Overview of the City

**Brief History of Tsukuba**

Tsukuba was a small city of 2,000 people in 1963, but today it is a major university town of over 150,000 people. The city was founded in 1963 as an official town and has been the capital of Ibaraki Prefecture since 1999. It is known for its research and educational institutions.

**Official Language**

Japanese

**Official Mascot**

**Official Flower, Bird and Tree**

- Flower: White Crinum Lily
- Bird: White-capped Cherry-Parrot
- Tree: Cherry

**Official Color**

Harmonized combination of two "tsu" characters, from the hiragana syllabary of Japanese. It represents the clear, open, and comfortable cycling opportunities, and promotes a range of environmentally friendly, low-carbon society, we are working to achieve a society where, in harmony with humanity.

Takayuka sōko

One of the most significant projects was the completion of the Tsukuba Chibikko Hakase passport to tour and experience the science and technology behind the Tsukuba City. The passport is a ticket that allows visitors to visit the various science and technology facilities in the city, including the National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), the National Institute of Informatics (NII), and the National Institute of Radiological Sciences (NIRS).

**Official City Bond**

Tsukuba Express

**National City**

Tsukuba is a city located in the center of Japan, and is known for its research and educational institutions. The city is home to several universities, including the University of Tsukuba, which is one of the top universities in Japan.

Tsukuba Express

*Note: The following text is not part of the city's official information.*

1. The population of Tsukuba was 200,528 in 2005. This figure marked the first time the city exceeded 200,000 people in an official census and shows the city's continued growth.

2. The city's population is growing, with an estimated 214,660 people in 2011.

3. The city's total area is 303.03 square kilometers, and the population density is 704.01 people per square kilometer.

4. The official language of the city is Japanese.

5. The city's official currency is the Japanese yen.

6. The city's official colors are harmonized combination of two "tsu" characters, from the hiragana syllabary of Japanese.

7. The city's official emblems are the White Crinum Lily, White-capped Cherry-Parrot, and Cherry.

8. The city's official Mascot is named "Tsukuba Chibikko Hakase," representing the science and technology behind the city.

9. The city's official Flower, Bird and Tree are the White Crinum Lily, White-capped Cherry-Parrot, and Cherry.

10. The city's official Color is harmonized combination of two "tsu" characters, from the hiragana syllabary of Japanese.

11. The city's official City Bond is Tsukuba Express.

12. The city is a national city, and is known for its research and educational institutions.

**Population and Households**

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**City Hall**

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