**Ogatsu Rose Factory Garden**

The Ogatsu Rose Factory Garden is a symbol of hope and community. In the aftermath of the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami that struck the area in 2011, residents came together here to plant flowers in memory of the people who lost their lives in the disaster. Thanks to the efforts of hundreds of volunteers, the almost 2,000-square-meter site now teems with life, including not only a rich diversity of roses but also cherry and plum trees, blueberries, strawberries, cherries, and wild herbs.

 The freshly picked fruits and herbs are used in drinks and food sold at the café on the premises. The facility hosts a range of activities throughout the year, from seminars on disaster preparedness to concerts, workshops, and children’s field trips.