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About Numazu Port



Numazu port cafe

Photo by Shino Izawa

What is your local famous place? If you live in Shizuoka Prefecture, you may immediately think of Mt Fuji. However, when thinking in more specific categories, it may be difficult to identify a place of interest that stands out. As a resident of Numazu, there is one place that stands out: the Port Numazu.

Numazu Port, located in Numazu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, borders Mount Fuji to the north and Suruga Bay to the south.

The Numazu Port faces Suruga Bay, which is the deepest bay in Japan, and is the largest producer of dried horse mackerel in Japan. Despite living nearby, I had never visited this port and was unfamiliar with it.

At first, I decided to try a seafood bowl restaurant. On the way to my destination, I was surprised to encounter many

people, despite the early hour. Numerous seafood shops and restaurants were open, many of them selling dried fish, which is famous for Numazu Port. The shopkeepers explained their products in detail. The road appears narrow because of the traffic of people coming from all over.

Attached is a photo of the seafood bowl we ate. It was fresh and full of flavor. In addition, the shopkeeper served us golden salmon roe, which also had an elegant and unique texture and flavor. It should be noted that this golden salmon roe is considered a delicacy, and tasting it is one of the highlights of a visit to Numazu Port.

Next, we visited the Coelacanth Café. There is a Deep Sea Fish Aquarium at Numazu Port. This aquarium is known for its coelacanths, which are considered living fossils.

Interestingly, the aquarium has the world's only frozen coelacanth. Numazu Port has a close connection with coelacanths, which is why the café's menu is all shaped like coelacanths. As well as delicious soft-serve ice cream, the local deep sea salt and are also bean-jam-filled waffles. Other desserts, such as waffles, are not only delicious but also visually appealing. In addition, the famous bean-jam-filled waffles, makes a great souvenir and should definitely be tried.

Finally, I visited the Numazu Deep Sea Pudding Factory and tried a unique combination of jelly and pudding. During my short stay at Numazu Port, I was able to discover a variety of tastes and foods.

I was able to discover different flavors and gelatos. I

would like to visit Numazu Port regularly in the future. I would like you to experience its wonderful attractions too.



Photo by Shino Izawa

Isuke(seafood bowl restaurant)

By
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Numazu city's most important tourist attraction



Photo by Ran Ono

Numazu Castle Monument

Numazu City, Shizuoka Prefecture, celebrates its 100th anniversary on July 1, 2023. Therefore, we have researched the process of the formation of Numazu City.

The name "Numazu" was mentioned in documents from the Kamakura period (1185-1333). In the Edo period (1603-1867), the Mizuno family was the feudal lord of the Numazu domain. In 1777, Numazu Castle was built on the ruins of Sanmaibashi Castle. Numazu prospered as a port town, an inn town, and a castle town.

(However, Numazu Castle was abandoned after the 8th lord of the domain, Tadataka Mizuno. No castle remains today. Instead, a stone monument stands in Numazu Central Park as the remains of the castle.)

In the Meiji era (1868-1912), the prefecture was abolished and the town of Numazu was established. With the opening of the Tokaido Line, the establishment of Numazu Station, and the utilization of the Numazu-Minami-Ko Line (Snake Pine Line), the economy of Numazu rapidly developed and moved toward modernization.

In 1893, the name became known throughout Japan when the Imperial Villa was built in the area. Numazu City was created on July 1, 1923, when it merged with Yangwon Village. Numazu City is the 89th city established in Japan.

The first mayor was Wada Dentaro.

The current Numazu city area includes 2 towns and 11 villages created in the Meiji era: Numazu-cho, Katahama-cho, Ooka-mura, Kanaoka-mura, Ashitaka-mura, Ukishima-mura, Yanagihara-mura, Ohira-mura, Shizuura-mura, Uchiura-mura, Nishiura-mura, and Heda-mura.



After I looked into a part of Numazu City's history, I found that it is full of rich history.

I found it very interesting to think that there is still so much history in the city we live in.

I believe that the more we learn about the community, the more opportunities we will have to think about the community.

Year	Merged village,town	Population
1923(Taisho12)	Yanagihara-mura	34482
1944(Showa19)	Katahama-mura, Kanaoka-mura, Ohka-mura, Shizuura-mura	96,000(about)
1955(Showa30)	Ashitaka-mura, Ohhira-mura, Uchiura-mura, Nishiura-mura	130,000(over)
1955	Hara-cho merged with Ukishima-mura	
1968(Showa43)	Hara-cho	180,000(about)
2005(Heisei17)	Heda-mura	

By
Ran Ono

Numazu city's most important tourist attraction



Photo by Hohoko Nakayama

Love Live! Sunshine!! in Numazu Station

What is the relationship between Anime and the countryside city?

Anime has become one of the important tourist attractions for the countryside city that has poor tourist spots. Numazu is one of the cities located in West Shizuoka, and well known as the setting place of Love Live! Sunshine! Numazu is well known as a sacred place for those who watched Love Live! Sunshine!

Love Live! Sunshine!! is an anime that are popular in Japan. Story of this anime is about a school idol and according to

Apple TV's description, "A group of girls at the seaside Uranohoshi Girls' Academy become singers in hopes of saving their school from being shut down." In this anime, view and buildings in Numazu are describe in detailed and this is one of reason Love Live! Sunshine! is popular.

In present Numazu, there are numerous goods, flags, and posters that design Love Live! Sunshine!! character. The bus riding Numazu has the character rapping bus, which decollates characters all over the bus. In Nakamise shopping street (a local shopping street near to the station), there are character flags

everywhere. Closer to the center of Numazu, the frequency of seeing character goods will dramatically increase. From these examples, Love Live! Sunshine!! are well known in Numazu, and major Numazu facilities and stores used anime for promotion.

In rare cases, there are students who study in Numazu school, who came to Numazu because of Love Live! Sunshine!! One of the students who studies in Numazu College of technology said, Love Live! Sunshine!! was one of the key factors for the decision to enter a high school. He was coming from a different prefecture, and this shows that anime has an influence that attracts students.

One of the students who lives in Numazu said, "I do not have personal interest in Love Live! Sunshine!!, but I have a good impression of this anime because I know this anime made an economic influence on Numazu." Many students who live in Numazu do not have interest, but many of them have a good impression of the anime which

made positive influence on the city. One of the classes in Numazu private high school, 90% of students said they have never seen Love Live! Sunshine!! anime. However, all classmates understand this anime is an important tourist attraction in Numazu, and this anime is a miraculous treasure for Numazu, which is the country city in West Shizuoka.

These days, anime influence has become bigger and bigger in the younger generation. If there are anime that relate to the hometown or city, it is a chance to make new tourist spots and tourist attractions. However, anime and character related tourist attractions have caused anxiety because they are a topical trend, and attraction will decrease year by year. Therefore, the city should not just rest on anime popularity, and it is important to find another tourist destination and resource.

By
Hohoko Nakayama

Rediscovering of Numazu's Attraction



Photo by Nao Tarutani
Senbon Matsubara in the park of
Senbon Hama

The pandemic of covid-19 is coming to subside, there are more chances to see tourists in town. My local town Numazu is famous for seafood, and a lot of people come to Numazu Port. It is so popular among local people, so when my classmates were asked by a foreign teacher "Please tell me where is good to visit in Numazu?" Most of us answered

Numazu Port. Of course, I agree with the idea, but I also noticed the fact that we don't know about Numazu's attractions. Thus, I decided to think about it again.

As I researched about Numazu, I learned that the town was connected to several literary people. I wanted to know what they had thought of Numazu and what the town had effects on them. In fact, there are many memorial museums, monuments and so on. Therefore, we can follow their tracks. At memorial museums I visited, I got a glimpse of the image of Numazu as it had appeared in the eyes of literary people.

I was especially attracted to the point of view of Bokusui Wakayama. According to Numazu City Wakayama Bokusui Memorial Museum, he moved to a place near the coast called Senbon Matsubara. And he pretty much liked the landscape of Senbon Matsubara which is composed of countless pine trees.

The park of Senbon Hama which has the Senbon Matsubara

is still loved by people now. I have been there and I especially saw the view of the ocean, sunset or Mt.Fuji we can see from there. However, Bokusui thought the best place was Senbon Matsubara. I felt the gap between them was interesting and a little strange, because I hadn't visited Senbon Matsubara. So, I decided to take a walk around there, where Bokusui had often visited while he lived near Senbon Matsubara.

The space surrounded by the silence and strength of the pine trees was both comfortable and moving. It's common to discover new things by looking at them from a perspective you didn't have before. I realized that it is also the same for familiar things such as local landscape or history. To tell you the truth, there was once a plan to cut down some of Senbon Matsubara, and there were people who worked to prevent it. One of the people is Bokusui. If there were not people who were attracted to Senbon Matsubara and worked hard to protect it, it might have disappeared.

It's difficult to notice the good points of your hometown, like it's hard to see what is under your nose. There are many young people who left their hometowns and live in cities. Therefore, I consider the attractive points of locals which aren't recognized by locals will disappear without noticing. The important thing we need to do to protect these things which can think of local assets is to be aware of them. I believe that we can discover new things by thinking about local attractions from various perspectives.

By
Nao Tarutani

Spreading the Charm of Numazu Nakamise Shopping District!!



Donguri

Photo by Yua Kakishima

Have you ever visited Numazu? The city celebrated its 100th anniversary as a city last year.

Let's start with "Kanmi-Dokoro Donguri" (Kanmi-dokoro is a traditional Japanese sweet restaurant) It's not your typical Kanmi-dokoro. It has gained popularity through TV interviews. What makes this cafe stand out? In fact, at this coffee shop, the

cooking customer orders are placed in a bucket and sent through a waterway, a system known as a "river counter". The river counter is themed after the 53 stations of the Tokaido, with seats named after post towns. Donguri, which opened in 1976, has already been here for 48 years. You can enjoy *ochazuke*, *parfait*, *anmitsu*, and the locally sourced Numazu Kazuto-based *Kishimen*

cooked by Donguri is a soup made using local Kezuri from Numazu and very delicious. The dishes are reasonably priced and photogenic. The cafe is decorated with a jukebox playing records and games and records from decades ago. This jukebox allows customers to select and play their favorite songs. This retro atmosphere became popular among young people, and it became a hot topic when it was posted on social media. Not only young people but also old customers come here, so people of all ages can enjoy it. This is an interesting cafe where anyone can step into the retro Showa era world!!

Another notable spot is "CHAN MART" which just opened in April last year.

This shop offers a wide variety of products, from Korean groceries

to cosmetics and miscellaneous goods. When customers enter the store, it is decorated to make them feel like they are in Korea! Since Numazu has many high schools, this shop has become a gathering place for high school students. They might enjoy various Korean products even if they don't go to Korea! This store contributes to the vibrancy of the Numazu Nakamise shopping district! There are still many historical stores in the shopping district! And some shops sell their products online. Numazu Nakamise shopping street has everything from historic shops to modern shops and can be enjoyed by everyone from young people to the elderly people!

By
Yua Kakishima

Three Unique points of Gyoshu School

Here are three unique things that my school, Katoh Gakuen Gyoshu High School and Junior High School, does.

1 Bilingual Course

Gyoshu High School and Junior High School offers a regular course and a bilingual course. The Bilingual Course is an IB program in English, which not only increases students' options to enter foreign universities, but also provides students with many group activities and high-quality discussions in which students can express their own opinions while incorporating those of their peers.

With the bilingual course, there are many foreign teachers at Gyoshu High School and Junior High School. Therefore, students in the regular course also have the opportunity to interact with a variety of foreign teachers. In particular, they can get involved through club activities. For example, the Public Relations Department sometimes interviews foreign teachers on the bilingual staff. This allows us to have real English conversations. Also, in the Chinese club, students can learn about the Chinese language.

2 GDC

Second-year students at Gyoshu Junior High School provide denim to Yamasawa Press and spend half a year remaking denim with their guidance. This is called GDC (Gyoshu Denim Correction) and is held every year. We learn to connect it to the various goals of the SDGs.

We divide the school year into 20 teams, each team creates one piece of clothing and accessories, and each team coordinates the clothing and accessories, and finally puts on a fashion show.

3 Gotemba Camp

Every year, first-year junior high school students hold a training camp at the YMCA's Higashi Sanso in Gotemba. They then learn about the local World Heritage site, Mt. They also walk along the headwaters of Gotemba's spring-fed streams to feel nature.

The next day, we will climb to the fifth station of Mt. Fuji. Through this camp, participants will learn about nature and become interested in Mt.

By
Akari Nakajima

Gyoshu's New School Uniform

Gyoshu Junior High School, changed the uniform in 2022. It has been 20 years since our school's uniform changed and up until now, the uniform was a jumper skirt that grade 9 and 12 students are wearing. The reason why the uniforms are changed at this time is to cope with the heat and cold associated with climate change.

Gyoshu's new uniform has slacks. Up until now, girls wore skirts and boys wore pants, but slacks have become the uniform.

Slacks makes them easier to move around and protects legs from the cold-on-cold days.

Questions were asked to students in Gyoshu school to find out what everyone at our school thinks about this uniform.

First, questions were asked to students about what they liked about the uniform. Students answered, things like the color and the fact that you can wear it in various combinations of the uniform are cool. There are a variety of items like cardigans and

vests. Therefore, it is great that has opportunity to change the combination depending on our mood that day.

Next, asked them about the comfort of the uniform, and answers included that it was easy to move around in and that it was cool. When wearing the uniform, it's comfortable to wear because it's very breathable.

One student who had purchased the slacks said, "Your feet can get very cold on cold days, so wearing slacks can help keep you warm."

Question were asked to grade 9 and 12 students who wore the old uniforms. Which about do you want wear new school uniform? More than 70% answer were like to wear the new uniforms. The reasons for this answer were the new school uniform seemed cool and comfortable to wear.

By
Maho Kono

About Numazu's Dialect

Does your country have any dialects that have been used for a long time? Or have you ever used it once? In Numazu Shizuoka, many dialects are being spoken even now.

There are many dialects in Numazu. One of the dialects is "dara~?" and "ra~?" These are often spoken at the end of the paragraph. These dialects mainly mean "~I know right?" There is a quote that is spoken by Mr. Hayashi who is a very famous teacher. Many people might have heard this before. It is called "It's now! (Ima desho!)" If this quote is used in Numazu's dialect, it will be "Ima dara!"

At the Numazu station, there is a shopping mall called "e-ra de." There are many shops in "e-ra de." For example, a hundred yen shop,

clothes shop, cooking class, and drugstores. There is the meaning of the name "e-ra de." The key point is to look at the Numazu dialect. Numazu's dialect is "dara~". This means "Good idea" and "It is Ok" in Japanese. Change to the dialect, it will sound like "iira~". This is "e-ra de" origin. This name came from the Numazu dialect.

Ikuko lives long in Numazu and is proficient in Numazu dialects. Ikuko responded to two questions about Numazu dialects.

Q: What do you think about Numazu's dialect?

A: There are some dialects that have bad intonations, but most of them are good.

Q: Do you want to make Numazu's dialect in the future?

A: There are some dialects that have bad meanings and I don't want to keep that in the future. For example, "Atoowa" means stupid so no. (laughter)

Many people are still using dialects these days. It is important

to use dialects in the present and future because dialects are an important part of Japanese culture.

By
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