

Kurume City

1. Overview of Kurume City

Kurume City is located in the West South of Fukuoka Prefecture in the North of Kyushu Island. The City has beautiful nature surrounded by Chikugo Rive, the biggest river in the island and Mino Mountains in the size of 229.84 square kilometers.

Being in the center of the Chikugo Region, the city has been a role as transportation hub of Kyushu Island for long. With the background of being assigned as one of the first 30 cities in 1889 and several times of merging with surrounding municipalities, the city now has become a big city with about 305,000 inhabitants.

In March 2011, since super high speed trains called Shinkansen started the operation, the city is expected further development with its resources such as beautiful nature, history, culture, public transportation, and high level of medical care.

Since the city set up "feeling of safe" as one of priorities in the policies, various efforts have been made to make the city a place where all residents can live safe with feeling of it. And to achieve the goal, not only the city government but also communities are working on it through various activities.

Chikugo River



Mino Mountains



2. Experience on Safe Community

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| June 2010 | Started study on Safe Community with aiming to become a member of the international network of Safe Community(declared in the document on the policy of city operations-midterm prospect-) |
| Oct. 2010 | Paid study visits to Kameoka City, Sakae ward in Yokohama City, Atsugi City, and Toshima City |
| Nov. 2010 | Attend to the designation Ceremony of Atsugi City,
Attend to the annual conference of JSSP(Japan Society of Safety Promotion) and Japan Society of Civic Safety in Atsugi City |
| June 2011 | Attend to the annual conference of Japan Society of Civic Safety in Toshima |

July 2011 Mayor made the official announcement on launching Safe Community programs

3. Population

(Basic Resident Register • foreign resident registration, as of June 1 2011)
 Total 305,457(male 144,706 female 160,751 foreigners 2,459)

Age	Total	male	female	Age	Total	male	female
0-4	14,415	7,408	7,007	55-59	20,661	10,023	10,638
5-9	14,318	7,289	7,029	60-64	24,982	12,082	12,900
10-14	15,227	7,783	7,444	65-69	16,542	7,488	9,054
15-19	15,675	8,035	7,640	70-74	15,843	6,916	8,927
20-24	16,831	8,419	8,412	75-79	13,872	5,619	8,253
25-29	18,509	9,058	9,451	80-84	9,918	3,624	6,294
30-34	20,262	9,983	10,279	85-89	6,089	1,829	4,260
35-39	22,200	11,028	11,172	90-94	2,476	546	1,930
40-44	20,202	9,820	10,382	95-99	776	135	641
45-49	18,176	8,729	9,447	100+	125	15	110
50-54	18,358	8,877	9,481				

4. Cause of Death

4.1. Causes of Death in 2009 (source: vital statistics)

Total 2,692cases

1 st	malignant neoplasm (888)	6 th	Unintentional Injuries (84) *including 17 cases of Traffic Accident
2 nd	cardiac disease (323) *excluding hyperpiesia	7 th	Caducity (75)
3 rd	Cerebrovascular(258)		Suicide (75)
4 th	Pneumonia(232)	9 th	Renal failure(60)
5 th	Other pulmonary problems (156)	10 th	Other symptoms and symptoms being not categorized to specific cases by abnormal clinical presentation (48)

4.2. Death by accidents and injuries in 2009

Total 166 cases

1 st	Suicide (75)	6 th	Unintentional suffocation (12)
2 nd	Drowning (18)	7 th	Accidental poisoning by and exposure to noxious substances (5)
3 rd	Traffic Accident(17)		Other external causes (5)
4 th	Falls (16)	9 th	Exposure to smoke, fire and flames (3)
5 th	Other external causes of accidental injury (13)	10 th	Assault(2)

5. Current Programs and Activities for Safety

5.1 Programs and activities of injury and accidents prevention for each age group

(1) 0-14 years old

programs/activities	City	Administrative organizations	Community organizations	Other organizations
● Safe Traffic Class	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Association of Traffic Safety ◆ Community Traffic Safety Promotion committee members 	
● Children watch over Patrol	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone ◆ Association of Crime Prevention 	
● Shelter house #110 for children	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association 	
● Home visit to houses with children	X			
● Check dangerous spots on school routes	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone 	
● crossing guard for schoolchildren going homes	x		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone ◆ Association of Traffic Safety 	
● Provision of Crime prevention bussers	X			
● Provision of information for crime prevention by mobile	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association 	Businesses
● Young Telephone	X			
● social rehabilitation for youth	X			Youth Sound Nurturing Organization

(2) 15-24 years old and 25-64 years old

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Provision of information for crime prevention by mobile	X	Police Office	◆ Parents and Teachers Association	Businesses
● Lecture delivery on crime prevention	X	Police Office		
● Network at atrocious crime	X	Police Office	◆ Community organization at each school zone	
● Telephone consultation for crime prevention	X			
● Safe Traffic Class	X	Police Office	◆ Association of Traffic Safety ◆ Community Traffic Safety Promotion committee members	
● Street Campaign for drug prevention	X	Police Office		Youth Sound Nurturing Organization

(3) 65 years old and over

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Safety School for Senior (Safe Traffic Class)	X	Police Office	◆ Senior Club Association ◆ Association of Traffic Safety	Senior Human Resources Centers
● Fureai Sound Health Salon			◆ Association of Social Welfare ◆ Association of Community Social Welfare & Children's Welfare	Volunteer Groups
● House Renovation for elderly	X			Non-Profit Organization
● Support for residents in need of care at emergency	X	Fire Department	◆ Community organization at each school zone	
● Emergency Alarm at emergency	X	Fire Department		
● Installation of Fire alarm		Fire Department	◆ Volunteer Fire Department groups	
● Home-deliver meal for elderly			◆ Association of Social Welfare ◆ Association of Community Social Welfare and Children's Welfare	Volunteer Groups

● Assessment of life function	X			
● SOS network for elderly with wandering symptoms	X	Police Office , Fire Department	◆ Association of Social Welfare	Businesses

5-2. Injury and Accident prevention at home, school and public

(1) Home Safety

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Instruction of Fire prevention at home			Women's Club for Fire Prevention	
● Counseling for women& Domestic Violence	X	Police Office		
● Temporally Shelter for mother and children, and women	X			
● Emergency Alarm at emergency	X	Fire Department		
● Home-deliver meal for elderly			◆ Association of Social Welfare ◆ Association of Community Social Welfare and Children's Welfare	Volunteer Groups
● Health Counseling	X			
● Mental Health Counseling	X			Medical Association
● Seminar for Suicide Prevention	X			
● Study meeting about depression for home doctors	X			◆ Medical Association ◆ University

(2) Safety during Outgoing, Traffic Safety

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Crossing guard for schoolchildren going homes			◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone ◆ Association of Traffic Safety	
● Safe Traffic Class	X	Police Office	◆ Association of Traffic Safety ◆ Community Traffic Safety Promotion committee members	

● Children watch over Patrol	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone ◆ Association of Crime Prevention 	
● Safe Traffic programs	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Association of Traffic Safety 	
● Senior Safety School (Safe Traffic Class)	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Senior Club Association ◆ Association of Traffic Safety 	Senior Human Resources Center
● Check of play tools at parks	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Association of Social Welfare 	

(3) Work Place safety

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Counseling for Mental Health and welfare	X			Medical Association
● Seminar on countermeasure for Suicide	X			
● Study meeting about depression for home doctors	X			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Medical Association ◆ University
● Seminar on prevention of Sexual and Power Harassment	X			

(4) School Safety

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Children watch over Patrol	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone ◆ Association of Crime Prevention 	
● Shelter house #110 for children	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association 	
● Check risks on School routs	X		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Parents and Teachers Association ◆ Community organization at each school zone 	

● Provision of ID cars to parents			♦ Parents and Teachers Association	
● Provision of crime prevention busses	X			
● Safe Traffic Class	X	Police Office	♦ Association of Traffic Safety ♦ Community Traffic Safety Promotion committee members	
● Check of equipment in schools	X			

5-3. Intentional Injuries

(1) Crime Prevention

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Crime information Internet-delivery		Police Office		
● Crime Prevention Champagne	X	Police Office	♦ Association of Crime Prevention	
● Lecture on Crime Prevention	X	Police Office	♦ Association of Crime Prevention	
● Crime Prevention Patrol	X	Police Office	♦ Parents and Teachers Association ♦ Community organization at each school zone ♦ Association of Crime Prevention	
● Provision/lend of Patrol Cars with Blue Lights	X	Police Office	♦ Community organization at each school zone	
● Provision of Crime Prevention buzzers	X			
● Shelter house #110 for children	X		♦ Parents and Teachers Association	
● Set up Street Crime Prevention lights	X		♦ Community organization at each school zone	

(2) Violence Safety

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Child Abuse Prevention	X	♦ Police Office, ♦ Fire Department ♦ child consultation center	♦ Association of Community Social Welfare and Children's Welfare	♦ Medical Association ♦ Non-Profit Organization ♦ Association of Day-care Centers and kindergartens

● Event for Violence Prevention	X	Police Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Community organization at each school zone ◆ Association of Crime Prevention 	
● Telephone Counseling for Violence harms	X			
● Counseling focusing on Violence harms	X			Lawyers Association
● Seminar on sexual and Power Harassment prevention	X			

(3) Suicide Prevention

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Seminar on Suicide Countermeasure	X			
● Study meeting about depression for home doctors	X			◆ Medical Association, University
● Gate-Keeper Training program	X			◆ Residents being registered as Gate-keeper

5-4. Injury Prevention at Disaster and Fire

(1) Disaster Prevention and preparedness

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Comprehensive Disaster Drill	X	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Police Office ◆ Fire Department ◆ Self Defense Force 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Volunteer Fire Department groups ◆ Community organization at each school zone 	
● Instruction on Fire prevention at home			◆ Women's Club for Fire Prevention	
● Support to forming of self-disaster-prevention organization	X	Fire Department	◆ Community organization at each school zone	Non Profit Organization
● Provision of Disaster Related Information	X		◆ Volunteer Fire Department groups	
● Support for residents in need of care at emergency	X	Fire Department	◆ Community organization at each school zone	
● Instruction of fire prevention for residents in need of care at emergency	X		◆ Volunteer Fire Department groups	

5-5. Prevention of other injuries

(1) Emergency first aid treatment

programs/activities	City	Administrative Organizations	Community Organizations	Other organizations
● Insulation of AED	X			Facilities
● Training programs for basic lifesaving certification (Usage of AED, CPR)	X	Fire Department	Volunteer Fire Department groups	

6. Community organizations working on promotion of safety and quality

of life

- ◆ Community organization at each school zone
- ◆ Association of Traffic Safety
- ◆ Association of Crime Prevention
- ◆ Parents and Teachers Association
- ◆ School Zoe Youth Sound Nurturing Network Meeting
- ◆ Senior Club Association
- ◆ Association of Community Social Welfare and Children's Welfare
- ◆ Association of Social Welfare
- ◆ Organizations for Disabled Welfare Services
- ◆ Volunteer Fire Department groups
- ◆ Women's Club for Fire Prevention