

Takatsuki Japan



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Takatsuki enjoys a quiet and peaceful environment. The Hokusetsu Mountain Range, with beautiful scenic spots such as Settsu Ravine, lies to the north while the Yodo River flows south of the city.

Takatsuki, with its historic background, has an abundance of cultural assets including relics of ancient times. The city has adopted the Citizens' Charter in order to build a city that promotes the education and welfare of its citizens.



KINKI REGION



Sister City Relationship

A sister city relationship was established on 13th November 1991 when a *Declaration of Friendship* was signed on behalf of the people of the City of Toowoomba, Australia and the people of the City of Takatsuki, Osaka, Japan.

The two cities, being in the same Pacific sphere, hope to deepen their relationship through mutually beneficial exchanges in the educational, cultural, sporting and commercial arenas. Takatsuki and Toowoomba hope to strengthen friendship ties between the two countries while at the same time, promote world peace and the prosperity of mankind.

Statistics

- Location:** Situated approximately half way between Osaka and Kyoto in the southern section of the Honshu Island of Japan
- Area:** 105.31km²
- Population:** 359,601 (2000)
- Climate:** Temperature - High 33°C, Low 2°C, Avg 16°C
Annual Rainfall - 1320mm
- Major Industries:** Highly Modernised Electronics, Hygienic Food Production, Vegetable Processing, Retail Services and Brewed Sake Production.
- Major Festivals:** The Takatsuki Festival (summer), Danjiri Festival (autumn), Bonfire Festival (winter), The Dragon Festival (spring).

Flower of Takatsuki - Uohana Deutzia



These gregarious flowers were found around the Tama River area in the town of Saime during the Heian period (800AD to 1200AD). People came to "moon-watch" and see the Uohana flowers for inspiration to write poetry.

Tree of Takatsuki - Keyaki, Zelkova



Around 1390AD, the keyaki tree was known as 'tsuki no ki', which means 'a strong tree'. It was later changed to "keyaki". One such tree grew to 60 metres providing a thick canopy making the day appear like evening.

