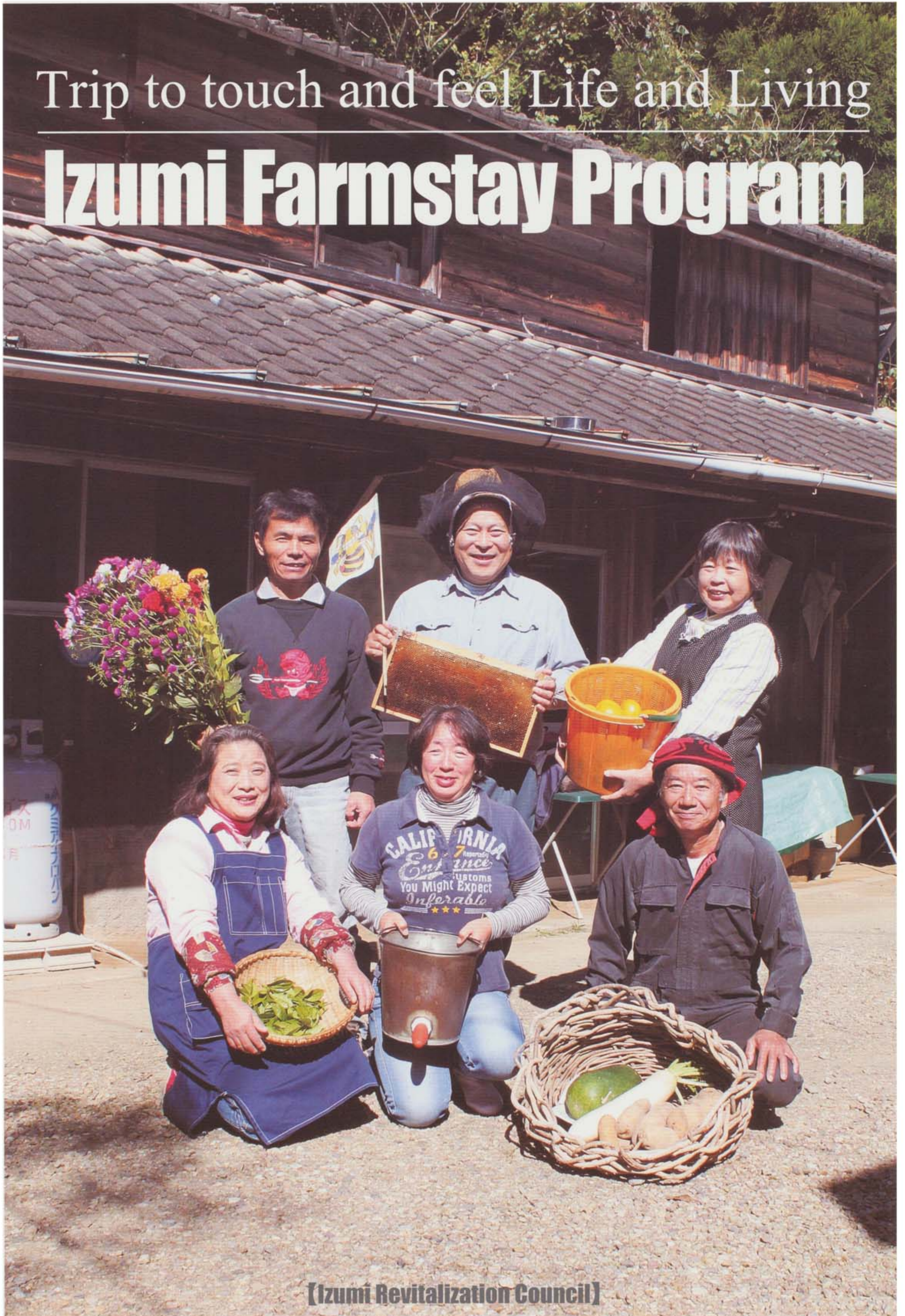


Trip to touch and feel Life and Living

Izumi Farmstay Program



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Experience how to nurture life

Feel the heartwarming hospitality of the host family

Grow rich in heart and mind

Greeting

The opportunity to get away from daily routines and come to face with the unknown, new discoveries, is an invaluable experience for children. The excitement gained through such experiences will spur children to grow and help them learn about life and living.

The City of Izumi is famous for protecting over 10,000 wild cranes. The vast Izumi Plain, a winter habitat of the cranes, also has a variety of farms, which can offer a rich array of experiences. They have already hosted numerous children, many of whom have provided overwhelmingly positive feedback to the program. It is our hope that their experiences on farms through this program will be cherished by guests throughout their life as wonderful memories.

Three Characteristics

POINT 1 Pick-up at the destination of the tour bus

Host families welcome guests at the arrival spot so no need to take further transport to reach the home of the host family.



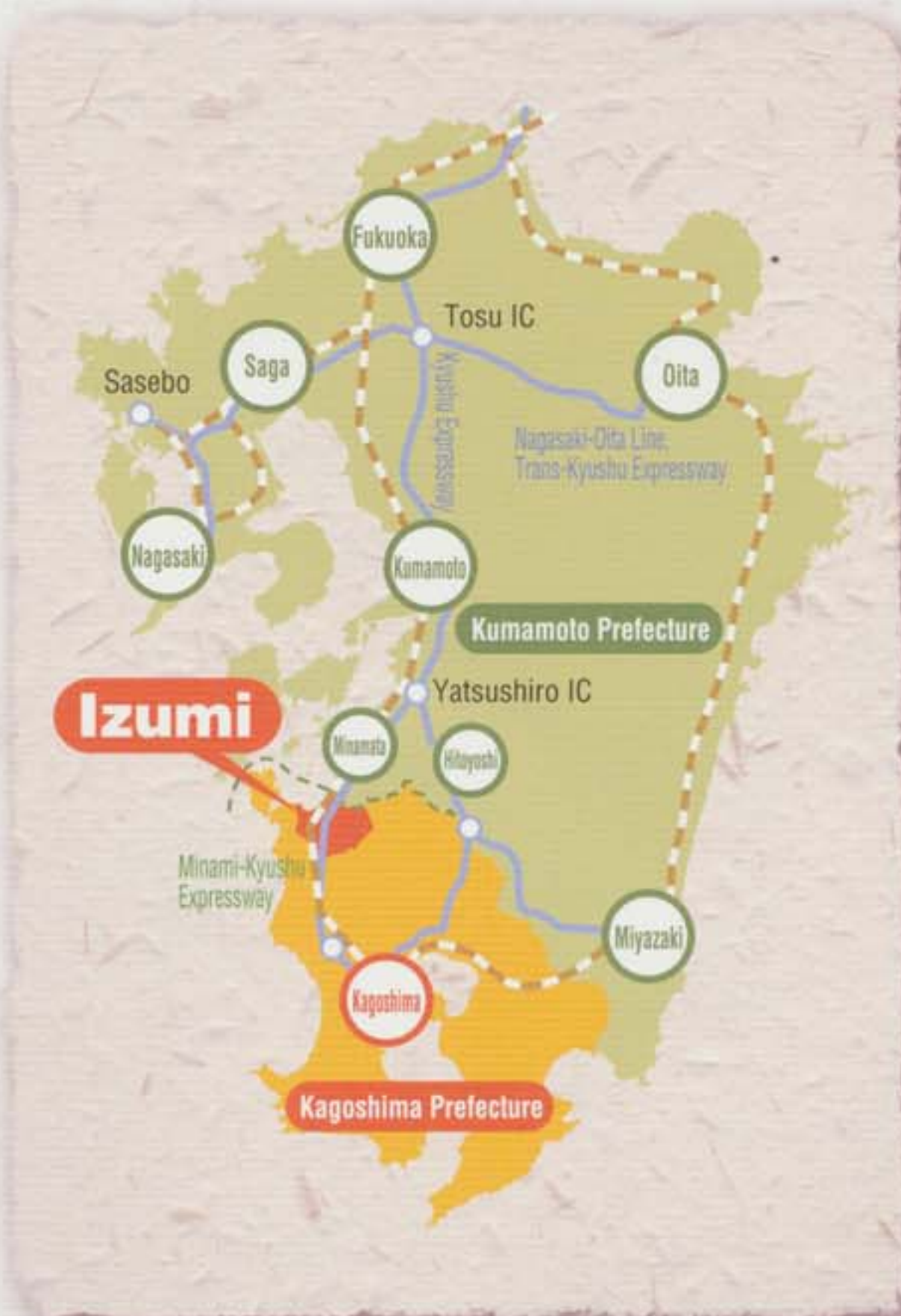
POINT 2 Accommodation & Communication

Guests can enjoy cordial talks with their host families through on-farm experiences arranged by the families.



POINT 3 Nurturing Life

While at on-farm experiences, the host families will tell guests about nurturing life.



Farmers and the map of Izumi

All the registered host farms can be reached by car within 30 min. from the meeting point. With less time for transport, guests can have more time with their host families. Medical facilities are also available in the proximity.



Euchi District

Doing farm work while gazing out at the Shiranui Sea is about as refreshing as you can get.



Euchi, known for the roost of the cranes, produces plentiful rice and potatoes. The farmers may tell about their life with cranes.



Crane migration area
Crane Observation Center

Euchi District
4 farms
Potatoes Paddy rice

Noda District



Visitors to our bee-raising farm get to learn the secrets of the bee!



In Noda known for plentiful bamboo shoots and historic samurai houses, guests may enjoy on-farm activities as well as walks in the historic streets.

Noda District
12 farms
Bamboo sprouts Tangerines

Takaono District

I raise plants for cut flowers. My guests can experience harvesting and shipping flowers.



In Takaono known for producing high quality garden trees and plants, guests can experience tree planting and management and learn about the history of their industry.

Takaono District
15 farms
Commercial cattle Garden plants

Izumi District



My guests can experience feeding calves with milk in my ranch.



Taking advantage of its vast flat land, farmers in Izumi cultivate various crops such as rice and vegetables.

Izumi District
25 farms
Garden plants Paddy rice

Komenotsu District



My guests can experience thinning out or harvesting tangerines.



The Komenotsu District, known as "Tangerine Village", guests can experience thinning out or harvesting tangerines and other citrus fruits.

Komenotsu District
19 farms
Tangerines Paddy rice

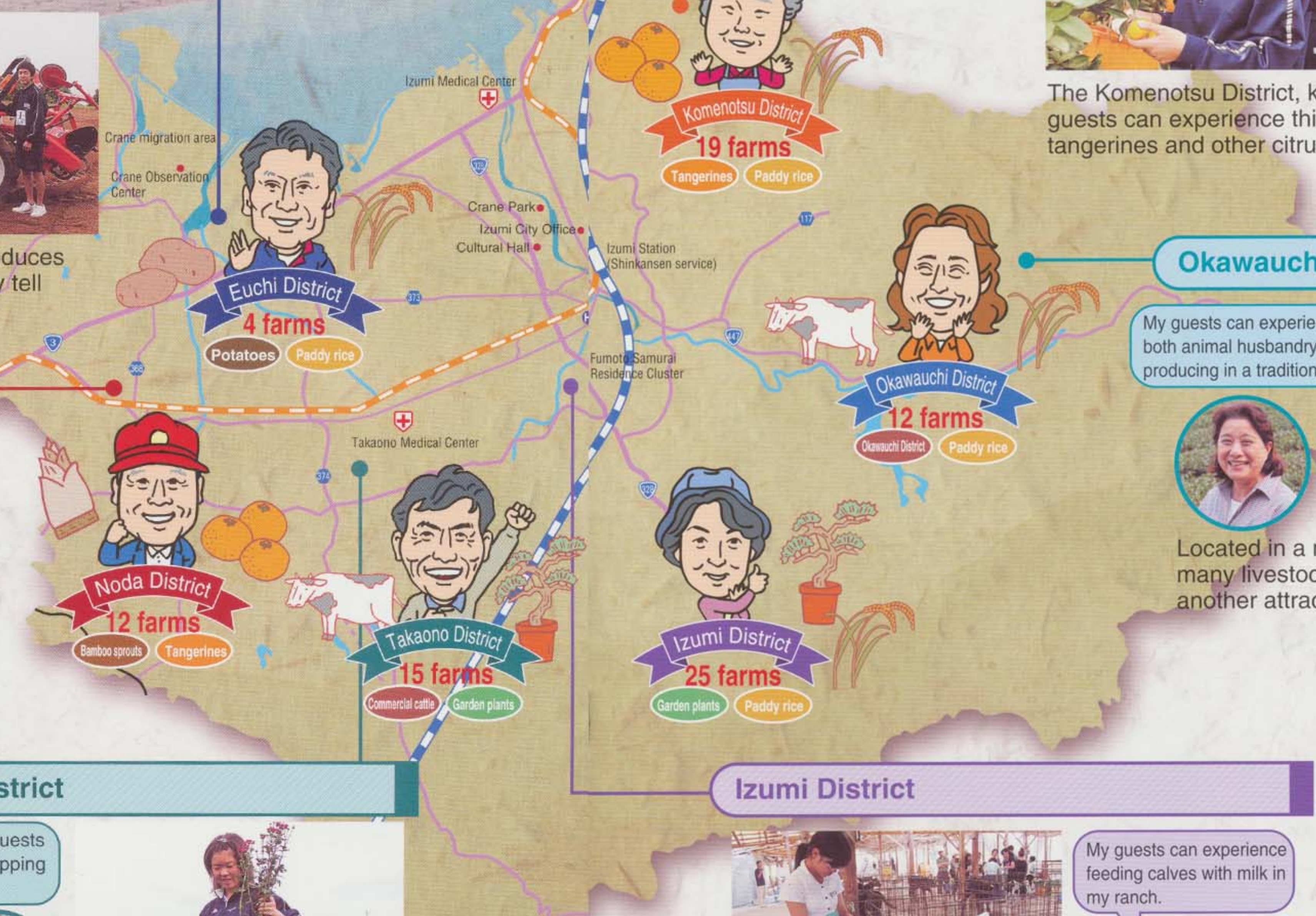
Okawauchi District

My guests can experience both animal husbandry and tea producing in a traditional way.



Located in a mountainous area, Okawauchi has many livestock farms. The beautiful starry sky is another attraction of this mountainous area.

Okawauchi District
12 farms
Okawauchi Paddy rice



Legend

- Health care facilities
- Accommodation
- Kyushu Shinkansen Railway
- Hisatsu Orange Railway

* The figures for the number of the registered farms are as of December 2010.



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Experiencing Farm Work

The Izumi Farmstay Program blends hands-on participation in farm work and a home stay with farm families as hosts. Guests can experience a variety of farm activities on various farms.

1 Pruning garden plants and trees



Izumi is known nationwide for the quality of its garden plants and trees. Guests can learn about how to manage those plants and trees from local professionals.

3 Through vegetable growing cultivate the earth and your heart



Guests can learn what it's like to grow various vegetables. No meal is better than one with fresh seasonal vegetables just out of the farm.

5 Rice growing on the Izumi Plain



Guests can experience rice growing work such as transplanting and harvesting on the Izumi Plain covered with a number of rice paddy spreads.

2 Take care of cattle and feel the dear life



Guests can experience what it is like to take care of cattle at a livestock farm from everyday chores to the birthing of calves.

4 Taste the whole orchard to the full



Izumi, known as "Tangerine Village", can offer a variety of hands-on experiences like thinning out and harvesting throughout the year.

6 Make jelly from local tangerines



Guests can experience rain or shine making jelly from local tangerines using the whole fruit including the skin.



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A Typical Day on a Farmstay



Popular Itineraries

Itinerary A		Itinerary B	
Day 1 1:00 pm Minamata to learn about the environment * Visit Minamata Disease Municipal Museum, etc. 2:30 pm Leave Minamata for Izumi 3:00 pm Farmstay in Izumi Welcome ceremony * Pick-up by the host families in front of the Izumi Athletics Stadium. 3:30 pm On-farm activities with the host family 5:30 pm Prepare dinner with the host family	Day 2 7:30 am Breakfast and a walk in the vicinity 9:00 am Farewell ceremony * Goodbye to the host families in front of Izumi Athletics Stadium 9:30 am Leave for Hitoyoshi 11:30 am Rafting in Hitoyoshi 1:00 pm Lunch 2:00 pm Leave Hitoyoshi	Day 1 1:00 pm Arrive at Kagoshima-Chuo Station by Shinkansen from Kansai Region Chiran to learn about peace Kagoshima for sightseeing 4:00 pm Leave for Kirishima 5:30 pm Check-in at a hotel in Kirishima Day 2 8:00 am Leave for Hitoyoshi	9:30 am Rafting in Hitoyoshi 12:00 pm Lunch 1:00 pm Leave for Minamata 2:00 pm Minamata to learn about the environment 4:00 pm Leave for Izumi 4:30 pm Farmstay in Izumi To the host families' homes after the welcome ceremony * The host families pick up the guests in front of Izumi Athletics Stadium.
			Day 3 7:30 am Breakfast and a walk in the vicinity 9:00 am On-farm activities with the host family 11:00 am Farewell Ceremony * Goodbye to the host families in front of the west gate of Izumi Station 11:30 am Leave for Kansai area by Shinkansen

Izumi with Easier and Swifter access



~On March 2011 Kyushu Shinkansen starts its service all through the line.~

Time by Shinkansen	Shin-Osaka to/from Izumi.....	Approx. 4 hours (shortest: 3hrs 51min.)
	Izumi to/from Kagoshima-Chuo.....	Approx. 25 minutes



■ National Route 268
 ■ Kyushu Expressway
 ■ National Route 3
 ■ National Route 504
 ■ Minami-Kyushu Expressway
■ Hisatsu Orange Railway
■ JR Kyushu
●●● To open spring 2011
■ Prefectural Route 36
■ National Route 447
■ Travel time (minutes)

○The all-through Shinkansen brings you to Izumi faster without changing trains.
 (The all-through lines open for service in March 2011)

The Kyushu Shinkansen is to provide all-through trains between Shin-Osaka through Izumi and Kagoshima-Chuo.



※The actual travel times may slightly differ from the above estimate.

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