

## Crowd Roars for Powerful Aircraft

### Air Festival Kyogamisaki 2019

On May 26<sup>th</sup> at the Haccho Hama Seaside Park, the Japanese Airforce at Kyogamisaki conducted “Air Festival Kyogamisaki” to advertise the type of work done at the base. Many people came to see the vehicles and equipment that were on display, along with musical performances performed by the US Army.

Event-goer Kishimoto Yukio commented, “It was exciting to see the specialty vehicles and autocannons up close. I also saw pictures of soldiers saving people from disasters at the ‘Photo Corner’, which made me want to support them even more.”

During the second half of the event, a UH-1 helicopter and F-4 Phantom did a fly by over the venue. Everyone cheered at the forceful sight.



## Long-Awaited Bypass Opens

### Opening Ceremony of the National Road 178 “Juraku Bypass”

The Juraku region of Kumihama-cho has been equipped with a new roadway, National Road 178 “The Juraku Bypass”. The 260-meter-long and 8-meter-wide road was opened for the first time on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The previous road bordered Kumihama Bay, but was thin and had poor vision due to curves. This new road has been in the making since 2012, and Diet members, the director of the Tango Koiki Shinko Kyoku (Tango Promotion Office), prefecture council members, Mayor Misaki, city council members, land providers, etc. attended its opening ceremony. After the ceremonial ribbon-cutting, local residents did the honors of taking the first trip down the road. Ward mayor of Juraku, Shingo Izumi, shared a few words: “This improves traffic safety, which is great. Please enjoy the view of Kumihama bay and Mt. Kabuto.”



## **Grow Big, Grow Healthy**

### **Preschoolers Help Release Baby Sweetfish**

Baby sweetfish were introduced to all areas of the Noma River on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The Noma Fisheries Cooperative and the United Noma-ku conduct this effort every year in anticipation of the sweetfish fishing season. This year, 32,000 sweetfish will be released by the start of June, and on this day, the children released approximately 20,000 of them at 16 different locations.

27 preschoolers from Yasaka Kodomoen participated in the release of sweetfish at Nonaka-ku's flood plains after learning about them. They were told that the released fish, who were around 10 centimeters in length, will eat moss off of the rocks in the river, which is an ideal environment for them to grow large due to clean water and plentiful food. The children said things like, "take care now" and "grow big" to the fish as they carefully dumped the sweetfish-filled buckets into the river.

**Noma Valley Sweetfish Season Starts July 7th at 6 AM**

**For Questions, call the Noma Fisheries Cooperative at 0772-66-0002**



## **Badge of Honor: Mud and a Sore back**

### **Diving Beetle Rice Now Grown Pesticide-Free**

Ryukoku University Students visited the areas of Mie and Morimoto on June 1<sup>st</sup> and started annual activities for the 5<sup>th</sup> time. This year, they received help from Kyotango Morimoto Agriculture and planted 100% pesticide-free seedlings. There were many first-time planters amongst the students, but they planted the seedlings precisely as instructed, even while having their feet sucked down into the mud.

Prof. Kinkoujitsu, the supervisor of the students, talked with us about his desires for the program: “The beautiful views and delicious food of Kyotango are extremely valuable and capturing. This is a huge plus in my opinion. Ryukoku University is even planning events like the ‘Kyotango Fair’, a bazaar that will feature Kyotango produce and the like. We hope to highlight ‘Diving Beetle Rice’ further by farming rice together with the locals of this region.”

### **Diving Beetle Rice (Gengorou-kyou no Kome):**

**Rice farmed in the rice fields near the Omiya Interchange, which is where endangered Diving Beetles have been found. Efforts to turn this into a well-known brand are currently being made with a focus on student-led sales.**



## Art and Town-Revitalization

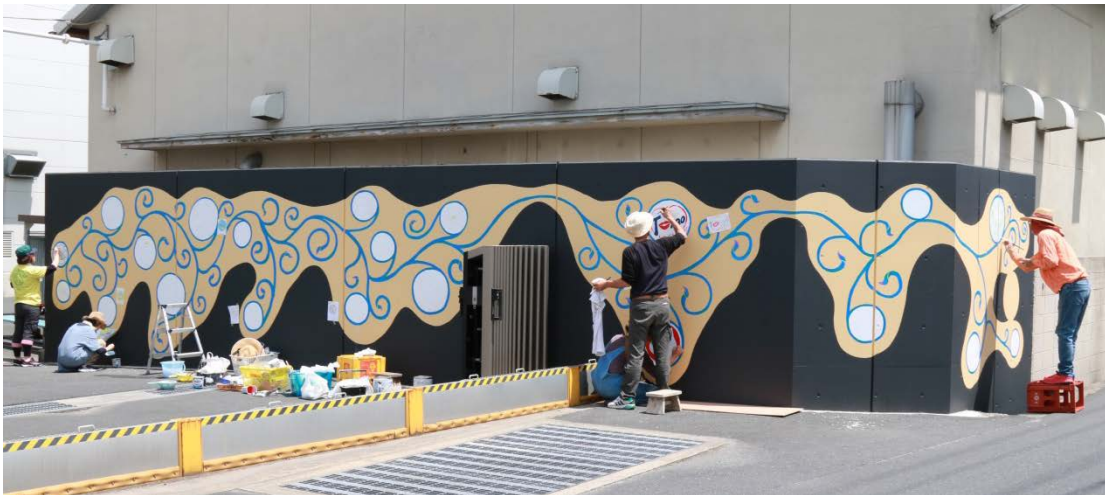
### Nisshin Wall Art Project

The wall of the west rear gate of the Nisshin Manufacturing campus has been painted in new, vibrant colors. It debuted on May 19<sup>th</sup> and now livens up the day of those who pass by it.

Nisshin Manufacturing proactively supports activity in the region; this project came to fruition after consulting with the Komaneko Executives Committee, the organization responsible for all Komaneko-themed urban development. Members of this executives committee took lead and planned the “Nisshin Wall Art Project”.

Painting of the 2.5-meter-tall and 14-meter-long wall has been underway since the end of April; its arabesque design was designed by Shuzo Ikeda of the Hikari Art Museum and represents prosperity, life-force, longevity, togetherness, etc. Also, white-fruit designs were intentionally left untouched, and on this day, participants filled in the fruit with their own Tango-themed drawings.

The lead Nisshin Manufacturing representative commented, “We want to continue to help with projects that will invigorate the region.”



## Looking for Ideas on Regional Development

### University Students Experience the Charm of the Toyosaka Region

Bukkyo University students visited the Toyosaka Region as a part of the “Kyotango City Yume Machi-Dukuri Daigaku” project (Dream-Making University Project) and experienced the dish “Barazushi” and farm work first hand. The students commented, “We were able to get a good taste of the region through interaction with the locals, and harvesting Mizuna and Strawberries, etc. We want to consider revitalization projects such as featuring local cuisine that uses lots of locally grown vegetables.” They are planning to visit the Toyosaka region again to participate in local events and workshops, and find more wonderful things that can liven up the area.

