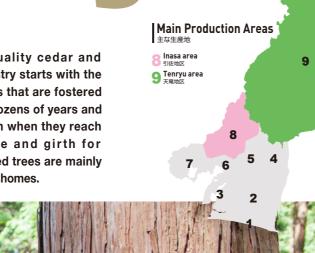
Lumber Produced in Hamamatsu

▶浜松市で生産される木材

Following a municipal merger in 2005 that included a large forestland, Hamamatsu became a distinctive city where forests located at the source of the Tenryu River coexist with the farms and urban area downstream. The banks of the Tenryu, which feature broad

producing high-quality cedar and cypress trees. Forestry starts with the planting of seedlings that are fostered over the course of dozens of years and then finally cut down when they reach just the right size and girth for applications. Forested trees are mainly used for constructing homes.







Tenryu Birin (Beautiful Forest)

The area of Hamamatsu's forestland is approx. 103,000 hectares, occupying some 66% of its total area. Forests spread out over the area where the Tenryu River begins, at least 70% of which are the result of artificial forestations of cedar and cypress. This artificial forest, called "Tenryu Birin," is one of the three greatest and most beautiful artificial forests of Japan famous for its magnificent landscapes as well as for its production of high-quality lumber. Forestation began during the Sengoku Period as a means to produce wood for prayer offerings. It then evolved in the Edo Period as a source of quality wood essential for urbanization, and again in the Meiji Period becoming an undertaking by Meizen Kinpara to plant a wall of trees lining the banks of the Tenryu River to safeguard against its frequent inundations. Tenryu lumber is less rigid than that of other regions with a high level of strength that enables easy processing. It is mostly used as structural material for wooden residences. Further, it features fine and beautiful growth rings and a high oil content that leaves a lustrous sheen after planing. Known for its high quality, it is distributed not only in the Hamamatsu area but also in Kanto and many other regions.

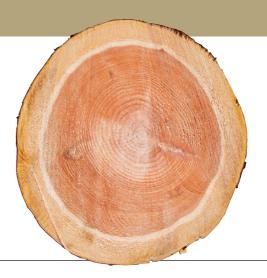
天竜美林

Cedar

Our cedar is one of the best conifers in the country with a beautiful wood surface and few bends and nodes. Thanks to its mostly red color and superior endurance, it is utilized not only for interiors but also for beams, columns and other structural material.

国産針葉樹の中でも最優良材の一つ とされ、曲がりや節の少ない美しい 木肌が特徴です。赤身が多く、耐久 性にも優れているため、内装材はも とより、梁や桁などの構造材として 活用されています。

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Cypress

Widely popular as high-grade wood, it has a beautiful color and luster with a distinctive aroma. Its high oil content renders it water, corrosion and insect resistant, therefore, it is mainly used for making columns and foundations.

高級材として広く知られ、美しい色 調と光沢、特有の芳香を持っていま す。油分が多いので、水に強く、腐 りにくく、虫がつきにくいという性 質があることから、主に柱や土台材 として使用されます。

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