

## About this publication

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Ginoza Village is located at the center (belly button) of the main island of Okinawa. With the Pacific Ocean to the south and the mountainous areas of Kochiya, Garaman and Kanna to the north, as well as five dams, Ginoza is brimming with nature. What's more, Ginoza is a convenient 50-minute drive from Naha Airport on the Okinawa Expressway from Naha Airport.

On April 1, 1946, Ginoza, part of what was then known as Kin village (present-day Kin town) was separated and the village of Ginoza was born. This year marks the 67th anniversary of the founding of Ginoza. Over the course of time, Ginoza has overcome the perils of the postwar and recovery eras.

In the interim, we were able to build the Ginoza of today based around the agricultural, forestry and fishery industries, which allowed for improvements in the quality of life, education and culture, as well as of our welfare infrastructures.

Globalization, information technology, declining birthrates and an aging population have become the reality of our modern age. In light of those changes, the Ginoza village government is moving forward with the times and is aiming to brand Ginoza as "The Village of Water, Greenery and the Sun" with the idea of creating "a village filled with children's gleaming eyes and citizens' smiles".

This Village Guidebook provides information on a myriad of traditional arts, local products, and cuisine, etc., in order to present the beauty of Ginoza. With this publication, we are aiming to attract your attention and interest so that you will want to visit Ginoza and see, touch, smell, taste and hear all that this village has to offer. We hope that Ginoza will continue to grow with your input and encouragement.



宜野座村長 當眞 淳

宜野座村は、沖縄本島のほぼ中央(へそ)に位置し、南は太平洋に面し、北は古知屋岳、ガラマン岳、漢那岳などの山地・段丘部となっており、5つのダムを有するなど豊かな自然が残されています。

また、那覇空港から沖縄自動車道を利用すれば約50分という利便性のよい環境にあります。

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その間、農林水産業を中心とした生活基盤整備を始め、教育文化、福祉基盤整備、集落環境整備などを進め今日の宜野座村を築いてきました。

近年は、国際化、情報化、少子高齢化が一層進展していく中、時代を見据えた行政を目指し、村の特性を活かしながら「子ども達の瞳が輝き、村民の笑顔溢れる村づくり」を基軸に「水と緑と太陽の里・宜野座村」をキャッチフレーズとし、村づくりを進めてまいります。

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