

# Izunokuni City

Izunokuni City is located in the northern part of the Izu peninsula, roughly in the center of the Tagata Plains. The peaks of the Hakone Mountain Range lie to the east, while Mt. Joyama and Mt. Katsuragi tower over the city in the west. In the plains area, the Kano River runs from the south northward, blessing the area with natural riches.

National Route 136 and the Izuhakone Railway run adjacent to the Kano River, giving rise to the city's urban area here.

Located within 100km from Tokyo, a trip can be made to the city in just under 2 hours using the Tokaido Shinkansen or the Shin-Tomei Expressway. It is also close to Numazu and Mishima - both hubs of eastern Shizuoka Prefecture - making it a very convenient location.



## Population

(as of Jan. 2016)

Registered Residents	49,782	Households
M : 23,976	F : 25,806	20,889

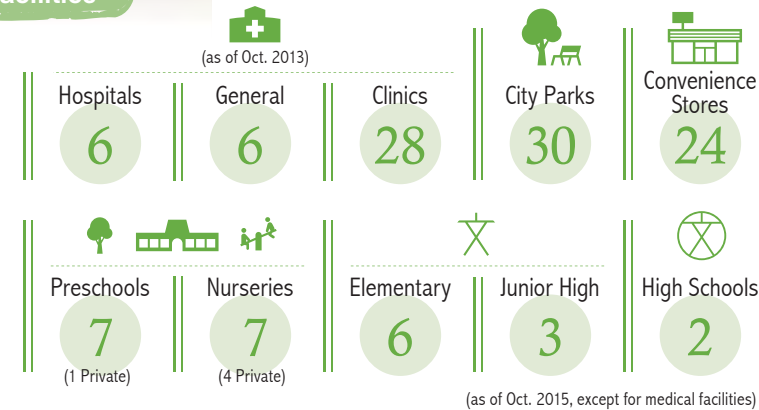
(Basic Resident Register)

## City Council

There are 17 seats on the city council, which consists of two standing committees: the General Affairs, Tourism, and Construction Committee and the Welfare, Education, and Economic Affairs Committee. Each council member sits on one of the two committees and is responsible for the examination and discussion of the city's administration and projects.

## Facilities

(as of Oct. 2013)



## Izunokuni City Song - Dream-Colored Sky -

Lyrics by Izunokuni City Song Production Committee

Music by Kazuaki Ogikubo

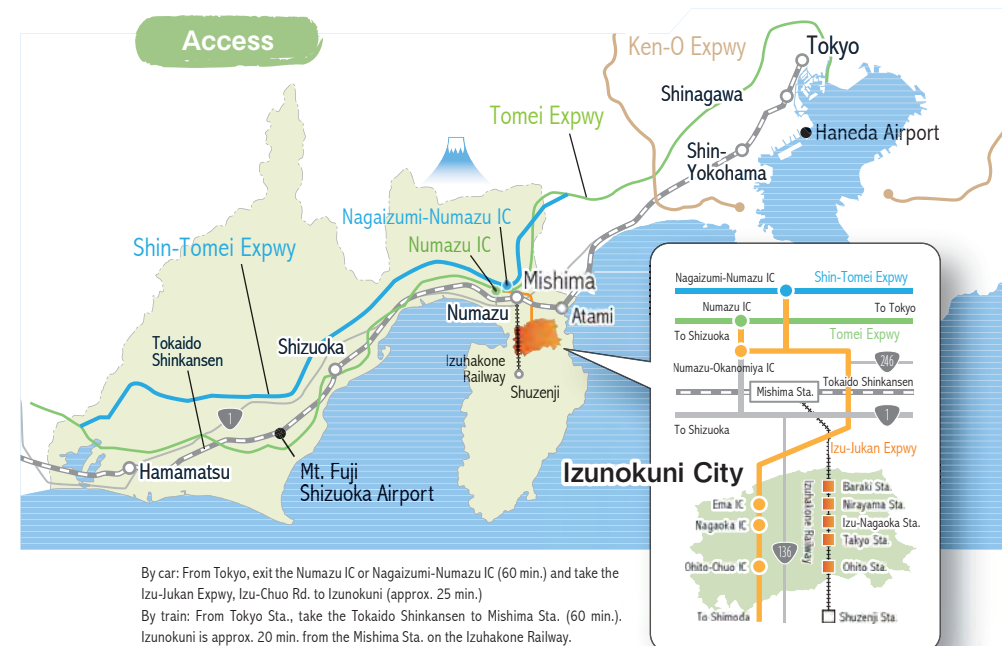
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| <p>(1)<br/>Dream: Dream-colored sky<br/>A path that leads out into the world<br/>The memories of our predecessors are alive<br/>In this city where we live<br/>Glistening with history<br/>Izunokuni<br/>Our city</p> | <p>(2)<br/>Hope: Hope, alive and green<br/>Reflecting on the surface of the Kano River<br/>The scent of hot springs lingers across the land<br/>In this place we call home<br/>Full of smiling faces<br/>Izunokuni<br/>Our home</p> | <p>(3)<br/>Future: Soaring into the future<br/>Hearts full of ambition<br/>The joy of living in Mt. Fuji's presence<br/>A dream created by us all<br/>Shine on into tomorrow<br/>Izunokuni<br/>Our land</p> |
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Mayor, Izunokuni City  
**Toshiko Ono**

Located in the northern part of the Izu peninsula in east Shizuoka, Izunokuni City is a place that has ties to leading figures across numerous generations throughout Japanese history. Minamoto no Yoritomo was exiled to Izu Nirayama where he met Hojo Masako and the two then forged on into a new era. Hojo Soun, who laid the groundwork for the Hojo clan that would last 5 generations spanning 100 years, lived out his life in the Nirayama Castle. And Egawa Tannan - a man who was already looking beyond Japan's borders during the Edo period - never ceased learning, leaving behind an impressive list of achievements. In July 2015 the Nirayama Reverberatory Furnaces were added to the World Heritage list as part of the "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution," placing Izunokuni amongst the ranks of cities home to one or more World Heritage Sites.

As we move forward into the future, let's strive to continue on in the footsteps of these great predecessors, making the most of the rich history and culture we have inherited in order to steadily work towards nurturing a community where the citizens feel free to dream and are brimming with expectation.



## Intercity Exchange



### Nagaokakyo City

Established sister city ties on Nov. 11, 2006. It's said that Izu Nagaoka was given its name when a courtier arrived from the capital in Kyoto during the Heian period and exclaimed excitedly that the rich nature and features of the land looked just like Kyoto's Nagaoka. The two cities are constantly deepening their ties via sports, culture, and other events.



### Songino Khaikhan

Became friendship cities by memorandum in Aug. 2015. Izunokuni received a personal letter requesting an inter-city exchange from the mayor of the Songino Khaikhan district of Ulan Bator in July 2014. Exchange as friendship cities later began after multiple exchanges with representatives dispatched from both sides.

