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Zenjimaru-Gaki Wine



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Zenjimaru Persimmon Wine from Kawasaki

2005's Zenjimaru Persimmon Wine is now on sale at alcohol stores within Kawasaki city.

The Zenjimaru persimmons grown at Kakio area here in Kawasaki are said to be the oldest sweet persimmon in Japan. It is said that the first sweet persimmon tree was discovered during the early part of the Kamakura Period in and about the area of Kakio. The name Kakio is itself derived from the Japanese word for persimmon : "KAKI".

For over 15 years about 2200 Zenjimaru persimmon trees have been cultivated in the Kakio area. It is about ten years since the first batch of Zenjimaru Persimmon Wine was released on a trial basis by the Kaki Zenjimaru Persimmon Conservation Society. It has been on sale since 1997. Each 720 ml bottle of Zenjimaru Persimmon Wine is produced from about 1 kilogram of persimmon and undiluted white wine.

Kakio Zenjimaru Persimmon Wine is a wine that drinks well, has a distinctive smell and a full body. It has a moderate amount of sweetness that makes it popular with ladies. Last year's bumper harvest means that 2760 bottles of Zenjimaru Persimmon Wine were bottled. The wine is made with the know-how from the experts at Yamanashi Katsunuma Brewery.

The wine bottle itself has a label with a picture of the Zenjimaru Persimmon and is sold in a persimmon colored box. One bottle costs 1,300 yen. You can buy it at the JA Keizai Center or at liquor stores in the Western district of Kawasaki.

For more details please phone the Kakio branch of JA Sales Kawasaki at 044-988-1131.

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Fujiko F. Fujio Museum

Building a Museum to Fujiko F. Fujio

There is a plan to build an exhibition museum in order to display the lifetime works of Fujiko F. Fujio. Fujiko F. Fujio was a manga artist who created and wrote famous comics such as "DORAEMON" and "PAAMAN". He passed away at the age of 62 in 1996 having spent about 40 years living in Tama ward.

In 1999 his family kindly donated Fujiko F. Fujio's original artwork and drawings to Kawasaki City. With the help of Fujiko Productions and other people concerned Kawasaki City held discussions on how to best use these drawings. Based on the wishes of Fujiko F. Fujio's family that the artwork should be introduced and displayed to the general public in an area of natural greenery and beauty it was decided that the best place to do so would be to locate the museum on the former site of Mukogaoka-yuen Amusement Park and the location is in Tama Ward's Ikuta Ryokuchi Green Area which is close to where Fujiko F. Fujio lived. It is estimated that the museum will open within 5 years.

The building of the museum and the management of the copyright to the art will be in the hands of private individual such as the Fujiko Productions. The site of the museum, the building itself and the day to day running of the museum will be organized by Kawasaki. On display will be the table and work equipment that Fujiko F. Fujio used as well as a selection from 40,000 drawings that he drew.

The temporary name for the museum is the "Fujiko F. Fujio Art Works". An appeal for another name is being looked into at the moment. The plan to build the "Fujiko F. Fujio Art Works" is part of a city plan to create attractions in Kawasaki that will have worldwide appeal. It will add to the other attractions in Ikuta Ryokuchi such as the Okamoto Taro Museum.

The New Booklets for Child Care and Dog Care



Saiwai Ward Office in Kawasaki has issued two pamphlets recently.

The first document that Saiwai Ward has issued is to do with advice about early schooling. It is aimed at expectant mothers and guardians of pre-school children. The title of this pamphlet is "Check it out! Info on Raising Kids in Happy Saiwai" (in Japanese it is " (Miru) Ko-Sodate Joho Saiwai").

This pamphlet is in fold-up type pamphlet . It displays photographs of elementary schools on one side of the page and on the other photos from infant play areas and pre-schools. You can get to know about the atmosphere of child care related places in Saiwai Ward such as the pre-schools and the Child Culture Center. Photographs showing lessons, school lunches and events, information on the events held at Saiwai Ward's 14 public elementary schools as well as information on how to arrange on visits to pre-schools in order to check them out are all contained on this pamphlet.

This pamphlet is published twice every year and is freely available at Saiwai Ward Office, Saiwai Shiminkan and other institutions.

If you would like more information please contact the General Support Officer (Sogo Shien Tanto) at Saiwai Ward Office. The phone number to call is 044-556-6693.

The next is a leaflet called "A Letter from Puppy-Dog" (in Japanese "WANKO KARA-NO TEGAMI"). This explains in an easy to understand way the behaviour of dogs and ways to take care of your dog. It is written in the way that a puppy would write to its owner. It has handy notes and good ideas for dog owners. It explains hints such as "you should first let a dog sniff the lower part of your hand and then start to stroke the dog from its shoulder". Cute illustrations show how to handle and discipline your dog.

The pamphlet also advises on the toilet manners for your dog when you go for a walk with him or her. Over all the pamphlet aims to improve dog keeping manners for owners.

The pamphlet is in an A5 sized 14paged booklet form. It is freely available at most public institutions in Saiwai Ward. It is also on the city homepage.

For more details please contact the Health and Medical Section of Saiwai Ward Office at 044-556-6681.

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