



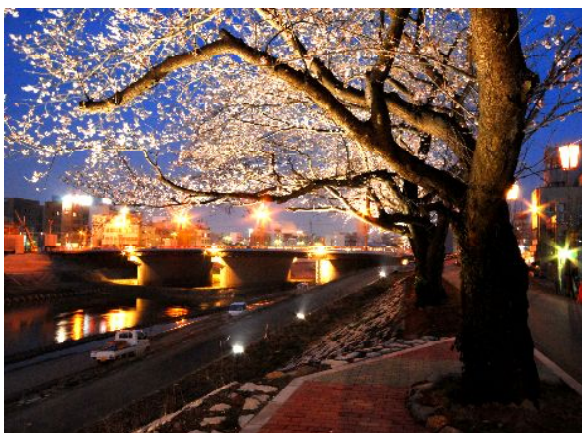
Cherry Blossoms of Asuwa River

Tsukumo 1-chome/Chuo 3-chome and Elsewhere, Fukui City

Planted with the financial support of city residents, the cherry tree groves lining the banks of the Asuwa River have grown to a grand scale. Now, visitors come from near and far to stroll under the falling petals...



Asuwa River, near Sakurabashi Bridge^①



Asuwa River, near Saiwaibashi Bridge^②

From Kidabashi to Akaribashi Bridge stretches a 2km-long canopy of cherry blossom trees along the southern bank of the Asuwa River. Spring transforms this grove into a resplendent tunnel of pink petals, earning it a place as one of Japan's 100 best spots for viewing cherry blossoms. Begun in the Meiji Period thanks to donations from local residents, it was restored after damage in war, earthquakes, and flooding, overcoming years of disasters to grace the banks of Fukui's central river with its brilliant blossoms in spring.



Asuwa River, near Tsukumobashi Bridge



Stone walkway along the river (Hama-machi)



Hama-machi as the area around the river's stone walkway is popularly known, is bordered by traditional restaurants and old shops, and warmed by the soft orange glow of its lanterns at night.

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