

Welcome to Fujiidera and the *Kofun* Tombs

The cities of Fujiidera and Habikino are the Furuichi part of the Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group, which was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2019. *Kofun* are burial mounds that were built across the Japan during the third to the seventh centuries. More than 130 tombs have been found in the Furuichi area, and over 30 tombs in Fujiidera are in excellent condition. Most *kofun* in Fujiidera are maintained by the Imperial Household Agency, but the city has turned the *kofun* it directly manages into public parks.

In addition to the *kofun*, Fujiidera has many temples and shrines. They, like the *kofun*, are oases of calm and beauty. Students visit to ask for success on examinations and others pray for success in business. In spring, festivals under the plum blossoms celebrate the coming of spring. As summer shifts into autumn, bright foliage covers the mounds.

Fujiidera is a great place to explore Japan's rich cultural heritage, present and past, all within easy access from central Osaka.