to two children per guardian)
- Diapers (include diapers for dabbling) are not allowed in the water.
- Parking lot spaces are limited. Please use public transportation.

Kawagoe Suijyou Kouen Swimming pool **Contact:** Kawagoesuijyoukouen tel: 049-241-2241

Period: July 15 Sat.~September 3 Sun.

Hours: 9:00 am~5:00pm (9:00am~6:00pm July 21 Fri.~August 16 Wed.) Closed from July 18 Tue to July 20 Thu. Last admissions are one hour before closing.

Admission: 720 yen for adults, 210 yen for junior high school and elementary school students. Admission is free for preschoolers. Locker fees are 100 yen. Junior high school students need to show their school ID at the door. **Parking:** 820 yen (1640 yen for large-sized vehicles)

To Watch Over and Make Connections: The Minsei-iin (Commissioned Welfare Volunteers) and Jido-iin (Commissioned Child Volunteers)

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What are the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers and the Commissioned Child Volunteers?

The Commissioned Welfare Volunteer is a part time local public official who is selected among the local community as a familiar adviser commissioned by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare. This person is both the Commissioned Welfare Volunteer and the Commissioned Child Volunteer, and is commissioned with no compensation to watch over and consult people in the area so that everyone in the area from children to the elderly can live with peace of mind.

In the city as of April 1, 483 people have been commissioned as the Commissioned Welfare Volunteers and the Commissioned Child Volunteers. They watch over everyone by visiting elderly households and child rearing families while participating in local events. Furthermore, they accept consultation about worries or troubles and help to solve problems in their role "make connections"

Please consult in following cases, for example:

- I am old and I feel helpless living alone. • What should I do to care for my elderly parents?
- I am worried that caring for my child is not going well.
- Recently, I have not seen one of my neighbors. Is he or she alright?

Is there anyone who has such worries? If yes, do not worry alone, please try consulting first.

International Center Information

Closed: Tuesdays and New Year Holidays (Dec. 29th to Jan. 3rd)

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