

# POSITION OF CHIRYU CITY



*AICHI Prefecture*

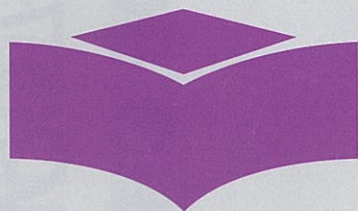
## The Size of the City

area ..... 16.34km<sup>2</sup>  
 The longest length of East and West ..... 5.8km  
 The longest length of South and North ..... 4.6km

## a place of a city office

the East Longitude(E.L.) 137 degrees 3 minutes 2 seconds  
 the North Latitude(N.L.) 35 degrees 0 minutes 2 seconds  
 Above the Sea 15 meters

## The city's symbol mark

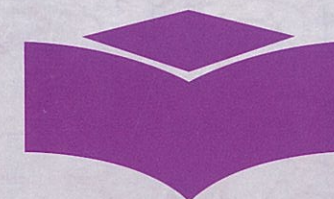


### An oath of the citizens of Chiryu

The flower of irises, a row of pine trees on the road.  
 To build bright and comfortable Chiryu City, which has history and tradition, we made an oath of the citizens here.

- 1.We promise to keep the traffic morals and build a safe city.
- 1.We build a wholesome environment and bring up the power of the youth
- 1.We keep our gratitude everyday and fill our home with happiness
- 1.We keep public facilities and keep the city clean
- 1.We try to raise more culture and elevate higher civilization

# 知立 Chiryu City INFORMATION



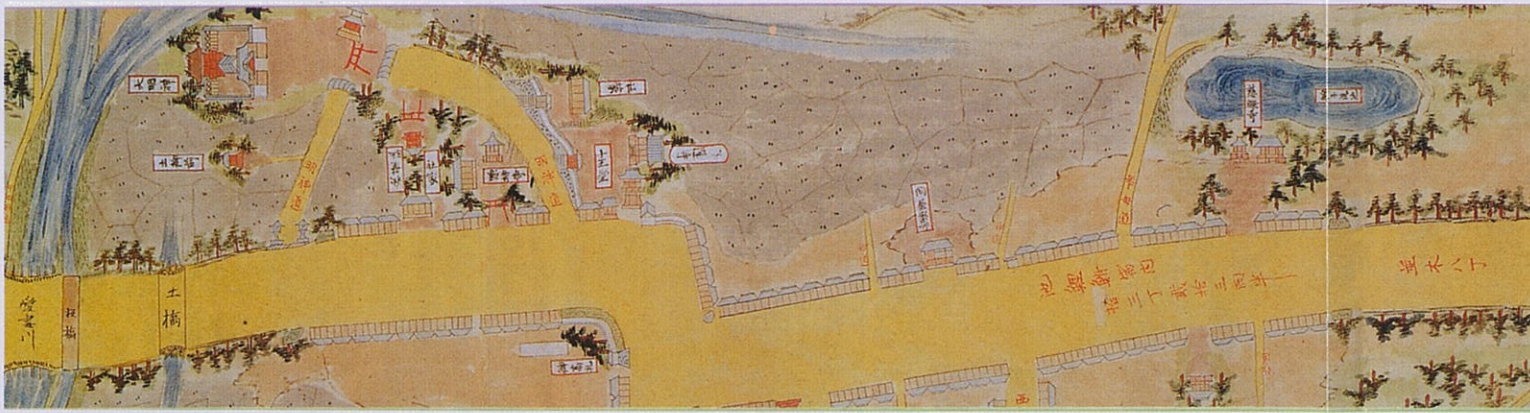
## Kakitsubata

Every May Kakitsubata bloom at Muryoju temple to fill the garden with its graceful violet.  
 Kakitsubata, a Japanese iris is a city flower of Chiryu



## Hanashobu

Lot of people who visit Chiryu Park can enjoy more than sixty kinds of beautiful Hanashobu, Japanese sweet flags.



### 知立市は東西交通のまち

中世のころには鎌倉街道が通り、江戸時代には東海道53次の宿場町として栄えた知立市では、国道1号を始め、何本もの国道や主要県道がまちを縦横に走っています。これに加え、まちの中央を東西に名鉄本線が、南北に三河線が走るなど、知立市は交通の要衝地として発展を続けています。

### Chiryu City is for the East's and West's communication

During the Middle Ages, there was an inter-prefecture road called Kamakura Kaido that went across Chiryu. And during the Tokugawa Shogunate period, Chiryu had a glorious time as Tokaido (it means Tokai-road; it's an inter-prefecture road from Tokyo to Kyoto) one of 53 shukubamachi (it means Post town in English). The Shogunate built post towns in about every 5 miles to 7.5 miles for travellers. Present day's many inter-prefecture roads and prefectural roads go across Chiryu City and in addition to that, there are private rail lines called Meitetsu Honsen (Honsen means main line) that goes from east to west and another line goes south to north. Chiryu City grows every day through its conveniently situated traffic.



### 知立市は歴史と伝統のまち

西中遺跡群、西町神宮跡などの出土品から、知立には、すでに縄文時代晩期から人が住んでいたことがわかっています。古くからこの地方の経済、文化の中心地でした。このため、知立市には歴史のある神社、仏閣が数多く残されています。鎌倉時代の庶民文化が今日に伝えられるなど、歴史と伝統が息づいているまちです。

### Chiryu: the city of long history and traditional

From excavated articles, we know people lived in Chiryu way back in B.C. Because from the old days, Chiryu was a center of this area's economy and culture, we have many shrines and temples from old ages. Chiryu, city live with long history, tradition and present day at the same time.



### 知立神社

西三河一の名社として知られる知立神社には多宝塔(国指定重要文化財)をはじめ能面舞楽など多くの文化財が保存されており、隔年5月3日の大祭には5台の山車がくり出され、「山車文楽」「からくり」が上演される。また、隣接の知立公園には60種余の花菖蒲が植えられ、6月には色とりどりの花がその美を競い合う。

### Chiryu Shrine

Chiryu Shrine is known as the best Shrine in West Mikawa. Chiryu Shrine has much important cultural property like Tahoto (Treasure Tower) and Noh Mask to name a few. There's a big festival on May 3 of every other year. We will celebrate this day with five "Dashi" (it means "carfloat" in Japanese) and present a play called "Dashi Bunraku" and "Karakuri". ("Karakuri" literally means "a gadget". This Karakuri will be presented by dolls with lots of gadget.) Also at Chiryu Park adjoins the Shrine, more than sixty kinds of Japanese sweet flags are planted to give us a beautiful scene of June.



### 知立の伝統芸能

江戸時代中期から継承されている民俗芸能が2つある。「山車文楽」と「山車からくり」(国指定重要無形民俗文化財)がそれである。ともに5月3日の知立神社大祭に山車上で上演されているが、その素朴さと芸術性の高さは、見る者を300年前の世界へと導いてくれる。

### Chiryu's traditional public entertainment

We have two traditional public entertainments inherited from the 17th century. Those are Dashi Bunraku and Dashi Karakuri (Important Intangible Folk Cultural Properties). They both present Chiryu Shrine's big festival in May 3 on the Dashi Stage. Those plays lead us back to the 17th century for sure.



### 三河三弘法

三河三弘法第1番札所である遍照院には、弘法大師の自像三体のうちの一体「見返弘法大師」と呼ばれる本尊が祭られている。毎月旧暦21日の命日には県内をはじめ県外から参拝する者も多く、善男善女でにぎわう。

### Mikawa San Kobo (Three Mikawa Kobo)

Henjo-in, the first Fudasho (it means "an office in a temple where amulets are distributed to pilgrims" and this time it's Kobo's temple) of Mikawa San Kobo, sacred to one of the three Kobo itself's carving called Mikaeri-Kobo ("Mikaeri" means "look back"). On Kobo's death day, twenty-first of every month in the old calendar, lots of his worshippers visit the temple from both inside and outside of Aichi Prefecture.



### 秋葉まつり

秋葉神社の祭神は火之迦具土神である。毎年9月中旬の日曜日に祭りは行われ、中でも日本伝統の美しさを誇る手筒火花は秋葉祭りを代表する行事である。

### Akiba Festival

Akiba Jinja (Akiba Shrine) is sacred to Hinokagutsuchi God. Every year in the middle of September they hold a festival called Akiba Matsuri (Akiba Festival). This Festival's most famous event is the display of many kinds of fireworks that present us one of the beautiful Japanese traditional works.

