Kyushu National Museum Exchange Student Event 2026

BINGATA DYEING EXPERIENCE

Multiple languages available

Free!

Come try your hand at the traditional Okinawan craft of *bingata* fabric dyeing!

Exclusively for exchange students, join us and make your very own *bingata* coaster!
You choose the colors!

Plus, venture into our exhibition hall to discover more about the cultures of Ryukyu and Okinawa.



Image courtesy of Gusuku Bingata Okinawa

Please wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty!
Please also note you'll need to add the finishing touches at home.



Date/time: Tuesday 3 November 2026 (public holiday)
13:00–16:30 (check-in from 12:30)

Venue: Kyushu National Museum
(meet near the Information Desk, Floor 1)

Eligibility: This event is exclusively for exchange students.

Capacity: 20 participants; first-come, first-served

To sign up: Please scan the QR code and fill out our registration form.

↓Sign up here!↓

Sign-ups have been extended until Thursday 29 October!
Don't miss out!

Please note that for logistical reasons you can no longer choose your preferred design.
What design will you get...? You'll have to wait and see!

Delivered in Easy Japanese, with English, Chinese, and Korean interpretation available!

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An introduction to *bingata*

13:15–13:30 (15 min.), Seminar Room

Begin your *bingata* experience by learning the basics of how it's done, along with some of the tools of the trade.

Schedule

13:00-13:15 **Greetings; museum overview**
13:15-13:30 **An introduction to *bingata***
13:30-14:30 ***Bingata* coaster making**
14:30-14:50 **Break**
14:50-15:20 **Our researcher on Ryukyu**
15:20-16:30 **Self-guided viewing**

Bingata coaster making

13:30–14:30 (60 min.), Seminar Room

Once you've gotten a feel for the process, it's time to try your hand at it for real, by creating your very own one-of-a-kind coaster!
Using special brushes, dye your coaster in whatever colors you'd like.
Don't worry if art isn't your strong suit – the coasters are designed so that anyone can achieve a clean-looking final product!

Our researcher on Ryukyu: exclusive talk on *Kyuhaku's Ryukyu Collection*

14:50–15:20 (30 min.), Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall

While your coaster is drying, venture into our Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall and discover our latest Feature Exhibition, *Kyuhaku's Ryukyu Collection*, alongside its lead curator KUWABARA Yuzuko.
Learn more about the storied history and unique cultures of Ryukyu and Okinawa, and witness a selection of real *bingata* robes from our collection.
Afterwards, explore the Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall for yourself, then collect your coaster and take it home!

Getting here

By Nishitetsu train

Take the Nishitetsu Tenjin-Omuta Line to Nishitetsu Futsukaichi Station.
Change for the Nishitetsu Dazaifu Line.
Alight at Dazaifu Station, then walk approx. 15 min. to Kyushu National Museum.

By JR train

From JR Futsukaichi Station, walk to Nishitetsu Futsukaichi Station.
Take the Nishitetsu Dazaifu Line to Dazaifu Station, then walk approx. 15 min. to Kyushu National Museum.

By bus

From Hakata Bus Terminal, take the Dazaifu Liner Bus "Tabito" to Dazaifu Station, then walk approx. 15 min. to Kyushu National Museum.

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