



I am YAME-kun!  
I will introduce  
Chikugo city!

### ワイルド君 information (YAME-kun)

- This is our original ESS mascot.  
He wants you to have a good time in Chikugo!
- Height: 60cm
- Weight: 19.5kg
- Birthday: May.1

### Hello. We are ESS club!

We have been practicing English at ESS club of Yame High School. We've made this map so you can have a comfortable trip in Chikugo. Enjoy your new discoveries and encounters with kind local people. Have a nice trip!



### If you need help, call...

- Chikugo City Tourism Association  
tel./ 0942-53-4229
- Hainuzuka Station (JR Kyushu old railroad Line)  
tel./ 0942-52-5090
- Funagoya Station (JR Kyushu old railroad Line / Kyushu Shinkansen)  
tel./ 0942-53-7261

### For Emergency & Accident

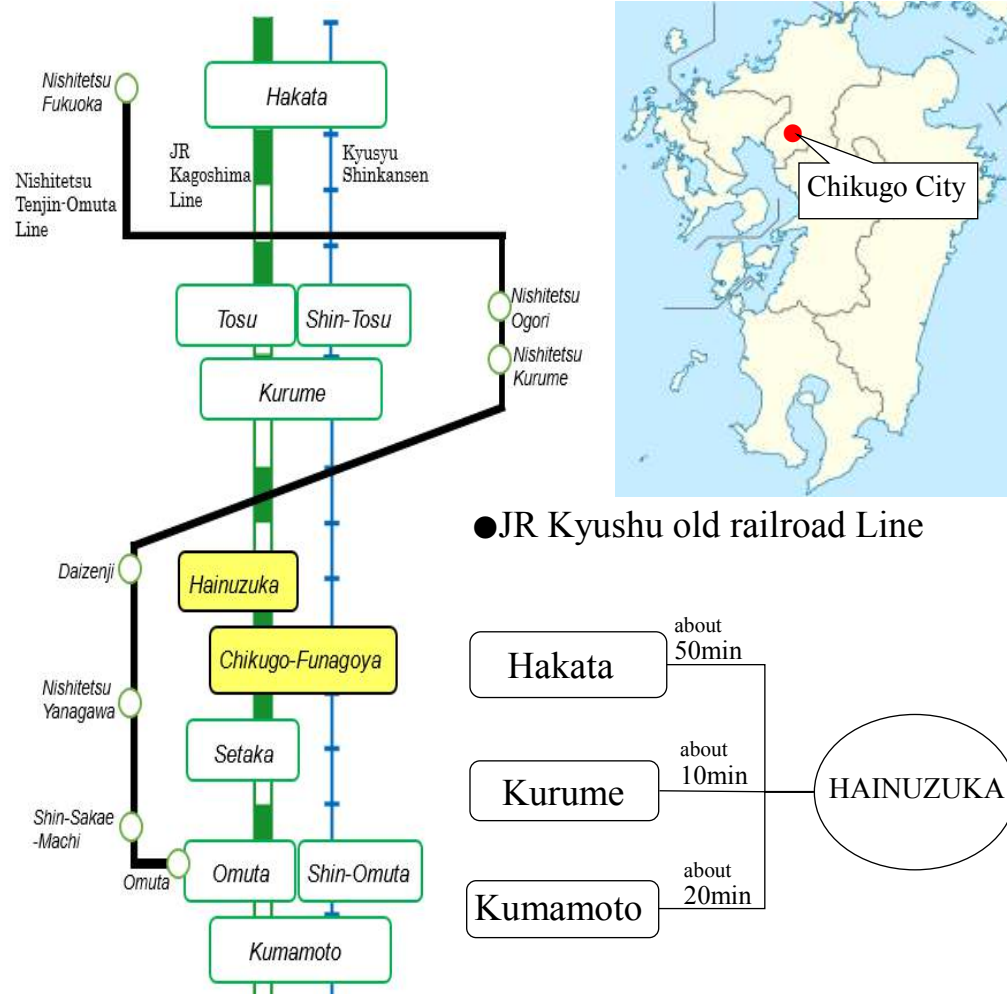
☎ 110

When involved in an accident or in case of emergency (police)

☎ 119

In case of injury or illness (the fire brigade/ emergency medical service)

## Access Information



### Rent-a-cycle

Enjoy Chikugo with a scenic bike ride! Please visit the Hiwakaya (日若屋) office in front of Hainuzuka Station or Chikugo City Tourism Association (筑後船小屋観光案内所) in front of Funagoya Station between 10a.m. and 5p.m. to borrow a bicycle.

※Fee: 500yen



- ①Hiwakaya office  
0942-53-3005  
(open every day)



- ②Chikugo City Tourism Association  
0942-53-4229



### Thanks for the Cooperation

Chikugo City Hall  
Chikugo City Tourism Association  
The owners of the shops on this map  
Art Club (Yame High School)

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This is our original map. We hope this map will help you enjoy your trip.

THANK YOU!



Go! Go!  
**CHIKUGO!**





## ①NANAKURA

### Enjoy eating Japanese bread

▶Nanakura is a bread shop near Hainuzuka station. ▶This shop's breads are made from not only wheat but also barley. ▶It sells one hundred kinds of bread, especially moist French breads with a chewy texture. ▶For example, the most popular bread is "Mentai French bread", a barley bread that combines the shop's original butter with *mentaiko*, a specialty of Fukuoka. ▶Also you can eat a buffet of breads for 500 yen between 7:30a.m. and 10:00a.m. at Nanakura café next to the shop.

●tel./ 0942-27-8815

●address/173-10,oaza-izumi,chikugo city

●opening hours/9:00 ~18:00  
(nanakura cafe 7:30 ~22:00)

●closed/Sunday, national holidays



## ②STEAK & BAR BK

### The Best Steaks & C.O.D. Bar in Town!

▶Welcome to B K! We are a Steak-house & Bar in Chikugo. ▶Our goal is quite simple - we provide delicious food, great drinks and heart-warming hospitality, you enjoy them with your best buddies. ▶We offer North American Style Grilled Steaks, mouth-watering smoked Ribs, nicely charred 100% Beef Burgers, Spicy Hot Buffalo Chicken and more! ▶Try our over 2 pound Bone-in Rib Eye and New York Cut Strip for some special occasions. ▶A cozy Bar counter is also awaiting your visit.

●tel./ 0942-53-6635

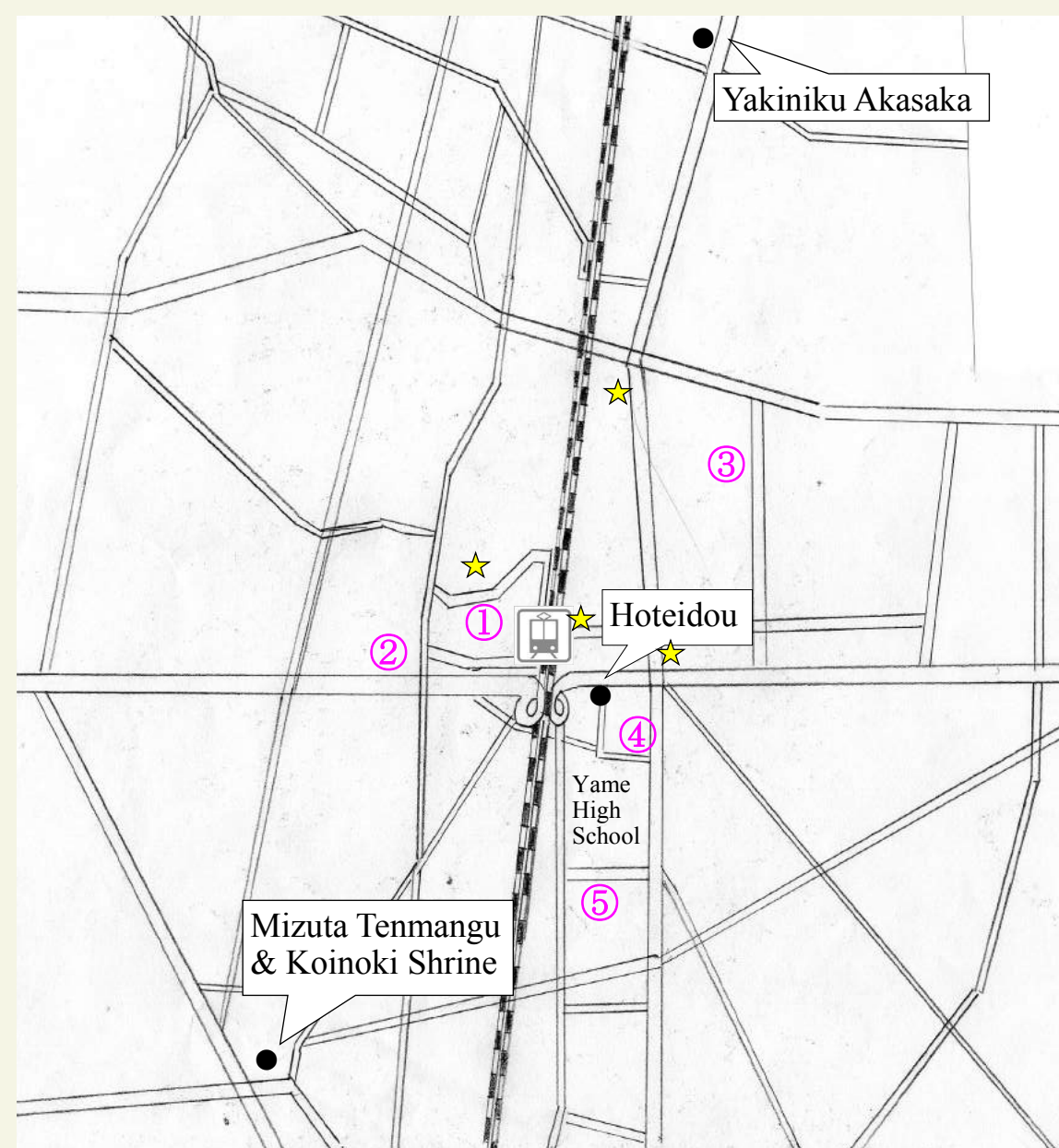
●address/126-3, izumi , chikugo city

●opening hours/17:30 ~25:30

●closed/Tuesday



<http://www.elmont.co.jp/news/1307.htm>



## We recommend that you go to...

### 【YAKINIKU AKASAKA】

A Korean barbecue restaurant whose specialties are yakiniku and champon set menus

●tel./0942-52-4408

●address/613-1,kurakazu,chikugo city

●opening hours/11:00~2:15, 17:00~22:15

●closed/Tuesday

### 【HOTEIDOU】

A bakery full of traditional, nice, and sweet bread

●tel./0942-52-3389

●address/240-4,yamanoi,chikugo city

●opening hours/6:00~

●closed/Tuesday

### 【KA KA】

A Taiwanese restaurant that serves lunch for only 580 yen

●tel./0942-55-4293

●address/1822-1,kumano,chikugo city

●opening hours/11:00~14:30 , 17:00~24:00

●closed/none



## ③USHIJIMA SEICHA

### Miraculous collaboration of Japanese and Western ~ Green tea~



▶This green tea shop has been spreading the appeal of Yame green tea, a famous product of Fukuoka, for 100 years. ▶Any green teas sold here are "deep steamed" for a very sweet and slightly bitter flavor. ▶Also you can enjoy sweets such as cakes and *anmitsu*, sweets with red bean. ▶Shave ice, which is only sold in summer, enables us to taste the cool treats of Japan with a mellow blend of ice and green tea.

●tel./0942-52-5288

●address/180-6,oozatokuhisa, chikugo city

●opening hours/store 9:30~19:00,  
café 11:00~19:00

●closed/ 1st,January

## ④WOODY

### Since its foundation, it has been loved by local customers

▶The manager's recommendation is "Hamburger steak", made of black Japanese cattle beef, and all vegetables are locally grown. ▶There are about 30 kinds of parfait, and the "waffle & custard parfait" is the most popular in this restaurant. ▶We can enjoy extra service, for instance we can double the portion for free. ▶If you order parfait with meal, you can get a parfait at half its price. ▶You will surely meet with a new favorite flavor.

●tel./0942-53-0724

●address/240-1,izumi,chikugo city

●opening hours/10:00~22:00

●closed/Wednesday



## ⑤JO-GAMA

### You will encounter pottery that brightens your heart

▶Jo-gama, a heart warming pottery shop, is in a residential area. ▶Each individual pottery piece, hand-crafted with time and effort, has a peculiar warmth of red clay and uneven surfaces, unlike china. ▶Also there is a one-day lesson in which you can experience making pottery yourself. ▶Besides this, in the back of the shop is a gallery exhibiting lampshades that were made elaborately by the owner in hopes to give visitors healing and happiness. ▶Here, you can feel a romantic atmosphere in the space created with light and shadow.

●tel./ 0942-54-0617

●address/410-18, yamanoi, chikugo city

●opening hours/9:30 ~18:00

●closed/Wednesday, every fourth Sunday



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## ①HAWKS BASEBALL PARK CHIKUGO

### Home field of second team of Fukuoka Softbank Hawks

▶It is a new tourist spot.▶The building was constructed for players and has now become a popular place for many local people.▶There are special seats, for example, group seats, seats for wheelchair users, and so on.▶Many people visit here to have a nice day.▶Day tickets are available, so we can enjoy watching games anytime.▶When there are no games, we are able to visit for free.▶We recommend the BASEBALL PARK.▶Especially, baseball fans can see the game at close range and they can talk with the players, and give high fives to them.



- tel./0942-65-7073
- address/757-1,tsushima, chikugo city

## ②KYUSYU GEIBUN-KAN

### A minute from the station, a place where you can experience art and culture of the area

▶This building was designed by a world-famous architect, Kuma Kengo, and this whole building is considered art. ▶We can experience many genres including crafts, history, and nature. ▶We were surprised at the inside structures of this building. ▶It is said that there is no parallel structure in this building. ▶Pay attention to especially the angles of ceilings and objects “1,2,3=1”!

- tel./0942-52-6435
- address/1131,ooaza tsushima,chikugo city
- opening hours/09:00~21:00  
( Café restaurant 10:00~17:00)
- closed/Monday 12/29-1/2



## ③KOI-BOTARU

### A relaxing place where you can enjoy shopping and Funagoya hot springs

▶Koi-botaru is called “Kawa-no-eki”, or “Shop by the river”, a center for local goods and products. ▶In the hot spring space, you can enjoy three open-air baths and feel the wonderful nature of Funagoya. ▶After taking a hot spring bath, you can relax with tatami in a warm atmosphere. ▶At the restaurant, you can eat a variety of soft ice cream and enjoy a buffet for 800 yen. ▶In the product space, there are special products and processed goods made in “The Seven Provinces of the Chikugo Region”, so we are sure you will find many special goods only sold at this shop. ▶These places are convenient for taking the train and *shinkansen* (bullet train).

- tel./ 0942-52-8188 (products shop)  
0942-52-8866 (hot spring)
- address/310,oshima, chikugo city
- openinghours/09:00-19:00(products shop)  
10:00 - 21:00(hot spring)
- closed/Tuesday



## ④NEW YORK BAGELS

### Soft and chewy bagels which are good for your health

▶This bagel shop was inspired by the bagel tradition of New York, where the owner lived for some time. ▶The most popular bagel is the “matcha green tea & red bean” bagel, which is suited to Japanese taste. ▶This shop specializes in locally grown ingredients, and all bagels are made with Japan-grown flour, and additive-free, hand-picked wild yeast. ▶The size of these bagels is smaller than American bagels, so they are suitable for a healthy afternoon snack.

- tel./0942-80-2456
- address/865-6,jyoyo,chikugo city
- opening hours/11:00~19:00
- closed/Monday & Thursday



## ⑥Onkasi-Tsukasa FUNAGOYA

### You can buy western and Japanese sweets

▶The shop is near Funagoya sta. accessible 9min. by foot. ▶It sells both western and Japanese sweets. ▶Especially, we recommend the sweets named “Paketto”, which is a sponge cake filled with raspberry jam and wrapped in a soft cookie crust. ▶The taste is sweet and sour, and then the outside texture is crispy and the inside is fluffy. ▶Also you can draw love fortunes, both good and bad from “Koinoki-Monaka” sweets which are produced by a shop in Koinoki-shrine. ▶You might be able to buy Chikugo’s souvenirs of sweets at this shop.

- tel./0800-200-2758
- address/487,ooaza tsushima,chikugo city
- opening hours/10:00~18:00
- closed/Sunday



## ⑤JUNGLE SOUP CURRY

### Plenty of vegetables in a genuine soup curry

▶The instant you enter the restaurant, you feel like you are in Hawaii! ▶We recommend the most popular curry, called “Kuro no Dracula” or “Black Dracula beef soup curry.” Soup curry has usually chicken in it, but this soup curry has beef in it. ▶You can help yourself to salad, and the vegetables in soup curry are very big and healthy. ▶But even if you don’t like vegetables, you can still enjoy it because the vegetables go well with the curry soup. ▶The owner said “Love is the special spice. Someday, you will be able to eat this soup curry all over the world, so please look forward to it!!”

- tel./0942-52-5111
- address/28-1,shimura,chikugo city
- opening hours/11:30~15:00  
17:30~21:00
- closed/no





# Festival of Chikugo

## SPRING

### Sekijin Festival

▶This is the largest cherry blossom viewing picnic spot in Chikugo City, and there are about six hundred cherry trees. ▶You can feel Japanese spring here and enjoy cherry blossoms while drinking green tea and listening to *koto*, a zither-like Japanese instrument, outside.



## SUMMER

### Chikugo-Funagoya Fireworks Festival

▶This festival is held on the last Saturday of July every year. ▶You can watch about seven thousand beautiful fireworks in the summer sky. ▶In the main venue, you can enjoy many stands and stage events. ▶Let's enjoy Japan's special summer!



## AUTUMN

### Mizoguchi-Kamado-Jinja-Sentomyo Festival

▶This is one of the largest votive light festivals in Chikugo City. ▶This festival is held at a shrine which has a long history. ▶Men light votive lights to pray for a good harvest and get rid of epidemics after they purify themselves in the Yabe River.



## WINTER

### Kumano-Jinja Oni-no-Syujoe (Tsuina-Festival)

▶This festival started a long time ago as a fire festival to pray for the good health of people and to get rid of demons. ▶Young men lift three big torches burning brightly and circle the area bravely while shouting "Wasshoi, wasshoi."



# Introduction

## Basic Information

▶Chikugo city is located in the south of Fukuoka and has about 50 thousand people. ▶There is lots of nature such as Yabe river and Chikugo wide area park. ▶Also this city has a developed transportation network; for instance, the railroad runs from Hakata to this city and from here to Kagoshima. ▶You can go to Hakata station from Funagoya station in only 23 minutes.



## What is "koi-no-kuni"?

▶Chikugo city is called "koi-no-kuni", which means "province of love". ▶This city is famous for having a special shrine, Koinoki Shrine, which enshrines the only god of love in Japan. ▶There are many shops which sell heart-shaped goods and foods related to love.



<http://chikuteku.blog.fc2.com/blog-category-29.html>



<http://kt-funagoya.com/whatsnew/index.php>

## Mizuta Tenmangu Shrine

The only shrine which enshrines a "love guardian" in Japan

▶This shrine is popular among women who wish to find a good match ▶It enshrines the guardian deity, Sugawara-no-Michizane, also known as the god of learning, just as "Dazaifu Tennmangu Shrine" does. ▶"Koinoki Shrine" behind Mizuta Tenmangu Shrine is known for being the only shrine that enshrines a "love guardian" in Japan ▶Originally, this shrine was built by Michizane, the god of learning, from his devotion to his family who lived apart from him. ▶We recommend going and praying here to wish for eternal connections between people.

●tel./0942-53-8625

●address/62-1,mizuta,chikugo city



<http://www.mizuta-koinoki.jp/mizuta/kigan.html>

←Goshinden, it enshrines "Sugawara No Michizane", the god of learning.



This is Koinoki → Shrine. Your wish of love will come true!



←Shinji-ike Butai, where many events are held!



## Hainu-no-zo

▶There are four winged dog statues, called "Hainu-no-zo", which have a connection with Hideyoshi Toyotomi. Hideyoshi is famous for having united the whole of Japan under his rule in the 1500s. ▶The name "Hainuzuka" came from this dog. Please find the "Hainu-no-zo"! ▶There are four stars on the map that show where they are. Please find the stars ★ on the map.



## What is Satsuma Kaidou?

▶When you walk around Chikugo City, you will discover several wood monuments that say "satsuma kaidou". ▶The satuma kaidou was a road that ran through Japan in the past. ▶For instance, in the old days, *samurai*, Japanese warriors, had to go to Edo (current Tokyo) to see the Tokugawa shogun family. ▶Hainuzuka, a central area of Chikugo, was a post station in those days. ▶That is to say, the history of Japan passed through Chikugo City, and much culture and civilization was made here in Chikugo.



## Funagoya Hot Spring

▶It is a carbonated spring and contains much iron. ▶It is known for being the hot spring with the most carbonic acid in Japan. ▶Also, you can draw the mineral water for free at **Funagoya Kousenjo**. ▶Many locals enjoy drinking this water and keep their good health. <Funagoya Kousenjo: 457-1,oshima,chikugo City>



<http://koibotani.com/hotspring/>



<http://www.funagoya.org/index.php>

## Dialect

『ちっごが がば 好き! また来るたい。』  
Chiggo-ga **gaba suki!** Mata **kurutai.**  
I like chikugo very much! I will come back here.