

さっぽろ

This city located in Hokkaido is well known for its winter sports resorts. In February, it hosts a famous annual event ゆきまつり (Snow Festival) where huge snow statues are displayed.



せんだい

This city is located in northern Honshu, which is famous for producing rice of good quality. It has a famous たなばたまつり (Star Festival) in August.



にっこう

This is a historic town in the mountains. It has a famous じんじゃ (shrine) called とうしょうぐう with remarkable architecture. It also has the tomb of とくがわしょうぐん (Tokugawa Shogun).



とうきょう

This is the しゅと (capital) of Japan. It is one of the biggest cities in the world with a population of approximately 12 million. It is the centre of the Japanese government, business and culture.



ふじさん

This is the highest and most famous mountain in Japan measuring 3,776 metres. Although it has not erupted for about 200 years, it is regarded as an active かざん (volcano). The surrounding area is a national park.



きょうと

This ancient city was once the しゅと (capital) of Japan and has a lot of じんじゃ (shrines) and おてら (temples). One of the most famous temples is きんかくじ (Golden Pavilion).



なら

This old city has a world famous だいぶつ (large statue of Buddha), one of the biggest in the world, built in the 8th century. It is also famous for the tame しか (deer) kept in ならこうえん (Nara Park).



おおか

This is one of the largest cities in Japan, and is famous for its おしろ (medieval castle). It is also famous for its special cuisine, such as おこのみやき (savoury pancakes).



ひろしま

This is an industrial city located in the western part of Japan. It was the first city to suffer the attack of an atomic bomb. It has いわこうえん (Peace Park) where thousands of paper cranes are donated from all over the world every year.



あそさん

This is an active かざん (volcano) located in Kyushu. The caldera, one of the world's largest, has a circumference of 80 kilometres.

