

# KOFUN COLOURS

AN EXCLUSIVE EVENT BY KYUSHU NATIONAL MUSEUM  
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



Join us at the museum for an introduction to decorated Japanese tumuli and make your own *kofun*-inspired accessories!

3 November 2021 (Wed), 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Open to international students, ALTs, CIRs

English, Mandarin, and Korean support available!

Registration via QR code closes 20 October 2021 (Wed)



For more information, visit  
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This event is subject to last-minute cancellation due to Covid-19.



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# Kofun? Ko-whomst?

*Kofun* tombs refer to huge burial mounds that were constructed across Japan from the third to the seventh century – what we now call the Kofun period! While these iconic tombs – tumuli – are perhaps best known for being shaped like keyholes, they actually come in all sorts of shapes and sizes; some even feature striking paintings on their inner walls. These decorated tumuli are especially prevalent in the Kyushu region, where our museum is located.



Takehara tumulus, Miyawaka City,  
Fukuoka Prefecture

## Programme

13:00      Registration opens

13:30      Introduction to *kofun* tumuli and decorated tumuli

Ever wondered why *kofun* tumuli are shaped the way they are, or what their interior decorations look like? Find out for yourself from one of our researchers in this mini history talk!

14:15      DIY accessory workshop

Use the knowledge you've acquired about decorated tumulus motifs to make your very own accessories from heat-shrink plastic.

15:15      Free and easy time in the Special Exhibition and Cultural Exchange Exhibition halls

Receive complimentary tickets to our ongoing Special Exhibition, *In the Embrace of the Mountains and Seas: Nature in the Japanese Imagination!* In this exhibition, find out how the Japanese peoples have interacted with, perceived, and represented their natural environments since the Age of the Gods.

In the Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall, visit the *Tewaza* Feature Exhibition to learn more about the Ryukyu Kingdom (present-day Okinawa), their rich cultural relics, as well as the knowledge and techniques that were necessary to produce them.

If you can't get enough of *kofun* tumuli, drop by rooms 4 and 5 for more exhibits and video screenings on this very topic!



On display in the Special Exhibition Hall!



Manuscript fragment of the Iseshū  
poetry anthology (*Ishiyama-gire*),  
Tōyama Memorial Museum, Saitama



### Nishitetsu Train

From Nishitetsu Fukuoka (Tenjin) station, take the Omuta line to Nishitetsu Futsukaichi station (16 min ltd. express / 18 min express). Change to the Dazaifu line and take the train to Nishitetsu Dazaifu station (5 min), walk to museum (10 min)  
\*No extra fees required for express and limited express trains

### JR

From JR Hakata station, take the Kagoshima Line to JR Futsukaichi station (about 15 min by rapid train), Transfer to Nishitetsu Futsukaichi station (12 min walk OR 6 min bus), take the Dazaifu line to Nishitetsu Dazaifu station, walk to the museum (10 min)

### Nishitetsu Bus

Take the straight bus from Hakata Bus Terminal (Level 1, Gate 11 for Dazaifu, 40 min) to Dazaifu station, then walk to the museum (10 min)

