

Yusuhara a Home from Home: 10. A Global Snowstorm

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It's that time of year again where winter is well and truly here. With temperatures reaching as low as -14c, pipes freezing and roads and pathways being almost unusable, it's safe to say that it has been somewhat challenging. Perhaps not surprising to some of you this cold front has been affecting much of the northern hemisphere in an unprecedented way. In addition to parts of Japan receiving snow, much of the UK and USA have also been affected with hot desert states like Texas being greatly impacted by the severe change in weather.

While many here in Japan are used to colder climates infrastructure is in place to combat this, Texas however does not have any. Many homes are without power, water or food. People are starving, and perishing to the cold. There are areas in the world that are significantly colder than that of Texas and the UK but preparation is key to survival.

Here I have noticed that despite Yasuhara's isolation in the mountains there is great support and help from the community with everyone doing their own little part to help. It also helps that the town looks even more beautiful than usual when blanketed in snow.



Mishima Shrine looking majestic in the second untouched snow of the year. A kind of perk against the challenging weather condition!