

# Live in Japan. Work in **Gifu.**

清流の国ぎふ



# Sightseeing in Gifu

Gifu, with its abundant nature, is home to world-class traditions and culture. Clear streams flow through lush forests, carving a path through beautiful countryside and bustling towns.

## A world-renowned legacy, still bursting with life

### Shirakawa-go, a village of steep thatched roof houses

These unique traditional houses stand testament to the fortitude and knowledge of a historic people who withstood the cold and harsh climate of the Hida region.

Designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and noted as a site of living cultural heritage, where these traditional ways of life continue.



## Experience historic Japanese culture

### Takayama Festival's float parade

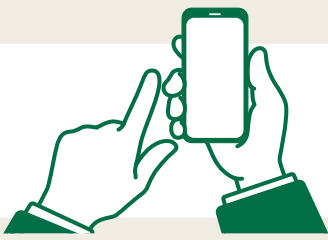
One of Japan's three major festivals, the beautiful Takayama Festival is also registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Magnificent festival floats made with devoted craftsmanship parade through the old town.

Takayama's old town where the festival is held







Sightseeing brochures also available online!  
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"GO! Central Japan" website!



## Live in harmony with Gifu's clear waters

### Cormorant fishing on the Nagara River

Cormorant fishing is a summer fixture with more than 1,300 years of history. Watch as the birds dive down to catch ayu sweetfish, deftly guided by their handlers. Invited to this mysterious world characterized by brightly burning fires used to attract the fish, you'll be able to experience something depicted in ancient scrolls.



Gifu's beloved freshwater ayu sweetfish



## Inherited tradition

### Furyu-odori dances

Gujo-odori is said to have been passed down the generations for more than 400 years, and every year locals and tourists alike dance together in a circle through the night. Kanomizu Kake-odori is a dance accompanied by drums thought to have continued for over 300 years.

The dances were registered together on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage List in 2022.



Gujo-odori (Hachiman-cho, Gujo City)



Kanomizu Kake-odori (Meiho, Gujo City)



# Industries Where Tradition Lives On Today

## Japan's proud craftsmanship

Several traditional industries continue in Gifu, including ceramics, Mino washi paper with 1,300 years of tradition, and Seki cutlery ranked as some of the best in the world, along with Solingen in Germany.



### Swordsmiths

Japanese sword-forging is an impressive feat in which steel is heated and pounded, making sparks fly.



### Handmade washi paper

Authentic Mino washi paper is registered on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.



### Ceramics

These traditional handicrafts are also integrated into modern life.

## From Gifu to the world



### Seki cutlery

Popular items include kitchen knives made using techniques passed down by swordsmiths.



### Mino washi paper

A variety of products with delicate textures are available.



### Mino ware

Mino ware accounts for half of the ceramics produced in Japan.



# Craftsmanship to bring into the future

Master craftsmanship has been passed down through the generations, cultivating world-class techniques.



## The master carpenters of Hida

Artisans produce stylish furniture using traditional techniques.



## Cutting-edge technology

The local automotive and aerospace industries are among the best in Japan.

Photo courtesy of the Intelligent Production Technology Research and Development Center for Aerospace (IPTeCA)



Photo courtesy of Gifu City

## Gifu umbrellas (wagasa)

These traditional Japanese umbrellas are painstakingly crafted with washi paper using traditional techniques.



## Nakatsugawa woodwork

Popular items include bottle coolers made of Hiba wood.



## Hida Shunkei lacquerware

Lacquerware that becomes more beautiful with time.



# Working in Gifu

Here are some Gifu-based companies who are striving for multicultural inclusivity. There are numerous appealing workplaces.

## Understanding differences in perspective and making their voices heard

Work while learning skills on the job and accumulating educational training. We feel that ambitious foreign professionals acquire skills quickly, have a positive impact, and enliven the workplace.



Foreign professionals working here



Section Head

**Company name** Gifu Plastic Industry Co., Ltd.  
**Company website** <https://www.risu.co.jp/>  
**Address** 9-27 Kandamachi, Gifu City  
(Daigifu Building)  
**Business description** Manufacturing  
**Number of employees** 2,245  
**Nationalities of foreign professionals** Chinese, Vietnamese

## Management leaders connect employees, the region, and foreign nationals.

We work hard to ensure that the local community understands how to welcome foreign nationals, fostering a corporate culture where professionals of all nationalities are accepted. Systems are in place that welcome foreign nationals so they can continue working with us for years to come.



Foreign professionals participating in a festival



Section Head

**Company name** Mino Industry Co., Ltd.  
**Company website** <https://www.mino-in.co.jp/>  
**Address** 964-103 Nakatsugawa,  
Nakatsugawa City, Gifu Prefecture  
**Business description** Manufacturing  
**Number of employees** 819  
**Nationalities of foreign professionals** Thai, Filipino, Chinese, Vietnamese

## Differences are recognized in the kind care industry.

Exchange students, technical trainees, and those with specific skills have become familiar with Japanese workplaces and are working hard to achieve their dreams, regardless of their nationality. All members of staff, whether they are Japanese or foreign nationals, work well together, enabling mutual development.



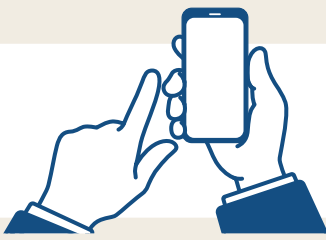
A professional from Vietnam



Facility Director

**Company name** Wakokai Group  
**Company website** <https://www.wakokai.or.jp/english/>  
**Address** 7-98-1 Terada, Gifu City  
**Business description** Healthcare, elderly care, disability and parental support services  
**Number of employees** 1,745  
**Nationalities of foreign professionals** Vietnamese, Myanmar, Filipino, Nepali, Indonesian, Sri Lankan





**More information about foreign nationals working in Gifu available online!**



## We can understand our cultural differences through communication.

We have come to understand each other through a series of small daily acts of communication.

By learning to be warm-hearted (considerate), and providing a substantial support system, foreign nationals working for us can feel comfortable and confident.



A professional from the Philippines



Section Head

**Company name** Social Welfare Service Corporation Oyukai  
**Company website** <https://www.hohoemi.or.jp/>  
**Address** 845 Inaguchi, Seki City  
**Business description** Social welfare services  
**Number of employees** 300  
**Nationalities of foreign professionals** Filipino, Vietnamese, Indonesian, etc.

## "I like working for the company, so I wanted my family to join me."

We would really like workers to stay at our company long term, so we said "You could get a Specified Skilled Worker (ii) visa and your family could come and live with you in Japan.

We will offer you a salary that is in line with your career, so please consider it."



A professional from China



Vice President and Representative Director

**Company name** Concrete Pump Co., Ltd.  
**Company website** <https://gcp-web.jimdosite.com/>  
**Address** 6-77 Onocho, Kakamigahara City  
**Business description** Ready-mix concrete pumping  
**Number of employees** 26  
**Nationalities of foreign professionals** Chinese, Indonesian

## Treating both customers and employees with hospitality and respect

We used to only have a company dormitory for single employees, but we now offer family housing as well as a share house for foreign nationals.

Various things such as the housing and food available to foreign residents are also taken into consideration.



Foreign professionals working here



Future proprietor

**Company name** Honjin Hiranoya, Co., Ltd.  
**Company website** <https://ssl.honjinhiranoya.com/>  
**Address** 1-34 Hommachi, Takayama City  
**Business description** Lodging/ hotel  
**Number of employees** 147  
**Nationalities of foreign professionals** Chinese, Hungarian, Nepali, Indonesian



# The charm of Gifu

We asked local foreign residents about life in Gifu.  
Living here is great!



**Jeannette Gutierrez Nagaya** (from the Philippines)  
Foreign resident support counselor

I visited Gifu and thought it was lovely, so I wanted to work in Japan. My current job is providing guidance and support to foreign nationals.

Living in Gifu, I really like that I can build relationships with my neighbors. The water is very pretty, so I recommend camping near the river. The culture of taking your trash home with you is also good.



**Josue Dato Ramada** (from the Philippines)  
Gifu City International Exchange Association

I was interested in Japan, so I came to Gifu, where my relatives were living. Now, I work as a member of the multicultural exchange staff, counseling foreign nationals who have any issues.

Gifu is close to big cities like Nagoya, but it's an easy place to live since it's not too urban. Winter is cold, but it makes me happy when the snow piles up.



**Lam Thanh Le** (from Vietnam)  
Exchange student

I came wanting to study Japan, an economic superpower and chose Gifu, where it's easier to get by than in Tokyo. I got into a university while also studying at a Japanese language school, so I'm looking forward to seriously studying economics.

Gifu is safe and offers plenty of services. The area I'm in has lots of nature and is a very nice place to live.



# Living in Gifu

The merits of life in Gifu are different from those in big cities. For that reason, you can lead a fulfilling life in Gifu while working.

**Gifu is located in the middle of Japan, close to Nagoya, Osaka, and Kyoto!**



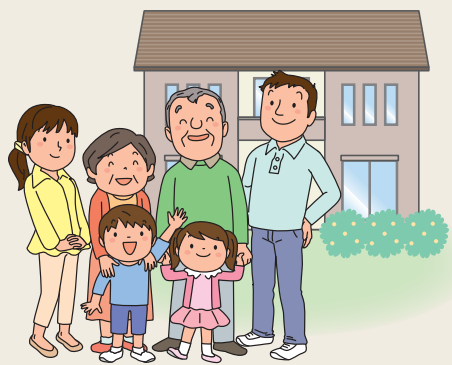
## What makes life in Gifu fulfilling?

**Work actively**



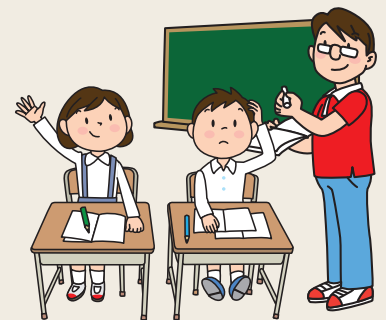
Gifu is ranked fifth in Japan for the number of jobs per job seeker (2022). There are many companies that employ foreign nationals and make the most of their abilities.

**Secure lifestyle**



Home ownership in Gifu ranks fifth in Japan (2018), exemplifying the easy way of life here. Renting apartments is also cheap, at nearly half the prices in Tokyo.

**Thorough education**



Children of foreign nationals can receive support at school. Japanese language classes are also available in each area.



# Lots to enjoy

Enjoy dynamic activities and winter sports,  
with lots of places to refresh your mind and body.



# Delicious food

The area offers a unique food culture, including high-quality Hida beef, a type of wagyu beef, as well as a full range of agricultural produce. Taste the seasonal flavors at a variety of farmers' markets.



## Gifu Prefectural Consultation Center for Foreign Residents

If you live in Gifu and have a problem, please contact us.

Inside Gifu International Center

2nd Floor, Gifu Chunichi Building, 1-12 Yanagasedori, Gifu City 500-8875



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