

Omura Beach on Chichijima Island, one of the Ogasawara Islands
Photo: Courtesy of Ogasawara Village Tourism Bureau



Yellow daylilies on the cliffs of Sado Island
Photo: Courtesy of Niigata Prefectural Tourist Association



THE CHARMS OF JAPAN'S ISLANDS



A cat takes a leisurely stroll on Tashirojima, "Cat Island"
Photo: Courtesy of Tohoku Tourism Promotion Organization



View from the summit of Mt. Misen overlooking islands in the Seto Inland Sea
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apan is exceptional even among island nations for its large number of islands. Many of the islands are characterized by their rich biodiversity and unique culture, and some have been inscribed as UNESCO World Heritage sites for these reasons. In this month's issue, we take a look at some of the beautiful and diverse islands of Japan.

