

Guide to Oita Prefecture School Excursions



**A variety of lessons,
a variety of discoveries.**

Oita Prefecture School Excursion Promotion Association

The School Excursion Program welcomes you to drop by Oita Prefecture. We have everything here to aid students' learning and development.

1. Safety, security and a high standard of hospitality

With uniquely Japanese sightseeing destinations such as Beppu and Yufuin, and the presence of the International University for exchange students, there is a sense of familiarity in the area. Visitors from overseas will be able to enjoy the Educational School Visit in a secure, hospitable environment.

Also, in the aftermath of the March 2011 earthquake in the Tohoku region of Japan, Oita remains completely unaffected, and there is no risk of radiation exposure.



2. The rich nature, unique onsen culture and Japanese scenery

In Oita, there is a unique onsen culture that has developed in the rich nature of the area. Not only is the onsen experience good for one's health, but the steam from onsen is also used in cooking. With its abundance of natural energy, Oita is receiving attention from all over the world for its advancements in Eco energy.

There are also many places that retain the older customs and traditions of Japan. By experiencing Japan's traditional rural farming and fishing village culture, one can gain an even deeper understanding of Japan.



3. Invaluable exchange opportunities: School exchanges and Farm stays

In 2010, over 2000 students participated in school exchange programs throughout the prefecture. Depending on the school and time of year, participants in the program are able to take classes together, play sports, and share traditional cultural activities with each other such as flower arranging and Japanese tea ceremony, overcoming language barriers in the process.

Also, with the development of 'Green Tourism', there are a number of farm stay experience opportunities. Whilst there, students can participate in farming activities, cooking and learn about traditional Japanese culture.



4. The various sightseeing programs and amusement facilities

There are tourism programs across all four seasons of the year which focus on students' learning and development. Some of the hotspots include; Harmony Land theme park, where students can meet the famous 'Hello Kitty', the Umitamago Aquarium, Mt. Takasaki Natural park where students can see Japanese monkeys and Centeleisure Kijima Kogen Amusement Park.



<http://www.visit-oita.jp/index.e.html>

Students have a valuable opportunity to experience different cultures through the 'School Exchange' It is a program that aims to give students the ability to have fun whilst learning.

5 An introduction to the achievements of the School Exchange program



In 2010, over 2000 participants came to Oita Prefecture in the Educational School Visits program. The school exchange took place in a number of schools throughout the prefecture. Through the introductions of their respective traditional cultures, the exchange of differences in lifestyle and culture, students were able to achieve a valuable understanding of other cultures.

- School Exchange between Hwagok High School (Seoul, Korean) and Hita High School (Oita Prefecture)
(Photos) Welcome Ceremony, Opinion Exchange, A walk around Mameda Town



- School Exchange between Middle School students from Singapore and Middle School students from across Oita.
(Photos) Welcome Ceremony, School Introduction, Karate, Kendo, Poem Recital, School Lunch, Class Participation



- School exchange between Jian Ping school (China) and Houfu Primary and Middle school (Oita)
(Photos) Welcome Ceremony, Basketball match to promote sports exchange



- School Exchange between Rin Yi Middle School (China) and Chubu Middle School (Beppu Municipal School)
(Photos) Welcome ceremony, choir recital, local residents' musical performance, Karate performance, card games, opinion exchange



- School Exchange between visitors from the Practical teaching college affiliated with Tai Ann school (China) and Beppu South Primary school (Beppu Municipal school)
(Photos) Welcome ceremony, choir recital, musical performance, Japanese calligraphy, jump rope competition



A Program that encourages students' learning and development through a variety of invaluable hands-on experiences

There are many more places to visit, so for more information

Eastern Region

[Beppu City]



Hands-on learning program

A walk around the uniquely Japanese Onsen sightseeing spots
~ Tour of Beppu Jigoku Onsen area ~



Surrounded by beautiful nature, this onsen hot spot includes places such as the famous Beppu Jigoku onsen (hot springs), and the beautiful Myoban and Kannawa onsen. Here you can experience the unique onsen culture that has thrived for so many years.

[Location] Beppu city
[Access] Different for each venue (Please refer to home page)
[Business hours] Different for each venue (Please refer to home page)
[Cost] Different for each venue (Please refer to home page)
[Inquiries] Beppu City Tourism Centre (0977-24-2828)
[Home page] <http://www.beppu-navi.jp/mve-com/modules/aboutbeppu/>

[Kitsuki City]



Hands-on learning program

Walk the streets of an Edo castle town in Kimono
~ Travel back in time to the Edo period! ~



Here in Kitsuki you can try on traditional Japanese Kimono and walk the streets of a castle town preserved from the Edo period. You will feel as though you have travelled back in time to a different era of Japanese culture.

[Location] Kitsuki, Kitsuki City
[Access] 5minutes by car from Kitsuki Interchange
[Business hours] Please call to confirm
[Cost] ¥2000/person
[Inquiries] Kitsuki City Tourism Centre (0978-63-0100)
[Home page] <http://www.kitsuki-kankou.com/home/english>

[Kunisaki City]



Hands-on learning program

Experience Yayoi Period Culture (1800 years old)
~ Kunisaki City Historical Learning Centre, Yayoi Village ~



Experience Yayoi period history and culture at the Historical Park. Here you can learn how to make 'magatama' (carved beads made from a variety of stones) and how to build fires by hand.

[Location] 1639 Ankakuji, Kunisaki City
[Access] 20minutes by car from Oita port
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (Closed Mondays, National Holidays, New Year Holidays)
[Cost] Entrance: High school students ¥200, Middle/Elementary school students ¥100 (Group Discount available)
*Extra costs for some activities (Please refer to home page)
[Inquiries] Kunisaki City Historical Learning Centre, Yayoi Village (0978-72-2677)
[Home page] <http://web.city.kunisaki.oita.jp/yayoinomura/taikengakushukan.jsp>

Eco-Friendly Onsen Steam Cooking Experience
~ Jigoku-mushi Studio, Kannawa ~



Here you can experience cooking with onsen steam released from underground. With this method of cooking, food can be cooked with natural steam of over 100 degrees, making it both eco-friendly and healthy.

[Location] 5-Kumi Furumoto, Beppu City
[Access] 20minutes drive from Beppu JR train station
[Business hours] 9:00~21:00 (Closed third Wednesday of every month)
[Cost] Use of Steam Cooking facilities ¥500/30minutes (Cost of ingredients extra)
[Inquiries] Jigoku-Mushi Studio, Kannawa (0977-66-3775)
[Home page] <http://www.city.beppu.oita.jp/02kankou/01info/02shisetsu/15jigokumushi.html>

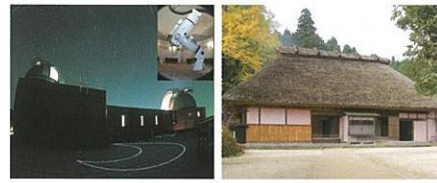
Learning the Japanese essence through Tea Ceremony
~ Tea ceremony experience at a Samurai residence ~



Participate in the tea ceremony in the samurai residence of the traditional castle town. Here in the beautiful scenery, you can experience the true 'Japanese essence'.

[Location] 665-172 Kitsuki, Kitsuki City
[Access] 5minutes by car from Kitsuki Interchange
[Business hours] Please call to confirm
[Cost] ¥1000/person
[Inquiries] Kitsuki City Tourism Centre (0978-63-0100)
[Home page] <http://www.kitsuki-kankou.com/>

Appreciate the beautiful night sky out in the fresh air
~ Baien Village Tenkyuukan ~



Visit the Miura Baien commemorative centre, and learn about the Edo period philosopher and his achievements and studies of astrology and nature. After this, you can experience looking up into space for yourself through one of western Japan's most prominent telescopes.

[Location] 2244 Tomiayo, Aki-machi, Kunisaki City
[Access] 30minutes by car from Oita Airport
[Business hours] *Subject to change (please refer to home page)
[Cost] Middle School/ High School students ¥300, Elementary School students ¥200 (group discount available)
[Inquiries] Baien Village (0978-64-6300)
[Home page] Tenkyuukan: <http://www.oct-net.ne.jp/~inf/baien/>
Commemorative Centre: <http://web.city.kunisaki.oita.jp/bunkazaika/baiensinyoukan.jsp>

Traditional Hand-Made Crafts, Beppu Bamboo Crafts Appreciation
~ Beppu Traditional Bamboo Crafts Centre ~



This tradition of hand-made crafts, has been honed over many years of practice. The craftsmen pour their heart and soul into these exceptional hand crafted items, which are revered throughout Japan and overseas.

[Location] 8-3 Higashi Soen, Beppu City
[Access] 20minutes drive from Beppu JR train station
[Business hours] 8:30~17:00 (Closed Mondays, and New Year Holidays)
[Cost] Entrance: Adults (16yrs~) ¥300, Children ¥100, Discount for groups
*Extra cost for bamboo craft materials
[Inquiries] Beppu Traditional Bamboo Crafts Centre (0977-23-1072)
[Home page] <http://www.city.beppu.oita.jp/06sisetu/takezaiku/takezaiku.html>

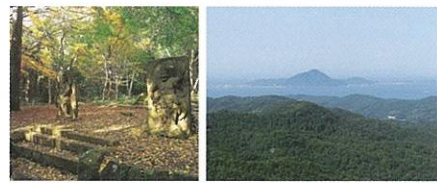
Popular Entertainment, Public Theatre Appreciation
~ Kitsuki Public Theatre ~



Kitsuki public theatre has been a popular form of entertainment for many years. Theatre appreciation is a great way to learn about the Japanese lifestyle and Japanese emotions.

[Location] 398-1 Kitsuki, Kitsuki City
[Access] 5minutes by car from Kitsuki Interchange
[Business hours] Varies month to month (Please refer to home page)
[Cost] Students: High school ¥1500, Middle school ¥700, Elementary school ¥500
[Inquiries] Kitsuki Public Theatre (0978-66-1112)
[Home page] <http://www.shuuraikan.com/>

The Fusion of Shintoism and Buddhism Grounds A Wander Around Kunisaki's Historical Peninsula ~ "Kiyusendouji Site" of the "Tsutsuji Fudousan" ~



The Buddhist faith has been practiced around the world since ancient times, but at the Usa Shrine, dedicated to "Hachiman", there exists a unique fusion of the Buddhism and Shintoism. Here you can take a walk in the mysterious mountain trails, and experience for yourself this unique religion immersed in the beautiful scenery.

[Location] Throughout the city
[Access] *Location specific (please refer to home page)
[Business hours] *Location specific (please refer to home page)
[Cost] *Location specific (please refer to home page)
[Inquiries] Kunisaki City Tourism Centre (0978-72-5168)
[Home page] <http://www.e-kunisaki.com/>

Central Region

[Hiji Town]



Hands-on learning program

Here you can meet the world famous Hello Kitty!
~ Sanrio Character Park "Harmonyland" ~



This is the theme park where dreams come true! You can meet Sanrio characters like Hello Kitty, and experience some of the world famous Japanese 'character culture'.

[Location] 5933 Fujiwara, Hiji Town
[Access] 2minutes by car from Hiji Interchange
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 *Changes seasonally (please refer to the home page)
[Cost] Passport Ticket: ¥2800 (*Discount available for school excursion groups)
[Inquiries] Harmony Land Business Operations Division (0977-73-1155)
[Home page] <http://www.sanrio.co.jp/english/harmony/harmony.html>

[Oita City]



Hands-on learning program

Wild Japanese Monkey Observation
~ "Mt. Takasaki Natural Park" ~



At present, there are about 1300 wild Japanese Monkeys living in the National park. They can be seen descending the mountain every day to feed, so come along and see this impressive sight up close.

[Location] 3098-1 Kanzaki, Oita City
[Access] 15minutes by car from Oita JR train station
[Business hours] 8:30~17:00 (Open all year)
[Cost] High school students ¥500, Elementary and Middle school students ¥250 (*Group discount available)
[Inquiries] Mt. Takasaki Natural Park (097-532-5010)
[Home page] <http://www.takasakiyama.jp/>

[Usuki City]



Hands-on learning program

Gain a second hometown through this heartwarming exchange
~ Farm stays in Notsu-machi, Usuki City ~



At the host families' houses in Notsu-machi, Usuki City, those who come to visit experience their warm hospitality, and become one of the family. Here you can build a relationship with Japanese families through a variety of activities.

[Location] Notsu-machi, Usuki City
[Access] 15minutes by car from Usuki Interchange
[Business hours] *Please inquire by phone
[Cost] 1night (two meals included) ¥8700 per person (*Lunch fee (¥525) and admission extra)
[Inquiries] Nishimoto (Head of the Nohaku department) at the Kichomu Village Green Tourism Society (0974-32-7239)
[Home page] <http://heartland.geocities.jp/kichi46g/>

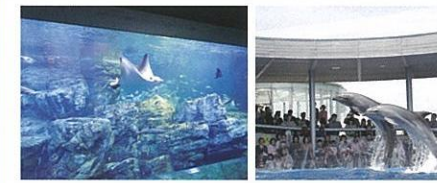
Craft-making experience with seasonal herbs
~ "Ohga Farm" Rose Garden Herb Park ~



The sixty six square kilometer Rose and Herb Park features both restaurants and shops, and faces toward the beautiful Beppu port. Here at the Park, you can experience original craft-making with seasonal herbs.

[Location] 6025-1 Ohga, Hiji Town
[Access] 15minutes by car from Hiji Interchange
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (*Restaurants and shops open at 10:00, and are closed every Tuesday)
[Cost] Entrance: High school students ¥500, Elementary and Middle school students ¥300 (*Extra cost for craft-making experience, please refer to home page)
[Inquiries] Ohga Farm (0977-73-0012)
[Home page] <http://www.ogofarm.com/>

See underwater life at the Aquarium
~ Oita "Umitamago" Marine Aquarium ~



At the aquarium you can see dolphin and walrus performances, get close to other aquatic life. Through this, students can learn important lessons about life and nature.

[Location] Takasaki Yamashimo beachfront, Oita City
[Access] 15minutes drive from Oita JR train station
[Business hours] *Changes with the season (please refer to home page)
[Cost] High school students ¥1890, Elementary and Middle school students ¥950 (*Group discount available)
[Inquiries] Umitamago (097-534-1010)
[Home page] <http://www.uitamago.jp/index.html>

Japanese faith expressed at the group of Stone Buddhas
~ The "Usuki Stone Buddhas" National Treasure ~



It is said that these precious stone Buddha statues were carved in the era between the Heian period and the Kamakura period, and as a result are recognised as National Treasures. Upon viewing these silent figures, you can experience the influence of Japanese religion.

[Location] 804-1 Fukato, Usuki City
[Access] 5minutes by car from Usuki Interchange
[Business hours] *Changes with the season (please refer to home page)
[Cost] High school students ¥530, Elementary and Middle school students ¥260 (*Group discount available)
[Inquiries] The Stone Buddhas office (0972-65-3300)
[Home page] <http://www.city.usuki.oita.jp/sekibutsu/>

Youkoku Castle ruins and the surrounding Historical Buildings
~ "Youkoku Castle Ruins" "Tekizanso" ~



The Youkoku castle ruins still remain in the beautiful region overlooking Beppu port. In this neighbourhood is the Tekizanso, built by a wealthy local in the Taisho period. Here you can appreciate not only the luxurious building, but also the breathtaking scenery from the garden.

[Location] 2612 Hiji Town (Hiji Tourism Association)
[Access] 5minutes by car from Hiji Interchange
[Business hours] *Varies for each facility (please refer to home page)
[Cost] Free
[Inquiries] Hiji Tourism Association (0977-72-4255)
[Home page] <http://hijinavi.com/?cat=5>

Experience ancient culture and way of life
~ "Oita City Rekishi Shiryuukan" ~



Experience how people started fires and made decorations such as "magatama" in ancient times. Learn the ancient Japanese way of life, and deepen your understanding of Japanese culture.

[Location] 60-1 kokubu, Oita City
[Access] 2minutes walk from Bungo Kokubu JR Train station
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (Closed Mondays, days after public holidays and New Years holidays)
[Cost] Admission: High school students ¥100, Elementary and Middle school students FREE (*Additional cost for participation in activities, please refer to home page)
[Inquiries] Oita City Rekishi Shiryuukan (097-549-0880)
[Home page] <http://www.city.oita.oita.jp/www/contents/1166665673633/index.html>

A walk around an Edo period castle town
~ Niouza Historical Street ~



Here there is a town that has existed for several hundred years. The neighbourhood includes a number of high class Samurai residences and Buddhist temples. Experience the history of Usuki in person, and appreciate the beauty of traditional Japanese houses.

[Location] Niouza, Usuki City
[Access] 10minutes by car from Usuki Interchange
[Business hours] All year-round
[Cost] FREE
[Inquiries] Usuki City Tourism Industry Division (0972-63-1111)
[Home page] <http://www.usuki-kankou.com/>

Southern Region

[Yufu City]



Hands-on learning program

"At the time, the Gods descend gently onto the stage"
~ Traditional theatre "Shounai Kagura" ~



Here you can view traditional "Shounai Kagura" and try participating in the dancing yourself. As you learn the connection between Japanese people and the gods and nature, you can deepen your understanding of traditional Japanese culture.

[Location] *Please inquire by phone
[Access] *Please inquire by phone
[Business hours] *Please inquire by phone
[Cost] *Please inquire by phone
[Inquiries] Yufu City, Planning and International Exchange Division (097-582-1111)
[Home page] <http://www.city.yufu.oita.jp/kanka/>

Make stylish crafts in Yufuin town
~ Memorable souvenirs, stylish atmosphere ~



In Yufuin town, there are many shops where you can experience traditional Japanese arts such as pottery, chopstick-making and flower pressing. Here you can make your very own souvenir in the sophisticated atmosphere of Yufuin.

[Location] Various places throughout the city
[Access] *Different for each establishment (please refer to the home page)
[Business hours] *Different for each establishment (please refer to the home page)
[Cost] *Different for each establishment (please refer to the home page)
[Inquiries] Yufuin Tourism Office (0977-85-4464)
[Home page] http://www.yufuin.gr.jp/enjoy_yufuin/make/

Learn Japanese culture through farm stay visits
~ Yufu City's Farm Stay Visits ~



Through the Farm stay experience, you can feel for yourself the richness that remains in Japanese farming villages. Learn to be thankful for the beauty of nature and the circle of life, and reflect on one's own personal growth.

[Location] Various places throughout the city
[Access] *Different for each establishment (please refer to the home page)
[Business hours] *Different for each establishment (please refer to the home page)
[Cost] *Different for each establishment (please refer to the home page)
[Inquiries] Yufu City, Planning and International Exchange Division (097-582-1111)
[Home page] <http://www.city.yufu.oita.jp/kanka/index.html>
<http://www.pref.oita.jp/site/green-tu/nohoku-yuhu.html>

[Saiki City]



Hands-on learning program

Experience making Pearl accessories by hand
~ Kamae Blue Tourism Association "Amabe Tosei University Taikan Kouza" ~



Get to know the way of life of the people from Kamae who have been brought up near the ocean, and try your hand at creating hand-made pearl accessories. Here you can have fun whilst learning about the workings of Japanese fishing villages.

[Location] 1834-2 Takenouragouchi, Kamae, Saiki City
[Access] *Different for each establishment (please refer to home page)
[Business hours] *Different for each facility (please refer to home page)
[Cost] *Different for each facility (please refer to home page)
[Inquiries] Kamae Blue Tourism Association (0972-42-0115)
[Home page] <http://www.kamae-bt.com>

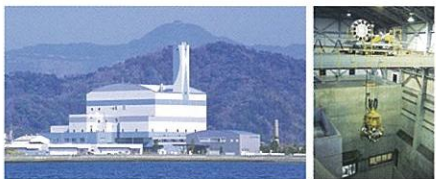
Experience the Japanese Tea Ceremony, and the distinguished works of a great writer
~ "Kunikida Doppo-kan", "Kyuushintei" Tearoom ~



After taking a tour of the commemorative hall for the famous Meiji period writer Doppo Kunikida, you can take part in the Japanese tea ceremony in the "Kyuushintei" tearoom.

[Location] 9-37 Jyauka Higashi-machi, Saiki City
[Access] 10minutes by car from Saiki Interchange
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (closed Mondays, and New Year Holidays)
[Cost] Entrance: High school students ¥200, Elementary and Middle school students ¥100 (*Group discount available, *Tea ceremony participation costs extra, ¥500/person)
[Inquiries] Kunikida Doppo-kan, Jyauka-machi, Saiki (0972-22-2866)
[Home page] <http://www.city.saiki.oita.jp/shisetsu/doppo.html>

Learn the importance of recycling
~ "Eco Centre Banijyou" ~



In the 21st century, the environment has become a hot topic. Here you can learn about the importance of recycling and separating rubbish.

[Location] 1-38 Higashihama, Saiki City
[Access] 15minutes by car from Saiki Interchange
[Business hours] 8:30~17:00
[Cost] FREE
[Inquiries] Cleaning Division, Saiki City Office (0972-22-3984)
[Home page] -

Western Region

[Hita City]



Hands-on learning program

Experience Satoyama Culture through Japanese Plum Harvesting
~ Ohyama-machi Ohgirihata Green Tourism Association ~



Here you can talk with, and experience the culture and lifestyle of farming people. By learning about the traditional production and harvesting process, and cooking of the special 'ume' and 'sumomo' of Ohyama-machi, you can get a taste of the local agricultural culture and way of life.

[Location] 3545-1 Ohyama-machi, West Ohyama, Hita City
[Access] 30minutes drive from Hita JR train station
[Business hours] *Please inquire
[Cost] ¥1000~1500/person
[Inquiries] Ohyama Development and Promotion Bureau, Hita City Office (0973-52-3101)
[Home page] http://www.city.hita.oita.jp/ksinkou/page_00209.html

Study the Ideologies of Confucian Scholar Tansou Hirose
~ "Kangien Education Association Centre" ~



Students can learn about the history and teachings of 'Kangien', the largest private school in Japan in the Edo period. It was opened by the Confucian Scholar 'Tansou Hirose', whose teachings and educational principles were considered ground-breaking at the time.

[Location] 2-18 Tansou-nichome, Hita City
[Access] 5minutes by car from Hita JR train station
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (Closed Wednesdays and New Year Holidays)
[Cost] Entrance: FREE (Please inquire for cost of activity participation)
[Inquiries] Kangien Education Centre (0973-22-0268)
[Home page] <http://www.city.hita.oita.jp/kangien/center.html>

See the biggest Gold Mine in Asia, and Experience Gold Dust Panning
~ "Taio Gold Mine Underground Museum" ~



Since the first gold ore was found in 1894, the Taio Gold Mine uncovered large quantities of gold for about 80 years. In 1972, the mine ceased production, but is still open for gold hunting, and there are still underground tunnel tours.

[Location] 3750 Nakatsue-mura, Gouse, Hita City
[Access] 50minutes by car from Hita JR Train station
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (Closed New Years Day)
[Cost] Entrance: High school and Middle school students ¥800, Elementary school students ¥500 (*Group discount available, *Gold Hunting experience extra ¥600/person)
[Inquiries] Taio Gold Mine Sightseeing Management Office (0973-56-5316)
[Home page] <http://taiokinzan.jp>

Northern Region

[Kokonoe Town]



Hands-on learning program

Enjoy Japan's number one suspension bridge
~ "Kokonoe's 'yume' large suspension bridge" ~



At 390metres long, 173metres high and 1.5metres wide, this is Japan's biggest pedestrian suspension bridge, and it is said that to walk on this bridge feels as though you are walking on air. As you stand on the bridge, you can appreciate the magnificent scenery, and see the 'Shindou' waterfall which is among Japan's top 100 waterfalls.

[Location] Tano, Kokonoe Town
[Access] 30minutes by car from the Kokonoe Interchange
[Business hours] *Varies seasonally (please refer to home page)
[Cost] Entrance: Middle school students and older ¥500, Elementary school students ¥200 (*group discount available)
[Inquiries] Management Centre (0973-73-3800)
[Home page] <http://www.yumeotunhashi.com/>

Eco-energy! Visit a geothermal energy production plant
~ "Hachoubaru Geothermal Energy Plant" ~



Here on a plateau surrounded by Asokuju National Park, is the Hachoubaru Geothermal Energy Plant. With an output of 110,000 kilowatts, it is the largest geothermal energy producer in Japan, and a great place to learn about green energy.

[Location] Hachoubaru, Yutsube, Kokonoe Town
[Access] 40minutes by car from the Kokonoe Interchange
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (Closed for New Year Holidays)
[Cost] FREE
[Inquiries] Hachoubaru Geothermal Energy Plant Exhibition Hall (0973-79-2853)
[Home page] http://o.kyuden.co.jp/siten_hcchoubaru

Experience the grandeur of Kokonoe nature with all five senses
~ "Kuiju Tade" Marshlands ~



These marshlands are registered in the Ramsar Convention as being home to rare plant life. There are volunteer guides here, so come along and see the beautiful scenery, feel the cooling wind, hear the sounds of nature, and experience nature with all five senses.

[Location] Tano, Kokonoe Town
[Access] 30minutes by car from Kokonoe Interchange
[Business hours] Open all year round
[Cost] FREE
[Inquiries] Kokonoe Town (0973-76-3801)
[Home page] <http://www.town.kokonoe.oita.jp>
<http://kyushu.env.go.jp/nature/kyojabaru/tadewara/index.html>

[Bungo Takada City]



Hands-on learning program

Experience Japanese everyday life through farm stay visits
~ Farm stays in Bungo Takada City ~



Through farm stay at a regular farming home, students can learn in depth about the everyday lifestyle and food culture of Japanese people. The kind-hearted people here eagerly await visitors.

[Location] A number of places around the city
[Access] 20minutes by car from the Usa Interchange
[Business hours] *Please inquire
[Cost] For a one night stay, two meals included: ¥8700/person (*extra ¥525 charge for lunch)
[Inquiries] Bungo Takada City, Agriculture and Forestry, Planning Promotion Division (0978-22-3100)
[Home page] <http://bungotakada-gt.com/>

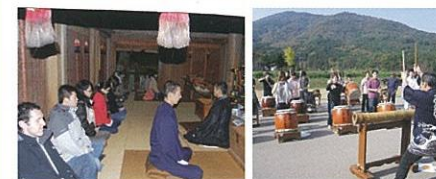
A Recreation of Japan in the 1950's
~ "The Showa Romance Period: Showa Yume Sanchoumeikan" ~



In the 1950's whilst Japan was still a poor country, it was a time when people in a community would help each other out. Walk down the streets of the replicated buildings, and appreciate the nostalgia whilst learning a little bit more about Japan.

[Location] 989-1 Shin-machi, Bungo Takada City
[Access] 20minutes by car from Usa JR Train station
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00
[Cost] Entrance: Elementary, Middle and High school students ¥420 (please refer to home page for more details)
[Inquiries] Bungo Takada City Sightseeing and City Planning Company (0978-23-1860)
[Home page] <http://www.showanomachi.com/index.php>

"Real Japan" Cultural Experience
~ Zen meditation, sutra and Japanese drumming experience ~



At the Fukiji Buddhist temple, you can experience the traditional culture of "real Japan" through Zen meditation and sutra, and authentic Japanese drumming under the supervision of a professional instructor.

[Location] Throughout the city
[Access] *Please inquire for details
[Business hours] *Please inquire for details
[Cost] *Please inquire for details
[Inquiries] Bungo Takada City, Agriculture and Forestry, Planning Promotion Division (0978-22-3100)
[Home page] <http://bungotakada-gt.com/>

[Usa City]



Hands-on learning program

Make Ajimu your second home-town
~ The Ajimu Green Tourism Farm Stay Experience ~



The farming families welcome students as if they were their own children. As a member of your farm home stay family, you can help out with cooking and farm chores, and hopefully gain a "second home-town".

[Location] A number of locations around Ajimu-machi, Usa City
[Access] 25minutes by car from Yanagigaura JR Train station
[Business hours] *Please inquire
[Cost] For one night stay including two meals ¥6500 (*Extra cost for some activities, please inquire for details)
[Inquiries] NPO Organisation, Ajimu Green Tourism Association (0978-44-1158)
[Home page] <http://www.ajimu-gt.jp/page0120.html>

Walk around a number of historical Japanese Shinto shrines
~ Hachiman Souhongo: "The Usa Shinto Shrine" ~



This is famously known as the birthplace of the unique fusion of Shinto and Buddhism. Walk through the beautiful bright red gateway into the shrine, and around the majestic inner sanctuary and the holy grounds, and you will begin to feel the spirit of this religion.

[Location] Minami Usa, Usa City
[Access] 10minutes by car from Usa JR Train station
[Business hours] All year round
[Cost] FREE
[Inquiries] Usa City Tourism Association (0978-37-0202)
[Home page] <http://www.usajingu.com/>

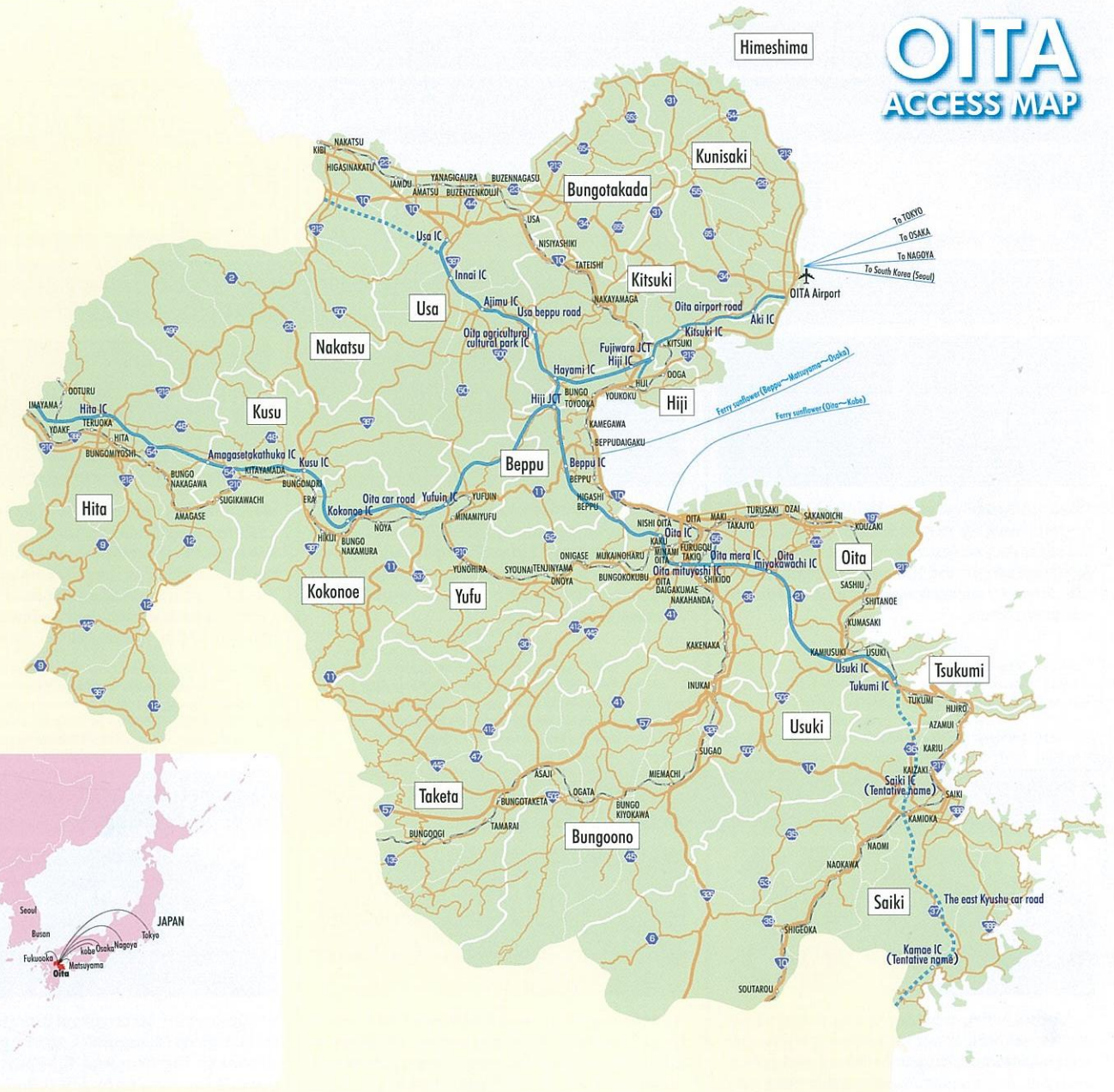
The man who represents the history of "Sumo"
~ The 35th Grand Champion Sumo Wrestler Futabayama: "Futaba no Sato" ~



This is the birthplace of the 35th grand champion Sumo wrestler Futabayama, who carved his name into the history of the national Japanese sport of Sumo wrestling. As you follow this hero's achievements, you can get a feel for the way Japanese people think about this special sport.

[Location] 269 Shimoshou, Usa City
[Access] 15minutes by car from Yanagigaura JR Train station
[Business hours] 9:00~17:00 (Closed 3rd Monday of each month, and New Year Holidays)
[Cost] FREE
[Inquiries] Futaba no Sato (0978-33-5255)
[Home page] <http://www.usa-kanka.jp/spots/detail/25>

OITA ACCESS MAP



Getting to Oita



TOKYO (Haneda Airport) OITA Airport...1 hour and 30 minutes
 OSAKA (Itami Airport) OITA Airport...1 hour
 NAGOYA (Tyubu Airport) OITA Airport...1 hour and 10 minutes
 SEOUL (Incheon Airport) OITA Airport...1 hour and 20 minutes



TOKYO (TOKYO Station) OITA Station...6 hours and 30 minutes
 OSAKA (SHIN OSAKA Station) OITA Station...4 hours
 FUKUOKA (HAKATA Station) OITA Station...2 hours and 10 minutes
 KITAKYUSYU (KOKURA Station) OITA Station...1 hour and 15 minutes



FUKUOKA International Airport BEPPU City...2 hours
 FUKUOKA OITA City...2 hours 30 minutes
 FUKUOKA HITA City...1 hour and 30 minutes
 OITA Airport OITA City...1 hour



OSAKA BEPPU...11 hours and 30 minutes
 KOBE NISHI OITA...11 hours and 30 minutes

We look forward to your visit



Mejiron: The Oita Prefecture Cheer Squad "Bird"



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