



Eiji Tsuburaya (real given name "Eiichi") is revered as "the father of special effects" in Japan, and was born in Sukagawa City's Nakamachi district.

From early childhood, he admired airplanes and at the age of 15, enrolled in a Tokyo flight school until an unfortunate accident compelled the school to close suddenly.

His dream shattered, Eiji then turned to the world of movie making through a serendipitous opportunity, where he set about putting his unique imagination to the invention of many filming techniques and methods. With meticulous calculation, his miniature filming technique and film compositing methods would transport viewers into a fantastic new world of imagination and lead to a spate of groundbreaking special effects technology in film. Having succeeded in the movie business, Eiji was quick to fix his attention on what was a rapidly rising new medium at the time: television. He established a movie production company, Tsuburaya Specialty Productions (currently Tsuburaya Productions), out of which grew a pantheon of distinctive heroes and creatures in the form of a television program, Ultra Q, that captured the imagination of everyone from young child to adult.



Who is Ultraman?

The very first giant hero special effects work in 1966, which continues to today. Special Science Officer Shin Hayata collides with a mysterious red sphere while on patrol flying over Ryugamori, and seemingly perishes as a result. The identity of the red sphere turns out to be Ultraman, who has come to Earth from Nebula M78 in hot pursuit of a monster. It turns out, however, that Hayata, has survived the collision in that he has united in spirit with Ultraman. The revived Hayata keeps his new identity a secret and resumes his work as an investigative scientist. But when crises arise, he transforms into Ultraman and does battle with evil creatures.

ACCESS INFORMATION

Sukagawa is the nearest tourism city from Fukushima Airport

by air

Sapporo..... 1 hr 20 min
Osaka..... 1 hr 10 min



By car (via expressway)

Tokyo (Urawa IC)..... Approx. 2 hr 30 min
Sendai (Sendaiminami IC).... Approx. 1 hr 10 min
Iwaki (Iwakichuo IC)..... Approx. 1 hr

By train

Tokyo (JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line) ... Approx. 1 hr 40 min
Sendai (JR Tohoku Shinkansen Line) ... Approx. 1 hr
Shinshirakawa (JR Tohoku Main Line) ... Approx. 30 min



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Sukagawa City ウルトラガイドマップ

ULTRA GUIDE MAP



Sukagawa City, Fukushima Prefecture

Sister City Partnership Commemorative Monument
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Sukagawa City is a sister city with Nebula M78 "Land of Light"

30万年光年をつなぐ姉妹都市



Sukagawa City has formed a sister city partnership with Ultraman's home planet, "Nebula M78 Land of Light". We encourage the citizens of Sukagawa and people nationwide alike to take part in this cultural exchange.

Ultraman is a national hero adored by generations, and was the brainchild of television director, Eiji Tsuburaya who was born and raised in Sukagawa City and is revered as the father of special effects filming in Japan.

From its inception to today, the communicative power and influence of this hero beloved by everyone from children to adults is truly immense.

With this sister city partnership, Sukagawa city is proud to borrow the strength of Ultra heroes to actively communicate to everyone across the country our city's charms through a wide variety of programs and attractions.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to promote Sukagawa and encourage people all across the nation and the world to learn about and take part in a cultural exchange with our city. We are excited by what we see as a significant and meaningful ambition to create a brighter future for Sukagawa.

Sukagawa City Mayor



Fictional City Become a citizen of Sukagawa City M78 Town of Light!



Registration of Residence (free of charge)

Residence Registration

- Visit the "Sukagawa City M78 Land of Light" web site and enter your name (nickname OK), email address, prefecture and age for your temporary registration.
- We will send you an email with a URL link to complete your registration.
- Click on the link in your email to complete the residence registration and receive an official Town of Light address and residence number.

Residence Registration Issuance (300 yen)

You can receive a printed certificate of residence including your Town of Light address at a designated locations in Sukagawa City.

* Choose from 14 different certificate of residence designs.

Certificate of residence issuing locations

Sukagawa Tourism Association
(Sukagawa City tourism and Exchange Section)

Open hours/ 8:30 am to 5:15 pm

Holidays: Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, and end and beginning of the new year

Address/ 135 Hachimanmachi, Sukagawa City, Fukushima Prefecture

Sukagawa City Community Plaza
(JR Sukagawa City Station)

Open hours/ 8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Holidays: End and beginning of the new year

Address/ 63-1 Nakayama, Sukagawa City, Fukushima Prefecture

"Sukagawa City M78 Town of Light" is a fictional city born from the sister city partnership formed between Sukagawa City and the "Nebula M78 Land of Light." "Space Patrol Commander", Father of Ultra is appointed to serve as town mayor. Register as a citizen of this fictional city and you can receive an official certificate of residence etc. The certificate of residence, in addition to two basic designs, featuring the station front monument, also comes in original designs featuring various Sugagawa tourist sites and events with Ultra heroes and monsters.



Each Certificate of Residence design	Event Name etc.	Ultra Hero & Monster Names	Each Certificate of Residence design	Event Name etc.	Ultra Hero & Monster Names
	Shakadogawa Fireworks Display	Ultraseven		Iwase Yukyu Festival	Ultraman Jack
	Shakadogawa	Eleking		Otsujiga Falls	Zetton
	Taimatsu Akashi fire festival	Ultraman		Midorigaoka Park	Mother of Ultra
	Sukagawa Peony Garden	Gomora		Maboroshi Falls	Ultraman Taro
	Cucumber Tennoasai Festival	Bemstar		Naganuma Miracle Hydrangeas	Ultraman Ace
	Naganuma Festival	Zoffy			

* Check the inside map for collaboration design tourism sites!

Sukagawa City ULTRAMAN ORIGINAL GOODS

A steady stream of Ultraman merchandise Please inquire at the Sugagawa City Community Plaza.





Ultraseven



Eleking



Ultraman Jack



Bemstar



Zetton



Zoffy



Ultraman Ace

Ultraman town walking map

Come and encounter a host of Ultra heroes around town and in stations in Sukagawa City, sister city of Ultraman's home planet of Nebula M78 Land of Light. Look for new encounters experienced only in Sukagawa!

Be greeted by Father of Ultra at city hall

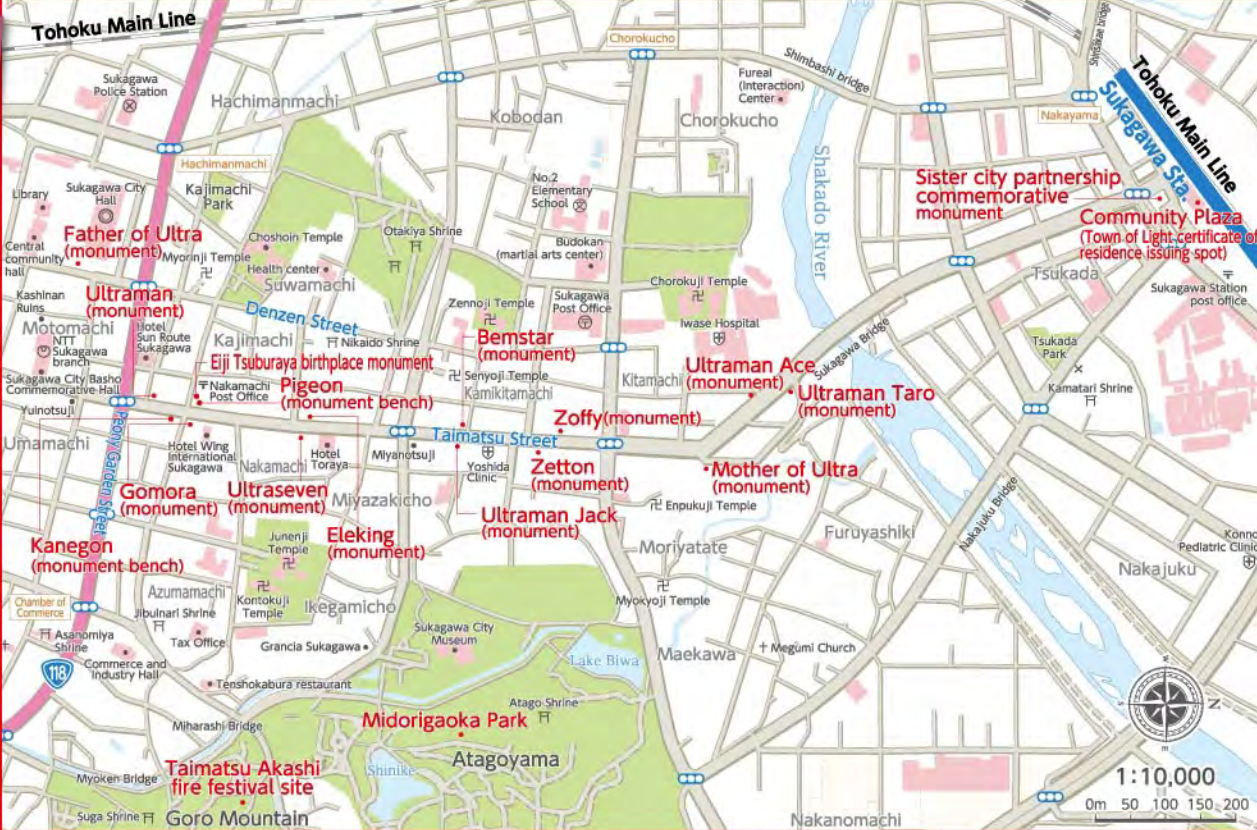
A magnificent Father of Ultra monument stands near the east entrance to the city hall building, and serves as a beloved symbol for the newly built city structure.



Ultraman



Pigmon



Ultraman Taro



Gomora



Kanegon



Mother of Ultra

You'll find Ultraman here too!



Explore Sukagawa attractions

The illustrations of Ultra heroes and monsters on the map indicate events and tourism points of interest in Sukagawa City, which collaborated the certificate of residence design. Please refer to the Ultraman Walking Map (2-page spread) for actual monument locations.

Maboroshi Falls
Located in the Iwase region of Sukagawa City, the fantasy atmospheric falls feature an 80-meter drop.

Naganuma Lake Fujinuma Miracle Hydrangeas
For 60 years, the sleepy lakebed mountain hydrangeas had sprouted their buds. A re-planting effort took place following the Tohoku Earthquake and Tsunami disasters symbolizing hope for recovery.

Cucumber Tensosai Festival
A year of good health is believed to follow the offering of two cucumbers and the eating of another received cucumber.

Naganuma Festival
Colorful "neputa" and "nebuta" floats parade down the streets with dancers in this ethereally illuminated night festival held at the start of autumn.

Iwase Yukyu Festival
In the day, anyone can take part in the events, which are followed by a fireworks display at night for a highly enjoyable all-day festival in the Iwase district.

Shakado River
Running through Sukagawa City, the Shakado River's "Fureai Road" holds a cherry blossom festival.

Taimatsu Akashi fire festival
One of Japan's three main fire festivals. Torches are 10 meters in length and weigh up to 3 tons all carried and set up by human labor alone.

Otsujiga Fall
When the river swells, the falls are 100 meters wide dropping with a crash, referred to as a "little Niagara."

Midorigaoka Park
About 200 cherry trees line both banks of the Sukagawa River (Shimonokawa River) for about 1 km.

Sukagawa Peony Garden
The park features some 290 varieties and 7,000 peonies with their large elegantly flowering petals in what is the nation's only designated peony garden.

Shakado River fireworks festival
About 10,000 fireworks are launched into the night sky for the prefecture's largest fireworks display and fixture of Sukagawa summer.