



Arita-chō



country: Japan
 island: Kyūshū
 administrative district: Saga
 area: 65,80 sqkm
 population: 21.567 (2005)
 population density: 328 inhabitants per sqkm
 website: www.town.arita.lg.jp
 major: Keiichiro Shinohara

Signing of the partnership document on February 9th 1979

Arita, a town with a more than 400 years old potting tradition, is characterized by its porcelain history.

Short chronicle

1616 discovery of Kaolin deposit
 17th century porcelain comes to Europe and becomes famous
 2006 merger of the porcelain city Arita and the agricultural city Nishiarita

Economy

- porcelain manufacturing (80% of all working places)
- traditional pottery (ceramics), tile- and industry porcelain
- agriculture

Culture and sights

- Arita-Porcelain-Park, with a reproduction of the „Dresdner Zwinger“, an European porcelain exhibition, imitation of typical European buildings
- Izumiyama kaolin quarry
- Kakiemon kilns
- Memorial for Ri Sampei, discoverer of the kaolin in Arita
- Carillon made of Meissen Porcelian® in front of the pottery museum



The nationwide Arita-Porcelian Festival with lots of international guests is celebrated every year from April 29th to May 5th



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