

Ray of Hope

Tohoku is ready to welcome the ILC



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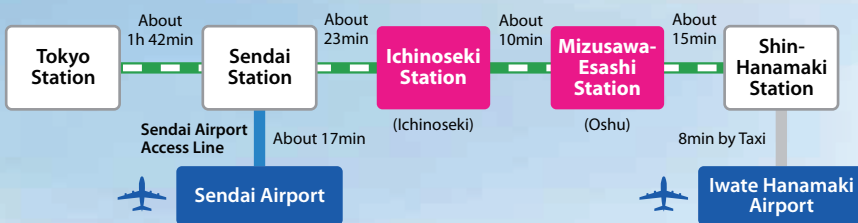


Access to Ichinoseki/Oshu from Tokyo

■ Tokyo station from Narita International Airport and Haneda Airport



■ When using Shinkansen bullet train (Shortest possible time)



The proposed site for the ILC is in the Kitakami Mountains where smooth hilly country continues to the Pacific coast.

Oshu, Ichinoseki, and Hiraizumi are located in the southwest part of the Kitakami Mountains at 39 degrees north latitude, at about the same latitude as Madrid, Beijing, and Washington, DC. The area around Hiraizumi, a World Heritage Site, is well-known for its long history. There is also excellent transportation infrastructure, providing access to the area from within Japan by expressway and Shinkansen bullet train.

Tohoku was devastated by the earthquake and tsunami of 2011, and is hoping that the ILC, which will act as a driving force of the reconstruction, will be built here.

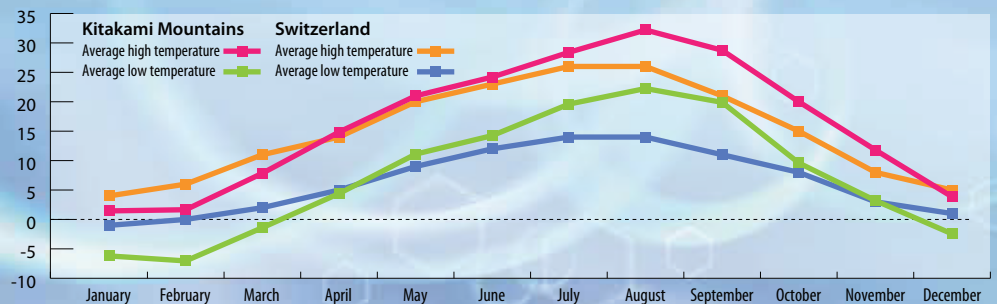


The Kitakami Mountains have natural beauty that can be enjoyed all year round.

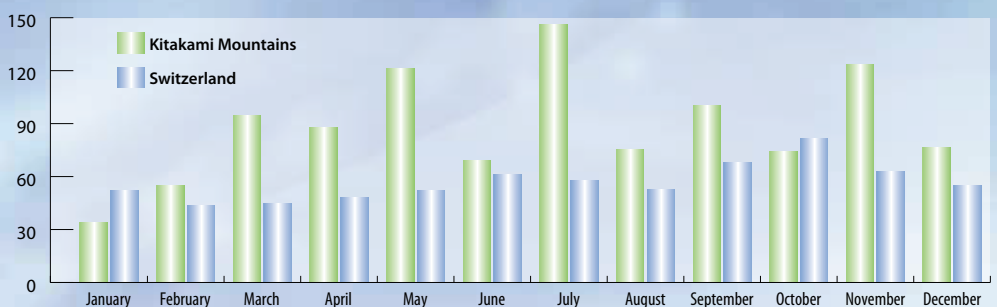
The temperature varies more than at the CERN facility in Switzerland and there are more clearly defined seasons. Abundant rainfall gives rise to a rich and varied natural environment.

This area is blessed with abundant natural beauty. There are so many things to enjoy: viewing the cherry blossoms in the spring, swimming in the ocean during the summer, having your fill of the fruits of the mountains and the ocean in the fall, and enjoying skiing and snowboarding during the winter.

■ Temperature (°C)



■ Precipitation (mm)



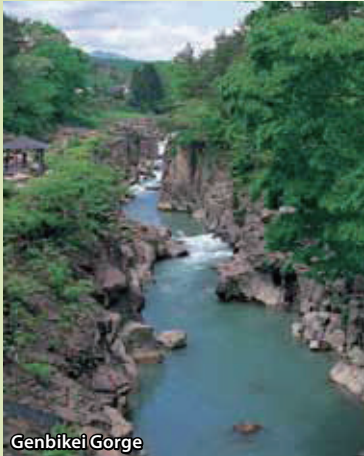
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Introducing Ichinoseki City

Tourism

This area is full of natural tourist attractions such as the dynamic natural beauty of Geibikei and Genbikei gorges, the beauty of the fresh green in the spring and the bright colors of the fall that fascinate mountain hikers on Mt. Kurikomayama, and the view from observation decks on the summit of Mt. Muronesan, which offers enjoyable outdoor leisure.



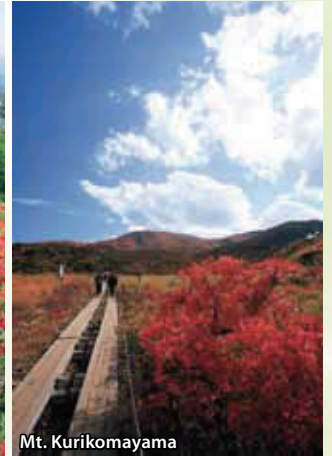
Genbikei Gorge



Geibikei Gorge



Mt. Muronesan



Mt. Kurikomayama

Festivals/Events/ Traditional Arts

Festivals that express the traditional culture of the native region to the present day, the Maturiba events at the Murone Shrine Festival, and the Daito-Ohara Mizukake Water Festival, are held in each area. Local beer festivals that are held across the country, the Kawasaki Summer Fireworks Festival, and various other events are also held annually.



Maturiba events at the Murone Shrine Festival



Kawasaki Summer Fireworks Festival



Daito-Ohara Mizukake Water Festival



All-Japan Beer Festival

Local Specialties

A food culture that has been cultivated amongst a rich nature and history can be savored through delicacies such as the refined sake created by brewers in the southern area blessed by the water and sake rice, and mochi cuisine, which offers 300 taste variations.



Sake



Mochi cuisine



Nanbu Ichiro pumpkins

Introducing Oshu City

Tourism

Esashi-Fujiwara Heritage Park, which is located near the World Heritage Site of Hiraizumi, is a theme park where you can experience the historical culture of the Tohoku region from ancient times to the middle ages. The beautiful natural scenery that changes appearance from season to season will also soothe the eyes and spirits of visitors.



Esashi-Fujiwara Heritage Park



The line of cherry trees at the Mizusawa Race Track



Yakeishi Quapark Himekayu

Festivals/Events/ Traditional Arts

Oshu has many deeply rooted traditional events and folk art such as the Hidaka Hibuse Festival and the Esashi 100-Deer Dance. You can experience the culture and history of Oshu through the festivals and events held each season.



Hidaka Hibuse Festival



100-Deer Dance



Oshu Horseback Archery Contest

Local Specialties

Nationally designated traditional handicrafts, such as Nambu Tekki ironware and Iwayado Tansu chests created from high-quality Japanese zelkova and paulownia wood and then given a deep lacquer, possess a history of several hundred years and are being produced in great numbers as products that are proudly Japanese. The deep sensitivity and high artistry of the craftsmen is continuing to be passed down right up to the present day.



Iwayado Tansu



Nambu Tekki Ironware



Esashi apples

Planned construction candidate site for the International linear collider and main surrounding facilities



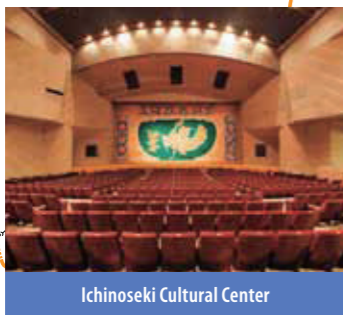
Oshu General Gymnasium



Lime-kun Farmer's Market



Ichinoseki National College of Technology



Ichinoseki Cultural Center

World Heritage HIRAIZUMI

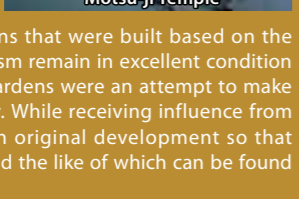


Chuson-ji Temple



Motsu-ji Temple

Many temples, gardens, and ruins that were built based on the philosophies of Pureland Buddhism remain in excellent condition in Hiraizumi. The temples and gardens were an attempt to make an ideal world in our own reality. While receiving influence from abroad, it accomplished its own original development so that Hiraizumi expresses an ideal world the like of which can be found nowhere else.



Oshu

Ichinoseki

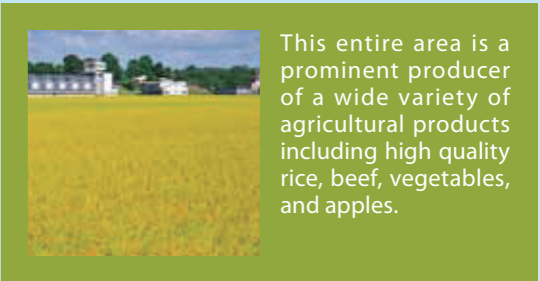
International Linear Collider



National Astronomical Observatory in Mizusawa Mizusawa VLBI Observatory



Esashi Earth Tides Station



This entire area is a prominent producer of a wide variety of agricultural products including high quality rice, beef, vegetables, and apples.

