

## Discover OITA 2

Did you enjoy your summer vacation and discover some good points about your hometown? Oita has many different kinds of local delicacies and today I will tell you about some of them such as *Fugu*, *Sekiaji Sekisaba*, *Hita yakisoba*, *Beppu reimen* .

As you know, the foods in Oita are very nice and rich. I especially love *kara-age*, otherwise known as Japanese fried chicken. There are many *kara-age* shops in Nakatsu and Usa city. A notable feature of these shops is they are for takeout only. You can enjoy eating *kara-age* at home with family or friends.

The origin and spread of *kara-age* is as follows. Over 50 years ago, there was a Chinese restaurant *called Rairaiken* in Usa city. One day the owner was requested to make a new chicken dish by a local farmer. Chicken was in surplus at the time. He developed a new dish he cooked by chicken with garlic, ginger, and soy sauce, and fried it. It became very popular with his customers.

*Syosuke* was a *SAKE* bar in front of that restaurant. The bar owner asked to teach him the *kara-age recipe*. He answered “Yes” . It soon became very popular with *Syosuke’ s cusomers too*. But because of poverty, only a small percentage could afford the dish at the time.

A few years later *Syosuke’s* owner opened a takeout *kara-age* shop . That was not expensive so many people could afford it. *Kara-age* became a popular food in Usa and before long many other *kara-age* shops started popping up everywhere including Nakatsu city. This is why Usa city is called the birth place of *kara-age*. *Usa kara-age* is delicious and reasonable. I love it.

Everyone、 I ‘d like you to find and introduce a speciality or story about Oita.