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IZUMI

泉大津市

OTSU



Definitely, a place you'll love to stay.
You'll know it
when you make Izumitsu your home.

Izumitsu City, Osaka Prefecture
Brochure for promoting settlement

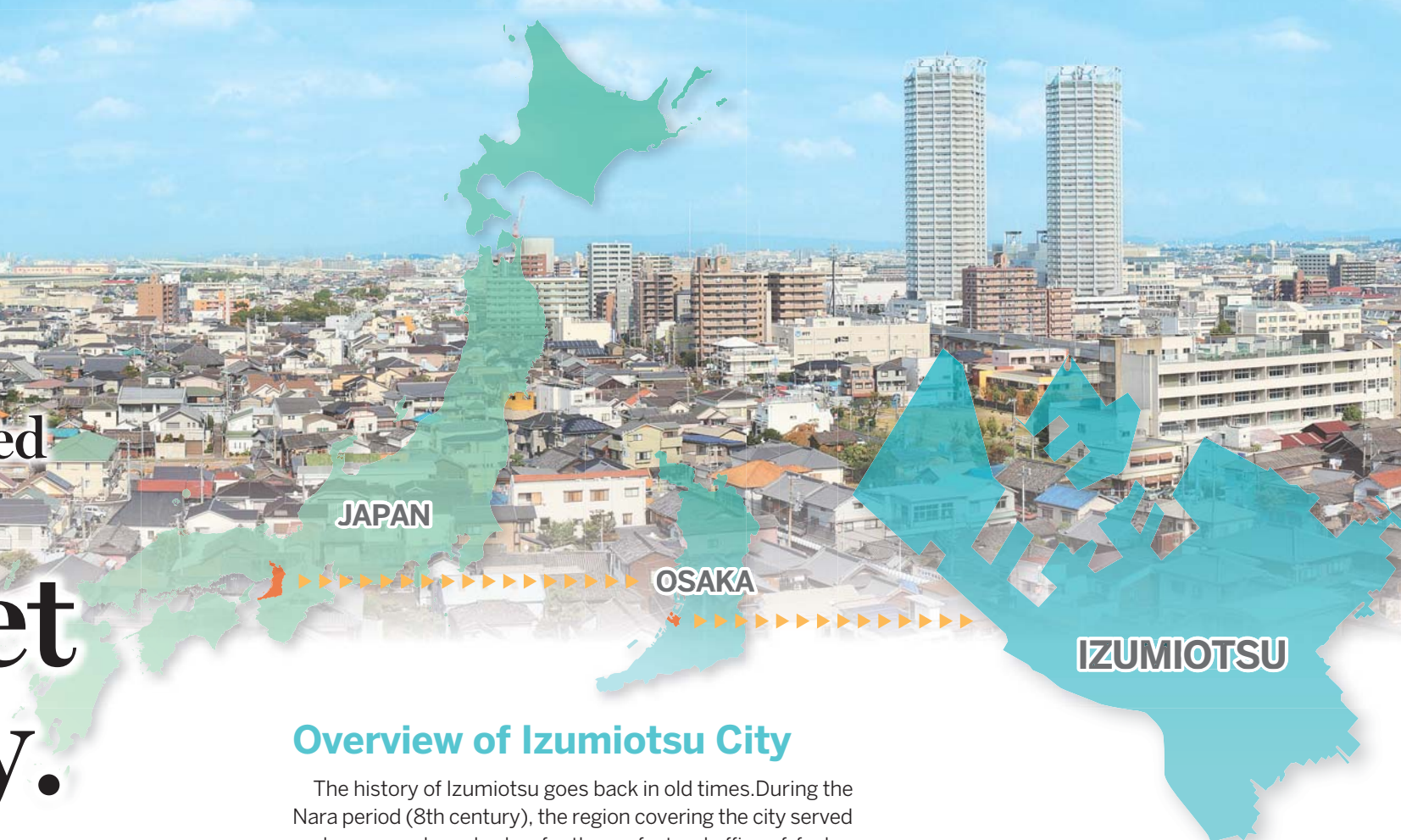
A place where everyone is heartily welcomed
—visitors and newcomers—

The City of blanket will wrap you cozy.

Japan's biggest blanket production center is full of excitement and welcoming atmosphere, making anyone long to live here for good.

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Izumiotsu, a city that makes you shine



Overview of Izumiotsu City

The history of Izumiotsu goes back in old times. During the Nara period (8th century), the region covering the city served and prospered as a harbor for the prefectural office of fuchu, a regional government. The region appears in historically famous essays and travelogues too, noted as "the harbor of Ozu" or "scenery pine fields on the shores of Ozu" or "the shores of Ozu".

Izumiotsu was incorporated as a city on April 1, 1942. It locates in the southern part of Osaka Prefecture. Neighboring cities are Takaishi-city and Izumi-city on the north and east side, respectively, and to the south of the city lies Semboku county Tadaokacho. Facing Osaka bay on its northwest side, the city has a great view of Rokko mountains and Awaji island far ashore. The whole area is moderately flat and urbanized.



City's community mascot character Ozumin

A sheep-like character chosen in commemoration of 70th anniversary of city incorporation. It helps promote Izumiotsu nationwide, to PR the city of blanket and knit wear.

Symbol color

The colors were chosen in commemoration of 70th anniversary of city incorporation.

-  **Ozu-blue**
A blended color of ocean blue and botanical green
-  **Yellow**
Representing power and liveliness of Izumiotsu
-  **White**
Chosen as the color for sheep, the city being Japan's top woolen blanket producer

Official city symbols



City emblem
Two Chinese characters 'Izumi' and 'O' from the name of the city are combined into a wave-like character. It symbolizes the city's development and advance to overseas.



City logo
It characterizes face of a sheep, and the three dots for eyes and mouth represent creation, energy, and harmony.



Official city tree Camphor
Its grand posture has been loved by the people over centuries.



Official city flower Azalea
The plant grows well in the climate of Izumiotsu, and has been cherished by people of the city.

Living in this city

The city has flourished as crossroads of people, goods, and information. Here, people are rich in heart and live in harmony.



A compact size city that attracts people, with all urban function working intensively and effectively

The urban region is moderately flat, and is easy to go around anywhere by bicycles. We serve good education environment, health care, and commercial facilities. The city also has easy access to Osaka city and Kansai International Airport, both of which are within 20 minute drive or by train. It is "A city you would love to live in, a place you'll want to stay for good".



Otsugawa Ryokuchi Park



Mocomoco, a play space for parents and infants

Comfortable place to live and raise family in

We chose here because it is fairly close to Osaka City and we can get to Kansai International Airport easily, too. We have many parks and supermarkets here that we like to take our kids with. I can definitely say this is a good city to raise a family in.



Living in Izumiotu for 4 years

Mr. Hirasawa and family

With two boys, a three year old and a baby six months, their days are full and busy. Otsugawa Ryokuchi Park is their favorite place to go.

Nice and easy to go around anywhere by bicycle. The city is full of entertainment

We love Otsugawa riverside when the sun is setting. It is so beautiful. We can learn dressmaking or dancing in the community center. We can study in college for the aged. I think all kinds of opportunities are in this city to keep our life interesting.

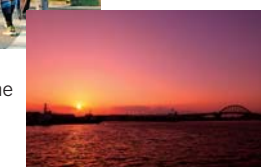
Living in the city for 43 years

Mr. and Mrs. Utsumi

"We have many people joining in volunteer activities here, which is also a notable feature of our city", says Mr. and Mrs. Utsumi.



Volunteers keeping eyes on kids returning safely home



View of the setting sun seen from the urban region

Keeping your beloved home in good shape

Subsidy to makeover your aged house

Residents who own and live in a house within the city will be partly aided fees to makeover their residence. The fees for the construction should be over 200,000 yen and there are some conditions required in receiving the subsidy.



Raising family in a gentle city

The city and citizens together support family raising.
We see smiles of children in every corner.



Supporting families accordingly to stages of childhood

We support families in various ways according to their life stages such as giving birth, raising children, and searching jobs. We have regional perinatal medical center in the city hospital. We also provide facilities called 'Baby Stations' where parents can change diapers and nurse babies, and a unique 'My-own nursery school' scheme where you can get continued support from your nearby nursery school. These are some examples of family support by the local facilities.

We promote educating infants and elementary to junior high school children with oral-expression activities and English education. We provide education support facilities for after schools called 'Classroom for supporting kids on their study'. We also hold meetings for exchanging information on regional education in each public junior high school ward. We hope to create a city where adults and children, who will build our future, grow up together in good ways and that we will see big smiles everywhere.

Pregnancy

We support your secure and healthy months of pregnancy

- Subsidy for prenatal health exams
- Dental checkups
- Yoga exercise classes in the city hospital for pregnant women
- Visits to pregnant women who have worries on giving birth and raising children
- Subsidy for certain infertility treatment to those who have difficulties in conceiving



Giving birth



A city where you can give birth to your child without worries

- Regional Perinatal Medical Center to protect new born babies
- Cost of childbirth for your second baby and on will be partly aided if born in the city hospital
- 'Hello Baby Visiting' by midwife or staff members

Raising your family

We support you in various fields for raising children

- Center for Early Childhood Education and Care, where babies up to pre-elementary school children can grow up and learn together
- 'Play spaces for parents and infants' where families can enjoy
- Medical subsidy for infants and children
- 'Baby station' to make family outings a pleasant one
- 'My-own nursery school scheme' supported by nurses
- A Consultation scheme for children and parents who need support in development



Education



We support children to learn for their bright future

- Junior high school level English taught to children of earlier ages by Assistant Language Teacher (ALT)
- Supporting children with disabilities to live independently
- 'Classroom for supporting kids on their study', to support after school studies
- Consultation scheme by clinical psychologists
- 'Let's play along classroom' for children to stay or play after school
- Youth development activities (camping in spring/fall) for young people to get to know people of various ages



A city where everyone can lead a healthy and active life



Citizens actively do what they can and support one another. Together we build communities where people of all generations can live comfortably.



We give continuous support such as development consultations for children and parents to match their development stages

We have development a support team to keep an eye on those children who need support in development. We also give continuous support to families by consultation, and by linking them to relevant organizations.



A city where community power can solve various challenges

We try to understand the various problems that people have in their life stages and give continuous support to match them. We provide regional consultation services scheme, and aim for a totally covered regional health care system. We also provide services to connect city hospital, medical association, and medical offices. We also encourage residents' participation, planning, and cooperation to build a firm community.



Growing circles to support dementia patients

In every community, Supporters for Dementia Patients give helping hands to patients and families struggling with dementia. The orange wristbands are their sign.



Stop child abuse Hot-line

We prepare a Stop Child Abuse Hot-line to detect and support prevention of child abuse.



Resident governed circles to prevent becoming care needed

Their aim is to 'Stay fit and lively, to hundred!'. They gather to enjoy exercises like 'Fit and lively till hundred Exercise' to build up muscles and prevent becoming care needed.



A new route to Kita-Kyushu by ferryboat Sakai Semboku harbor —an international hub harbor

Two harbors were integrated, the once flourished Sakai-harbor due to trades between Japan-China (the Ming dynasty) or Japan-Europe, and the industrially developed Semboku-harbor. It became an international hub Sakai Semboku harbor. Today, it contributes to the Japan economy as a total distribution service harbor in Osaka Bay area, which leads the world in economic scales.



Easy ACCESS from anywhere, land, sea, or sky!

About 20 minutes from Kansai International Airport Gateway to overseas

By taking the Nankai Railway Line, we can get to the Kansai International Airport (Kanku) in about 20 minutes from the city. Many tourists and business persons who land at the airport stay at hotels in our city. Izumiotu, as good as the airport, is the gateway to Kansai (Kinki) region.



New Kansai International Airport Company, Ltd.

Only about 15km from Kansai International Airport,
and about 20km from the heart of Osaka.
Our superb location is remarked as
an international total service distribution base.

At the Kanku lobby

Gathering of Japan's Number Ones

An exciting event in which municipalities that pride themselves as top production center or as original producer of their goods—the number ones—exhibit and sell their products.



About 20 minutes from Osaka City Hanshin Expressway Route 4, Bay Shore Route is the choice

Taking the Izumiotu Interchange, you can easily get to Kansai International Airport or Shirahama, Wakayama Prefecture. The viewing lobby in Izumiotu Rest Area is famous for its beautiful night scene.



A Railway that fits into and activates the city Nankai Honsen Line

Only 20 minutes by railway to Namba or Kasai International Airport. After the construction of elevated railways between stations within the city finished, Izumiotu has become more appealing than ever to people, with its organized function in means of transportation.



Serial railway elevation project

Railway elevation construction is on the way, along with road constructions under the railway and around.

Station Square Rotary

Regular route bus services stop here.



Alzar Izumiotu

It is a complex facility of shops and hotels locating in front of Izumiotu station. Its twin towers are the symbol of Izumiotu.

From land, sea, and sky —three ways to get to Izumiotu

Izumiotu has developed as an interchange hub for people, goods, and information. In the 16-17th centuries, it had played an important role to supply goods to big consumers such as Kyoto, Osaka, and Nara. Today, we are remarked as an international total service distribution base.

As a neighbor to the Kansai International Airport, our city is also popular as accommodations for tourists who come and visit the Kansai region.

Full of festivity and big smiles



Feel this
enthusiasm!



Traditional festivals that has been handed down and treasured by our citizens,
exciting events for people to enjoy...
We have so many lively things going on around the year.



Izumitsu Danjiri Festival

'The Bumping' in which they deliberately bump the Danjiris together, and 'Inoyama Danjiri ritual' in which they place rice inside the Danjiri and offer it to the shrine of gods—are unique to Izumitsu.



Hamakaido festival

Hamakaido Road is known for its traditional constructions. In Hamakaido festival you can enjoy classic games and toys and mini-concerts.



Cherry blossom festival

A festival produced by university students. There are flea markets and songs and dances.



Outdoor Rock Festival

A music festival held in Izumitsu Phoenix. Various kinds of events are held every year.



City sports festival

In fall, we have sports festival in the Furuike park sports ground. Families and people in communities gather to compete and enjoy the big sports festival.

Handing down memories of the past

Go and see
the culture
and history!



You will find remains of the historically prospered city everywhere.
You can feel the gentle heart of the people who built this brilliant city. Their spirit has been handed down to this day.



Ikegamisone Yayoi Culture Museum

You can enjoy trying some hand crafts to touch and feel the Yayoi period atmosphere.



Ikegamisone Yayoi Culture Museum (inside)



Let's try rice growing

In the site park's trial rice paddy, you can plant the seedlings, crop the rice, and taste what you cultivated.

Ikegamisone Historical Site Park

Yayoi period (around 400 B.C. to 4th century) settlements surrounded by moats, in the Ikegamisone historical site. In the park you can see a replica of the characteristic settlement that has pillars dug into the earth without foundation.



Jacquard handloom

A wooden handloom used in the Taisho period (early 20th century) that has devices to weave out patterns for blankets. This handloom can still be used to weave blankets and is a valuable historical material. You can see it in the ORIAMU museum.



Cemetery for Russian soldiers

Eighty nine Russian soldiers caught as hostages during the Russo-Japanese war died here. Gravestones were built to mourn over their death.



Izumianashi Shrine

The god Amenooshihomimikoto and goddess Takuhatachijihimenomikoto, goddess of textile are enshrined here. It is said to be founded in 672 A.D. The Camphor trees within the shrine district are official natural monuments of the city.



Artistic blankets and natural material blankets

Artistic blankets illustrate the famous pictures on blankets with outstanding colors. Natural material blankets are made from selected materials such as fibers for making Japanese paper. They are arts of excellence that we pride.



ORIAMU museum – where you can learn the history of textile

You can learn about the traditional industry, history and culture of Izumiotsu by seeing textiles and knitted products on exhibition. You can see the wooden Jacquard handloom and other important cultural properties.



SPINNING traditional skills, WEAVING better future

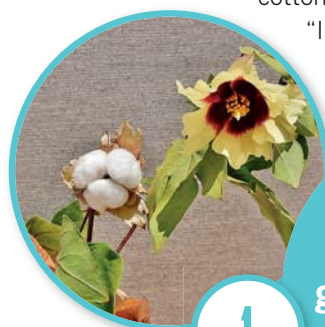
Firm technologies handed down by people with warm heart give you all the comfort.



Old documents reveal that people in Izumiotsu had already been manufacturing in the Tenpo years (early 19th century). We have the same challenging spirits today.

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We pride ourselves in our pioneer spirits to this day

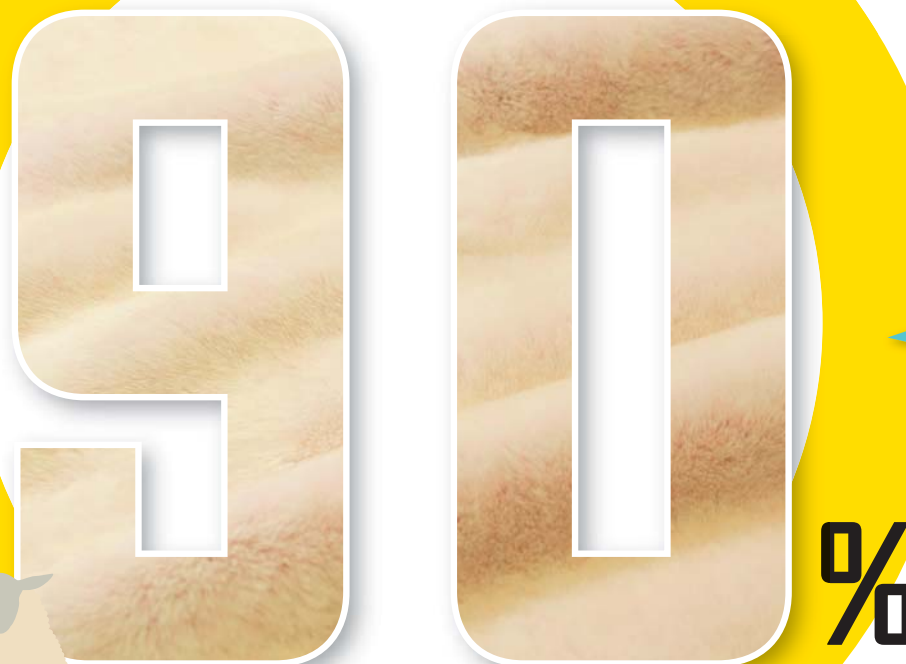
In the Edo period (17th-19th century), the once called Senshu (area covering Izumiotsu) was known as one of the leading cultivators of cotton, noted in documents as "In the land of Izumi, half the cultivated lands are cotton fields".



1
One of the top cotton growing regions in Japan in the Edo Period

Percentage of of the nationwide

our products out blanket productivity



3
An industry that is close to peoples' everyday life



The saw-blade shaped rooftops of the factories blend naturally in the streets where people live.



Get the privilege! Thank-the-citizen blanket and knit wear bargain

Through October to November, local products such as blankets and knitted works are on sale around the Izumiotsu Station square.



4
Technical skills using high technology



We make efforts to bring in new computer systems for designing colors and patterns, or latest technologies such as friezing machines to give soft texture to products.

Sanadahimo – the town of textile started here

It is said that during the Tenpo famine, people weaved this elaborate cord for their living. It is a flat, thin, woven cord. It was used as a sword strap to hang down from the waist, or as a wick of an oil lamp and for other purposes. The technology of weaving this cord may be the root of Izumiotsu, the city of textile.



Division of labor led us to Japan No.1

Izumiotsu is the No.1 woolen blanket production center in Japan, the city of blanket. We make 90 percent of the nationwide blankets. Factories within the city divide their numerous processes of spinning, weaving, and friezing so that each division would compete with one another, thus promoting the industry.

Knitting industry has also developed since the great fashion market Osaka is close at hand. The city is highly credited as a top production center of knit wear in Japan.

5
And the knitting industry





Izumitsu Phoenix



Mega solar power plant



Yacht Harbor

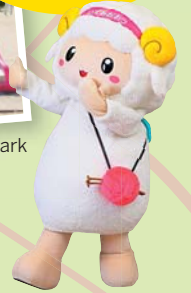


Izumitsu Ohashi Bridge



Furuike Park

Look!
So many things
to play with



Relax and feel
the gentle
sea breeze...



Shiomi Park



Shiomi
Wharf

Walking on the
promenade under
the shades of
trees...



Anashi Park

A guide map to walk around in Izumitsu

You can see the classical scenery in historical main road,
together with the modern view of the station area—
You can meet the sheep, the city symbol, here and there.
You can feel the breeze from the sea— let's go and take a walk in Izumitsu.



Otsugawa
Ryokuchi Park



Pretty
flowers!

Tadaoka
Station



Sukematsu Wharf

Sakai Semboku
Harbor

Izumitsu Phoenix

Mega solar power plant

Hanshin Expressway Route 4 Bay-shore Line

Sukematsu
Junction

Sukematsu
Shrine

Tanaka Honjin

Sukematsu
Park

Sukematsu
Park Pool

Park Golf

City Assembly Hall

Futsal Court

Cemetery for
Russian Soldiers

Otsu Shrine

Statue
of sheep

Izumitsu
Station

Alzar
Izumitsu

ORIAMU museum
(inside Texpia Osaka)

Ebisucho
Park

City Library

Otsugawa
Ryokuchi Park

South
Community
Center

Sanjugoike
Park

Itabara
Park

Itabara Park
No.1

Anashi Park

Toyonaka
Park

Toyonaka
Kamo Park

Izumianashi Shrine

Toyonaka
Kita Park

Public Health Center

General Sports gymnasium

Izumitsu City Hall

Shinonome
Park

Japanese Garden Yusen

Japanese Garden Kissen

North Community
Center

Ikezonocho
Park

Sukematsu
Danchi Park

Ikegamisone Yayoi
Culture Museum

Sone Shrine

Azeta Park

Ikegamisone
Historical Site Park

Kitasukematsu
Station

Sakai Semboku toll road

204

38

36

Izumitsu toll plaza

Hamakaido

225

29

Izumitsu Rest Area

Izumitsu Marina
Yacht Harbor
Kirara Town

Komatsu Ryokudo
tree lined road

Matsunohama
Station

Nankai Honsen main line

38

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204

Shinodayama
Station

Izumifuchu
Station

26

JR Hanwa Line



Disaster
measures
and
Crime
prevention

Our goal is a city where you can live safely and peacefully

Our city has had relatively few occasions of natural disasters through history. We aim for a safe community. We implement the international certification scheme, Safe Community Promotion project endorsed by the World Health Organization (WHO). Residents cooperate in this project as well as the administration.



Opening and declaration ceremony
for Safe Community Promotion

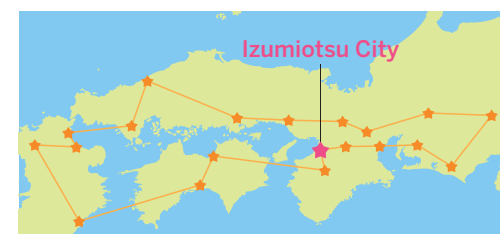


Emergency Disaster
Management Training

Municipalities to support one another

Network of agreements in cases of disasters

We have made agreements with 20 towns and cities across nation to mutually support in means of rescue and supply in cases of major disasters.



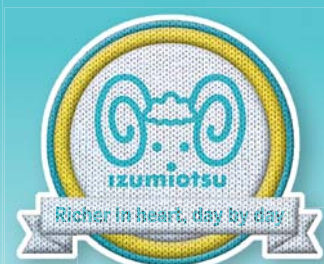
The City Hall,
serving for
citizens'
comfortable life

Many events
for citizens to
come and enjoy

Offering opportunities
to meet people and
create relationship



Citizens' fun
activities to make
the place look nice



Izumiotsu, a city that makes you shine

To be richer in heart day by day, we will help your life here to be a good one and continue to be once you made this city your home.

Fit and lively till
hundred Exercises



Welfare
for
the elderly

Respecting the power of Relationship between People

We support our citizens with cross generation 'relationship between people'. We try to prevent elderly wanderings through network of regional community and volunteer groups, as well as residents' own effort to keep an eye on the elderly.



Fureai Buses for the elderly



Neighborhood voluntary
activities

Health
Care

Substantial health care for everyone

We strengthen cooperation between health care system and medical institutions so that everyone can receive the care they need. Expenses for specific medical exams are free of charge for the citizens. We serve mass medical checkups in places like hotels to help keep your life healthy.



City Hospital



Mass medical checkups
in a hotel

Environment

Comfort is important

To keep the environment of the city and its natural beauty, we promote environmental safeguards. Participating in cleaning up the parks nurtures basic attitudes to protect and treasure the beautiful scenery of our city.



Subsidy to set up solar panels



Subsidy for setting up high
efficiency domestic hot water system