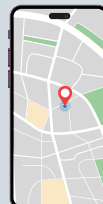


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Dining, souvenirs, convenience stores, and more



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1st Asian Region Citizen's Forum for International Safe Community in Kameoka, Kyoto

11th Safe Community Asia 2025

From Disaster Response to Prevention
Understanding Safety as a Personal Responsibility

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1st Asian Region Citizens Forum
for an International Safe Com-
munity in Kameoka, Kyoto
Chairman

Mayor of Kameoka
Takahiro Katsuragawa

We are deeply honored to host the 1st Asian Region Citizens Forum for an International Safe Community in Kameoka, Kyoto, as part of the 70th anniversary of the establishment of Kameoka city, with the participation of Safe Community representatives from across the Asian region. We extend our heartfelt welcome to all of you.

Kameoka became the first city in Japan to receive international accreditation as a Safe Community in 2008. We were re-accredited in 2013, and again in 2018. In 2023, we became the first city in Japan to also receive national accreditation. For over 17 years, we have continued our efforts to create a safe and secure community. In January 2025, we declared our status as an "International Safe Community" together with Towada City in Aomori Prefecture and Matsubara City in Osaka Prefecture.

At this forum, we are referring to the Safe Community concept as an "International Safe Community" to make the concept more easily understood by the public. We also see this event as a valuable opportunity to share the achievements of Kameoka's efforts more widely, both in Japan and abroad. We will continue working towards making Kameoka a city where people want to "keep living in", and where "everyone can feel safe and secure." We sincerely ask for your continued understanding and support in these efforts.

In closing, I offer my warmest welcome and best wishes for the happiness and well-being of all participants.

Welcome Message

General Information

02

Name of the Forum

- ◆ The 1st Asian Region Citizens Forum of an International Safe Community in Kameoka, Kyoto
- ◆ The 11th Safe Community Asian Region Conference

Topic

"From Disaster Response to Prevention"
Understanding Safety as a Personal Responsibility

Concept

Protecting Our Community Together – A City We Want to Keep Living In
Building a City Where Everyone Can Continue Living in Safety and Security

Organized by: The Executive Committee of the 1st Asian Region Citizens Forum
for an International Safe Community in Kameoka, Kyoto, Kameoka City

Chairman Mayor of Kameoka Takahiro Katsuragawa

Executive Committee Chairman
Division Head of General Affairs and Crisis Management Mitsutaka Makino

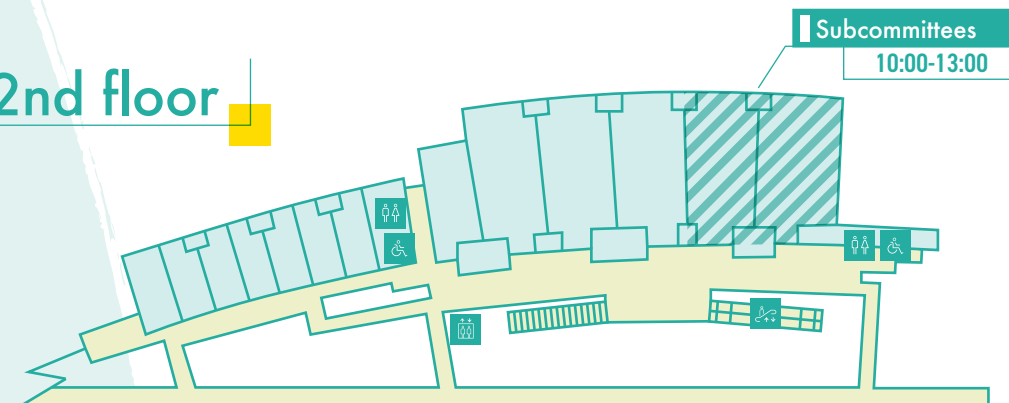
Vice Chairman
Kameoka Safe Community Committee for Disaster Preparedness Masashi Miyakawa

Committee Members (Selected from the following organizations)
Kameoka Safe Community Promotion Council, Kameoka Safe Community
Disaster Prevention Committee

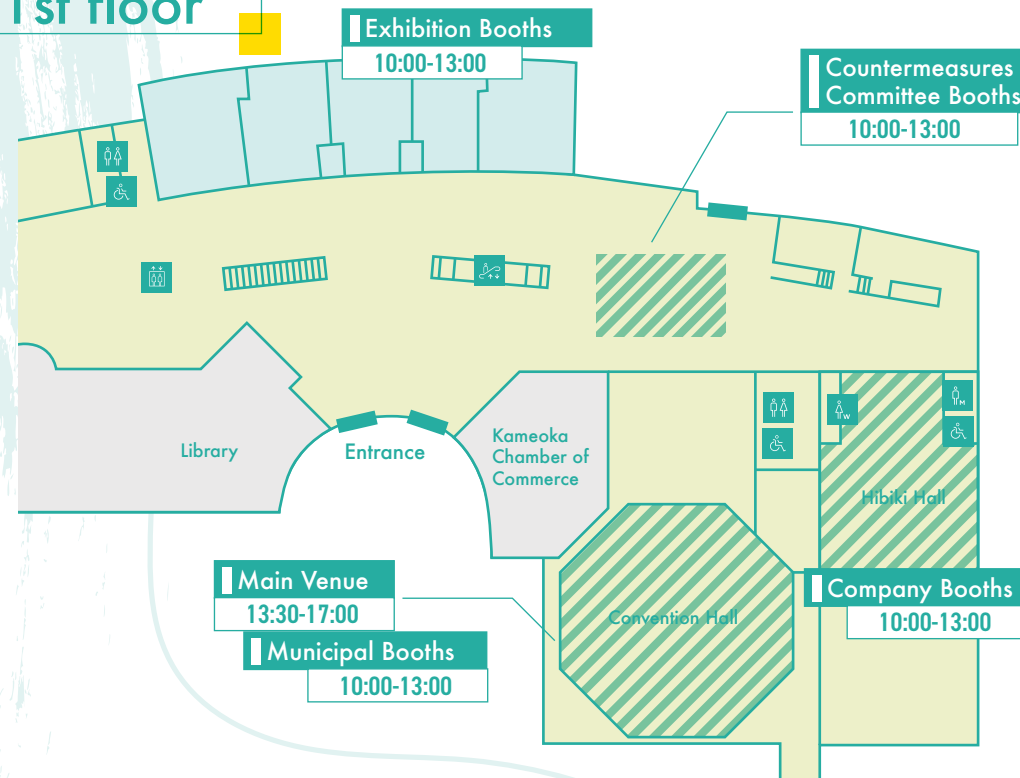
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General Information
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Community Promotion Council for Safe and Secure Cities, Safe Community Asian Region Network

Venue Information Galleria Kameoka

2nd floor



1st floor



Main Venue

13:30-14:00

Opening Ceremony

- Izumo Fuyu Hana Odori (Traditional Dance Performance)
- Welcome Address - Mayor Katsuragawa
- Introduction of Guests

14:05-15:10

Keynote Lectures

- "Comprehensive Pre-Disaster Prevention! Preparing to Establish the Disaster Management Agency"
Koichi Kawai, Senior Deputy Director-General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office
Senior Deputy Director, Preparatory Office for the Establishment of Disaster Management Agency,
Cabinet Secretariat
- "Safe Communities: Fostering Local Empowerment in Disaster Prevention and Recovery"
Dr. Junpil Cho, Vice President, International Safe Community Network

15:15-15:45

Case Presentations

- Kameoka City
- Matsubara City
- Nan City, Thailand

15:55-16:55

Panel Discussion

- Panelists: Mayor Katsuragawa, Mayor Sawai (Matsubara City),
Representatives from internationally accredited local governments

16:55-17:00

Closing Remarks

Other Venues

10:00-13:00 Safety and Security Events

- Safe Community Municipal Booths
- Private Company Booths
- Countermeasures Committee Booths
- International Safe Community Municipal Booths
- Subcommittees
- Police, Fire Department, and Self-Defense Force Vehicle Display (At the former JA site)

Opening Ceremony

13:30-14:00

13:00 Reception Opens

13:30 Opening Performance

Izumo Furyu Hana Odori (Performed by: Izumo Furyu Hana Odori Preservation Society)

13:40 Welcome Addresses

Conference Chairman, Mayor of Kameoka, Takahiro Katsuragawa
Board chairman, Asian Safe Community Support Centers Union, Prof. Pai Lu

13:50 Introduction of Guests

Opening Performance

"Izumo Furyu Hana Odori"

(Performed by: Izumo Furyu Hana Odori Preservation Society)

The Izumo Furyu Hana Odori is a sacred ritual dance that has been passed down for generations at Izumo Daijingu Shrine, located in Kameoka City.

On stage, the performance begins with a narrator, accompanied by a figure bearing bamboo branches and a group of singers and musicians who create a traditional, elegant atmosphere. Against this backdrop, dancers move in harmony to present a graceful and solemn spectacle rooted in ancient tradition.

Highlight of the Dance

A key highlight of the performance is the small hand-held drums that gleam in the dancers' hands, each adorned with elegant silk tassels. As the dancers move in rhythm with the lively beat of the drums, gazing skyward, stamping the ground, the tassels respond with graceful motion, swirling in brilliant circles like blooming flowers. It is a breathtaking display, where every moment becomes a living work of art woven from light and movement. Be sure not to miss it.



Welcome Addresses

Prof. PAI Lu



- Chair, Asian Coalition of International Safe Community Support Centers
- Honorary President, Taiwanese Injury Prevention and Safety Promotion Association
- Chair, Taiwanese Community Safety Promotion Center
- Board member, International Safe Community Network
- Designated Certifier for International Safe Community

Following her extensive academic experience as a graduate student and postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins University in the USA, Professor Pai taught medical statistics and safety promotion at the Taiwan Medical University and the National Defense Medical Center (NDMC). Since introducing the concept of Safe Communities to Taiwan in 2002, Prof. Pai has supported over 30 communities in their efforts to join the International Safe Communities Network, leading more than 20 of them to successful designation. In recognition of her significant contributions to community safety promotion, Prof. Pai is now referred as the mother of Safe Community in Taiwan.

Furthermore, she has spearheaded the Safe Community movement across the Asian region in her capacity as chair of the Asian Region Coalition of Safe Community Support Centers and vice-chair of the Asian Region Safe Community Network. In terms of her support for Japan, she has visited most of the communities working on Safe Communities and Safe Schools to conduct on-site evaluations and provide consultations to help them for further development.

Keynote Lecture

14:05-15:10

Comprehensive Pre-Disaster Prevention! Preparing to Establish the Disaster Management Agency

Koichi Kawai

Senior Deputy Director-General for Disaster Management, Cabinet Office
Senior Deputy Director, Preparatory Office for the Establishment of the Disaster Management Agency, Cabinet Secretariat



Born in Kyoto Prefecture, Mr. Kawai graduated from the Faculty of Law at Kyoto University in 1994 and joined the Ministry of Home Affairs (now the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications).

He has held various key positions, including Assistant Counselor to the Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary for National Security and Crisis Management (Cabinet Secretariat), Evaluation Specialist in the Policy Evaluation and Public Relations Division (Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications), and First Secretary at the Embassy of Japan in the United Kingdom (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

He later served as Deputy Director-General of the Planning and Regional Development Department of Fukuoka Prefecture, Division Head at the Secretariat of the National Governors' Association, Director-General of the Citizens' Affairs Bureau of Kanagawa Prefecture, and Director of the Finance Department at the Japan Finance Organization for Municipalities, gaining extensive expertise in local administration.

In July 2023, he served as Counselor in the Preparatory Office for the Establishment of the Headquarters for Promoting the Use of Ships in Medical Care (Cabinet Secretariat), and later as Director of the General Affairs Division of the Fire and Disaster Management Agency (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications), before assuming his current position.

Safe Community as empowering Community Resilience for Disaster Preparedness and Response

CHO Joonpil, M.D.

- CEO, Gunsan Medical Center, Jeonbuk State, Republic of Korea
- Professor Emeritus, School of Medicine, Ajou University
- Chair, Centre for Injury Prevention and Community Safety Promotion
- Vice Chair, International Safe Community Network
- Vice Chair, Asian Coalition of International Safe Community Support Centers
- Designated Certifier for International Safe Community



After graduating from the School of Medicine at Yonsei University in 1983, Dr. Cho began his career as a surgeon. His experience as an emergency surgeon since 1996 has led him to recognize the importance of injury prevention. During his time in the United States of America as a researcher, he encountered the concept of the International Safe Community (ISC). He subsequently introduced this concept to Korea and implemented it there after he came back to Korea.

In 2000, while Suwon City officially launched ISC, he was instrumental in establishing the Community Safety Promotion Centre in the School of Medicine at Ajou University. This center is one of the pioneers among the Safe Community Support Centres and Support Centre for International Safe Schools in Asia.

Since then, he has been actively supporting the movement both domestically and across the Asian Region, including in Japan. In his capacity as vice chair of both the International Safe Community Network and the Asian Coalition of International Safe Community Support Centers, he has been making significant contributions to the development of the movement from a comprehensive perspective.

In relation to Japan, he has visited most communities working on ISC to support further development of their programs, drawing on his extensive experience and the perspective of a medical professional.

Case Study Presentation

15:15-15:45

Rethinking Disaster Preparedness through the Concept of Phase-Free

This presentation will introduce Kameoka City's disaster prevention initiatives from the perspective of proactive prevention, in line with the principles of the Safe Community program. It will also explore the concept of "phase free", which has recently been featured in Japan's National Resilience Plan. ("Phase-free" refers to designing everyday items and services so that they remain useful in times of disaster, without distinguishing between normal and emergency use.) The presentation will highlight how adopting this approach contributes to creating a community where people can live with greater safety and peace of mind.

Section Head, Community Safety and Disaster Prevention,
General Affairs Division, Kameoka City

Yoshiyuki Fujimoto

Born in Kyoto City, Mr. Fujimoto joined Kameoka City Hall in 1993 after graduating from Kyoto Gakuen University. Starting in 2013, he spent five years as Chief of Disaster Management Unit in the Community Safety and Disaster Prevention Section in the General Affairs Division. In 2018, he became Deputy Chief of the Shino Branch of the Kameoka City Fire Corps, and was appointed Section Chief of the Community Safety and Disaster Prevention Section in the General Affairs Division the following year. Within 28 years of service in the fire corps, Mr. Fujimoto has extensive experience in community-based disaster management. He has held his current position since April 2021. In November of the same year, he also became Secretary-General of the National Network of Municipalities Promoting Safe Communities (now the National Council for Safe and Secure Community Development), a role he continues to serve today.



Building a Disaster-Resilient Matsubara

This presentation will report on the measures Matsubara City is taking to strengthen its resilience against disasters such as earthquakes and floods. It will also highlight how the city is working in cooperation with the local community through the Safe Community program, including efforts to raise disaster awareness and promote proactive initiatives.

Section Head, Citizen Collaboration Section, Division of Civic Engagement,
Matsubara City

Tomomi Kitano

Born in Matsubara City, Osaka Prefecture, Tomomi Kitano joined the Matsubara City Hall in 1999. Throughout his career, he has prioritized a citizen-focused perspective and active listening. In 2004, he began working in the Human Rights Exchange office, and in 2014 was assigned to the Citizen Collaboration Section, where he has been involved in community engagement and international exchange initiatives. Since April 2024, he has served as Section Head of the Citizen Collaboration Section, leading efforts to promote collaboration through the Safe Community program and other local initiatives that support neighborhood associations. Committed to creating the safest and most collaborative city in Japan, he continues to dedicate himself to this mission each day.



Case Study Presentation

15:15-15:45

Introduction of Safe Community programs
in Nan Municipality, Thailand

Teinsoot Surapol

Mayor of Nan City



In 2013, Nan Municipality was designated as the 316th member of the International Safe Community Network. The community of 18,000 inhabitants has been actively promoting community safety, with a 31% rate of promotion among the population. It has become a leading community in safety promotion, as evidenced by its receipt of Safety Zone certification from the Department of Tourism. The Nan Municipality has emphasized its commitment to promoting safe driving practices through various channels of mass communication. The initiative, titled "Use cars and roads safely in Nan," aims to foster a new culture of road safety in the community. It encourages the public to adopt key safety measures, such as wearing helmets by all motorcyclists, seatbelt use by drivers and passengers in cars, adherence to traffic laws, and promoting responsible behaviors like signaling before crossing the road and waiting for pedestrians to finish crossing the street.

Panel Discussion

15:55-16:55

Panelists

Takahiro Katsuragawa

Mayor of Kameoka City, Kyoto Prefecture



Hirofumi Sawai

Mayor of Matsubara City, Osaka Prefecture



Hsiu-Hua Hsiao

District Chief, South District, Tainan City



Jeon Jin-seung

Gyeongsangnam-do Yangsan city, Urban Safety Bureau, director of a bureau



Teinsoot Surapol

Mayor of Nan City



Coordinator

SHIRAISHI Yoko Ph.D.

Policy Science

- Chair, Japan Institution for Safe Communities
- Board member, International Safe Community Network
- General manager, Asian Coalition of International Safe Community Support Centers
- Researcher, Kinugasa Research Center, Ritsumeikan University
- Designated Certifier for International Safe Community



Dr. Shiraishi's involvement with Safe Community programs at Karolinska Institutet in Sweden began in 2005 when she was assigned to a cross-sectoral project research team. This team included representatives from the Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto Prefectural Medical University, and Ritsumeikan University, among other organizations. The Institution for Safe Communities was established, and in 2011, it was formally designated as the Associated Safe Community Support Center.

As an expert in International Safe Community (ISC) and International Safe School (ISS) programs, she has provided support to ISC and ISS programs nationally and internationally since she was certified as the official certifier for ISC and ISS in 2008 by the Regional Safe Community Certifying Center in Korea, in 2013 by the WHO Collaborating Center for Community Safety Promotion, and in 2015 by the International Safe Community Certifying Center.

History of Safe Community Kameka

- 2006 ● Officially launched Safe Community programs and organized Safe Community Steering Committee
- 2007 ● Started activities at Shino-Cho neighborhood community as a pilot project for urban areas
Participated in the 4th Asian Region Conference on Safe Communities (Bangkok, Thailand)
- 2008 ● Designated as the 1st member of International Safe Community Network in Japan (No.132)
- 2011 ● Organized the Safe Community Surveillance Committee
- 2012 ● Participation in the 6th Asian Region Conference on Safe Community(Toshima City, Japan)
- 2013 ● Re-designated as a member of International Safe Community Network (2nd designation)
Officially launched International Safe School programs
- 2014 ● Participated in the 7th Asian Region Conference on Safe Communities (Busan, South Korea)
- 2015 ● Municipal Sogabe Elementary School, eight municipal nursery schools and Kameoka-Ayumi nursery School were designated as members of International Safe School Network
- 2018 ● Obtained the 3rd designation as International Safe Community
- 2019 ● Participated in the 9th Asian Region Conference of International Safe Communities (Atsugi, Japan)
- 2021 ● Assumed the position of Chair of the National Mayors Council of Safe Communities
- 2023 ● Became the 1st designated community as a National Safe Community, Safe Community Japan
- 2024 ● Paid a study visit to International Safe Communities in Korea
- 2025 ● Made official declaration of "Kokusai Anzen-toshi(International Safe Community in Japanese)"

Kokusai Anzen-toshi (International Safe Community in Japanese)



The declaration of Kokusai Anzen-toshi (International Safe Community in Japanese) was made with Towada City, Aomori Prefecture and Matsubara City, Osaka Prefecture at the Prefectural Assembly Hall in Tokyo on January 14th 2025.

The purpose of the declaration is dissemination of Safe Community with simple expression of the movement in Japanese. As the chair of the National Mayors Association of Safe Communities, Mayor of Kameoka City called for the collaboration among Safe Communities for further propagation of the movement. In the declaration, several commitments such as contribution for the establishment of the safer society based on sharing experiences and practices with other communities are pronounced.

「国際安全都市」宣言

だれもが安心安全で暮らせるまちづくりは、世界共通の願いである。
国際基準に基づいた安心安全で暮らせるまちづくりは、1970年代にスウェーデンの地方都市から始まり、その後、WHO(世界保健機関)が推奨する「セーフコミュニティ」という認証制度として世界各地に取り組みが広がっている。

私たちは、セーフコミュニティによる国際基準に則り、「事故」や「けが」など、あらゆる危害は未然に防ぐことができるという理念のもと、「自分たちのまちは自分たちで守る」というオーナーシップの精神で市民協働のまちづくりを進めている。

私たちは自らの実践を他の地域と共有し、安心安全な社会の形成に向けて貢献するため、このセーフコミュニティに取り組む私たちのまちを「国際安全都市」とすることを宣言する。

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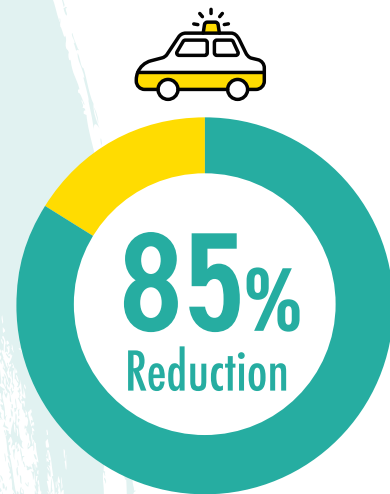
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Kameoka City's Safety Achievements (per 100,000 people)

Dramatic Decrease in Recognized Penal Code Offenses



Compared to 2008, the number of recognized penal code offenses in Kameoka has dropped by approximately 85%. While crime is showing an upward trend nationally, Kameoka has seen a decrease for three consecutive years, reaching a record low.

Comparison with
National Average
2024

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National : 593cases Kameoka : 240cases



"The Power of Citizens" in Protecting Their City

Safety in Kameoka is supported not only by the city government, but also through the active participation of many citizens and local businesses. These community-based initiatives are helping to raise awareness of crime prevention and disaster preparedness throughout the city.



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Mobile Surveillance Cameras

In cooperation with 31 local companies, dashcams installed in their vehicles help keep watch over the city



245

Disaster Prevention Specialists

Since 2022, training courses have produced a growing number of community-based disaster prevention specialists.

How the "Kameoka Machi-Reko Project" Works



Citizens Volunteers

Keep watch over the city in their daily lives using dashboard cameras.



Collaboration with the City and Police

In the event of an incident or accident, volunteers cooperate by providing video footage.



Crime Prevention and Resolution

These "mobile security cameras" play an important role in creating a safe community.



Discover
the Charm of
Kameoka!

A Journey through Nature, History, and Delicious Food.

Kameoka is a city blessed with rich natural beauty and a deep sense of history and culture. Its breathtaking landscapes are formed by beautiful mountains and clear streams. Local gourmet food, unique to the region welcome those who visit.



03 Sagano Romantic Train

A sightseeing train running approximately 7.3km along the Hozugawa River, from Arashiyama in Kyoto to Kameoka. Passengers can enjoy a relaxed 25-minute journey through the stunning Hozu Gorge aboard retro-style carriages, taking in the beauty of the valley scenery.

01 Hozugawa River Boat Ride

A river journey from Kameoka to Kyoto's Arashiyama, covering about 16km of scenic mountain stream. Guided by skilled boatmen using long bamboo poles, the ride offers a mix of thrilling rapids and gentle currents, all while taking in the breathtaking natural beauty. This unforgettable 90-minute experience lets you escape the everyday.

Rafting is also available!

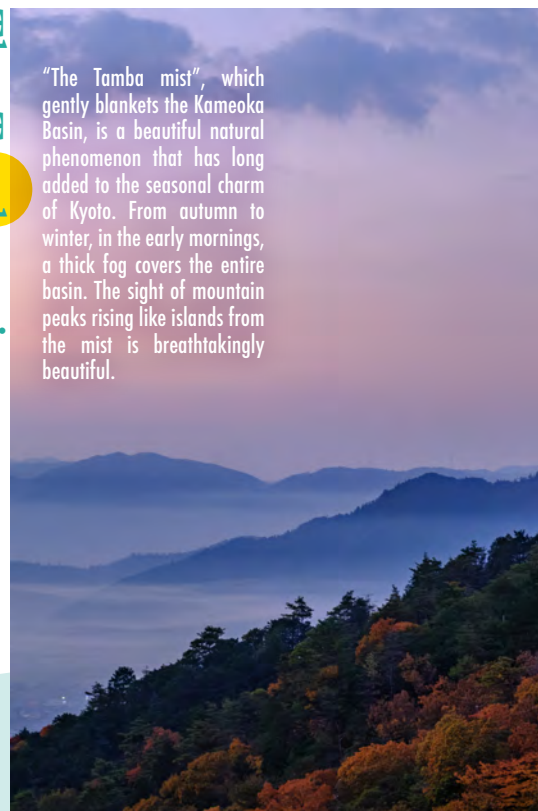


02 Yunohana Onsen

Located about 7km from the city center, this quiet hot spring area lies nestled in the mountains. The fresh air that colors the hot springs in this rustic mountain retreat and seasonal natural scenery create a simple charm that cannot be experienced in the city.

The Tamba mist

"The Tamba mist", which gently blankets the Kameoka Basin, is a beautiful natural phenomenon that has long added to the seasonal charm of Kyoto. From autumn to winter, in the early mornings, a thick fog covers the entire basin. The sight of mountain peaks rising like islands from the mist is breathtakingly beautiful.



04 Sanga Stadium by Kyocera

A ball game-dedicated stadium located right in front of JR Kameoka Station. It serves as the home stadium for Kyoto Sanga F.C., a J. League football team. With the pitch close to the spectator stands, visitors can experience the excitement of the match up close and feel the intensity of the action.



05 Kyoto Kameoka Balloon Festival

In April, as cherry blossoms flutter through the air, colorful hot air balloons rise into the sky over Kameoka, creating a stunning springtime spectacle.



06 Kameoka Festival

Held every October, this autumn festival at Kuwayama Shrine is known as the "Gion Festival of Tamba." It is one of Kameoka's most iconic traditional events.



07 Kyoto Hozugawa Fireworks Festival

Held every August, this fireworks festival is one of the largest in western Japan.



Kameoka also produces an abundance of fresh, seasonal vegetable, including "Kyo-yasai" (Kyoto Vegetables)

08 Kameoka Beef

Kameoka Beef is a nationally recognized brand of wagyu, highly praised for its flavor and quality. It has won numerous awards at the Kinki-Tokai-Hokuriku Regional Beef Cattle Show, where top-grade wagyu from across the country is showcased, earning it the approval of meat experts.

