



What is a Professional Training College?

A Professional Training College is a secondary education institution where students acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for specialized fields and occupations.

These Professional Training Colleges are designated as official schools under the School Education Act, just like other colleges. However, Professional Training Colleges provide technical and practical education to train future specialists in a variety of industries.

Website

Kumamoto Professional Training College PR Website

URL : <https://kumasenkaku-pr.com>



Related links

The Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents

URL : <https://www.kumamoto-if.or.jp/plaza>



Kumamoto Support Center for Foreign Residents

URL : <https://www.kuma-koku.jp/support-center/>



Have you considered studying in Kumamoto?



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COLLEGES in KUMAMOTO



Kumamoto Prefecture Professional Training College Association

Study Abroad in Kumamoto!

Kumamoto—once described as "The Wooded Metropolis" by Natsume Soseki, one of Japan's most celebrated authors—sits at the heart of Kyushu in the southern part of the country. Home to around 1.7 million people, Kumamoto Prefecture is bookended by two natural wonders: the active volcano Mount Aso to the northeast, and the beautiful Amakusa island chain to the southwest.

The region is also well known for its bountiful produce from the land and sea, producing everything from mandarin oranges and tomatoes to *kuruma-ebi* (Japanese imperial prawns) and *akashi* (Japanese brown) beef. Despite its lush natural setting, the area around Kumamoto Castle offers a vibrant urban lifestyle with stylish boutiques, a rich food scene, and convenient public transport. Its affordable housing and low cost of living also add to its appeal.

In recent years, the arrival of a major Taiwanese semiconductor manufacturer has led to a rise in international residents and students. As the center of "Silicon Island Kyushu," Kumamoto is increasingly becoming a focal point of global attention.



BEST 3

Things About Kumamoto According to Students

- 1st** Abundant Nature
- 2nd** Warm Community
- 3rd** Affordability

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Reasons Students Chose Kumamoto

- 1st** Ease of Living
- 2nd** Abundant Nature
- 3rd** Recommended by Past Students

Kumamoto by the Numbers 2025



Population

1.7 million people

Kumamoto Prefecture has a population of approximately 1.7 million people and offers a variety of commercial and cultural facilities.

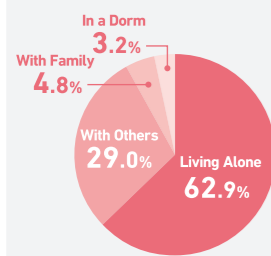
Foreign Resident Growth Rate

1st in Japan

In 2024, Kumamoto Prefecture had the highest rate of increase in foreign residents at 24.18%. Reasons include an increase in technical trainees whose numbers decreased during the COVID-19 pandemic, and an increase in Taiwanese residents due to the expansion of TSMC.

We Asked Foreign Students in Kumamoto!

Breakdown of Living Arrangements



Rent

Average ¥26,094/month

Total Electricity, Water, and Gas Costs

Average ¥10,668/month

Some students have these utilities included in their rent.

Part-time Job Income

Average ¥111,047/month

29% don't work part-time, a surprisingly large amount.

The Temperature of Frying Oil to Make Karashi Renkon

Approx. 180°C

Karashi Renkon, a Kumamoto specialty dish, is fried at high temperatures to form its crispy shell and moist interior.

Onsen in Kumamoto Prefecture

118 Places

Kumamoto ranks 5th in the number of onsen springs, meaning visitors have an assortment of unique hot springs to choose from.

Ease of Living Ranking

1st Overall

Kumamoto Prefecture's Hitoyoshi was selected first overall in the 2024 Livability Ranking. The region's bountiful natural resources include destinations like Hitoyoshi Onsen and provide for activities such as Kuma River Rafting.

2024 Survey Results

Groundwater Usage in City Water

100%

Groundwater provides 100% of the city's water. Kumamoto City is the only municipality in Japan of more than 500,000 people that can do so, and this abundance makes Kumamoto rare even on the global level.

Basashi Production & Consumption

1st in Japan

Kumamoto boasts the highest production and consumption of horse meat sashimi in Japan.

2024 Survey Results

Tomato Production

1st in Japan

The city's warm climate and ample sunshine make stable exports sustainable.

2024 Survey Results

Watermelon Production

1st in Japan

Kumamoto produces 1/5th of the country's watermelons, making it the largest producer in Japan.

2024 Survey Results

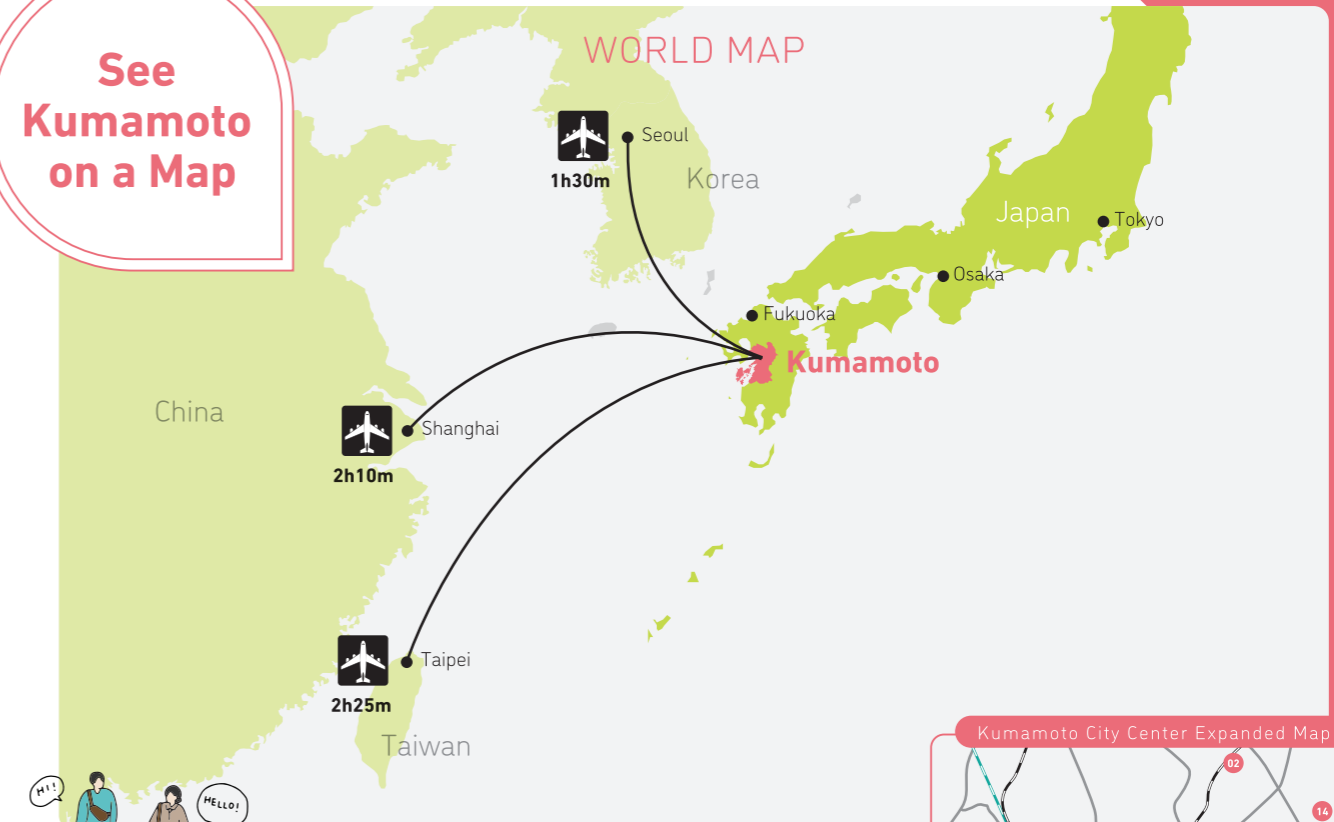
Hamburger Consumption

1st in Japan

The prefecture's annual expenditure of ¥7,552 is much higher than the national average of ¥5,434!

2024 Survey Results

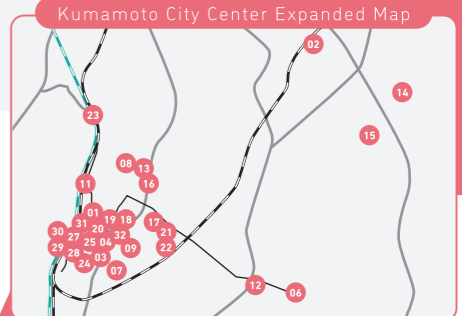
See Kumamoto on a Map



Vocational School List

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| 01 Kyushu Technical Education College (KTEC) (Kumamoto & Hitoyoshi Campuses) | 18 Kumamoto BeleBel Beauty College |
| 02 Kyushu Surveying College | 19 Kumamoto Foreign Language College |
| 03 Kyushu Automobile Technical College | 20 Koto College Tojinmachi Campus |
| 04 Hiro Design College | 21 Kumamoto Design College |
| 05 Kyushu Higher Commercial School | 22 Kumamoto High School of Barbering |
| 06 West Japan Education and Medical College | 23 Civil Service Seminar, Kumamoto Campus, Vocational School |
| 07 Chef Pastry Academy | 24 Kyushu Central Rehabilitation College |
| 08 Kumamoto Kokei Juku Specialized Training School | 25 More Hair & Make College |
| 09 Kumamoto Dental Technology College | 26 Japan General Education College and Rehabilitation College |
| 10 Yatsushiro Technical College | 28 Tokyo CPA Accounting College, Kumamoto Campus |
| 11 Kumamoto YMCA College | 29 Ohara Business and Public Service College, Kumamoto Campus |
| 12 Koto College | 30 Kumamoto Childcare, Medical, and Sports College |
| 13 Kumamoto Dental Hygienist College | 31 Kumamoto Information IT Creator College |
| 14 Kumamoto General Medical Rehabilitation College | 32 Kyushu Zoological Academy |
| 15 Kumamoto Technical College | 33 Matsuura Fashion School |
| 16 Kyushu Beauty College | |
| 17 Kumamoto Electronic Business College | |

KUMAMOTO MAP



Northern Area

The northern area is home to the majestic Aso scenery and historical World Heritage sites, such as Manda Pit and Yamaga Onsen. A land of natural and cultural charm.

Central Area

The central area with Kumamoto City at its heart brings together politics, economy, and culture. With features like Kumamoto Castle and Suizenji Park, it blends the best of history and modernity.

Southern Area

The southern area is characterized by a soothing atmosphere woven together by Hitoyoshi Onsen and the clear water of the Kuma River. The rich environment and traditional culture have left an indelible imprint on the region that oozes with atmosphere.

Amakusa & Ushibuka Area

The Amakusa & Ushibuka area is where islands expand on the deep blue sea. The islands' Christian culture and fresh seafood have made them famous for their faith and blessings.





01

Kyushu Chuo Rehabilitation College

Physical Therapy Department, Occupational Therapy Department, Nursing Department, Nursing Care Department, Information Systems Department, International Nursing Care Department



This is the only vocational school in Kumamoto Prefecture offering certified nursing care training, and it's a 7-minute walk from JR Kumamoto Station. Apart from the Nursing Care Department, the school also provides medical courses in physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nursing, as well as IT courses. Thanks to the comprehensive curriculum, the school enjoys high national exam pass rates and student employment rates.



2025 Info

Number of Foreign Students	13 International Nursing Students 22 Nursing Care Students
Main Nationalities	Nepal, China, Philippines, Bangladesh
Main Employers	Elderly Care Facilities, Assisted Living Facilities, Hospitals
Main Part-Time Jobs	Elderly Care Facilities, Hospitals



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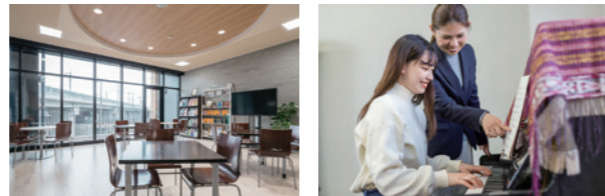
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Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department

Childcare Department, Hotel Tourism Department, Medical Secretary Department, Architecture Department, International Business Department, Japanese Language Department, Social Welfare Department / Mental Health Welfare Department



Located in Kumamoto City's Daniyama Honmachi neighborhood, this vocational school has a variety of programs to choose from, including childcare, hotel tourism, medical secretary training, health & sports, architecture, and more. Their education philosophy is to connect students' studies to society. The school's new campus offers a safe and comfortable campus life ideal for students who want to maintain their local roots while gaining a global perspective.



2025 Info

Number of Foreign Students	128 Japanese Language Students 1 Architecture Student Hotel Tourism Students 1 Medical Secretary Student
Main Nationalities	China, Korea, Taiwan, Nepal, Vietnam, Sri Lanka
Main Employers	Hotels, Real Estate Companies, Construction Companies, General Hospitals, Interpretation Companies
Main Part-Time Jobs	Convenience Stores, Restaurants, Food Processing Plants



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03

Kumamoto Technical College

Automotive Maintenance Engineering Department, Semiconductor Engineering Department, Japanese Language Department



With its main campus located in Nagamine-Higashi, Kumamoto City, this certified educational training facility educates students on industrial cutting-edge technology and specialized knowledge in fields such as automotive maintenance, semiconductor engineering, and Japanese language studies. The school aims to build an environment that cultivates technicians and global talent ready to enter the workforce. It is ideal for students who hope to carve their own future with technology and creativity.



2025 Info

Number of Foreign Students	116 Automotive Maintenance Engineering Students 15 Electrical Systems Engineering Students 6 Mechanical Systems Engineering Students 21 Semiconductor Engineering Students 101 Japanese Language Students
Main Nationalities	Nepal, Vietnam, China
Main Employers	Automobile, Electrical, Mechanical, Semiconductor Related Businesses
Main Part-Time Jobs	Delivery Sorting, Food Factories, Convenience Stores, Restaurant Related



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Study Abroad Experiences



01

Khin Mya Noe Kyaw

Country Myanmar

School Name Kyushu Chuo Rehabilitation College

Subject Caregiving & Welfare



Q 1

Why did you choose Kumamoto?

My teacher in Myanmar introduced me. I heard Kumamoto has great natural beauty and is an easy place to live.

Q 3

What impression do you have of life in Kumamoto?

It's calming to live in such a quiet place with a relaxed vibe. It's quite easy to live here.

Q 2

How is school life?

I was nervous at first, but my teachers' kindness and willingness to help put me at ease. I also enjoy opportunities to make friends and talk with people from other countries.

Q 4

What are your dreams or goals for the future?

My goal is to become a great caretaker. I'd like to be the kind of caretaker that both patients and their families can rely on. Also, I want to travel to many different places and experience many new things.

02 Jingbo Zhang

Country China

School Name Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department

Subject Department of Japanese Language Education



Q 1

Why did you choose Kumamoto?

I actually visited Kumamoto before my study abroad and really enjoyed it; Kumamoto Castle is so beautiful. I remember thinking that I wanted to try studying Japanese in Kumamoto.

Q 3

Were you nervous about anything before coming to Japan?

I was really worried that I wouldn't be able to speak well. But all my professors and friends are so nice and speak slowly, so I feel at ease.

Q 2

How is school life?

The professors are kind, and they explain things in a way that's easy to understand. Everyone helps each other out, and every day is fulfilling.

Q 4

What are your dreams or goals for the future?

After I graduate, I want to work for a Japanese company. Also, I hope I can learn more Japanese and be able to engage in deeper cultural exchange with the Japanese people around me. I also want to try traveling around Japan.



04 Maya Buda

Country Nepal

School Name Kyushu Surveying College

Subject Department of Japanese Language Education



Q 1

Why did you choose Kumamoto?

One of my older friends who lived in my neighborhood in Nepal studied abroad at this school, so I have many connections with other Nepali students.

Q 3

How are your Japanese studies going?

Classes are fun. Also, I sometimes practice speaking Japanese with my friends at my apartment.

Q 5

What are your dreams or goals for the future?

In the future, my dream is to become a nurse. However, I am currently studying caregiving in Japan.

Yujie Shi

Country China

School Name Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department

Subject Medical Secretary



Q 1

How is school life?

The class atmosphere is very warm, and the professors are kind and professional. I enjoy learning while working together with my friends.

Q 3

Why did you choose this discipline of study?

By working at a medical reception desk in Japan, I can help patients from overseas who may struggle with Japanese, just like I did.

Q 2

What impression do you have of life in Kumamoto?

The natural scenery is beautiful, and the air is so refreshing. The water is also delicious, and all the people in the area are kind.

Q 4

What do you want to say to future study abroad students?

I'm sure you feel anxious about a lot of things, but if you take things one step at a time and talk with the professors and people around you, everything will work out. Don't focus so much on doing everything perfectly; it's more important to have the bravery to say, "I'll try that." I highly recommend the program to anyone who wants to give living in Japan a chance.





05

Koi Dokak

Country Vietnam

School Name Kumamoto Technical College

Subject Department of Japanese Language Education



Q 1

Why did you choose Kumamoto?

There is a lot of greenery and many beautiful mountains and rivers. I came here because I heard it is an easy place to live, and the people of Kumamoto are nice.

Q 2

How are your Japanese studies going?

I am learning bit by bit every day. My professors teach me all about conversation and grammar. When I go home, I study by watching dramas and anime in Japanese.

Q 3

Do you have a part-time job?

I also have a part-time job preparing bento lunch boxes. At first, it was a little bit difficult, but I got used to it after a while.

Q 4

What are your dreams or goals for the future?

In the future, I want to work for a company in Kumamoto. I'd like to get a job repairing cars. For that reason, I want to keep getting better at Japanese.



Graduate Interview



01

Taman Pushpa

Country Nepal

School Name Kyushu Chuo Rehabilitation College

Occupation Nurse



Q 1

Why did you choose this job?

I've lived with my grandparents since I was a child, so I chose this job to one day be able to help the elderly.

Q 2

What is it like working as a nurse?

Everyone at work is nice, and they are accepting of me even though I'm not Japanese.

Q 3

How is life in Kumamoto?

It's convenient, and I can live peacefully.



Teacher Interview



Yuta Sasaki

School Name Kumamoto YMCA College

Subject Department of Japanese Language Education

Q 1

What makes your school special?

Our school's greatest strength is its diversity. Students are here not only to learn but also to take on a role in our multicultural society as members of the community. As such, we provide opportunities to volunteer and participate in various exchange activities so they may value the principles of cultural understanding and coexistence.

Q 2

How do you think the foreign students are doing?

Every class leaves a lasting impression on me. You can really see their growth in class, especially among the most enthusiastic students. I feel so happy and motivated whenever a student thanks me after they graduate or pass the Japanese Language Proficiency Test.

Q 3

What is your message to foreign students?

We want to create ample opportunities for students to talk in the classroom so lessons don't become a passive experience.



Mr. Kenichiro Noshima

School Name Kyushu Chuo Rehabilitation College

Subject Nursing & Japanese Language Teacher

Q 1

What makes your school special?

We have classes for both general nursing and international nursing. In the future, we hope that foreign students will become nurses and provide support and education to technical trainees and skilled individuals as leaders in the field.

Q 2

What do foreign students ask about before they come here?

They often ask me about part-time jobs and everyday expenses. At our school, we introduce students to elderly care facilities, assisted living facilities, and hospitals for part-time work related to nursing. We believe it's an opportunity for students to learn about the practical side of the job and to practice their Japanese.

Q 3

What is your message to foreign students?

If you study nursing skills that are becoming necessary around the world and gain experience in Japan, I'm sure your career can make great contributions to your home country as well. Won't you come study with us?

02

Aye Aye Than

Country Myanmar

School Name Idea IT College Aso

Occupation Tourism



Q 1

What is your impression of people who live in Kumamoto?

Kumamoto is full of kind and helpful people.

Q 2

Is there anything you want to say to future study abroad students in Kumamoto?

Kumamoto is a place where you can live a nice life even if you've never been here before.





Kumamoto's Living Environment



Accommodations

In Kumamoto, you can choose from a wide variety of living environments, from the city center to the outskirts. There are many one-room furnished apartments for students in the city center, and it is easy to commute. On the other hand, you can find cheap furniture and large, quiet accommodations if you go a little outside the city. Share houses and student dorms are also a great opportunity to interact with Japanese students.



Transportation

Transportation by tram, bus, or bike within the city is quite convenient. The tram connects the main areas of town, and it is cheap to use to get to school if you get a commuter pass. Furthermore, it's easy to travel around the country with easy access to Fukuoka, Kansai, and Tokyo from Kumamoto Station or Aso-Kumamoto Airport. Many students also commute by bike using the city-established cycling routes.



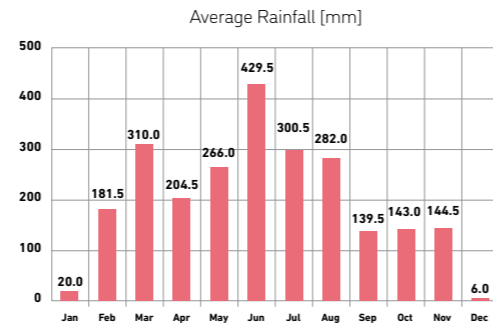
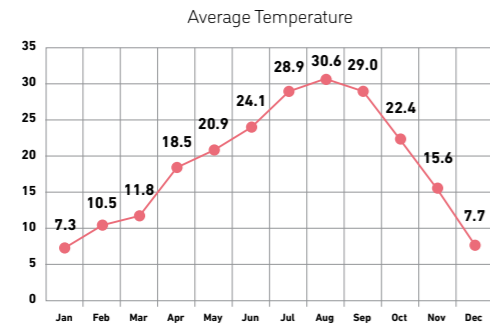
Food

Kumamoto is a treasure trove of food blessed with lots of greenery and clean water. Safe ingredients like Aso's spring water and locally grown vegetables and rice support our daily diet. There are many affordable restaurants, ramen shops, convenience stores, and supermarkets oriented towards students, so it's easy to eat out or cook for yourself. Kumamoto also has many local delicacies to enrich your lifestyle, such as Kumamoto ramen and dago-jiru.



Climate

2024 (Source: Past Climate Data from the Japan Meteorological Agency)



Annual Events

Month	Event Name	Period	Municipality
Jan	Yasaka Shrine Hadaka Matsuri	Late January	Reihoku
	Field Burning	Late January - Late March	Aso
Feb	Hitoyoshi Kuma's Hinamatsuri	Early February - Late March	Hitoyoshi
	Kumamoto Castle Marathon Yamaga Lantern Hyakka Hyakusai	Mid February Every Friday & Saturday in February	Kumamoto City Yamaga
Mar	Hifuri-Shinji Festival	Mid March	Aso
	Amakusa's Amazing Raw Urchin	Mid March - Late May	Amakusa
Apr	Tsuatate Onsen Carp Streamer Festival	Early April - Early May	Oguni
	Ushibuka Haiya Festival Sensuikyo Azalea Festival	Mid April Late April - Late May	Amakusa Aso
May	Hinokuni Nagasu Goldfish Festival	Early May	Nagasu
	Takaseurakawa Iris Festival	Late May - Early June	Tamana
Jun	Ingo Hyotan Festival		Yamaga
Jul	Yusui Tunnel Tanabata Festival	Early July	Takamori
	Onda Festival	Late July	Aso

Month	Event Name	Period	Municipality
Aug	Hinokuni Matsuri	Early August	Kumamoto City
	Yamaga Lantern Festival	Mid August	Yamaga
	Amakusa Ise Ebi Lobster Festival	Late August - Late December	Amakusa
Sep	Hassaku Festival	Early September	Yamato
	The Great Festival of Fujiwaki Hachimangu Shrine	Mid September	Kumamoto City
	Kumamoto Yamaga Waguri Chestnut Sweets Fair	Early September - Late November	Yamaga
Oct	Mizukari	Early October	Kumamoto City
	Hitoyoshi Gkunchi Festival	Early October	Hitoyoshi
	Yatsushiro National Fireworks Competition	Mid October	Yatsushiro
	Nobara Hachimangu Nobarasan Festival	October 15th	Arao
Nov	Tamana Otawara Festival	Late November	Tamana
	Yatsushiro Myoken Festival	Late November	Yatsushiro
	Amakusa Romantic Fantasy	Late November - Mid February	Amakusa
	Amakusa Ceramic Art	Early November	Amakusa
Dec	Yusakari	Late December - Late March	Minamioguni



Kumamoto Support Center for Foreign Residents

Our multilingual consultation services help foreign residents in Kumamoto Prefecture live with peace of mind. We provide information about life in Kumamoto on topics like residence procedures, employment, medical care, welfare, childbirth, childcare, and child education.



How to Get a Consultation

Use the Consultation Form on the website.

Phone: 080-4275-4489

In Person: Come to the consultation space in the Prefectural Office 8F Kumamoto Support Center for Foreign Residents

*Please make a reservation before coming in for a consultation.

Location

Prefectural Office Main Building 8F,
Suizenji 6-18-1, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto City

Consultation Cost

Free

Language Services Available

Simple Japanese, English, 中文, 한국어, Tiếng Việt, नेपाली, bahasa Indonesia, Tagalog, မြန်မာ, ភាសាខ្មែរ, മലയാളം, മലയാളം (Sri Lanka), हिन्दी (India) বাংলা (Bangladesh), Монгол, Türkçe (turkish) Português, Español, Français, Italiano, Deutsch, Русский



Kumamoto is a truly wonderful place, so come try it out!

Shimotori Arcade in downtown Kumamoto City



Kumamoto is a beautiful city filled with greenery!



Convenient Transit on the Tram