

Events & Festival

Many fun events

JAN

●Visit the Seven Deities of Good Fortune in Soka-shuku



MAR

●Soka Matsubara Taikobashi Road Race



APR

●Soka Park Festival
●Soka Kids Festival in Spring
●Soka Welcome Festival

MAY

●Soka Yosakoi Samba Festival



JUN

●Soka Shukuba Festival



●Soka City - Agricultural Fair
●Soka Kokusaimura Ichi-banchi (International Exchange Festival)
●Soka City Youth Sumo Tournament

JUL

●Soka Asagao Fair

AUG

●Soka City Fireworks Festival



SEP

●Child Rearing Festa

OCT

●Soka Sports Festival
●Soka Fusasara Festival



NOV

●International Harp Festival



●City Gourmet in Soka
●Welfare Festival in Soka



●Soka City Agricultural Festival



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Local Industry

Leather & Yukata & Rice Crackers

Leather

Soka's leather-related industries are among the largest in Japan in terms of amount shipped and number of businesses, and the city has a series of techniques from dyeing to product processing. These techniques are the source of manufacturing a wide variety of leather products in Soka.



Yukata (Dyeing)

Soka's yukata cloth industry, which was supported by the Japanese pattern-dyeing technique of Chusen, was designated as a traditional craft product by Saitama Prefecture and in its heyday it boasted 30% of the production in Japan. Thanks to the efforts of the prefecture's traditional craftspeople and other stakeholders, the technique of Chusen is carried on to this day.



Soka Senbei (Rice Crackers)

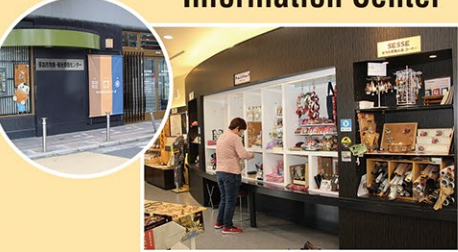
To further cultivate markets both in Japan and overseas for Soka senbei (Rice crackers), which are made with only high-quality non-glutinous rice and a special soy sauce while following the traditional processes and flavors that have remained unchanged since the Edo period, the producers are working on new challenges.



Mascot character Paripori-kun

Do you want to check out local industry ?

■ Products and Tourism Information Center



[Hours] 10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
[Entry fee] Free
[Closed] During the year-end and New Year's holidays (Dec.29 to Jan.3)
[Address] Hikawa-cho 1978
[Contact] Tel 048-921-1800
[Getting there] Get off at Soka station and go under the West Entrance railroad bridge

■ Traditional Industries Exhibition Room "Parisse" (1st floor, Soka City Culture Hall)



[Hours] 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
[Entry fee] Free
[Closed] First Wednesday of the month
During the year-end and New Year's holidays (Dec.29 to Jan.3)
[Address] Matsue 1-1-5
[Contact] Tel 048-931-1970
[Transportation] 5 minutes' walk from the East Entrance of Dokkyodaigakumae (Soka Matsubara) Station

National Scenic Beauty

Soka Matsubara

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Scenic Spot of "Oku-no Hosomichi"

Soka Matsubara has a row of 634 pine trees about 1.5 km in length along the Ayase River, which flows north-south in central Soka City. It is located on the north side of the what used to be the post town of Soka on the Nikko Road, and one theory holds that the trees were planted in 1683 when the Ayase River was improved.

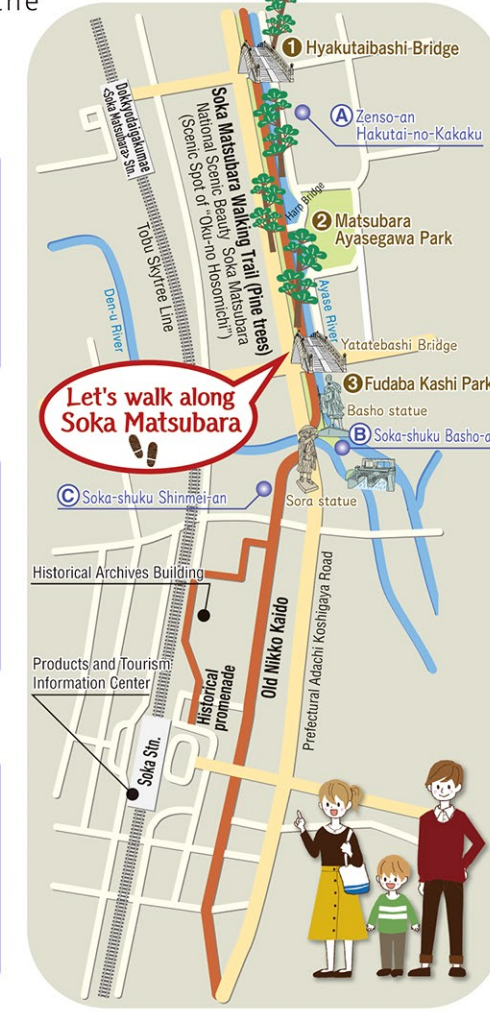
In 1689, MATSUO Basho set out on "Oku-no Hosomichi (The Narrow Road to Oku)" journey from Fukagawa in Edo going upriver by boat from Senju and then traveling north on the Nikko Road. In the emotion of the first day of his journey that took two years and covered 3,000 Ri (12,000 km), the name Soka appears.

In the late 1960's, air pollution worsened and the number of trees remarkably decreased, but thanks to protecting and replanting activities carried out by resident groups, the number of trees gradually increased and today it is a place of relaxation for residents. Furthermore, the Japanese government designated it a National Site of Scenic Beauty in March 2014 that conveys the atmosphere of "Oku-no Hosomichi" period.

「その日やうやう
早加といふ宿に
たどり着きにけり」
松尾芭蕉



Let's walk along Soka Matsubara



1 Hyakutaibashi Bridge



2 Matsubara Ayasegawa Park



3 Fudaba Kashi Park



A Zenzo-an Hakutai-no-Kakaku



B Soka-shuku Basho-an



C Soka-shuku Shinmei-an



History of Soka

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In 1958, Soka's population reached 34,878 and it became the 21st city in the prefecture to implement the municipal system. In 1963, due to the establishment of the Matsubara Housing Complex, the largest in the East at the time, the population exceeded 50,000. In 1968, with the population increasing with the development of the city, Soka became the 8th city in the prefecture to have a population of 100,000.

On March 18, 2014, Soka Matsubara was designated a national site of scenic beauty and the year 2018 marked the 60th anniversary of the establishment of the municipal system.

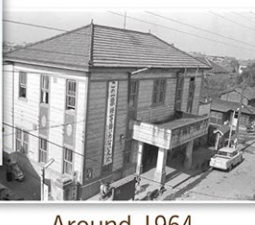
Year	Events
1958	November 1: Enactment of the municipal system (21st in the prefecture with a population of 34,878)
1962	Subway Hibiya Line and Tobu Line started interconnecting People started moving into the Matsubara Housing Complex
1978	September 16 and 17: The first Soka City Festival was held
1986	November 1: Hyakutaibashi Bridge was completed in Soka Matsubara
1987	August 10: Soka Matsubara was selected as one of the top 100 roads in Japan
1988	November 1: Renewed the citizen charter and made the city song
1989	February 28: The population of the city exceeded 200,000 November 24 to 26: The first International Harp Festival was held
1992	February 21: AKOS was opened in conjunction with the development around the East Exit of Soka Station September 24: Oku-no-Hosomichi Literary Prize was founded November 27: The Tokyo Gaikan Expressway (Outer Ring Road) was opened
2004	April 1: Soka City became a Special City (4th in the prefecture) July 20: The new municipal hospital was opened
2014	March 18: Soka Matsubara was designated "A place of scenery from the Narrow Road to Oku" by the government
2016	April 8: Soka City Community Bus, Paripori-kun Bus, started operation
2018	November 1: 60th anniversary of the enactment of the municipal system
2020	April 9: The city population exceeded 250,000

Introducing the transition of Soka City

● Soka City Hall



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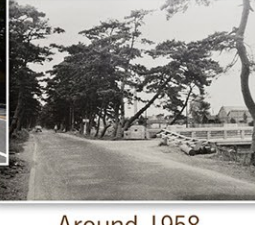


Around 1964

● Soka Matsubara



2018

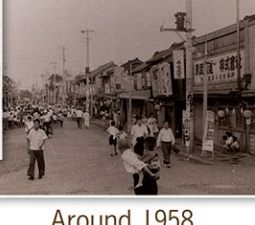


Around 1958

● Soka Stn. East Exit Street



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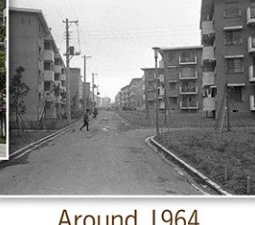


Around 1958

● Matsubara housing complex



2018



Around 1964

Town Guide Map

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