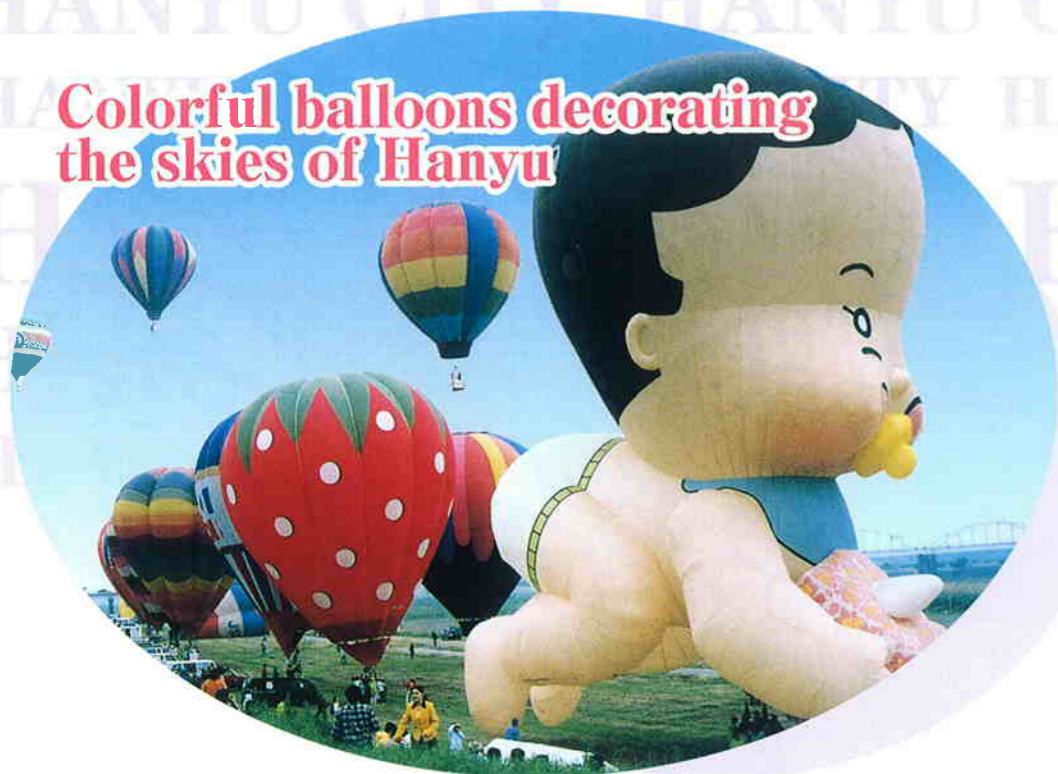


A flight over
the carpet of green fields.



Flying on a glider

Colorful balloons decorating
the skies of Hanyu



Balloon
Festival

Loud cheers are sent to
the boisterous participants!



Citizens'
Sports
Festival



Participants running through
Hanyu city just before spring

Hanyu
Sawayaka
Marathon
in the City
of Indigo Plants

Enjoyment

In Hanyu city, various events are held throughout the year. Blessed with a magnificence of nature such as the Tonegawa River, many events are made possible through the cooperation of the people in the communities where the events are held. Visitors are welcome to participate and share in the fun!

Summer
Festival



Lively portable shrines
and floats are paraded
along the streets

Cosmos
Festival

Commerce
and
Industrial
Festival

Honcho Avenue
filled with a huge crowd



Agricultural Festival

The abundant autumn
harvest is displayed
everywhere



Cosmos that blooms
all over



Cosmos Festival

Many people from various places come and enjoy the many cosmos that bloom in what was once a rice field in Mitakaya every year. Various events such as piglet races and pounding steamed glutinous rice are held at the Cosmos Festival which is held when the flowers are in bloom.

Hanyu Sawayaka Marathon in the City of Indigo Plants

Many runners from all over Japan come to participate in this event held every year in March. The event is divided into a half-marathon, a 10-kilometer race, and a 5-kilometer race. Citizens line the streets to cheer the runners along the course which winds through the rich natural scenery of Hanyu.

Summer Festival

Sacred portable shrines and floats brought in by various community groups parade in and around Honcho Avenue. The festival reaches its peak at night when hayashi music and shouting can be heard from all over the site. During the day, small portable shrines are paraded by young children to the encouraging cheers of the many spectators.

Balloon Festival

The splendid atmosphere of Hanyu can be enjoyed through this aerial sport. Approximately 30 teams from all over the nation fly their balloons every year in Saitama prefecture's sole balloon festival. The atmosphere of the site is fevered with the many observers and photographers.

Citizens' Sports Festival

Groups from all over Hanyu city compete in various events such as sprints, three-legged relay races, and a great jump rope event. There are also events in which anyone can participate. This festival attracts many people from all over the city.

Commerce and Industry Festival

This is a customary autumn event which is held along Honcho Avenue, which is closed to vehicles. Besides the various events held, many commercial and industrial products of Hanyu are exhibited and sold. A variety of shops and stalls run by citizen groups are available to the huge crowd.

Agricultural Festival

Many vegetables and fruits grown in Hanyu are offered at this festival which is held in autumn, the harvest season. Delicacies such as rice cakes made from newly-harvested rice can be enjoyed. The low price of vegetables and other products being sold is another attraction.