

Chigasaki Breeze

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Administrative Policy for FY2007

In order to enhance the charm of Chigasaki.....

At the first municipal ordinary assembly held on February 23, the mayor expressed his basic thought on municipal organization administration for FY 2007. On the operation of the administration, it was decided to take more positive action to cope with the basic policy of personnel training as it's behind the original schedule.

On the finance arena, it was decided to go ahead through setting of the loan flotation frame which could keep practical use and soundness of a financial adjustment fund, and on the collaboration, it was decided to plan the consciousness reform of the staff.

Concerning a measure for "the security and reliable community", it was pointed out to steadily proceed on the task by using assistance from citizens, and to aggressively proceed on the countermeasure to improve the river and reduce the possibility of disastrous damages through good cooperation with the central and prefectural governments.

Main Tasks to pursue

(1) Build a safe and reliable community

- Quakeproof reinforcement of a school institution
- Consolidation of the main line of sewerage and rainwater systems
- Uenota park rainwater reservoir maintenance
- A task of making flood and Tsunami hazard maps
- A wooden house quakeproof and repair promotion
- Payment and assistance of a disaster/fire prevention alarm (NEW)
- Maintenance of *Komayori-gawa* river (NEW)
- Maintenance of Higashi Kaigan Samukawa line (NEW)
- Maintenance of a new national road line (NEW)

(2) Bring up a child carrying the next generation in good health

- Holiday childcare (NEW)
- Child short-term stay business (NEW)
- Temporary daytime support business for challenged people (NEW)
- An after school children health upbringing business
 - /An elementary school *fureai* (contact) plaza business
- Fureai* (contact) assistant dispatch business/placement of counselors to educate about well-being. (EXPANSION)
- Restroom repair and maintenance in elementary and junior high schools
- Deployment of personal computers for educational purpose, etc.

(3) Industrial activation and job creation

- Founder support

- Retailers organization sales promotion assistance business (NEW)
- An interchange support business between industry-university-public (NEW)
- A medium and small-sized business finance measure business
- Akabane* land reclamation business
- Agriculture and a green maintenance business

(4) Promotion of a healthy life

- To increase the ages covered by infant medical costs
- Disease prevention/a healthy life business
- A business to create a better standard of living for senior citizens (NEW)
- (Provisional) Maintenance of *Tsutsumi* sports open space (NEW)
- (Provisional) Riverside park maintenance business
- Support the upbringing of large district sports halls

(5) Promote organizing the community in consideration of the environment

- A review of master plan for Green
- Development of a landscape plans
- Reinforcement of *Shimin-no-mori* (citizen's forest)
- Development of a promotion plan for global warming countermeasures (NEW)
- Development of energy vision (NEW)
- Development of master plan for general waste disposal (NEW)
- Maintenance of *Akabane* citizen's farm (NEW)

Route 134 and *Shonan Yuhodō*

Readers may already know that Chigasaki is in the center of the so-called **SHONAN** district consisting of such cities as Zushi, Kamakura, Fujisawa, and Hiratsuka. These cities all face Sagami Bay and the route running east and west along the coastline is now known as Route 134. Historically, however, it had been called *Shonan Yuhodō* or "Shonan Promenade".

The construction of the road began on August 27, 1931 and it was opened to the public in July 1935 excluding the Shonan Bridge area crossing Sagami River. This is when the road was named *Shonan Yuhodō*. The Shonan bridge construction was completed in October 1936, and then the whole route from Ryukoji temple in Katase-Enoshima to Ōiso-cho was opened.

Kanagawa Prefecture also started planting black pine trees along the coastline in 1931; in the early Showa era, firstly to create a coastal park in the name of Shonan Development Plan and secondly to protect residential areas from the sand. The black pine plantation was almost completed in 1941.

Nevertheless, those pine trees were recklessly cut down because of the shortage of fuel after the end of World War II, and these trees in an area of about 50 hectares were lost. Kanagawa Prefecture started to replant pine trees as well as other hardwood species, and to maintain the trees they set nylon nets on the seaside in three or fourfold layers, while to protect also from the sand blown by the strong offshore wind, they planted *HAMAHIRUGAO* or *Calystegia soldanella* on the sand near to the trees. This forestation plan began in 1971 and the greenery was fully recovered in 1985. There were strenuous efforts by the prefectural government.

In parallel with this Route 134, there is a so-called cycling road running 8.4 kilometers along the seashore from Kugenuma Kaigan (seashore) in Fujisawa to Yanagishima Kaigan in Chigasaki. There, you will see many people enjoying walking, jogging, cycling, and feeling the refreshing sea breeze on fine days, and also you will enjoy the peaceful sight of the lush green pine trees in your eyes and heart.

From Hamasuka pedestrian bridge over Route 134, located at the southeast border of the city, you will see a beautiful scene of a green-belt of pine trees on both sides of the road, a picturesque view of Enoshima Island in the east, Mt. Fuji in the west, and Eboshi-Iwa Rocks in the south. They are a real treasure of the city Chigasaki.