

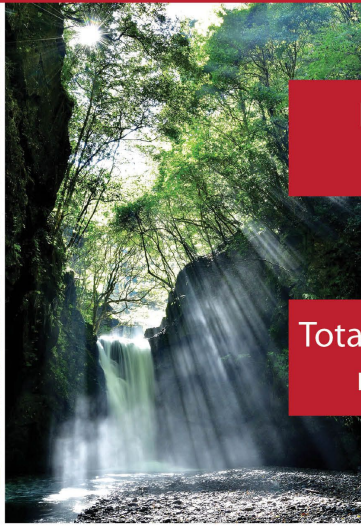


CARMEL SISTER CITIES, INC. ESTABLISHED 1994

CITY OF KAWACHINAGANO OSAKA PREFECTURE, JAPAN



The ancient pilgrim road to Mt. Koya, historic buildings, and lush nature



Population:
100,792

Total area in square
miles: 42.33



FORM OF GOVERNMENT

Japan is a unitary state and constitutional monarchy in which the power of the Emperor is limited to a ceremonial role. Executive power is instead wielded by the Prime Minister of Japan and the Cabinet, whose sovereignty is vested in the Japanese people. The Mayor of Kawachinagano is directly elected by the voters and serves with a separately elected legislative city council consisting of 18 members. Kawachinagano contributes one member to the Osaka Prefectural Assembly.



MAJOR BUSINESS OR TRADE INDUSTRY

Kawachinagano is known industrially for its toothpicks, bamboo "sudare" blinds and cast iron goods. Agriculturally, it is known for mandarin oranges, peaches, shiitake mushrooms and Japanese "sake" brewing. Tourism is another important industry, especially since the city just had three major "Kaido" roads from ancient times certified as Japan Heritage Sites.



MAJOR INITIATIVES WITH THE CITY OF CARMEL

- Kawachinagano Japanese Garden and Summer Tea House at City Hall
- Student exchanges with Seikyo Gakuen Junior and Senior High Schools
- Exchanges between police and fire department personnel
- Student/children art exchanges
- Kawachinagano artists attending Carmel International Arts Festival

