

みどり市市制施行10周年記念 市勢要覧の発行にあたって

10th Anniversary of the Municipal System Enacted for Midori City
Issuance of the City Profile Handbook



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みどり市は、平成28年3月27日に市制施行10周年を迎えました。

みどり市は、群馬県の東部に位置し、北部は足尾山地が連なり、そこを源とする渡良瀬川が市を南北に流れ、南部には平坦な大間々扇状地が広がる、文字どおり緑豊かな田園都市です。

市内には、日本で初めて縄文時代以前に人類が存在したことを証明した「岩宿遺跡」や、おぎょんの名で親しまれ江戸時代から続く「大間々祇園まつり」、江戸時代の銅山街道に設けられた宿場の様子を今に伝える「花輪宿」など、先人たちが残した歴史や伝統文化が息づいています。

この10年「輝くひと 輝くみどり 豊かな生活創造都市」を将来像として掲げ「みどり市総合計画」に基づき、市民が子育てしやすい環境整備を進めるための「子育て環境対策」、市民が安心して生活できる環境整備を進めるための「市民の安全安心対策」、さらに原発事故に伴う電力不足対策のための「新エネルギー対策」などを重点事業として実施してきました。

特に「新エネルギー対策」では、地球温暖化への対応およびエネルギーの安定供給の確立を図るための第一歩として、市有地4カ所に太陽光発電施設を設置し、さらに環境保全および次世代エネルギー活用促進のため、みどり市役所笠懸庁舎と富弘美術館に電気自動車充電設備の整備を行いました。

今後も、先人から受け継いだ豊かな自然、歴史や文化を次世代に引き継ぎ「持続可能なみどり市」として、市民の皆さんが明るく元気で、笑顔あふれるまちづくりに取り組んでいきます。

この市勢要覧をお読みいただき、みどり市の10年の歩みや市の魅力をご理解いただき、これからのみどり市にご注目いただければ幸いに思います。

Midori City celebrated the 10th anniversary of its enactment as a municipal system on March 27, 2016. Midori City is located in the eastern part of Gunma Prefecture. To the north lies the Ashio Mountain Range, which is the source of the Watarase River that flows from north to south through the city, and to the south lies the alluvial delta of the Omama Flatlands, and as the word Midori (green) suggests, it is a garden city abundant in greenery.

Within the city precincts is much evidence of the history and traditional culture left to us by our forefathers in the shape of the Iwajuku Ruins, which prove the existence of Japan's first race of people prior to the Jomon Period; the Omama Gion Festival, which has carried on the familiar name of Gion since the Edo Period; and Hanawa Juku, which displays scenes of a post town constructed alongside a mining road in the Edo Period.

Based on the General Plan for Midori City that was established with "Creative City Containing Bright People, Bright Greenery and Prosperous Lifestyles" as its vision for the future during these ten years, the city has implemented a wide range of important projects, including the Child-Raising Environment Policies for moving ahead with the creation of an environment in which local residents find it easy to raise children, the Citizen Safety and Peace of Mind Policies for moving ahead with the creation of an environment in which local residents can lead anxiety-free lifestyles, and the New Energy Policies, which are aimed at counteracting the shortage of electrical power caused by the Fukushima nuclear accident.

The New Energy Policies in particular represent the first step in coping with global warming and establishing stable supplies of energy, and these policies involve the construction of solar power generation facilities in four city-owned areas, and equipping the Midori City Hall, the Kasakake Town Hall and the Tomihiro Art Museum with electric vehicle recharging facilities in order to promote environmental conservation and the use of next-generation energy.

In the future we will also implement town planning initiatives to establish a sustainable city that passes the abundant nature, history and culture inherited from our forefathers across to future generations, and in which all residents can live healthily and with smiles on their faces.

We hope you will read the City Profile Handbook to gain a full understanding of the route the city has followed over the course of the past ten years and the charm that it exudes, and continue to provide Midori City with your support into the future.