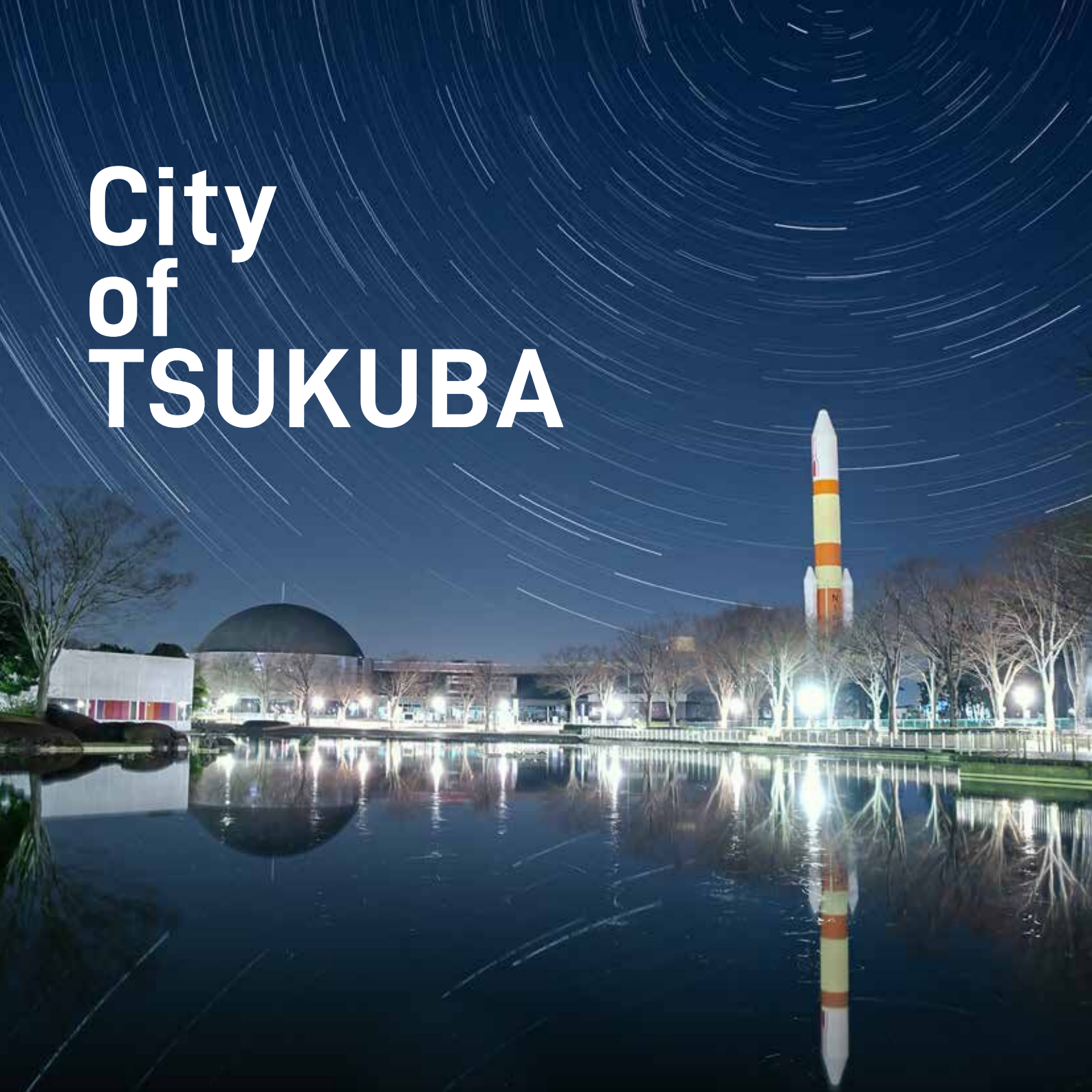


City of TSUKUBA



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City of TSUKUBA as of February 2026

Population: Approximately 260,000
Foreign Residents: Approximately 15,000
from 140 countries
Area: 283.72 km²

“Photogenic spots in Tsukuba City”

Front Cover
Title: The Town Closest to Space
Photographer: Mitchi~

Back Cover
Title: Mt. Tsukuba Upside Down
(View from the South Front)
Photographer: dij_s49

Photos are selected from the city's “Photogenic spots in Tsukuba City” public photo contest.

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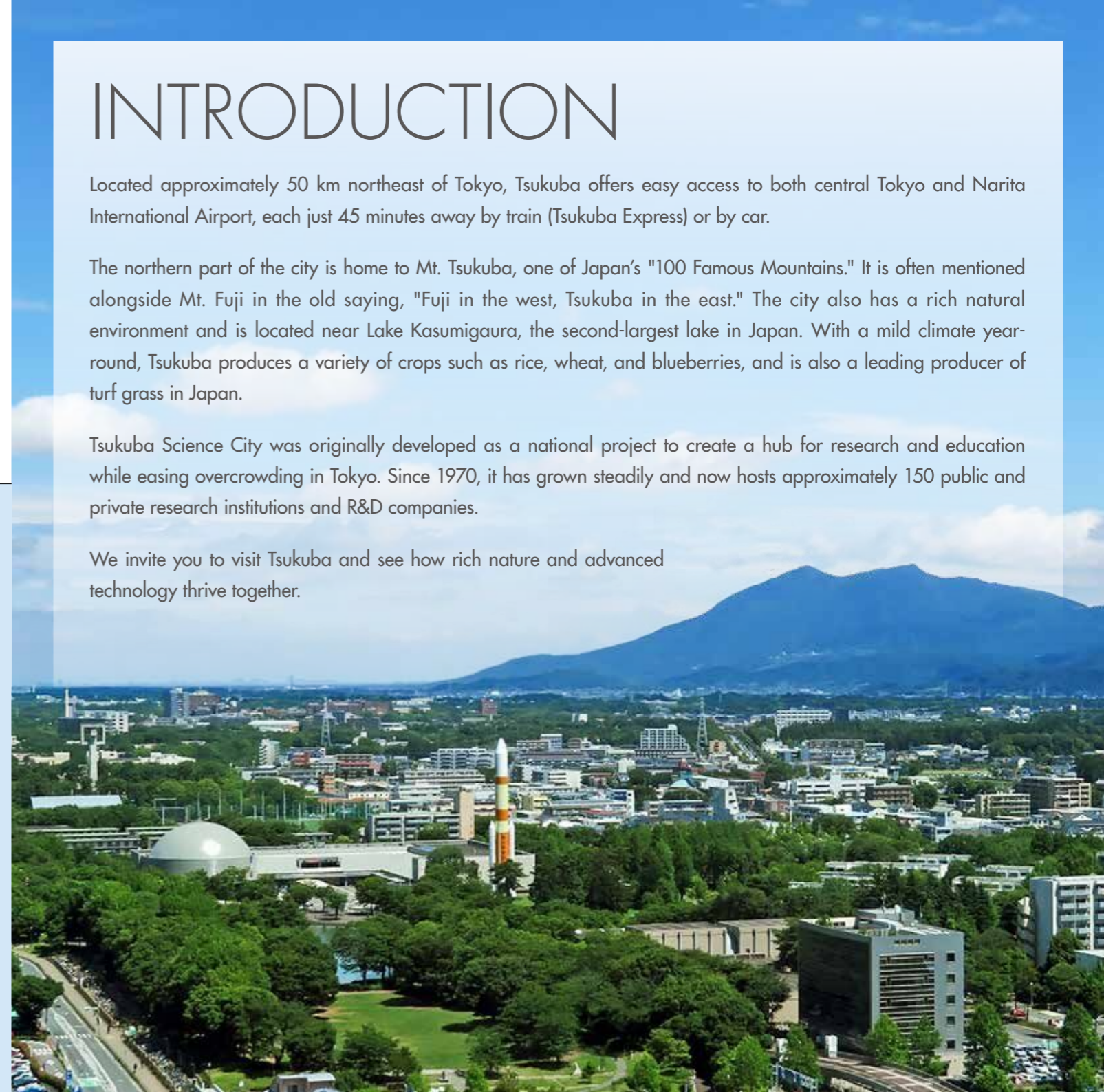
INTRODUCTION

Located approximately 50 km northeast of Tokyo, Tsukuba offers easy access to both central Tokyo and Narita International Airport, each just 45 minutes away by train (Tsukuba Express) or by car.

The northern part of the city is home to Mt. Tsukuba, one of Japan's "100 Famous Mountains." It is often mentioned alongside Mt. Fuji in the old saying, "Fuji in the west, Tsukuba in the east." The city also has a rich natural environment and is located near Lake Kasumigaura, the second-largest lake in Japan. With a mild climate year-round, Tsukuba produces a variety of crops such as rice, wheat, and blueberries, and is also a leading producer of turf grass in Japan.

Tsukuba Science City was originally developed as a national project to create a hub for research and education while easing overcrowding in Tokyo. Since 1970, it has grown steadily and now hosts approximately 150 public and private research institutions and R&D companies.

We invite you to visit Tsukuba and see how rich nature and advanced technology thrive together.



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Tsukuba is Japan's leading science city, home to over 150 research institutions and universities.



NIMS (National Institute for Materials Science)
The institute lighting up the future with advanced materials



Tsukuba Botanical Garden



Geological Museum, AIST (National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology)



Tsukuba Space Center,
JAXA (Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency)



Connecting people through technology
to create a more inclusive society.



Turning advanced technology into everyday convenience through real-world testing.

EDUCATION

An inspiring learning environment for fostering future generations.



Interactive learning with a researcher in the classroom.



University of Tsukuba



Tsukuba International School



Broadening horizons through the discovery of diverse cultures.

DIVERSITY

Home to about 15,000 residents from nearly 140 countries.



International students in discussion.



Rice planting and harvesting events at JICA Tsukuba bring together local residents and international participants, fostering friendship through shared agricultural experiences.



Tsukuba Festival, featuring science-themed activities and cultural experiences from around the world.

EVENT

Tsukuba is full of events and seasonal traditions throughout the year.



Mt. Tsukuba Plum Festival
(Ume Matsuri)
Held on the scenic slopes of Mt. Tsukuba,
featuring approximately 1,000 red and
white plum trees.



The "Ninth Symphony" Concert
An annual yearend tradition featuring a choir of local citizens
performing alongside a professional orchestra and soloists.



Tsukuba Marathon



Matsuri Tsukuba
The city's largest festival, featuring a lively parade of traditional *mikoshi* and spectacular *Nebuta* floats.

NATURE

Blessed with abundant nature, Tsukuba offers a variety of outdoor activities and breathtaking seasonal scenery, centered around the iconic Mt. Tsukuba.



Tsukuba-Kasumigaura Ring-Ring Road
One of Japan's longest cycling routes,
stretching 180 km and connecting Mt. Tsukuba
with Lake Kasumigaura.



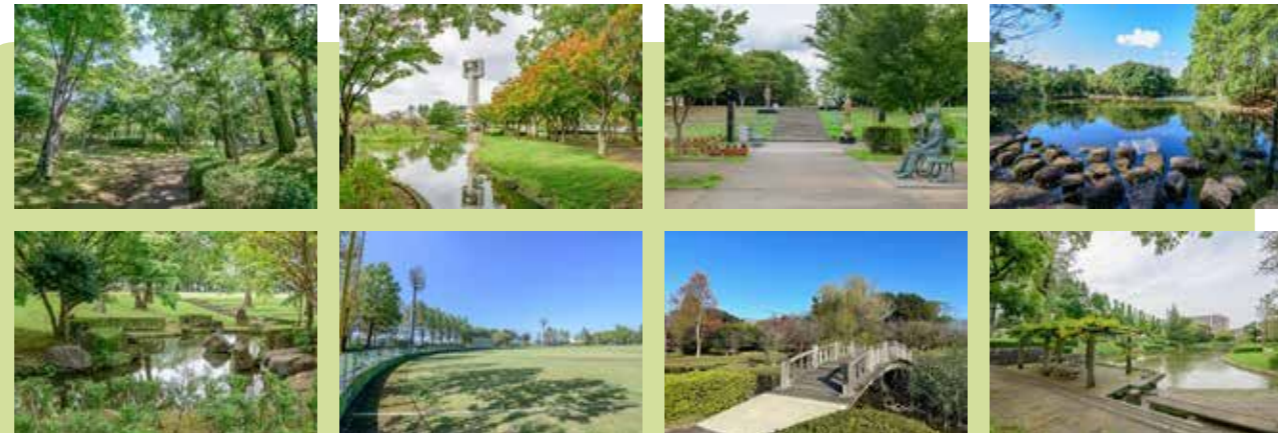
Mt. Tsukuba



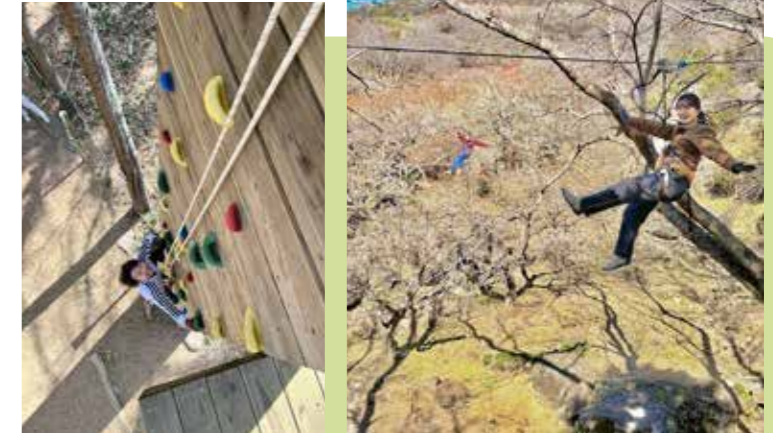
The night view from the summit of Mt. Tsukuba is recognized
as part of the "Japan Night View Heritage."



Canoeing on the Yatagawa River,
which flows through Tsukuba City.



Tsukuba City has a Greenery Master Plan. There are
212 parks of various sizes located throughout the city.



FOREST ADVENTURE TSUKUBA,
an outdoor adventure park set in nature.

PLACE TO GATHER

From the city center to the suburbs, Tsukuba is creating welcoming spaces where people can gather and connect.



Courtesy of Tsukuba Craft Beer Fest

Around Tsukuba Station, various food and beverage events are frequently held, creating a lively atmosphere.



Co-en, located in the city center, offers a coworking space, a gallery, a café, and more.



Tsukuba Startup Park is a municipal incubation facility that supports businesses at every stage of development.

R8 is a community revitalization program involving eight historic districts around the city, promoting local initiatives for renewed vitality. Here are a few examples of R8 projects.



"Iriai Tempo" in the Hojo district



"Machikado Terrace" in the Yoshinuma district



Ryuseidai Skateboard Park



The museum introduces the Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark (certified in 2016), which stretches from Mt. Tsukuba to Lake Kasumigaura. Through hands-on activities, videos, graphics, and interactive exhibits, visitors can explore the area's nature, culture, and way of life. It attracts visitors from both Japan and abroad.



Mt. Tsukuba Gate Park

The park makes use of a former school site and includes the Tsukuba Geo Museum and Cycle Park Tsukuba. Located along the Tsukuba-Kasumigaura Ring-Ring Road cycling route, it is a popular stop for cyclists.



The cycle park features one of Japan's premier BMX racing courses. Rental bikes are available, allowing visitors to enjoy the nearby Tsukuba-Kasumigaura Ring-Ring Road and the beautiful rural scenery at the foot of Mt. Tsukuba.



LOCAL SPECIALITIES

As one of Japan's leading agricultural areas, Tsukuba produces a wide variety of fresh foods. In addition to its well-known blueberries, the city is also known for high-quality rice from the foothills of Mt. Tsukuba and many other vegetables. These local products reflect the area's rich natural environment.



— Brewed with Pride in Tsukuba —

Sake, wine, and beer are produced locally. These beverages support local industries and reflect the region's food culture.

SAKE



Inaba Shuzo



Urazato Shuzo

WINE



Tsukuba Vineyard



le bois d'azur



Tsukuba Winery



Bee's Knees Vineyards

BEER



Tsukuba Brewery



Twin Peaks Mountain Brewing

HISTORY

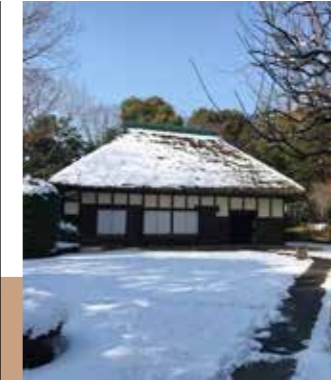
Tsukuba City has many landscapes and structures with a long history.



Hirasawa-kanga Ruins at the foot of Mt. Tsukuba.



Tsukuba-san Shrine, one of Japan's most historic shrines, located on the slopes of Mt. Tsukuba.



Sakura Minka-en (Sakura Folk House Park) Built in the late 1860s, it is now open daily and serves as a place for relaxation.



Yanaka-no-Mori is a Japanese residence built in the early 1900s in the Hojo district, incorporating modern design elements of the time. (Designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan)



The Kangori area features a traditional townscape dating back to the Edo period (1603–1867).



Kanamura Wake Ikazuchi Shrine in the Kamigo area.

