

THE POPULATION IS ABOUT 680,000, RANKED AS THE SECOND LEAST POPULOUS PREFECTURE.



IT'S ... IN THE COUNTRYSIDE!

THE LAND OF GODS, SHIMANE!!



THE PLACE WHERE MYRIADS OF JAPANESE GODS GATHER TO HOLD ANNUAL THEIR MEETINGS IN THE 10TH MONTH OF THE LUNAR CALENDAR.

THE AREA WHERE CULTURE HAS FLOURISHED FROM ANCIENT TIMES IN JAPAN.



THE LAND OF MYTHS!!

LOTS OF HOT SPRINGS



HIGH QUALITY WATER!! GOOD ATMOSPHERE!!

SHIMANE IS HERE!



WELCOME TO SHIMANE

IZUMO TAISHA GRAND SHRINE

KNOWN AS THE OLDEST SHRINE IN JAPAN WHERE THE GOD OF INVITATIONS TO BEAUTIFUL ENCOUNTERS IS WORSHIPPED.

SHIMANE UNIVERSITY IS HERE!!



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YAMA-GUCHI

HAMADA

WORLD HERITAGE

IWAMI GINZAN SILVER MINE

IT IS SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY ONE THIRD OF THE SILVER THAT WAS IN CIRCULATION WORLDWIDE IN THE 16TH CENTURY WAS PRODUCED HERE.

IZUMO

MATSUE

LAKE SHINJI

TOTTORI

HIROSHIMA

TO EXPERIENCE DEEP JAPAN, CHOOSE

A LOT OF RAINFALL



COLD WINTERS WITH SNOW

SKIING, HIKING, AND WATER SPORTS



YOU CAN ENJOY VARIOUS OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES!

SHIMANE IS DIVIDED INTO THREE AREAS.



EACH REGION HAS A VERY DISTINCTIVE CHARACTER.

SHIMANE!!



WHAT KIND OF PLACE IS MATSUE CITY WHERE SHIMANE UNIVERSITY IS LOCATED?

THE POPULATION IS ABOUT 200,000.

MATSUE CASTLE WAS DESIGNATED AS A NATIONAL TREASURE.

YOU CAN OCCASIONALLY MEET SAMURAI AND NINJA.

MATSUE CITIZENS ARE EARNEST BUT A BIT SHY.

ALSO FULL OF OMOTENASHI SPIRIT.

TRADITIONS WITH A DEEP AND LONG HISTORY ARE STILL PRESENT IN PEOPLE'S DAILY LIFE. TOURISTS CAN EVEN SHARE THOSE TRADITIONS.

EVERYTHING IS WITHIN A FIVE-MINUTE WALK!

MAP AROUND SHIMANE UNIVERSITY

A BICYCLE WILL MAKE YOUR LIFE MORE CONVENIENT.

COMPACT -SIZED CAMPUS

OLDER STUDENTS AND FRIENDS OF YOURS WILL ALWAYS HELP YOU.

YOU CAN RELAX BY WALKING ALONG THE RIVERSIDE.

LOTS OF RESTAURANTS

VARIOUS KINDS OF FOODS - MULTICULTURAL FOOD MENU

THE LIVING COST IN MATSUE IS MUCH LOWER THAN THAT IN BIG CITIES.

RECOMMENDED SUPERMARKETS

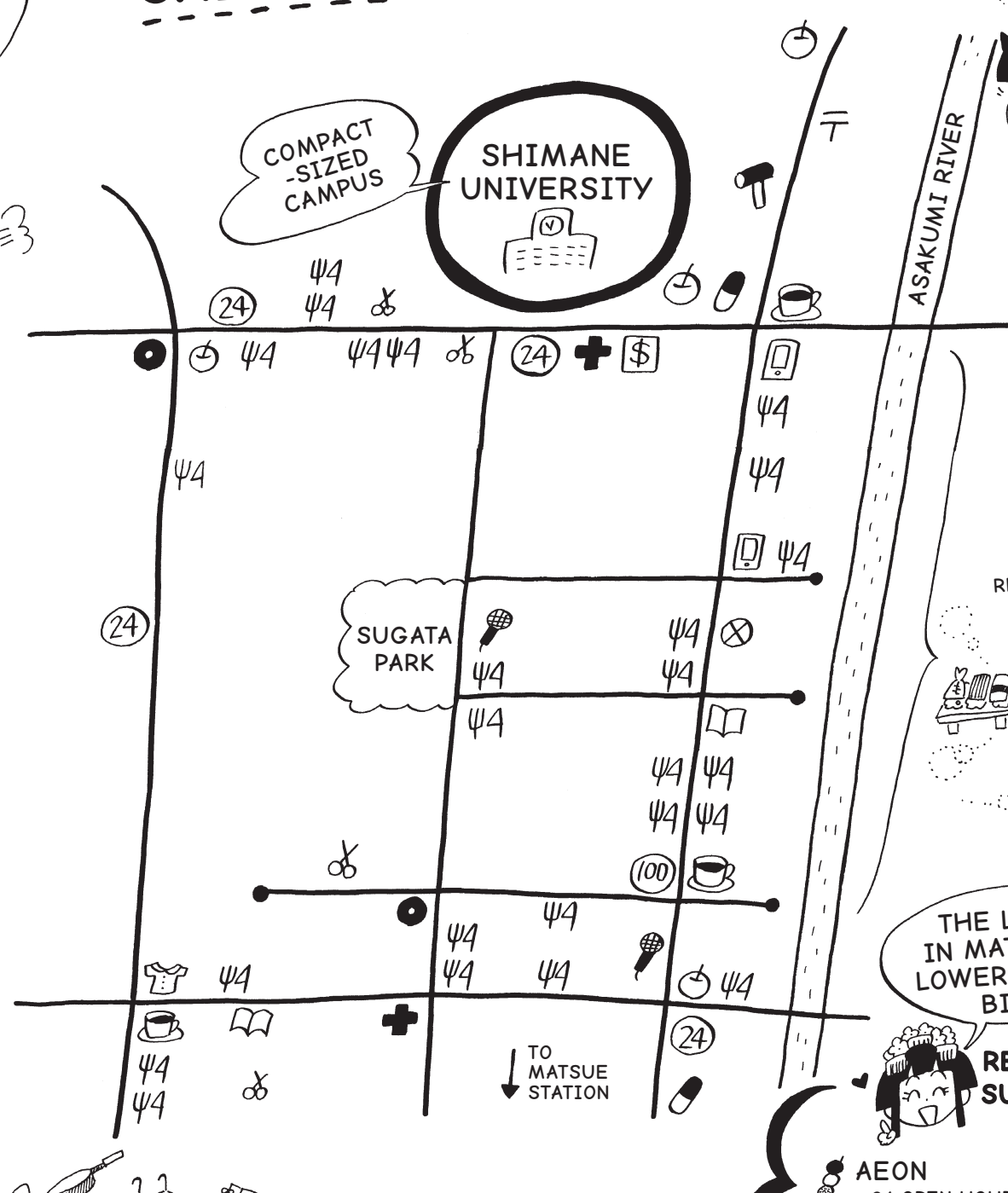
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24 OPEN HOURS!!

MISHIMAYA
SELLS VERY REASONABLE ITEMS AND DELICIOUS BENTO LUNCH BOXES. SHIMANE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' FAVORITE SPOT!

LAPIN
A WIDE RANGE OF FOODS, SPICES AND SEASONINGS FROM AROUND THE WORLD ARE AVAILABLE, THOUGH THEY MAY BE A BIT EXPENSIVE FOR STUDENTS.

SYMBOLS

- ψ4 RESTAURANT
- Café / COFFEE SHOP
- 24 CONVENIENCE STORE
- SUPERMARKET
- CLOTHING SHOP
- HAIR BEAUTY SALON
- DIY STORE
- DRUGSTORE
- 100-YEN SHOP
- DVD / CD RENTAL SHOP
- BOOK STORE
- KARAOKE
- BANK
- MOBILE-PHONE SHOP
- HOSPITAL / CLINIC
- POLICE STATION
- POST OFFICE



ALL DAILY ESSENTIALS ARE READILY AVAILABLE NEAR THE CAMPUS.

MOST SHIMANE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS LIVE AROUND THE CAMPUS.

KNOWING MORE
ABOUT MATSUE

COLLECTION OF INTERESTING SHORT STORIES RELATED TO MATSUE

NO. 1 THERE ARE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE RACECOURSE!?

THERE WAS A RACECOURSE IN MATSUE ABOUT 80 YEARS AGO. AFTER IT WAS CLOSED DOWN, HOUSES AND ROADS WERE BUILT THERE AND THE PLACE BECAME A RESIDENTIAL AREA. HOWEVER, THE FORM OF THE COURSE REMAINS UNCHANGED! THIS CAN BE SEEN BY MAP APPS AS WELL. THIS INTERESTING STREETSCAPE ENABLES YOU TO FEEL THE HISTORY OF THE FORMATION OF MATSUE.



NO. 2 WHY IS THERE AN AREA WHERE PEOPLE DON'T EAT CHICKEN AND EGGS?

THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THE DISTRICT CALLED MIHONOSEKI OF MATSUE CITY AVOID EATING CHICKEN AND EGGS BECAUSE OF THE MYTH REGARDING THE GOD AND FOWLS. IT SHOWS ONE OF THE FEATURES OF SHIMANE, WHERE TRADITIONS ARE STILL PRESENT IN PEOPLE'S DAILY LIFE.



NO. 3 GOOD ACCESS TO THE LAND OF HADES!?

MATSUE IS FAR FROM BIG CITIES SUCH AS TOKYO OR OSAKA, BUT IS SAID TO HAVE GOOD ACCESS TO HADES. ACCORDING TO A JAPANESE MYTH CALLED KOJIKI, THE ENTRANCE TO HADES IS LOCATED IN MATSUE. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THIS SPOT, PLEASE TRY TO VISIT IT! IT IS LOCATED ALONG A NATIONAL ROUTE AND HAS A PARKING LOT. (LOL)



NO. 4 PANORAMIC VIEW OF 'THE CITY OF WATER'! - GREAT SPOT TO ENJOY BEAUTIFUL SCENERY

WE INTRODUCE TO YOU TWO WELL-KEPT-SECRET SPOTS FOR THE BEAUTIFUL SCENERY IN MATSUE. ONE IS "THE HEAD OFFICE BUILDING OF SAN-IN GODO BANK", AND THE OTHER IS "KEZOUJI TEMPLE ON THE TOP OF MT. MAKURAGI". MATSUE IS KNOWN AS "THE CITY OF WATER" WHICH IS SURROUNDED BY TWO LAKES AND IS FULL OF A NETWORK OF CANALS AND RIVERS. YOU CAN ENJOY THE WONDERFUL VIEW OF THE WATER CITY FROM THE DIFFERENT TWO SPOTS.

SHIMANE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES



EVENTS

IN
ADDITION
TO STUDY

○ CULTURAL EXCHANGE
ACTIVITIES WITH THE
LOCALS

⇒ INTERACTIONS WITH
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS,
COOPERATION WITH THE
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
⇒ JUDO AND KENDO
EXPERIENCE WITH
POLICE OFFICERS

○ FIELD TRIPS WITH
JAPANESE STUDENTS

⇒ TO KANSAI REGION,
MOUNTAINOUS AREAS
IN SHIMANE, ETC.
TRADITIONAL CULTURE
EXPERIENCE AND SKIING.

ADMISSION AND CLASSES

○ PRE-ARRIVAL ADMISSION IS AVAILABLE!
ENGLISH-JAPANESE BILINGUAL
EDUCATION COURSE IN THE FACULTY OF
SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

⇒ BASIC COURSES IN ENGLISH AND
JAPANESE LANGUAGE TRAINING FOR
1ST AND 2ND YEAR AND SPECIALIZED
COURSES IN JAPANESE FOR 3RD AND
4TH YEAR.

○ SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR
INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
AT THE GRADUATE
SCHOOL OF NATURAL
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
⇒ LEARNING AND TUTORING
IN ENGLISH UNTIL
COMPLETION

※ THE ABOVE IS NOT
APPLIED TO OTHER
FACULTIES AND
GRADUATE SCHOOLS.



JOB HUNTING

(SUPPORT-
SCHOLARSHIP)

○ EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS
⇒ BUSINESS JAPANESE COURSES,
CAREER EDUCATION, AND
INTERNSHIPS TO ACQUIRE
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO
WORK IN JAPAN. SCHOLARSHIP
IS OFFERED TO THE
PARTICIPANTS.

○ SCHOLARSHIP DONATED BY LOCAL
COMPANIES IN SHIMANE

⇒ AN OVER-TWO-YEAR INTERNSHIP
IS REQUIRED (AT LEAST 60
HOURS IN TOTAL).

○ LOCAL COMPANY TOUR : IT,
FOOD, OR HOTEL INDUSTRY

○ SCHOLARSHIPS SUPPORTED BY
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT,
JICA, PRIVATE
FOUNDATIONS, ETC.

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