

An attractive town where "traditional industries" and the people who support them are interwoven.

■ City Features

Kawaguchi City is located at the southern tip of Saitama Prefecture, bordering the capital, Tokyo, across the Arakawa River. Since the early Edo period, the city has developed through industries such as "casting" and "planting. The Nikko Onarimichi Road and the Arakawa River connected Edo (Tokyo) by land and water, respectively, and goods and people came and went actively. Today, the city is developing as a bedroom community, taking advantage of its easy access to Tokyo, and is also aiming as a "city of unique traditional craftsmanship" and "city of vitality and human resources.

Kawaguchi City, Saitama Prefecture
Municipal organization: April 1, 1933
Population: 605,065 (297,704 households)
Area: 61.95 square kilometers
As of August 1, 2022



■ History of Planting

It is said to be the nation's largest plant and nursery village, with a history of about 400 years. The history of the town of Ueki began after the Great Fire of Edo in 1657 (Great Fire of Meireki). It is said that Yoshida Gonnojo started selling seedlings and cut flowers. Thanks to its favorable topography and geology, geographical advantages in sales and distribution, and the diffusion of production technology, it has become a national center for plant production and distribution.



Transportation of donated wood for the construction of Meiji Shrine

■ Typical flowering plants of the city • special product

The red soil with good groundwater flow is suitable for tree cultivation, the location in the center of the Japanese archipelago makes it possible to grow a wide variety of plants and agricultural products in both cold and warm regions.



Easter lily (City flower)



Sasanqua (City tree)



Glehnia littoralis



Tree bud (Japanese pepper)

■ Traditional Techniques

The traditional techniques cultivated over many years of history are highly trusted nationwide, and were distributed under the brand of "Angyo no Ueki Even today. The techniques of "Bending" Tailoring, called "Angyo-ryu". Techniques include the "fukashi" knack of expediting blossoms, transplanting skills known as "nemawashi (preparation for digging out)" and "nemaki (balled or root wrapping)". These are passed on to the successors of agriculture. In particular, it is said that the only place in Japan where spraining and tailoring (Bending)" still remains is Kawaguchi is said to be the only place in Japan where the "Bending" (bent fabric) still remains.



Nemaki (balled or root-wrapping)



Akayama Edamono (Branch Folding)



sprained tailoring

■ Participation in the International Horticultural Exposition (Floriade)

Kawaguchi first exhibited at the world's largest flower festival held once every ten years in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, an advanced horticultural country, in 1982 with the aim of promoting Kawaguchi's flowers and expanding sales channels. Kawaguchi has exhibited at the world's largest flower festival held once every ten years in the Netherlands. Kawaguchi has won gold awards in various contests. Kawaguchi's greening technology has been highly evaluated overseas as well.



Goyomatsu Wins Gold Award at Floriade 2012



Floriade 2012 Venue