

Aiming to become a Strong, Kind, and Beautiful City

Hanyu city is located in the north-eastern part of Saitama prefecture, approximately 60 kilometers north of Tokyo. It is a small rural city with a population of 58,000 and is blessed with an abundance of nature.

Trees throughout the area are interspersed with vast rice fields. The magnificent flowing path of the Tonegawa River, also known as Bando Taro, has not changed in ages. The rare insectivorous algae called *mujinamo* grow wildly in this area. And the warm hospitality of the people is a long tradition of Hanyu.

In various places in the city, sites that appear in the novel “*Inaka Kyoshi*” written by the great author of the Meiji era, Katai Tayama, are still preciously preserved.

With “strong, kind, and beautiful” as its motto, Hanyu aims to become an attractive city with a new kind of lifestyle that other cities will want to adopt. In an environment with abundant nature and with the support from rapidly growing industries, we aim to create a beautiful urban environment while preserving the history and traditions crafted by our ancestors.

Hanyu Citizens’ Charter

We have established this charter hoping to create a happy hometown, a town worth living in, where people take pride in being a citizen and who esteem the history and traditions established by the city’s ancestors.

We, the citizens of Hanyu, will:

1. develop our spirit in providing services with a feeling of gratitude;
2. deepen our education to broaden our vision;
3. have pride in our jobs and work with effort;
4. maintain the environment and create a hometown that is comfortable to live in;
5. abide by the rules, be disciplined and create a bright society.



City Emblem

The circular city emblem of Hanyu is a design based on the kanji characters for Hanyu. The concept behind the design is “solidarity and harmony”. The emblem was selected from the many sent in from the general public. This design competition was part of the commemoration activities for the bestowing of city status on Hanyu.

(Enacted on February 14, 1955)



City Tree — Fragrant Olive

The fragrant olive tree has been popular among the people of Hanyu for a long time. It maintains its green leaves throughout the year, and around the time of the autumnal equinox, it gives off a lovely fragrance. There are several types of fragrant olive trees which many people like to grow in their gardens.

(Enacted on November 2, 1979)



City Flower — Wisteria

In May, these blooming light purple flowers resemble bunches of grapes hanging from vines. Their elegance is so exceptional that they have been frequently referred to in songs and haiku poems throughout Japanese history. In Hanyu, the wisterias in Daitenbaku Park are especially popular, and the park has become a place of relaxation for citizens.

(Enacted on November 2, 1979)



**Hanyu, full of vitality.
Hanyu, full of dreams.**

●City logo

Green and indigo, which give a feeling of ease, are the main colors of this logo expressing abundant nature, cheerfulness, and vitality. The mark also expresses a city with great potential for the future.

●Motto

The city’s motto is “strong, kind, and beautiful.” This means to build a strong city of healthy people; to help each other in educational, cultural, and sports pursuits, and to develop a beautiful city with a friendly environment for the future.

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