A New Popular Spot! "Midono Garasha Waterfall"

Viewing Area Established to Attract Visitors

A staircase and viewing-terrace have recently been installed near the Midono waterfall. Travelers and local residents can now enjoy the near 60-meter-tall waterfall in a new way.

The Midono Waterfall is located near the Midono Village. Due to overgrown trees, it was hard to see the waterfall in its entirety, but the Kyotango City Tourism Association (Yasaka branch) cleared out the trees and installed a staircase and viewing-terrace.

The same tourism branch, together with the United Noma-ku, established the "Kirin ga Kuru Kyotango Project", which is proactively attracting tourists to Midono in preparation for the drama "Kirin ga Kuru". Midono is the dwelling place of Hosokawa Garasha, who is the daughter of Mitsuhide Akechi, the main character of the NHK drama. The Kirin ga Kuru Kyotango Project hopes to utilize the waterfall to benefit local tourism.

Since the Waterfall is related to Garasha, it has been named the "Midono Garasha Waterfall". Representative of the Kirin ga Kuru Kyotango Project, Hajime Umeda, commented, "We want many people to come and feel the charm of the Waterfall and Midono. It would be great if it becomes a new, famous place."



Hoping for Tasty Rice

Rice-Planting Experience at Mt. Kabuto Children's Park

A rice-planting experience was conducted by Mt. Kabuto Children's Park at a nearby rice field on April 10th. 43 four and five year olds experienced rice planting with their guardians.

This is a tradition that started 3 years ago in hopes of getting children interested in rice and rice fields. 3 members of the Local farming group "Rakunokai" gave instruction on how to properly plant rice. Children passionately trudged through the finicky rice field and planted with smiles on their faces. Yamato Itagaki commented, "I almost fell because the mud was deep, but I was able to plant the rice well. I look forward to when the rice is ready."



Talking about the Past, Present and Future

Celebrating Age 30 in Kyotango

The "Coming of Age 30 Ceremony" was held on April 27th at Plaza Hotel Kissuien. Around 70 current and former residents of Kyotango born between April 2nd 1988 and April 1st 1989 participated.

This event's purpose is to provide a place to those who have traversed 10 years since their last coming of age ceremony, where they can reunite with former classmate. Its executives committee is led by Masataka Natsumi and is made up entirely of people who are 30 years old. This date marked the 7th time the event was held.

Former classmates mingled at the venue, enjoying being reunited with old friends and talking about recent happenings of their lives. The food was made with Tangonian ingredients with the help of "Tango Bar", an event that specializes in cuisine. A Tangonian menu was prepared and those who grew the produce introduced the local ingredients. Everyone enjoyed this event that was overflowing with the charm of Tango cuisine.



Light Purple Japanese Wisteria

Third "Fuji Festival" is Held

On May 5th, the third "Fuji Festival" (wisteria festival) was held at "The Land of Clothing and Fuji". Under the vibrant, purple wisteria flowers, many residents and travelers enjoyed performances by the Amino Junior High School Wind Ensemble and dances by preschoolers from Amino Preschool.

Wisteria plants that are to be used to make "fujifu" were first planted in the town around 10 years ago. Local volunteers gained financial aid from the local government and set up wisteria trellises to liven up the region. The 3600-square-meter area currently has 96 fujifu-bound wisteria plants, and many other wisteria plants meant for viewing; they include: the Ushijima Fuji (nationally designated natural monument), a small offspring of the large fuji of Ashikaga Flower Park (Tochigi Prefectural Natural Monument), the Takimae Fudou wisteria (nationally designated natural monument), and flowers and trees featured in the "Manyoushu". Chairman of The Land of Clothing and Fuji Association, Hiroshi Yamashita, commented, "we want to preserve and spread the word about fujifu through these types of events and further cultivation, livening up the region."



The Bustling, White Lighthouse

The Second Kyogamisaki Lighthouse Festival

On May 6th, the last day of the extra-long Golden Week break, the second "Kyogamisaki Lighthouse Festival" was held. It attracted droves of festival-goers.

At the festival, the Maizuru Coast Guard Office opened the lighthouse to the public, and Ukawa Production sold local processed foods and sweets. Ryuukoku University Imasado Seminar Students also served saba curry.

The sponsor of the event, the Kyogamisaki Lighthouse Preservation Association, is involved in a multitude of projects that promote the lighthouse and vitalize the area. On April 21st, 80 association members and volunteers cleaned the path leading up to the lighthouse.











Introducing Rice-Framing Through a Novice Perspective

"Kyotango Rice Cultivation Blog"

The Kyotango Rice Cultivation Blog has debuted on the Kyotango City official website. City employees with little farming experience spend an entire year farming rice and post their experiences, cultivation techniques and growth progress to the blog. The goal is to foster interest in agriculture, broadcast Kyotango rice-farming along with the amateurs' findings, and raise the brand awareness of Kyotango Koshihikari.

