

Hello everyone.

On September 27, 2017, I came back to Japan from Nicaragua. I had been living in Managua of Nicaragua for 2 years, I taught Aikido to Nicaraguans as JICA(Japan International cooperate agency) overseas senior volunteer. Now, I am living in Japan, I want to send about something which I have happened around myself and my town. Please enjoy my article, My English is not so good though.



I live in Kawasaki city Kanagawa prefecture, near Tokyo. Almost 30 years ago, I moved to this town. My town has been changing and developing rapidly during 30 years. And the town is still developing, especially recent a few years, many tall buildings were built, and rail way stations, restaurants were constructed. I was not living here for only two years, but I have been surprised with what a rapid development of this city is. The population of this Kanagawa prefecture is almost 9 million. And population of Kawasaki is 1.5 million. Kanagawa is the second largest prefecture in Japan. Kanagawa is famous for heavy industrial zone, for example, there is Nissan automobile, Kawasaki motor cycle company and for bed town of Tokyo. Well, I would like to introduce my home town next below.



The left view is that I took with my camera from the third floor of my house on October 13 in 2017. When I moved to this place, I could not see any tall buildings such as 40 floors. but, now, almost 10 tall buildings are existing. Then, furthermore two new buildings are constructing. On the other hand, the number of the small private houses are growing up in the small spaces. As the current trendy, three floors house are built in the small space with car space, but they have no garden in front or back of the house. My house was built with 3 floor almost 14 years ago. Those days I could not see any 3 floor house around here. Near my house we have three main train stations on each rail ways. So that why this town is expanding rapidly. Most people are going to Tokyo area for working.



My house is located in Kosughi Gotencho town, near Musashi Kosugi station on Toyoko line. It took almost 30 minutes from Tokyo station to Musashi Kosugi station. Almost 400 years ago, Edo period, these areas were famous for accommodation town and summer resort town on Nakahara way and Fuchu way. General Tokugawa was used to come and go on these ways. And stayed here for accommodation place. Therefore the name of the place and some old temple and shrine are still existing.



On the other hand, there are extensive park which is called Todoroki ryokuchi. There are soccer stadium (Kawasaki Frontale soccer team name, home ground), museum, arena in the park. In Japan, we have Olympic in 2020, this area and buildings in the park are supposed to use for the players come from the world. So this park is still developing to enlarge. Also, Tamagawa river is near my town. On my own time, I go cycling with my favorite bicycle. On the shopping area, there are many supermarkets, large shopping malls, and small stores around station. However, we have main street around the station. We call Nichi idai mae street. This is named because there are many stores on the street from the station and the hospital. On the way to the hospital, many people stop to buy the goods. Some of these stores look like the small market. The clients and sales staffs enjoy conversation among them.

