



## Welcome to Kimitsu!

Kimitsu City can be reached by car from Narita Airport in approximately one hour or from Haneda Airport in around 45 minutes.

The network of expressways that serves Kimitsu City includes the Tateyama Expressway and the Tokyo Bay Aqua-Line (the undersea tunnel that connects Kanagawa Prefecture and Chiba Prefecture), providing a circular link to all areas of Tokyo Bay's coastal region and making it easy to get anywhere you want to go. In addition to being close to the metropolitan area, Kimitsu offers a vast natural environment and all the benefits that it entails as well as the hometown feel of traditional Japan.



Chiba Prefecture





## Topology in Kimitsu City

Kimitsu is located in the central part of the Boso Peninsula, where the climate is warm and snowfall is rare. The city covers an area of approximately 319 km<sup>2</sup>, and the coastal area that faces Tokyo Bay contains large industrial complexes as well as residential neighborhoods.

The interior comprises fertile farmlands, quasi-national parks, and natural parks. These are home to rare and precious plant and animal life, making it a natural treasure trove typical of the Boso Peninsula.





## Farm products of suburb

Kimitsu is blessed with arable land and the stunning beauty of nature. With a warm climate, abundant water, and fertile soil, Kimitsu reaps all the advantages that nature has to offer, as evidenced by the city's rice paddies, produce and flower farms, eggs, and tourist-friendly farms where visitors can pick their own strawberries.

The city still has many wells that were dug using a special technique known as kazusabori. The water produced by these wells is used as drinking water and many other purposes, including growing rice, making soba, cultivating calla lilies and tomatoes, and brewing sake. The quality and quantity of calla lilies grown here are one of the best in Japan. In addition, the six sake breweries in the city make tasty sake using carefully selected sake rice and the region's famous spring water.





## History and culture of Kimitsu City

Thanks to long-standing roadways like Boso Okan Avenue, Kururido Avenue, and Kano Sando Avenue as well as water transport routes along the Obitsu-gawa River and Koito-gawa River, Kimitsu City has long flourished as a key transportation hub. As a result, it boasts many historical buildings and cultural assets, including Kururi Castle and Jinya-ji Temple, and offers many views of ancient Japanese landscapes.





## Traditional culture of Kimitsu

Kimitsu is rich in not only natural scenery and traditional culture but also diverse festivals and events in local communities that take place throughout the year. Summer is an especially festive time of year, when the water, greenery, and earth are vibrant and Kimitsu residents enjoy a fireworks display at Lake Kameyama and a bustling Fureai Festival featuring many dancers who perform all around Kimitsu Station.





## Zeal to internationalization

Kimitsu City strives to be a comfortable home for its foreign residents and an international city that foreign visitors will want to see again. The Kimitsu International Exchange Society (KIES) is an important partner in these efforts. Since its establishment in 1995 to promote international exchange activities among local residents, KIES has been an active center for the internationalization of the community. KIES promotes exchange activities with overseas cities, conducts activities aimed at getting local residents involved in international exchange and raising international awareness, and manages various programs designed to help foreign residents living in Japan adjust to their new environment as quickly as possible and enjoy their time living in Japan.

