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Actually, Kyodo is good to live in.



(KYODO STATION)

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(KYODO DOWNTOWN)
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Here we would like to introduce the charm of Kyodo! Many people have the impression that parts of Setagaya Ward in Tokyo, such as Seijo and Kyodo, are high-class residential areas where many wealthy people live. In

fact, Kyodo is a popular town that has good access for commuting to work and school, and has two shopping streets, as well as a sense of nature at Kyodo Corti. Kyodo is located in Setagaya Ward, with an area of 0.996 square kilometers and a population of 19,469 people. The origin of the word "Kyodo" is that the character "Kyo" means a sutra, and "Do" means a hall of a temple. It is said that it was named Kyodo because Kyodo looked like Kyoto (there are various theories). It is one of the things that everyone is probably concerned about is the ease of living. Based on the results, Kyodo has become a comfortable area to live in. The reason for this is that there is a shopping street on the Tokyo University of Agriculture Daiichi High School side where there are entertainment facilities, and a

shopping street on the Nihon University Sakuragaoka High School side where there are many supermarkets, etc. Also, there is an impressive little art on the stairs of Kyodo Corti. One of the features of this store is that it has chain stores that everyone knows about, as well as stationery and daily necessities that everyone uses frequently in their daily lives, making it easy for families and the elderly to shop. Even if you are busy with work, Ozeki is right next to Kyodo Corti, so you can stop by on your way home from work. There are also many supermarkets and schools, so it can meet the needs of families, couples, and those living alone. In addition, although there are many crimes such as bicycle theft and shoplifting at Kyodo Station, the overall crime rate for murder, molestation, burglary, and violent crime is low, making it a

relatively safe area in Setagaya Ward. Also, it can go to Shinjuku without changing trains, and you can go to Tokyo, Shibuya, etc. with one transfer, and like Seijo, express trains stop here, so foreign tourists and the elderly can go there with peace of mind. There is also a bus stop near Kyodo Station, so you can go anywhere in this area. For these reasons, Kyodo can be said to be a relatively livable area in Setagaya Ward. Therefore, many people, including families and the elderly, can live happy lives with peace of mind without encountering such crimes, incidents, or accidents

By

Yu Hayase

Cherry blossom town SAKURAJOSUI

As the station name suggests, there was once a row of cherry blossom trees in the town of Sakurajosui, and the station was named Sakurajosui after that. The best thing about this town is that it has good access to the three major subcenters of Shinjuku, Shibuya, and Ikebukuro. We can reach any location in 10 to 30 minutes. In addition, transportation is convenient, with express trains stopping there. In addition, we actively manage smoking areas and carry out greening activities, making Sakura Josui in Setagaya Ward safe and efficient in reducing artificial heat. The number of crimes in FY 2020 is

very small at 11 in total. However, on the other hand, there are problems that make it difficult for residents to live there. For example, there are few supermarkets and there are few opportunities for interaction in the local area. There are not many supermarkets on the way to and from Sakurajosui's school. And even if you look around the station, the number is inferior compared to other stations. In order to solve this problem, the local government tries to build a brand new one, but they run into a big problem. There is an overwhelming lack of land. Because there are small conger

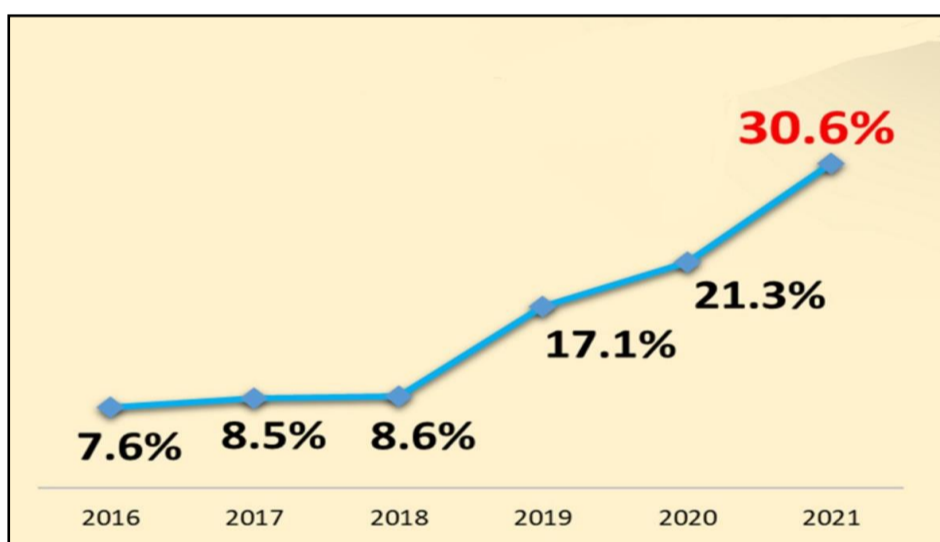
fields and residential areas are flourishing, it is difficult to build new structures. Therefore, we are rebuilding old buildings and making them higher-rise in an attempt to effectively use the limited amount of land we have. For example, in order to use land more effectively, SakuraJosui Station itself was elevated, separating the train path from the pedestrian path, making it easier to cross the station. In order to increase opportunities for local interaction, we are working to resolve these issues by differentiating residential spaces from social interaction spaces, and by holding volunteer activities

and community networking events. Another issue is the noise issue. At the Sakurajosui South Exit, there are no major roads and only general vehicles pass by, so it is quiet, but at the Sakurajosui North Exit, which connects to the Koshu Highway, the noise from cars 24/7 is a problem. Therefore, residents of the area seek quiet residential areas to live their daily lives away from main roads.

By

Touta Honma

Aiming for a safer town



(Average trends over time)

Made by JAF

Japan's first traffic light was built in 1915. At first, most people ignored it because they didn't know what it was for. What about

now? Ignoring a red light is a violation and will be policed. That's why most people follow traffic lights. However, not all

crosswalks have traffic lights. In fact, from Sakurajosui Station to Sakuragaoka High School, there are crosswalks without traffic lights in areas with a lot of foot traffic. On the other hand, traffic lights are often seen on narrow roads with few people. The above figure is a graph conducted by JAF on 8,281 vehicles passing through crosswalks without traffic lights at 94 locations nationwide. The percentage of cars stopped when pedestrians were about to cross increased by 9.3% compared to last year. However, at the same time, it can be seen that approximately 70% of cars do not stop temporarily. This is extremely dangerous.

Moreover, traffic lights should

definitely be installed in Sakurajosui, where there are many students. In this way, it is easy to say that it should be installed, but actually installing it requires a certain amount of time and money. Therefore, this ward conducts fundraising activities and volunteer activities to make life safer and more comfortable. Elderly support, childcare support, welfare support, etc. In this way, Sakurajosui has become a more livable town.

By

Touta Honma

A livable city for residents

Hachimanyama is located in the northern part of Setagaya Ward. It is adjacent to Kamikitazawa on the east side, Kasuya and Minamikarasuyama on the west side, Funabashi on the south side, Chitosedai on the southwest side. Hachimanyama has an area of 0.659 km² and a population of 7,800. Hachiman Shrine is the shrine where Mt. Hachiman's name originates. Although the era and origin of its founding are unknown, it is said to have a long history. In the past, the Hachimanyama area was a gently rolling hill through which the Karasuyama River

flowed. The remains of a village from the middle of the Jomon period and a charcoal kiln from the Edo period have also been excavated, and were called the Hachimanyama ruins from the neighborhood. It has been a place for friendship since ancient times, and the shrine seems to have been built in the Edo period. Although it is a small shrine, it has a quiet environment. Next, let's talk about transportation in Hachimanyama. Hachimanyama Station is a station on the Keio Line. Local trains and rapid trains stop here. From

Hachimanyama Station, you can reach stations in the three major subcenters in about 30 minutes. This is one of the benefits of living in Hachimanyama. Also, the benefits of living in Hachimanyama are not limited to transportation. There are two police boxes within a 7-minute walk around the station. The cleanliness of the streets and the abundance of public facilities and restaurants also give a sense of safety. You can feel the charm of Hachimanyama from this environment. In this way, Hachimanyama is a very comfortable area to live in. However,

Hachimanyama Station has the disadvantage that only the Keio Line runs through it. Hachimanyama is said to have good access to major cities, so I think it should be connected to lines other than the Keio Line. By doing so, congestion at stations will be reduced and the city will become a more livable place. There are many high schools around Hachimanyama Station, so the number of students and young people will increase as transportation becomes more convenient.

By

Yura Maeba

Various initiatives in Hachimanyama



However, Hachimanyama is a city that takes into account not only its residents but also the environment. Walking around Hachimanyama Station, there were strict rules regarding smoking. In front of the station, there was a pillar with specific smoking rules written on it. And, after a short walk, there

was a smoking area with strict smoke control measures. This smoking area is said to have a built-in device that removes 95% of cigarette odor components. For this reason, Hachimanyama is a town that takes into consideration both smokers and non-smokers. It is also a city that takes into account not only its residents but also the environment. Additionally,

Hachimanyama has a local currency app called 'Setapei' that supports shops in Setagaya Ward. Currently, there are 4,347 stores in the ward that can use this, making it very popular. Hachimanyama Shopping Street is where many of these stores are lined up. Early morning radio exercises are held here every summer. The shopping district

also holds its own festival in the fall. In this way, Hachimanyama has many initiatives in its lively shopping district. Such initiatives have become one of the most popular among residents.

By

Yura Maeba

ENTERTAINER

Creating a town where people want to live

Shimotakaido is located in a location that is easily accessible from the city center, but it is also an area rich in nature with three parks. The 400-year-old Kalanmaki tree, which has been designated as a natural monument by the ward, is also famous. There are three main types of community development efforts in Shimotakaido: creating lively stores, making effective use of suitable land in front of the station, and holding community development councils around the station. However, awareness of

this initiative is low, so we are planning events to spread the word. also There are many supermarkets and shopping streets around the station, as well as major convenience stores with stores all over the country. Privately run stores in shopping districts are only open during the day, but most supermarkets and convenience stores are open 24 hours a day, so the advantage is that you can shop even if you get home late. Restaurants include not only take-out and fast food restaurants, but also restaurants specializing in Chinese and

Japanese cuisine. In addition, Shimotakaido is close to the city center and is crowded with many people. At this station, there is a place called Shimotakaido Shopping Street just beyond the Keio Line tracks. There is a famous takoyaki/taiyaki restaurant here. Also, Shimotakaido is an easy place to live in, with relatively low rents even within Setagaya Ward. There are approximately 20 schools around Shimotakaido Station, which are used by many people during school hours, resulting in congestion on the narrow streets

of the shopping district. On the other hand, the number of users at Shimotakaido Station is approximately 56,000, including the Setagaya Line and Keio Line. Residents have commented that the roads are narrow and there is a risk of collisions, so we believe it is important to ensure that users are not thrown sideways.

By

Anri Shimizu

Urban development that fosters connections between the city and its people



There seem to be three main directions in which it can move

forward. One is to enable multiple generations to learn, grow, and play an active role. The second is

to create an environment where they can interact with their families and local people. Finally, There are aim to create a cit where residents are at the center of the community. It will build a system to advance the process. One of the efforts toward the first goal is to increase the number of places for learning and activities, such as workshops and cafes, under the elevated tracks. There arealso believe that it is important to interact with students and shopping districts, and to discover and utilize human resources of various One of the efforts toward the first goal is to increase the number of places for learning and

activities, such as workshops and cafes, under the elevated tracks. There are also believe that it is important to interact with students and shopping districts, and to discover and utilize human resources of various types and generations. The second example is to increase the number of places for relaxation, gathering places, and children's play areas. There are hink that doing so will make communication more active.

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