



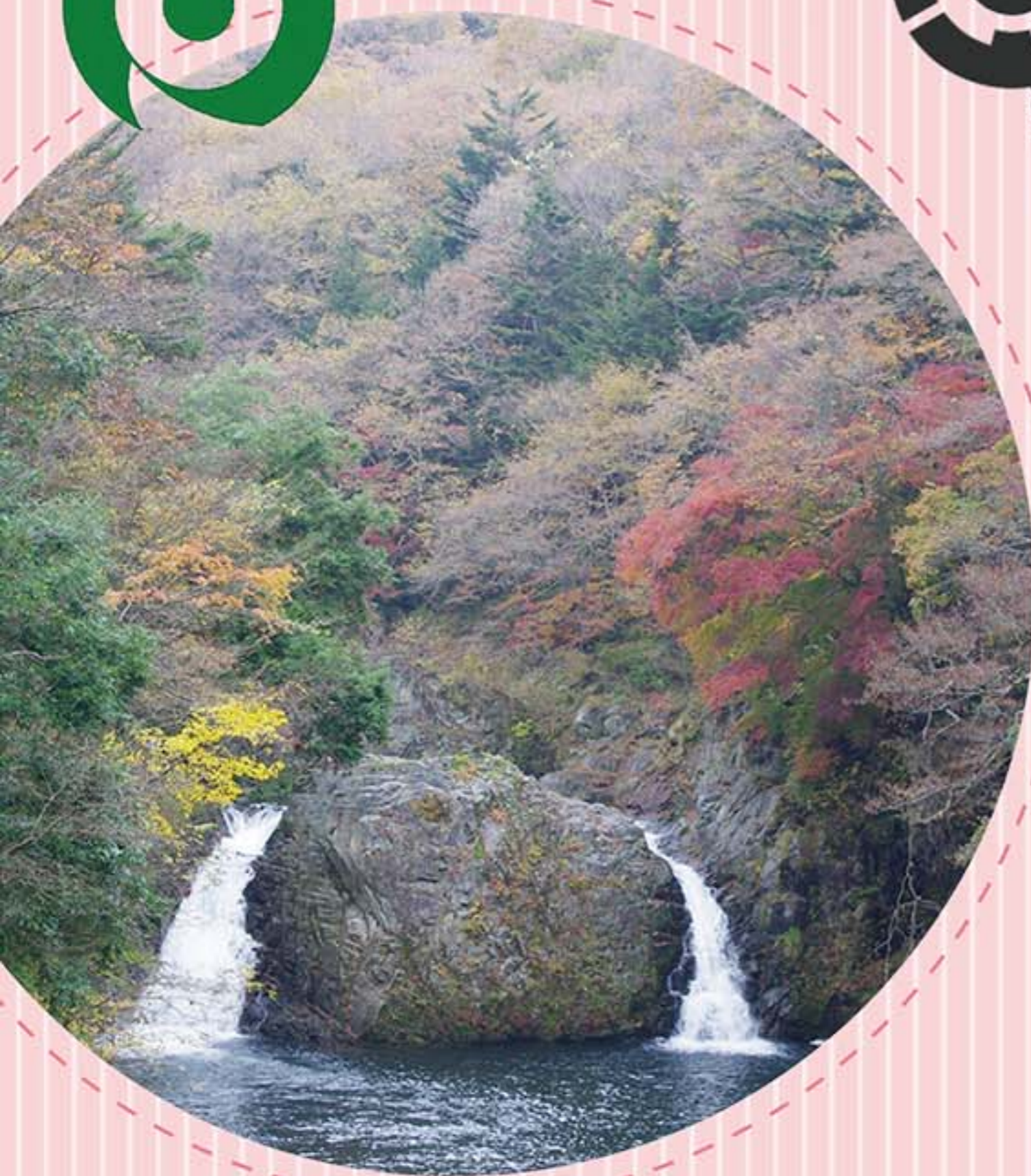
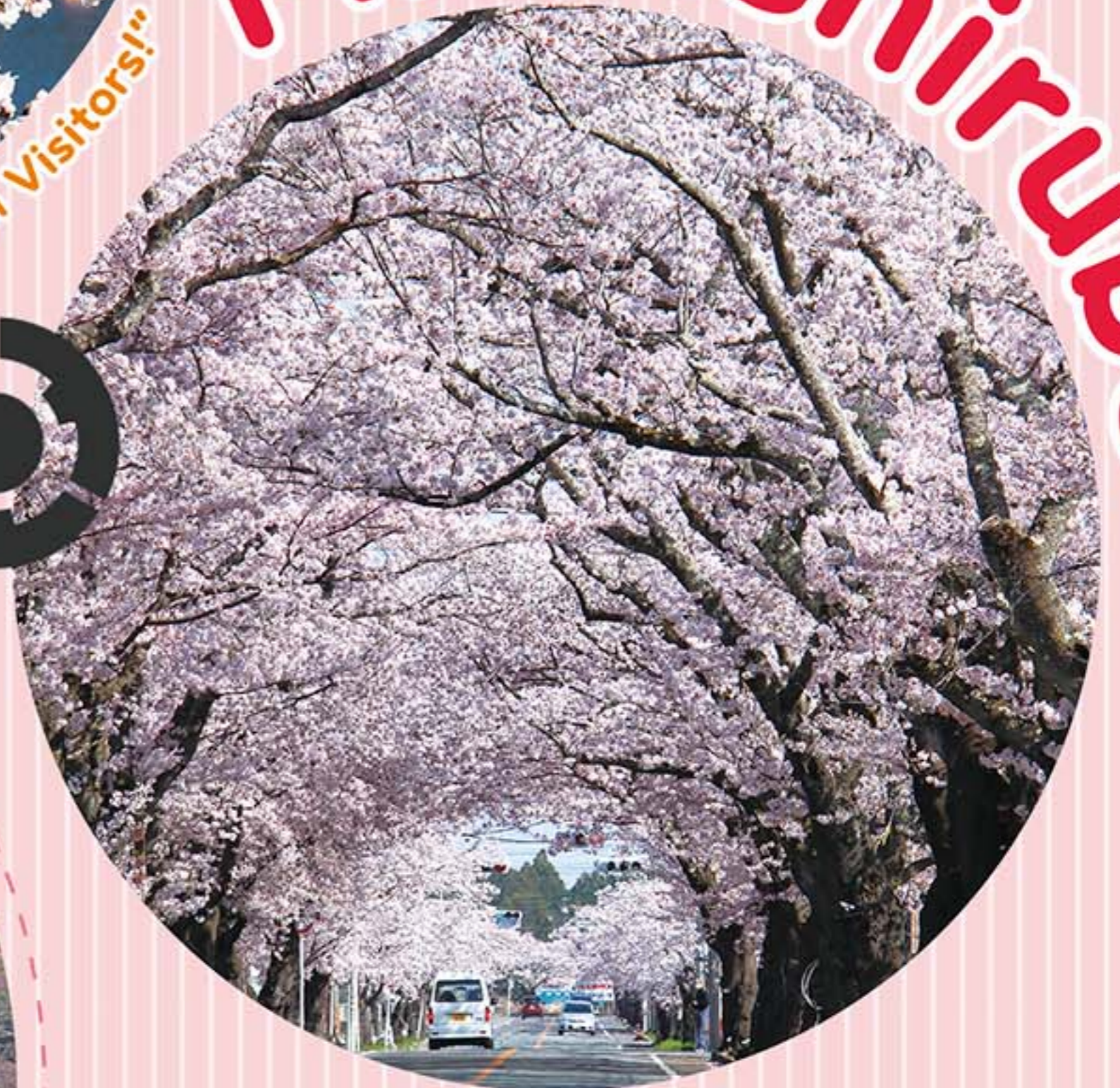
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# Kawauchi Mura

## “A village loved by the poet Shinpei Kusano”-Kawauchi Mura

As you enter the village, a breathtaking view unfolds—a crystal-clear river flowing through a serene landscape. Poet Shinpei Kusano was deeply moved by Kawauchi’s rich nature and warm-hearted people, visiting frequently. In 1960, he was named an honorary citizen, and through volunteer efforts, Tenzan Bunko was built in his honor. The thatched-roof wooden house, harmonizing with its natural surroundings, preserves the very room where Kusano once lived. A unique highlight is the sake barrels from Aizu Hanaharu Brewery, repurposed as bookshelves. The village’s water is exceptionally pure, home to vibrant river fish like iwana and yamame. Charming frog figurines and the adorable village mascot, Moritaro, can be spotted throughout Kawauchi, adding to its welcoming charm.



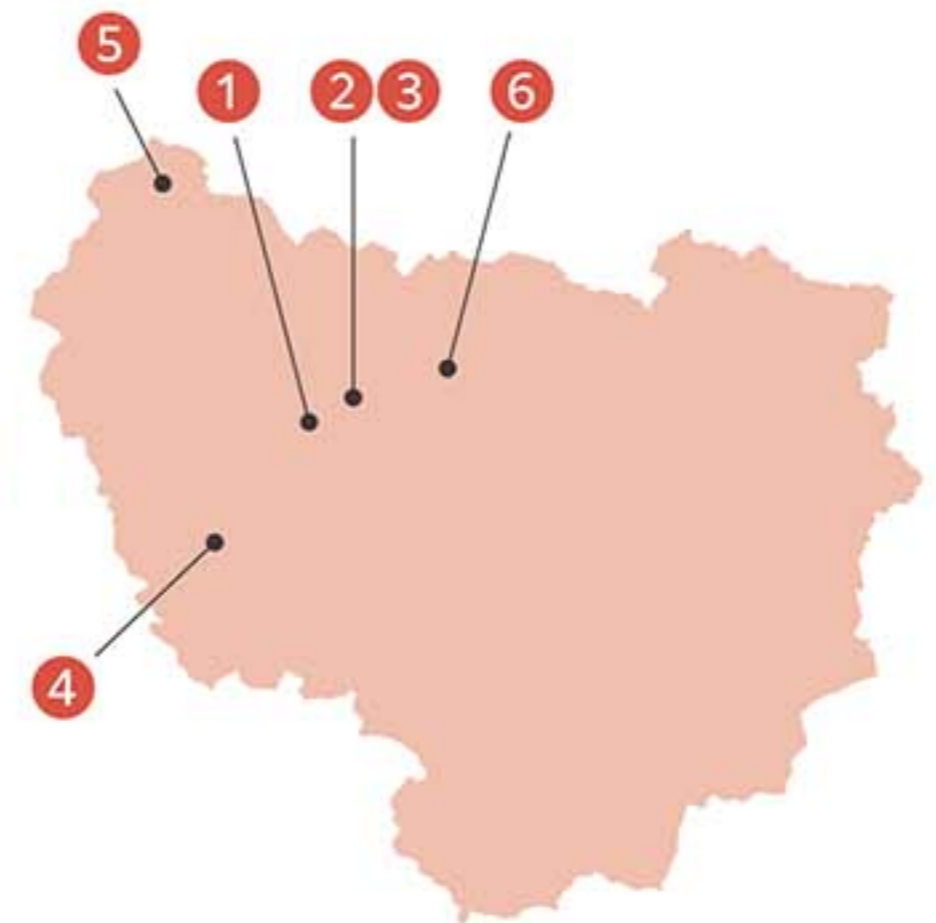
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① “Tenzan Bunko” next to the Kusano Shinpei Museum, offers seasonal beauty year-round. The Tenzan Festival is held in summer. Visitors can check in at the museum for a tour.



② “Soba Shubo Tenzan,” the noodles are made of 100% buckwheat flour from Kawauchi. This handmade soba is firm and delicious. This photo shows tororo soba, but the most popular choice is tempura soba! Give it a try!



③ “Café Amazon,” The famous Thai café, opened its first location in Japan in Kawauchi Village! Enjoy Thai tea, coffee, and Thai curry in a spacious and relax setting.



④ Hebusu Numa is a rare habitat for the Mori Ao Gaeru, the forest green tree frog—one of only two nationally designated breeding sites in Japan! The egg-laying season is in June and July.



⑤ Kawauchi Wine’s vineyard, spread across a vast area at 750 meters above sea level, offers a breathtaking view. The locally exclusive rosé wine is dry, subtly fizzy, and delightfully crisp!”



⑥ “Iwana no Sato” Enjoy fishing at the pond, savor iwana dishes at Gengyo-Tei, and stay in cozy cottages. Fun for both children and adults! The fishing pond is closed in winter



# Futaba Machi

## “Daruma a Symbol of Recovery and Rebuilding”-Futaba Machi

In August 2022, some evacuation orders were lifted, and people began returning to their hometown. Giant mural art is displayed throughout the town, inspiring and energizing visitors. In the Nakano district, new facilities have been established to drive Futaba's revitalization. These include Futaba Business Incubation, Community Center, The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum, Futaba Super Zero Mill & Air Kaoru Futabamaru, and various accommodations. Fukushima 3.11 Memorial Park is currently under construction on a 50-hectare site, centered around the "Hill of Remembrance" to honor the victims of the 2011 earthquake. Transportation options such as bikes shared, shuttle buses, and car sharing are available. In 2023, the Daruma Market was held in the town for the first time in 12 years. Come visit Futaba as it moves forward, step by step.



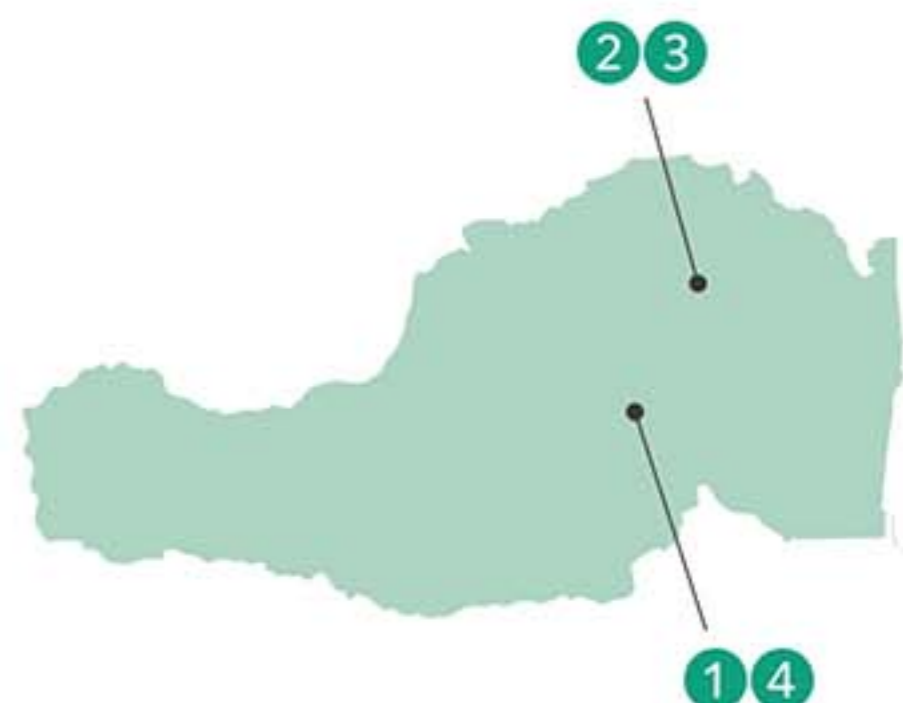
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1 Wall paintings, Mural art around Futaba Station brings energy to the town by decorating vacant shops and newly opened businesses.



2 The Great East Japan Earthquake and Nuclear Disaster Memorial Museum features survivor talks, videos, and exhibits that preserve earthquake memories and share lessons for disaster prevention and future resilience.



3 Futaba Business Incubation and Community Center is a multi-purpose facility leading the town's reconstruction and tourism, featuring a food court, souvenir shops, and a rest area.



4 Futaba Town Daruma Market is a New Year tradition dating back to the Edo period. It features a children's taru mikoshi, daruma mikoshi, food stalls, and stage events. Held every January in front of Futaba Station.



# Okuma Machi

## "Filled with Hope"-Okuma Machi

In the Ogawara district, the reconstruction base of Okuma, there are multi-purpose facilities including the town hall, shops, restaurants, exchange halls, an accommodation hot spring, and the social educational school, "Manabiya Yumenomori". The cute character Machan, with his lawnmower welcomes visitors. In the Town Exchange Zone, you will find the commercial facility "Okumart," the communal center "Linkru Okuma," and lodging facility "Hotto Okuma," offering shopping, dining, entertainment, and accommodation all in one place. As a leading zero-carbon town, Okuma is committed to creating a community that is kind to both people and the planet. On the west side of JR Ono Station, new industrial and commercial facilities have grandly opened. Come and visit Okuma, now filled with hope and new life.



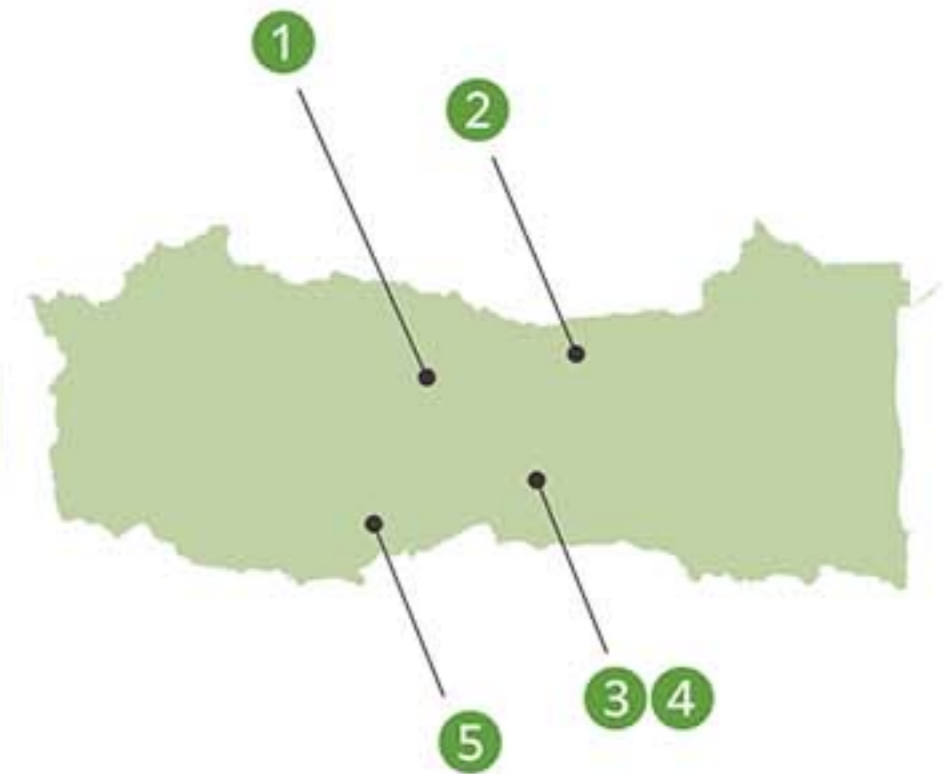
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① "Nexus Farm Okuma" offers not only "Okuma Berry" strawberries but also konjac jelly, jam, and dried strawberries.



③ The Okuma Town Exchange Zone is a beloved gathering place with some shops having been in operation since before the disaster. The spacious and comfortable lodging and spa facility is highly rated by first-time visitors.

② On the west side of JR Ono Station, a commercial facility has opened. It features restaurants, shops, a convenience store, an indoor kids' space, and a grassy plaza, becoming the new heart of the town.



⑤ Sakashita Dam, the promenade around the dam is adorned with beautiful flowers and plants year-round. Starting in February, you can enjoy various kinds of cherry blossoms in bloom.



④ Kashiramori Park, located next to Okuma Town Hall, features walking paths and a viewing plaza on a small hill, providing a relaxing space for visitors.



# Tomioka Machi

## “A City Expanding into the Future” -Tomioka Machi

Entering Tomioka Town, I was greeted by beautiful scenery and architecture. As soon as I stepped out of the car, I took a deep breath of fresh air. At the Tomioka Archive Museum, immersive sound, lighting, and visuals create a unique atmosphere for exploring exhibits. You can also visit Manabi no Mori, Ripurun Fukushima, and the TEPCO Decommissioning Archive for various learning experiences. Many people in Tomioka have moved from other regions, working together to revitalize the town. Its future is exciting, and you're sure to find a favorite spot when you visit. Come and see for yourself!



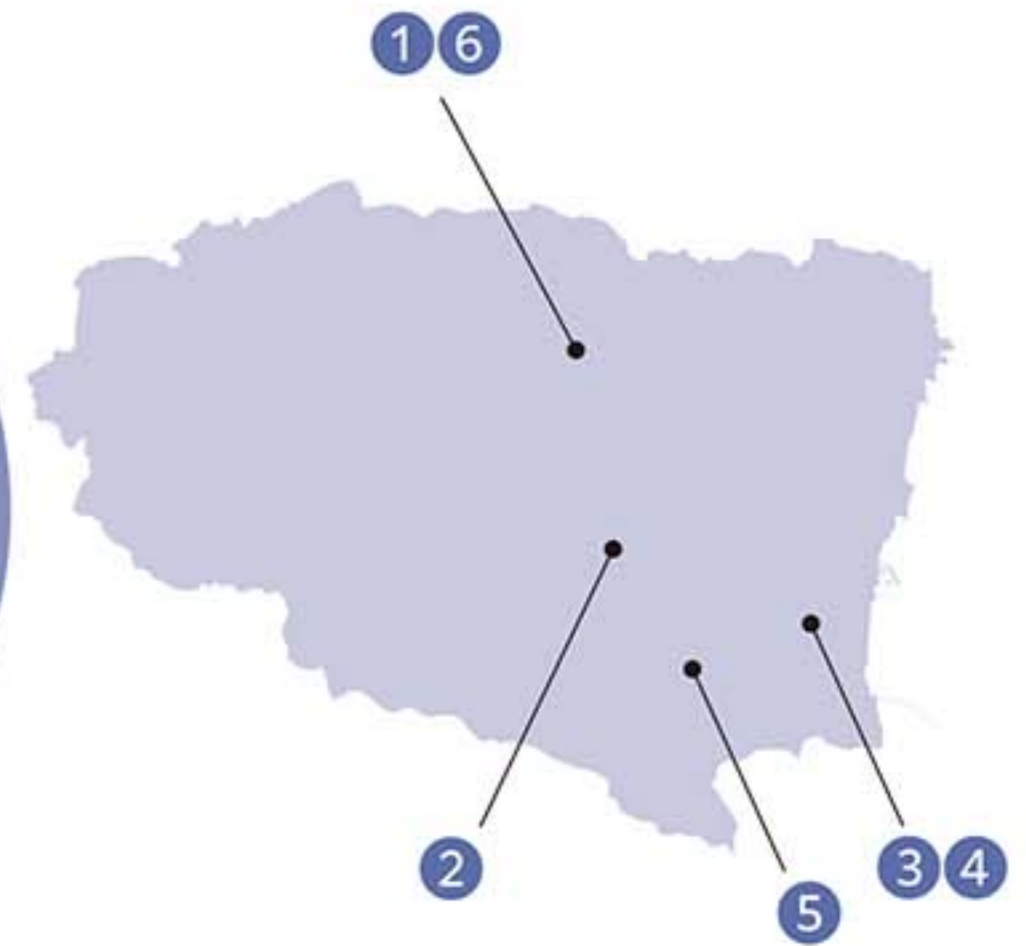
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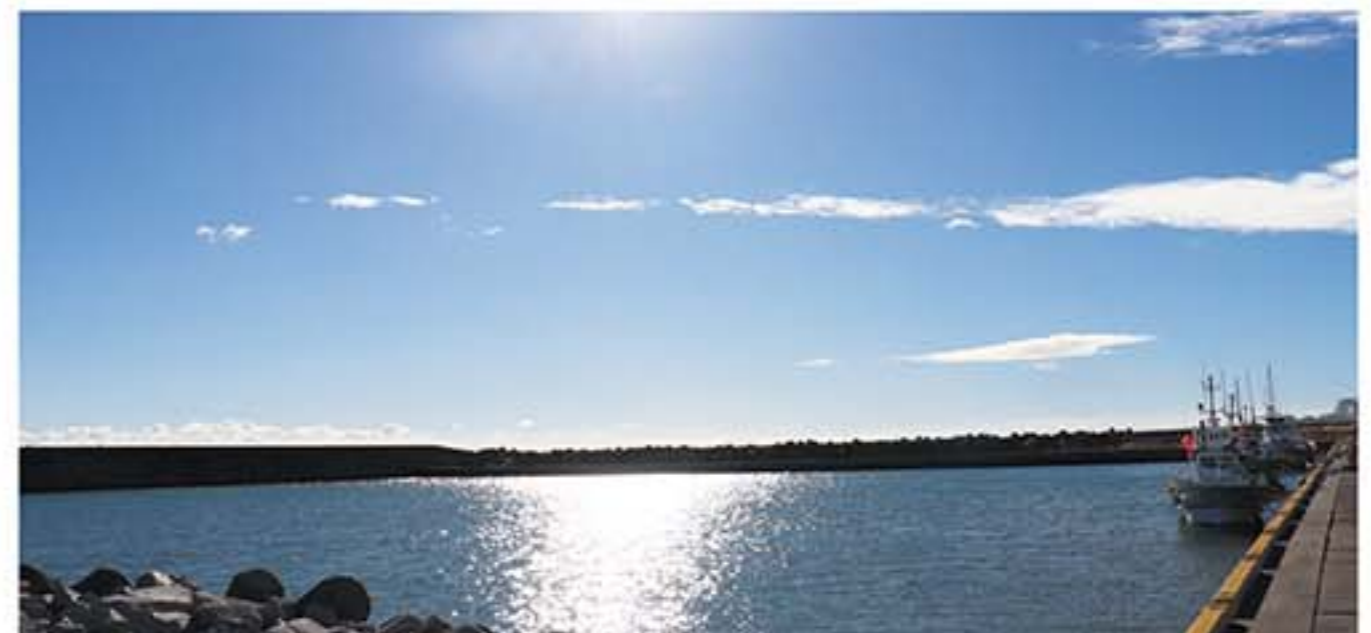
① Cherry blossom trees in Yonomori District form a stunning 2.2 km-long tunnel, covered by approximately 420 Somei Yoshino cherry trees.



② The Historical Archive Museum of Tomioka. The Historical Archive Museum of Tomioka, shares the town's history and the impact of past disasters. It is a place to remember, preserve, and connect.



③ Tomioka Wine Domaine, with the sea stretching beyond, is gearing up to produce its wine locally, dedicated to building a new and enchanting town of Tomioka.



④ Tomioka Fishing Port, hosts a summer festival in August, featuring ayu fish catching, treasure hunting on the dunes, and a fireworks display at night.



⑤ “Hama-Dori Ramen” is a light yet flavorful bowl packed with rich chicken umami. Enjoy it at the food court in Sakura Mall Tomioka.



⑥ BAUM HOUSE YONOMORI offers gluten-free Baumkuchen made from 100% Tomioka rice, available in plain, brown rice, and seasonal flavors.



# Naraha Machi

## "Filled with Smiles and a Sense of Freedom" – Naraha Machi

Naraha Town offers refreshing tourist spots, including the J-Village National Training Center and Tenjinmisaki Sports Park. At Tenjinmisaki Park, the vast ocean stretches before you, and from the observatory, you can take in a breathtaking panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean. The area also features auto camping and tent camping sites, where you can enjoy a hassle-free BBQ. Next to the park, Tenjinmisaki Onsen provides a relaxing soak in skin-beautifying hot springs, surrounded by a sense of openness. Naraha Town is also known for its specialties, yuzu and sweet potatoes. At Michi-no-Eki Naraha, you can find dried sweet potatoes, gelato, yuzu sake, yuzu salt ramen, yuzu ponzu, and more. Just like the town's mascot, Yuzutaro. Naraha Town is filled with smiles and a sense of freedom!



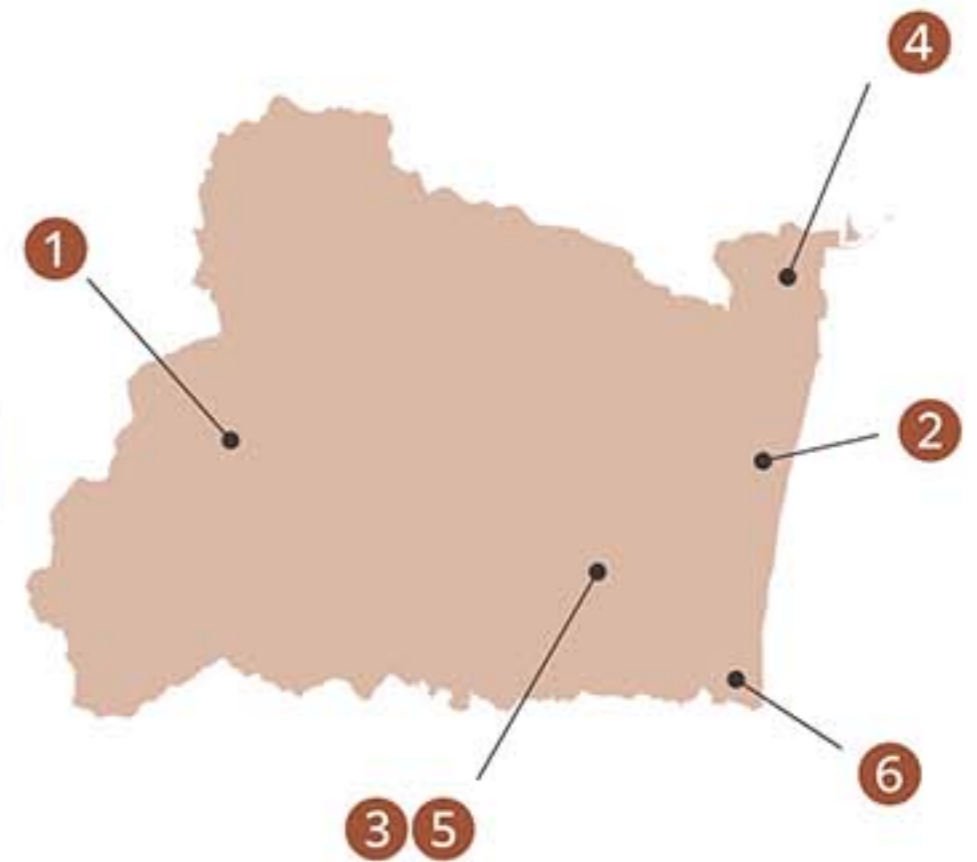
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① Kido River Gorge, A breathtaking valley that showcases stunning scenery throughout the seasons, from fresh greenery in spring to vibrant autumn foliage. A scenic trail allows visitors to explore majestic waterfalls, including the Male and Female Falls, as well as the town-designated cultural treasures, the grand "Jii-sugi" and "Baa-sugi" cedar trees.



② Tenjinmisaki Sports Park Tenjinmisaki Sports Park, offers a spectacular view of the vast Pacific Ocean. It features an adventure playground, a campground, a dog park, a hot spring, and an ice cream shop. During the camping season, it attracts many visitors.



③ Michi-no-Eki Naraha, offers a hot spring, a market selling local specialties and souvenirs, a food court with diverse menu options, and an ice cream shop known for its gelato.



④ "Narafuku" is a local Japanese restaurant where you can enjoy Joban seafood, fresh tuna from Toyosu Market, and Kuroge Wagyu steak in a cozy atmosphere.



⑤ "Mammy Suito" is a comforting soy sauce-based soup with chicken and burdock. The soft, chewy dumplings add a delightful texture. You can enjoy it at Michi-no-Eki Naraha and Restaurant Misaki at Tenjinmisaki.



⑥ Iwasawa Beach features shallow waters and gentle waves, making it a popular surf spot. At night, visitors can enjoy the illuminated view of the nearby thermal power plant.



# Hirono Machi

## "Where Spring Begins in Tohoku" – Hirono Machi

Fukushima is often seen as a cold place, but Hirono Town has a mild climate with little snow in winter. This makes it a comfortable place to live year-round. The town even grows fruits like mandarins and bananas and produces local processed products. It is also the town where the well-known children's song "Tonbo no Megane" was born, and it is said to be the setting for the song "Kisha" (The Train). Hirono Machi is filled with breathtaking nature, like a scene from a poem. It is also home to J-Village, the sacred ground of Japanese soccer, where the national team trains. Inside, you can see players' hand and foot imprints. This year, it will host the Deaflympics soccer matches, bringing even more excitement. Visit and stay in the town with Japan's most beautiful sunrise!



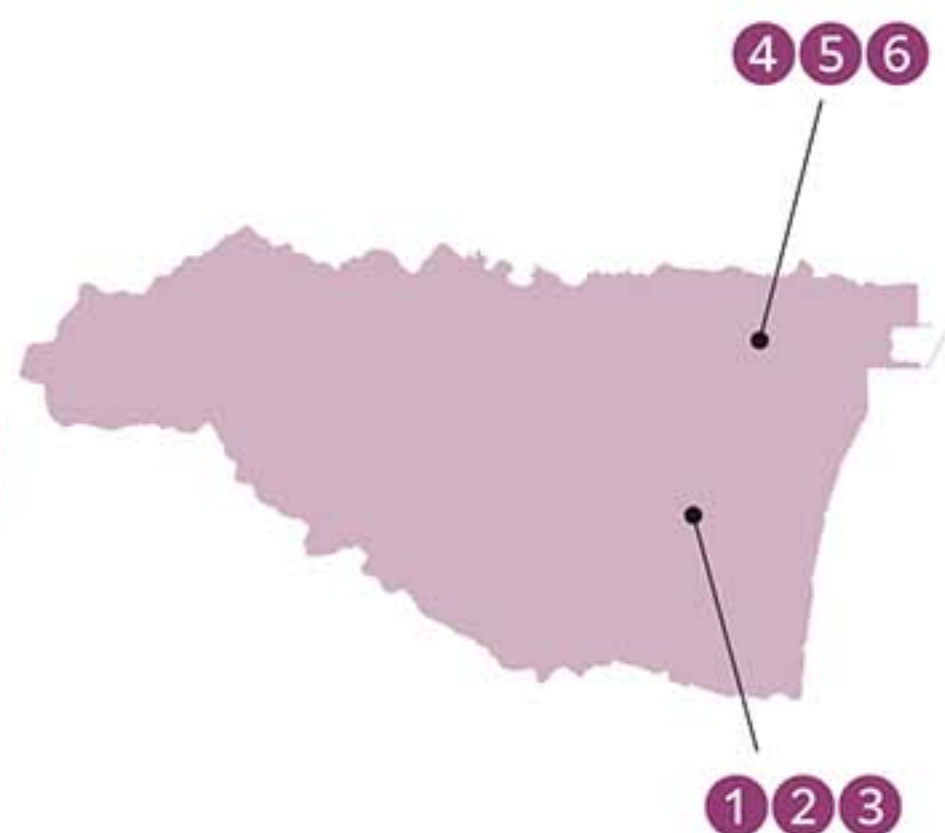
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① Hirono Machi declared itself "Japan's Most Beautiful Sunrise Town" in 2023. The town has several stunning sunrise spots, including "Takakurayama" and "Mikan Hill."



② The full-scale skeleton of Tsingtaosaurus is displayed in the first-floor lobby of Hirono Town Hall, as it is the same species as Hirono Kamohashiryu, discovered in Hirono.



③ Mikanno-oka, Hirono Town is known for its mandarins. The harvest season is from late November to mid-December. It is located next to the Hirono Town Hall.



④ Futatsunuma General Park, this expansive park features a park golf course, large playground equipment, a barbecue area, a local produce market, a restaurant, and even an alpaca house."



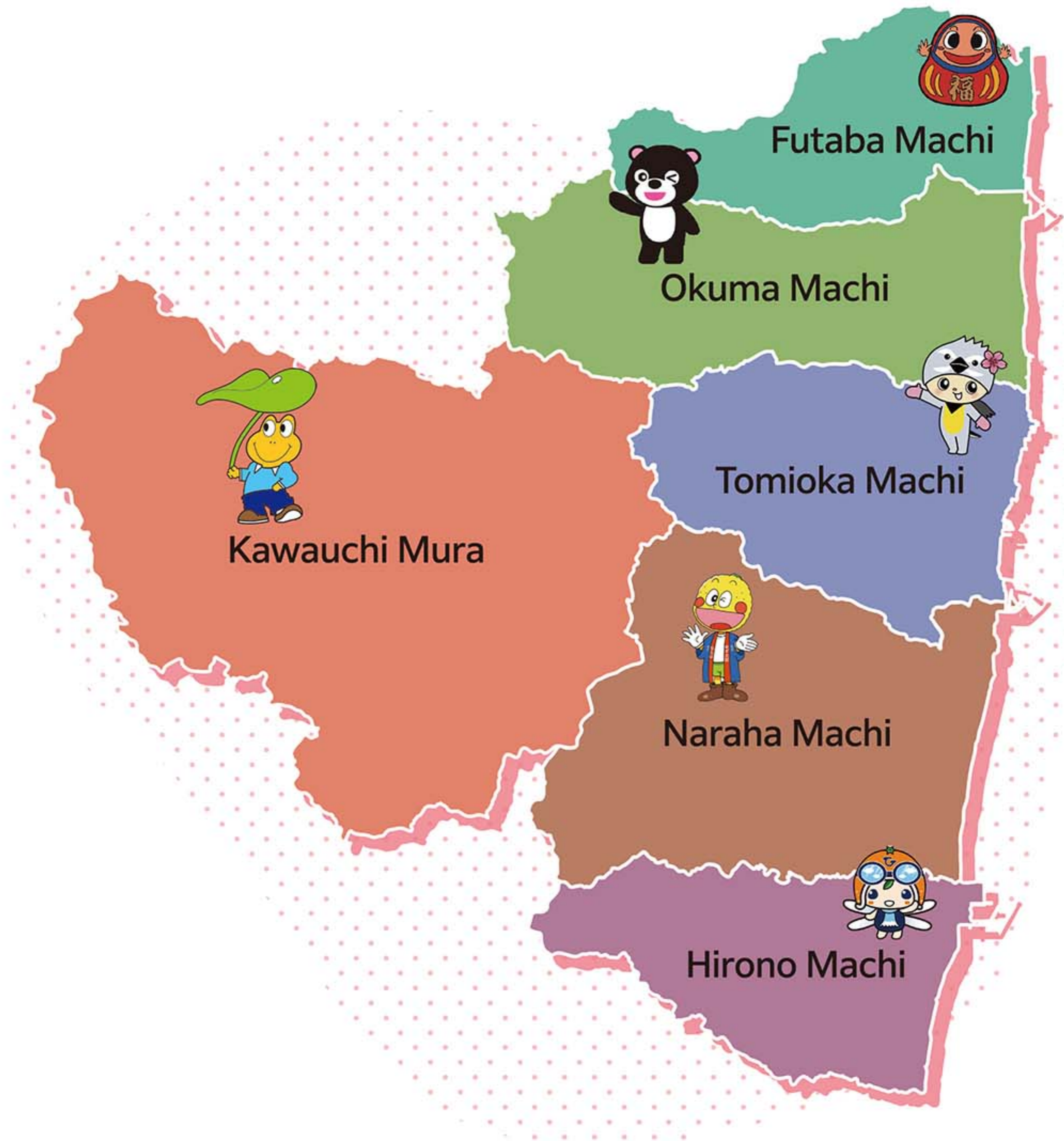
⑤ "Mikan Cider" is a refreshing cider made with mikans from Hirono Town. In addition to whole mikans, 100% mikan juice is also available.



⑥ The Tropical Fruit Museum, as a new specialty of Hirono Town, the banana variety "Kirei" is cultivated and sold here. Visitors can also tour the greenhouse where the bananas are grown.



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