**Bozuhara Pilot Tea Garden**

The Bozuhara Pilot Tea Garden is a tea farm located along the Kyushu Olle Ureshino Course from which the plantation can be viewed against a picturesque mountain backdrop. This is the only spot on the Ureshino Course where, on a clear day, hikers can see the nearby Ariake Sea.

The name Bozuhara, which literally means “bald field,” reflects the barren aspect of the land before it was converted into a tea farm.Previously, the land was thought not suitable for cultivation and left empty and undeveloped. The city of Ureshino decided to purchase the land and convert it into a tea farm. Ureshino now operates the farm as a pilot program, hence the name.

*Challenges Past and Present*

In the early stages of developing the farm, the city faced unforeseen challenges. Wild boars living in the nearby hills regularly uprooted the tea plants and damaged the fields, preventing a good harvest. A current problem is acquiring and retaining staff. Due to a shortage of local residents interested in tea farming, the city can only muster a workforce for the first harvest of *ichibancha*. The tea plants must be regularly maintained, but with a shortage of workers, some plants become overgrown. Despite these challenges, however, the *ichibancha* of Bozuhara is of the same high quality expected of all Ureshino tea.