



## 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**

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/>



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**Kumamoto Prefecture Professional Training College Association**

Have you considered studying in Kumamoto?



# PROFESSIONAL TRAINING COLLEGES in KUMAMOTO



# 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 *akaushi* (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.



# KUMAMOTO

## 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



School Name: Kumamoto YMCA College Japanese Department  
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.