

Food & Agriculture

Kawasaki may have a strong image as an urban area, but many farmers in the city support "local production for local consumption." The city's distinctive feature of coexistence of diversified cultures is also illustrated in its "food."

Ceresamos is a farmer's market, directly managed by the National Federation of Agricultural Cooperative Association. It sells agricultural and livestock products, including locally picked, fresh and safe vegetables and fruits, as well as processed goods, such as Japanese pickles and jam. The market is always filled with many people seeking delicious, specialty products of farmers. Kawasaki's agricultural and livestock products are a must-try for all visitors!



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● Japan's oldest persimmon Zenjimarum persimmon

Discovered in the mountains of Ozenji Temple (Asao Ward) in 1214. Identified as Japan's oldest persimmon variety. Traits include small size and high sugar content. The persimmon trees still serve as farmers' garden trees in the Kakio area. The persimmons are used to make the Zenjimarum wine and thus have been passed down to succeeding generations.



● Kawasaki: The origin of "Chojuro" Tamagawa pear

Kawasaki has produced pears since the Edo period and is famous for its Tamagawa pear. "Chojuro," the variety which used to be grown nationwide, also originated in Daishigawaramura (Kawasaki Ward). Pear production areas have moved to the north along with urbanization, mainly to Tama Ward. Pear-picking is possible at some farms.



● Grown until fully ripe Tomato

Produced in Miyamae Ward, Tama Ward, Asao Ward, and elsewhere. The Momotaro variety is grown in greenhouses, while a range of varieties is grown in the open-air. Because they are all picked after fully ripening, the sweet taste fills your mouth with every bite.



● Used also in food education Cabbage

Cabbages that have been grown with less use of agrochemicals are shipped to the market. Also served in local school lunches. In Tachibana (Takatsu Ward) where cabbage is mainly produced, initiatives are taken to protect urban agriculture through exchanges between producers and residents, hands-on agricultural experience, and development of processed goods.



● A new way of eating gyoza Kawasaki gyoza

In Kawasaki which is abound with Chinese restaurants, gyoza is particularly enjoyed as the "people's favorite dish." The Kawasaki Gyoza Circle was launched in 2007, and a specialized miso sauce was developed to propose a new way of eating gyoza. The sauce is sold at member stores of Kawasaki Gyoza Circle.



● Kimchi, Korean barbecue, etc. Korean food

Korean Town in Kawasaki Ward's Sakuramoto and Hama-cho areas are lined with restaurants where visitors can enjoy the true taste of Korean food, including Korean barbecue. As represented by the Kimchi Competition held in 2011, in which kimchi of various restaurants were tasted and compared, Korean food is becoming one of the established food cultures of Kawasaki.



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Nikaryo Aqueduct

Aqueduct which supports the area's agriculture

An agricultural aqueduct that was constructed under Tokugawa Ieyasu's order to promote the development of rice paddies in the Tama River basin. In recent years, it is used as an industrial aqueduct, and is currently also used as an environmental aqueduct to offer relaxation from urban living. This area is also cherished by people for its beautiful cherry blossom trees.



Learning

Kawasaki's strengths as described in this pamphlet, including renewable energy, advanced technology, film, and sports, are leveraged to develop and provide unique teaching materials and courses.

● Actual film specialists teach students Film class for elementary school students

A special class where fifth graders make short films, etc. is offered at certain schools. Giving guidance are professional instructors, including film directors, and community volunteers. By experiencing film production, children learn about film interpretation, importance of group work, and interacting with people.



● An exciting introduction to Kawasaki's advanced technologies Kawasaki Science World

Supplementary teaching material for junior high school students that was prepared and published to spark children's interest in industries and advanced technologies researched and developed in Kawasaki. To get a more up-close experience with the technologies described in the material, employees from R&D companies also visit schools to give classes.



● Environmental education using solar panels Solar-powered schools

Solar panels are installed on the rooftops of the city's elementary and junior high schools, and are used also as a "teaching material" for children and students to learn about the mechanisms of solar power generation.



● Football players help make math easy to understand Math tutorial

Inspired by a children's textbook, appearing in which are players of UK's football team, Arsenal Football Club, Kawasaki Frontale has created a math tutorial, which has been distributed to the city's sixth graders and others. At special classes, problems are solved together by the players and children.



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Riverside Fun School

Fun activities for learning about the nature of the Tama River

Kawasaki City offers opportunities to learn about ways of interacting with nature, while becoming familiar with the rich nature and water of the Tama River and having fun playing. Activities, such as fishing, observation of living organisms in the river, and headwaters walk, are organized about once a month, aimed at supporting the healthy growth of children.

