

Location of Gifu Prefecture and Features of Each Region

Situated in the Heartland of Japan

Gifu is one of Japan's few landlocked prefectures, situated approximately in the center of the Japanese archipelago. It takes about 1 hour by train from Chubu Centrair International Airport to Gifu Prefecture.

Gifu is conveniently close to the three major cities

of Japan: It takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes from Tokyo to Nagoya by bullet train (*Shinkansen*), about 50 minutes from Osaka to Nagoya by *Shinkansen*, and about 20 minutes from Nagoya to Gifu by local express train.



Gifu Prefecture Has the Mino and Hida Regions

Gifu Prefecture has the Mino region in the south and the Hida region in the north.

The Mino region is famous for its apparel, aircraft, and IT industries, as well as traditional industries such as *Hon Minoshi* (Japanese paper) registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, cutlery, and Mino Ceramics. In the Hida region, local industries such as woodworking and *Shunkei* lacquerware are thriving.



Mino-yaki Ceramic Ware