

# A History of Kakogawa City



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## Forward

These days, the population of Kakogawa City exceeds 260,000 but when I was a junior high school student (1955~57), it was a small town whose population had just exceeded 70,000. At that time, it was a local city which had an image more of a farm village than of an industrial and commercial city. There were no opportunities to meet foreigners in Kakogawa City except for two foreign religious pastors. Today, the population structure of Kakogawa City has changed dramatically, and these changes will continue in the future. Thus we have the opportunity, and need to introduce Kakogawa City in English to visitors from foreign countries.

We hope that they will enjoy discovering about the abundant history of Kakogawa City even though there is little written about it in English. *A History of Kakogawa City* is an introduction to our city's history.

Although this book is intended for foreigners, it uses many proper nouns and place names in Kakogawa City. For reference, please use the Map of Kakogawa City.

This first edition of *A History of Kakogawa City* deals with events up to the end of the Edo period. It is hoped that future editions will explore our history up to the present day.

Although *A History of Kakogawa City* is an incomplete composition, I hope you enjoying and welcome your comments.

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