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# futtsu life

Chiba,  
Futtsu City  
Resident's  
Guide Book



## Live in Futtsu! A thrilling life of wonder in Boso.

The luxury of living together with people within the beautiful abundance of nature -  
Once you live in Futtsu, you will find it's packed with even more magic.

"I want to live in that traditional Japanese home I've always dreamed of!" "I want to try a self-sufficient lifestyle!" "I want to go surfing all year-round!" "I want to fully enjoy the slow-life in nature!"

So, what will be your goal for starting a "Futtsu Life"?



What about this?  
What about that?  
Let's ask a  
"Futtsu mentor"!

*Nature*

# "We are Futtsu" Voices

Surrounded by the sea and mountains, Futtsu city is still only about 60 minutes away from central Tokyo using the Tokyo Bay Aqua Line or Tateyama Expressway. The convenient transportation options, the tranquil vistas, and the abundant gifts of nature. In addition to all that, the beauty of the turning of the four seasons. We took a moment to listen to the stories of joy & discovery from Futtsu mentors who are enjoying a luxurious "Futtsu Life".

*Business*

*Slow Life*

The abundant nature cured our daughter's asthma, and we still enjoy all the fun of the city.  
We've realized a comfortable live fully enjoying both worlds!

Moved in 2010  
(From Edogawa Ward, Tokyo)

**Mr. Michio Nakazawa & Family**

Sanuki

We arrived at a satoyama mountain hamlet looking for an easy-going life. What started with raising goats grew into a satoyama renaissance involving the whole region.

Moved in 2012  
(From Yokohama City, Kanagawa Prefecture)

**Mr. Haruo Yamagami**

Takamizo

We decided to move in our university days after yearning for country living and farming.  
Our monthly pizza, using only the freshest ingredients, is really a hit!

Moved in 2008  
(From Kawasaki City, Kanagawa Prefecture)

**Mr. Mitsuyuki Fukukura &  
Mrs. Chisato Fukukura**

Kanaya



# Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing

## ■ Futtsu city certification program for farming gentle on the environment

Futtsu city is working with livestock farmers, crop farmers and related organizations to promote farming that is gentle on the environment for the safety and peace of mind of consumers according to its principle of "Human development, making things & cultivating the soil". Agricultural goods produced using environmentally gentle methods are not only safe for the body, but also delicious. If you see a "Grown in Futtsu Agricultural Goods Certification Mark" (picture on the right) on foods such as rice, mustard spinach or tomatoes, please be sure to buy them!



## ■ A local specialty of Futtsu from the Edo period

Futtsu city has prided itself on producing well-loved sea laver known as "Kazusa laver" since the Edo period. Gourmet Japanese cuisine and Edo-mae sushi restaurants are devoted users of the laver. Kazusa laver is richly aromatic and delicious, thanks to the advanced aquaculture techniques used in its production and the bounty of nutritive salts that flow towards Futtsu from Tokyo Bay, more than most other areas. Just to taste this laver, people come from far & wide every year to visit the "Futtsu Raw Laver Fair" held from December to March annually.

# Futtsu Living Info

Futtsu city is welcoming people who wish to move in as part of its plan to increase the resident population in order to create a vigorous, vibrant city. The start of a new lifestyle is full of expectations and concerns. For that purpose we deliver essential information for "Futtsu" living, such as "access", "moving promotion", "child rearing", "agriculture, forestry & fishing" and the "sports environment".

# Sports Environment

## ■ Two parks equipped with an array of sports facilities

The "Chiba Prefecture Futtsu Park", which juts out into Tokyo Bay enjoys a warm climate and is equipped with an indoor heated pool, multi-purpose exercise grounds and a variety of sports facilities, and is widely used by both corporate and university sports teams as a training camp site. Additionally, the "Shimin Fureai Park" offers a variety of facilities for sports such as baseball, soccer, tennis and hiking.



## ■ A Mecca for marathon runners

Futtsu city is well known as a sports training camp Mecca and an ideal area for marathon runners to train. The Futtsu Park Perimeter Course, which is 5.6 km for one lap, is extensively used by long distance runners of corporate and university sports teams. The park is well equipped with facilities and courses beneficial to runners, such as the distance markers along the circuit course and the long, straight run leading to the Meiji 100th Anniversary Memorial Tower. Even when the weather is bad, training can still continue at the indoor heated pool within the park grounds. Marathon runners who will star in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics could be being raised on these very grounds.



# Child Rearing

Opened the Child Rearing Support site "Iku-Tomo".  
An abundance of childcare facilities, and zero children on the waiting list.  
The peace of mind of medical expense aid for children up through the 3rd year of Junior High.

## ■ Our pride is a waiting list with zero children!

Within Futtsu city there are 7 public nursery schools and 4 private preschools to make a combined total of 11 nursery and preschools. Additionally city offers one certified school which offers the facilities of both a nursery school and kindergarten. Of the 4 preschools, 3 of them are also able to care for children on holidays, to support parents with sudden work on the weekends or holidays. Currently the childcare waiting list is a problem around the country. Futtsu prides itself on having zero children on its childcare waiting list.

## ■ Both parents can work with peace of mind

There are 7 children's club facilities within Futtsu city that can care for children after school has ended when both guardians are unavailable due to work or other reasons. It is also possible for care to extend past 6 P.M. on the weekdays to offer support for sudden late evenings at work.

## ■ Reduced medical expenses for children

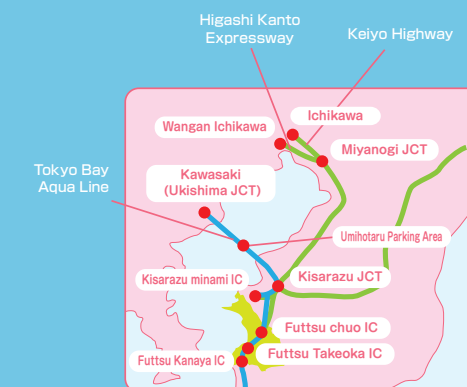
With their frequent fevers and bumps and scrapes, the medical expenses for children can really add up. Futtsu city covers a portion of a child's (up to junior-high school student) medical expenses (hospitalizations, doctor visits & prescriptions) for those with a residential address within the city limits. For details please contact the For details please contact the Child-Raising Support Division, Health and Welfare Department (0439-80-1256).

## ■ Child rearing support involving the whole region

Futtsu city offers two childcare support centers for regional children, the "Aohori Childcare Salon" and the "Mouhitotsuno-ouchi". In addition to childcare counseling, a variety of clubs and parent-child classes, these facilities also offer a location and opportunity for parents and other persons raising children to exchange information. The activities at these facilities are so well regarded by the participants that more than a few people visit the facilities from outside the city.

# Access

## ■ Convenient access to the Tokyo metropolis



By train

- From Tokyo  
The express train from Tokyo station takes 70-100 minutes
- From Chiba  
The local Uchibosen train headed for "Tateyama" or "Awakamogawa" from Chiba station takes 60-90 minutes.

※ There are 6 JR stations in Futtsu: Aohori, Onuki, Sanukicho, Kazusaminato, Takeoka and Hamakana.



By car

Take the Keiyo Doro, Higashi-kanto Expressway or Tokyo Bay Aqua Line to the Tateyama Expressway "Kisarazu-minami IC" interchange on to state highway 16. From the "Futtsu Chuo IC" interchange take state highway 127.



By Rapid Bus

- Keisei Bus  
From Tokyo station (Yaesu Exit) to Aohori station in approximately 80 minutes
- Nitto Kotsu (Boso-nanohana-go)  
From Tokyo station (Yaesu Minami Exit) to Kazusaminato station in approximately 70 minutes



By Ferry

- Tokyo Bay Ferry  
Approximately 40 minutes from Kurihama Bay to Kanaya Bay

# Moving promotion

## ■ We offer help finding a house!

Finding a home, which will be the center of your new life, is critical when thinking about moving to a new place. To assist people wishing to move in to Futtsu city, we have collaborated with the Chiba Takken (real estate transaction) Association Southern Branch Office to smoothly offer information and introduce properties as part of counseling. We will make our best efforts to meet your request whether it is for an apartment, stand-alone home or traditional Japanese house. For details, please visit the city home page or contact Planning Division, General Affairs Department (0439-80-1223).

## ■ Subsidies for home solar power systems

Futtsu city, which is committed to protecting the environment and preventing global warming, offers a limited subsidy within the available budget for a portion of the costs related to installing a home solar power system as part of its work to create an environmentally friendly city. If you will be building a house as part of moving to the city, please contact Environmental Maintenance Division, Citizens' Affairs Department (0439-80-1274) for details.







## (1) Decide your goal

Moving is a major change in your entire environment and lifestyle. To succeed in that situation, it is necessary to have a clear goal. Consider your lifestyle up until now, and if necessary how you will change your work, and how you will continue your new lifestyle after you have moved. With that clear vision, take action to realize your dream.

We moved to Futtsu to cure our daughter's asthma with the clean air. We've lived here 7 years, and her asthma is now cured! (Mr. & Mrs. Nakazawa)



## (2) Gather information

These days, information on moving can be found from a wide variety of sources. In addition to television, magazines and the Internet there are a number of national and regional NPO and community organizations that proactively publish information. Finding the information necessary to your lifestyle and goals among the vast volume of information available can be said to be the key to a successful moving to a new place.

You can find a lot of information from Internet searches, but as a lot of people see it, it's important to check often! (Mr. & Mrs. Nakazawa)



## (3) (First of all) Go and visit

When you find an area you'd like to move to, go and take a visit to experience it with all 5 senses before you worry too much about the details. You can gain a lot of critical information just by putting yourself in the spot you are considering. Discovering whether your feelings match the location is an important first step in the process.

With the ocean, mountains and rivers Futtsu city is bursting with nature. It had everything I was looking for in country living! (Mr. & Mrs. Fukukura)



## (4) Do a preliminary inspection

Once you decide to move, make as thorough a preliminary inspection as possible. Even within Futtsu city, the difference of the environment and residents can be surprisingly different whether you are on the ocean or mountain side, or north or south side. For a successful long-term lifestyle, it is important to choose your region and home in-line with your clearly decided goal.

If you'd like to experience living in a satoyama mountain hamlet, why not try the "Satoyama Lifestyle Experience School"? (Mr. Haruo Yamagami)



Start!

# Steps until moving

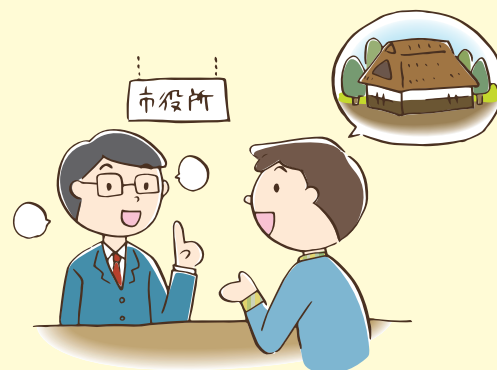
Moving is a major life decision. There are many people who think, "I can't make that extra step to reach what I yearn for..." To assist those considering moving, here we offer the voices of real people who carried out their decision to move.



## (5) Decide your work

No matter where you live, work forms the foundation of your lifestyle. If you will continue your current job after having moved, it is important to consider your commuting options when deciding a place to live. If you are planning to change jobs while moving, it's best to prepare as much as you can ahead of time, such as finding a job before you move.

You're sure to find work with the many commuting options Futtsu city provides, such as the train, highway bus, ferry and Tokyo Bay Aqua Line! (Mr. & Mrs. Fukukura)



## (6) Choose your home

Searching for a home plays a major role in your lifestyle goals when considering to move to a new place, such as choosing to live in a traditional Japanese home. Differences in the budget and areas you can choose also arise based on whether you will rent a home or build a new one. If you have any questions, feel free to ask advice from the Chiba Takken (real estate transaction) Association Southern Branch Office, collaborating with the Futtsu City Office.

We were able to get the traditional Japanese home and large plot of land we always longed for in Futtsu, at a price you would not believe in Tokyo! (Mr. & Mrs. Nakazawa)



## (7) Moving

Once you have decided your goal, work and home it's time to start your new lifestyle. We hope you will adjust to your new environment, become part of the local community, and fully enjoy your new life in Futtsu as quickly as possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the appropriate desk at the Futtsu City Government Office.

When you decide to move you're not done just by moving, it's how you continue to live that's important. Put in your time and effort for an even more wonderful environment! (Mr. Haruo Yamagami)



Goal!

