

# 桜だより

## Happy Spring Season!

What comes to mind when you hear the words "cherry blossom scenery"? For those of you from Ehime Prefecture, the cherry blossoms at Matsuyama Castle may come to mind. Or perhaps you are more familiar with the scenery along the Potomac River in Washington D.C., which is famous for hosting the National Cherry Blossom Festival.

There are many different sceneries that people may think of, but at this time, I would like to introduce you to the one at **Mt. Sekizen in Kamijima, Ehime**.



Mt. Sekizen is located at the heart of Iwagi Island in the Seto Inland Sea. Although it is a small mountain with an elevation of only 369.8 meters, it is known as the "Mt. Fuji of Iwagi" because of its parabolic shape. It also has an observation deck at the top of the mountain from where you can see all the islands of the Seto Inland Sea.



In the spring, about 3,000 cherry trees along the trail turn the mountain pink with blossoms and create a beautiful scenery. The beauty of the cherry blossoms is called "Tennyō no Hagoromo (the feathered robe of a heavenly maiden)" and overwhelms all who see it. This is not only a "two-for-one" spot where you can enjoy both the beauty of cherry blossoms and the beautiful view of the islands, but also a place for cherry blossom viewing that is typical in Ehime, which thrives with the rich resources of the Seto Inland Sea.



Why don't you enjoy this unique flower viewing experience in Ehime, where there are no traffic lights, few cars, and relaxing times? Once COVID-19 is under control, we are looking forward to seeing you in Ehime.

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