

◆ Second long-term comprehensive plan for Jinseki Kogen Town (2017 to 2024)

Our vision for the future: **A highland town where people live in harmony with nature.**

Our guiding principle: **Community development for a small but vibrant town.**

-Promoting reform and creation that responds to the expectations of our residents in order to develop an autonomous Jinseki Kogen Town-

[Core development policy]

1. Utilizing the characteristics of the highland area to create a comfortable and attractive community
2. Creating a community with ample social services where residents can live with peace of mind
3. Utilizing our natural and historical heritage to create a culturally conscious community
4. Utilizing regional resources to create a dynamic community
5. Creating a connected community with a fully developed local infrastructure

(1) Utilizing the characteristics of the highland area to create a comfortable and attractive community

- ◆ Creating appealing residential areas
- ◆ Forming an optimal living environment
- ◆ Living in harmony with the environment
- ◆ Preserving the landscape, beautifying the environment
- ◆ Fostering a regional community

(4) Utilizing regional resources to create a community with dynamic industry and exchange

- ◆ Developing agriculture and forestry industries
- ◆ Developing commerce and industry
- ◆ Developing tourism
- ◆ Promoting exchange with urban areas

<<Policies>>

(2) Creating a community with ample health, medical and social services that help residents live with peace of mind

- ◆ Promoting health
- ◆ Enhancing medical facilities
- ◆ Advancing social services for the elderly and people with disabilities
- ◆ Promoting support for child rearing and advancing measures that encourage young people to settle in the community
- ◆ Developing regional connectedness and mutual support

(5) Creating a connected community with a fully developed transportation and telecommunications infrastructure

- ◆ Maintaining and improving road and transportation systems
- ◆ Maintaining and improving telecommunications infrastructure

(6) Our efforts to advance this plan

- ◆ Advancing administrative and fiscal reforms
- ◆ Transmitting and utilizing information
- ◆ Promoting regional cooperation

(3) Utilizing our natural and historical heritage to create educational and cultural resources

- ◆ Promoting school education
- ◆ Enhancing the educational capability of families and households
- ◆ Promoting lifelong learning
- ◆ Preserving our rich historical and cultural heritage
- ◆ Promoting a gender-equal society

(7) Leading Project

- ◆ Increasing the inflow of population from outside our town
- ◆ Preventing the outflow of population from inside our town
- ◆ Fostering collaborative community development

The 8 challenges set forth by Mayor Yoshinori Irie (Policy Proposals)

Challenge 1. Achieving super high-value-added agriculture

Selling brand-name agricultural products such as "Jinseki Beef" and "Marutoyo Tomatoes" as top-grade "Jinseki Kogen premium brand" products.

Challenge 2. Creating a challenge fund

Creating system that provides financial backing for initiatives such as "new business incubation", "business expansion support", "new farming support", "job development", and "the attraction of enterprise".

Challenge 3. Promoting collaborative community development

Supporting "kyodo support centers" that facilitate the resolution of the main issues facing communities and residents

Challenge 4. Developing individuals that can take on the world

Raising individuals who are able to thrive in a global economy while remaining in the local area by fostering an intellectual curiosity and a zest for living from a young age. Current initiatives include creating environments where children three years old and older can practice English conversation, as well as short-term study abroad programs for middle schoolers and high schoolers.

Challenge 5. Creating an environment that encourages mutual respect

Developing a community fabric that ensures new employment opportunities for young residents, while also preserving the skills and techniques of local experts for future generations, thereby increasing regional motivation and fostering an environment of mutual respect.

Challenge 6. Intensifying residential growth

Promoting the appeal of country living in order to maintain a population of 7,500 people by 2060.

Challenge 7. Enhancing medical and social services

Offering comprehensive support services for elderly residents as well as consistent medical and social services.

Challenge 8. Advancing administrative and fiscal reforms

Advancing administrative and fiscal reforms to ensure that Jinseki Kogen Town retains its appeal for all residents.

[Population] 9,442 people (as of April 1, 2017)
Men: 4,509 Women: 4,933

[Households] 4,007

[Area] 381.98 km²

[Topographical Features]

Bordered by Shobara City to the north, Fukuyama City to the south, Okayama Prefecture to the east, and Fuchu City to the west, Jinseki Kogen Town is positioned in the eastern part of Hiroshima Prefecture at an altitude of 400 to 500 meters above sea level.

[Town Logo]



[Town Flower]
Higotai



[Town Tree]
Yamaboshi



Our town's motto

1. Enjoy life together
2. Take responsibility together
3. Act together
4. Live healthy and happy lives together
5. Take on new challenges together



Visiting by car

- 30 km north on route 182 from "Fukuyama-higashi Interchange" on the Sanyo Expressway
- 29 km south on route 182 from "Tojo Interchange" on the Chugoku Expressway



Visiting by bus (Chugoku Bus)

- Departing from <Fukuyama Ekimae>, east bound on the "Yuki/Tojo Line"
- West bound on the "Yuki Line", "Fukuyama/Kuregatao Line"
- Departing from <Tojo Ekimae> on the "Yuki Line"



Nearest station

- Sanyo Shinkansen "Fukuyama Station"
- JR Fukuen Line "Michinoe Station", "Joge Station"
- JR Geibi Line "Tojo Station"

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Town Guide



Jinseki Kogen Town Mayor
Yoshinori Irie

Greetings

Jinseki Kogen Town welcomes people who wish to move in to ourtown. We believe that people hold the key to the future growth of our community. In fact, we offer generous support for things like housing, farming and childcare in order to respond to the needs of people looking to relocate here.

Together with our residents, we are engaged in bringing our vision of "a highland town where people live in harmony with nature" and "the creation of a Jinseki Kogen Town where anybody can get a start" into fruition.

It is my sincere hope that this town guide deepens your understanding of our community development activities.

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Jinseki Kogen Town, so much to discover!

Tourism and Nature

1 Taishakukyo Gorge Quasi-national Park

One of the top 5 gorges in Japan. A scenic quasi-national park full of beauty and mystery.

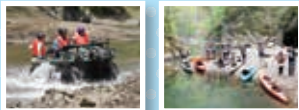


2 Shinryu Lake

You can relax and enjoy the colors of virgin forests as they change with the seasons from verdant greens to autumnal reds and golds, all while gentle breezes stir the surface of the lake.



Amphibious Vehicles Kayaking



3 Taishakukyo Sukora kogen

Enjoy sports, dining, lodging and leisure while immersing yourself in the refreshing highland breeze. Taishaku Sukora Highlands offers a full resort experience.



Segway Riding



Forest Therapy Grounds



4 Unkai-no-sato (Tsuka-ga-tao)



5 Toyomatsu Paper Airplane Tower

Standing proudly atop a 661-meter-high summit, this facility is one of the few sites in the world created with the expressed purpose of flying paper airplanes.



Lovers' Sanctuaries



6 Koun-botoke



7 Jinseki Kogen Tiergarten

Senyogahara Fureai-no-sato has been transformed into a location where everyone can experience and appreciate life. This location is also home to the largest dog run in western Japan.



Dog Run



8 Village House Nigogawa

Once home to Arugi Elementary school, this Meiji-period structure is now used as a lodging facility. Visitors can experience various activities that center on outdoor education and countryside living.



9 Uokirikeikoku Falls



10 Mt. Hoshinoko Forest Park

The outdoor facilities here have all you could ask for, including an observation deck and a campground. Don't miss a chance to enjoy stargazing on an overnight stay.



11 Bathing and Relaxation Facility "Yukkura-Koshinji"



12 Jinseki Kogen Hotel



13 Forest Park Kinoko-no-mori



Culture

14 Uta no Mido/Shimizu

Here, at a spring bubbling forth from a ridge on Mt. Gongen, Heian-period poet Saigyō Hōshi is believed to have quenched his thirst and taken respite at a nearby wayside shrine.

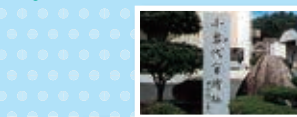


15 Literary monument to the novel "Black Rain" at Tsutsuji-ga Oka (Azalea Hill) Park

The blossoms of the azalea bloom from April to May, turning the whole park pink. This park is also home to a stone monument engraved with a passage from Masuji Ibuse's novel "Black Rain".



16 Site of the Kobatake Shogunal Magistrate's Office



Facilities

17 Jinseki Kogen Municipal Hospital



18 Siltopia College Public Library



19 Sanwa Roadside Station on Route 182



20 Yuki Hyakusai-kan, Local Farm Products Market



Annual Events

April



Syarinmura



Taishakukyo Kosuibiraki

May



Beef Tengoku



Senyogahara Fureai Spring Festival

June



Yamayuri-no-sato Lily Festival

June to July



Firefly Festival



Joint Kagura Dance Performance

July



Iseki/Oya norio Fireworks Festival

August



Jinseki Kogen Marché Mid-summer Snow Festival

October



Taishakukyo Sukora kogen Cross Country Meet



Yuki Hometown Festival



Toyomatsu Fureai Festival



Sanwa Hometown Fair

November



Human Festa

A highland town where people live in harmony with nature.

Let's visit Jinseki Kogen Town!



Local Produce

◆ Jinseki Beef



Abundant nature, clear air, fresh water, daily temperature swings...

The conditions needed for raising good produce can all be found here in Jinseki Kogen Town, where our abundant agricultural products are second to none.

◆ Konjac plant ◆ Ginger



◆ Tomatoes



◆ Shiitake mushrooms ◆ Perilla salt/herb salt



◆ New pionic grapes



◆ Citron ◆ Local sake



What is JIN premium?

In Jinseki Kogen Town, we have established an integrated brand that combines independent programs and initiatives, as well as our distinct nature, environment and human capital, marketed under the Jinseki Kogen "JIN premium" brand.

