



What is a Professional Training College?

A Professional Training College is a secondary education institution where students learn information and skills necessary for specialty fields and occupations.

These Professional Training Colleges are designated as official schools by the School Education Act just like other colleges, but Professional Training Colleges provide technical and practical education to train specialists in various fields.

The Kumamoto Prefecture Professional Training College Association is an organization consisting of 33 Professional Training Colleges in Kumamoto Prefecture devoted to developing future specialists in an assortment of industries.

Website

Kumamoto Professional Training College Official Website

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Have you considered studying in Kumamoto?



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COLLEGES in KUMAMOTO



Study Abroad! in Kumamoto

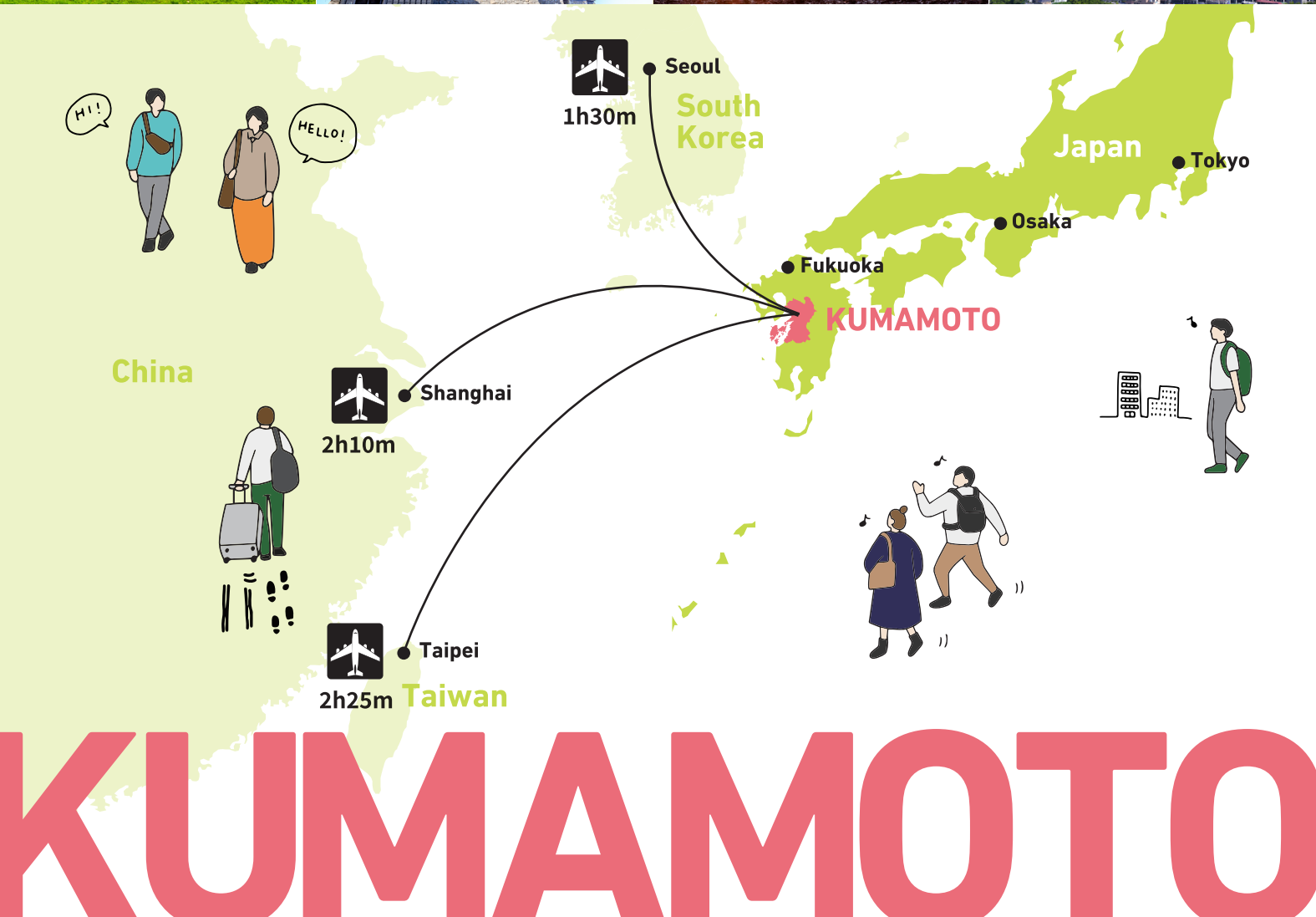
Kumamoto Prefecture has a population of about 1.7 million people and a vast array of commercial and cultural facilities. Located in the center of the southern island of Kyushu, the region features vast natural forests and seaside areas, and an impressive volume of groundwater resources. These groundwater resources result in a wide variety of quality fresh local food and beverages to enjoy.

The city center has a robust public transit system consisting of trams and buses, making both commuting and travel quite convenient. As a smaller city, goods are cheaper than in massive metropolises like Tokyo and Osaka, making it an affordable home for foreign students.

Furthermore, it has plenty of essential lifestyle amenities, such as shopping malls, libraries, museums, and sports facilities, meaning you'll find a diversity of experiences on par with larger urban centers.

Kumamoto maintains a careful balance between nature and urban functionality, making it an ideal study abroad location not only for learning but also just as a great place to live.

Moreover, companies in the global semiconductor industry are building factories in Kumamoto due to a major semiconductor company establishing a base of operations here. This year, the number of foreigners working in Kumamoto has increased by 25.5% compared to last year (a new record high).



Student Testimonials

Why did you choose Kumamoto?

My teacher in Myanmar introduced me, and I heard it was easy to live there and it has a ton of natural beauty.

How is school life?

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

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.

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.

Khin Mya Noe Kyaw

Country of Origin: / Myanmar

School Name: / Kyushu Chuo Rehabilitation College

Subject: / Department of Care Welfare

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.

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.

Where 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.

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.

Jingbo Zhang

Country of Origin: / China

School Name: / Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department

Subject: / Department of Japanese Language Education

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.

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.

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.

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.

Koi Dokak

Country of Origin: / Vietnam

School Name: / Kumamoto Technical College

Subject: / Department of Japanese Language Education

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.

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.

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.

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.

Yujie Shi

Country of Origin: / China

School Name: / Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department

Subject: / Medical Secretary

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.

What impression do you have of life in Kumamoto?

Japanese transportation is very convenient, and shopping is easy because there are many stores nearby.

How are your Japanese studies going?

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

What is it like living in Japan?

I have a part-time job at a company preparing bento lunches. I am also participating in neighborhood cleanup activities with my friends and professors.

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.

Maya Buda

Country of Origin: / Nepal

School Name: / Kyushu Surveying College

Subject: / Department of Japanese Language Education

Teacher Interview



Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department
Japanese Language

Yuta Sasaki

Please tell us 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.

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.

What is your strategy when planning for class?

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

Student Voices