

# What is Kishiwada City like?

## ● A brief history

Locating in the south of Osaka Prefecture, Kishiwada is an area of about 72.24 km<sup>2</sup>, and has a population of 204,815 in January 1st, 2006(Heisei18). The city was founded in November 1st, 1922(Taisho11). It is the 87th city founded in Japan and the 3rd in Osaka.

The central part of this city facing Osaka bay, has grown as the castle town of the Okabe family since early 17th century. From the middle of Meiji era, it is developed into a spinning-and-weaving city, mainly with cotton fabrics called "Senshu cotton". Later a metal, machine and lens industry came into the area. In 1966(Showa41), Iron Industrial Complex and Wood Industrial Complex were built on the reclaimed land by the sea.

Around the hilly part and on the foot of Izumi mountains, rice, onions, mandarin oranges, peaches and flowers are cultivated in the fields irrigated by the reservoirs.

Kishiwada is very famous for its castle and Danjiri Festival. Though "Bayside Mall" at the waterfront and Spa of Ushitaki "IYOYAKANOSATO" in the mountainous area are becoming popular spots with young people and tourists nowadays.

Since April 2002(Heisei14), Kishiwada City has been the 7th "Tokureishi" in Osaka with special authoritative powers transferred from Osaka Prefecture.

## ● The origin of the name "Kishiwada"

The site of the Kishiwada old castle -"Kishiwada-kojo-ato"- exists about 600m east of Kishiwada Castle of today. The river named "Kojo-gawa" -old castle river- suggests the history around here.

In Nanbokucho period(1336-1392), the general "Takaie Wada", of the Masashige-Kusunoki-clan, was sent as a magistrate to this land called "Kishi". He was, then, called "Kishi-no-Wadadono", Lord Wada of Kishi. It is said that this alias has turned into the name of Kishiwada of today. Although there are other opinions, as to the origin of the name "Kishiwada", this is the one most popularly believed.



The site of old Kishiwada castle  
"Kishiwada-kojo-ato"



Signpost for the site of  
Wada castle

## ● Symbols

### The city flower "Rose"

It was designated as Kishiwada's city flower in 1982(Showa 57) on the 60th anniversary of Kishiwada City by the residents' proposals, as a part of the tree-planting promotion.



### The city tree "Camphor tree"

It was designated as Kishiwada's city tree in 1968(Showa 43) on the 45th anniversary of Kishiwada City.

### The city emblem

The emblem was selected in 1920(Taisho9) out of residents' proposals. It is said derived from the Chinese character "岸" or Japanese katakana "キ", the initial of the city name, or "干" out of "欄干橋", the name of the famous bridge in the city.



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## ● Kishiwada Citizens' Charter

Kishiwada City with beautiful nature and good tradition continues to grow.

We here define our charter with the pride and the wish to build an even brighter and more affluent city.



1. We love freedom and peace, and have respect for all life.
1. We preserve and treasure our cultural heritage and nature, and keep a safe and peaceful environment.
1. We keep ourselves healthy and highly educated to maintain our cultural and environmental standards high.
1. We pursue the development of our industries for the joy of working.
1. Each one of us should be conscious of our responsibility on the city planning and co-operate together in the development of our city.