

My second hometown

My grand parents hometown is **Ashikita** located in the south of Kumamoto prefecture. So, I've been many times since I was little. I really like Ashikita. I would like to tell you about Ashikita and know its charm!



Ashikita has a very **beautiful sea**. This is a picture I took there. The island what you see on the right side is called Amakusa. Japan consists of many tiny islands. Ashikita's sea is very beautiful. We can swim there from middle of July to the end of August. We can enjoy other things, too. We can do "**Siohigari**". It means we can get some edible shells when the tide ebbs backward. I hope all of you'll be interested in it. After we dig, we bring them home and eat them.

Next I will introduce oranges. It is not ordinary oranges. It is a special orange because its top is swollen. It is called **dekopon!** What a strange name! Dekopon is named because of its shape. It seems like Japanese kanji 凸. It means bumpy in English. Dekopon's taste is a little sour but also very sweet! It is very delicious. You can buy them anywhere in Ashikita. There are jelly, ice cream and juice made from dekopon.

