Welcome to Kyushu National Museum.

Kyushu National Museum opened in 2005, and is currently the youngest national museum in Japan. Located in the historic region of Dazaifu, the museum explores the story of Japan through its history of cultural exchange with Asia, while also displaying host-to-host exhibitions throughout the year. At the same time, it aims to deliver an experience that is more engaging than a classroom setting, and easier to understand than a textbook. Come on down and take an unforgettable trip through Japan's history.

1st Floor: Entrance Hall

Both sides of the museum are covered with glass panels that let in natural light, and stretch up to a curved roof constructed of cedar logs thinned from forests all across Kyushu. Making you feel as though you are a part of nature during your visit.

Ajippa Interactive Exhibition Gallery

Ajippa is a unique exhibition gallery that allows visitors of all ages to get up close and personal with Asian and European cultures. With constantly rotating exhibits, visitors can try out some of the traditional games, costumes, and musical instruments from various parts of the world.

Museum Shop

Check out our extensive lineup of museum items, including postcards, stationery, as well as books and catalogues from our exhibitions.

Ticket

Admission Fees: ¥700 for adults, ¥350 for university students

Opening Hours: 09:30–17:00

Closed: Mondays (except public holidays, in which case the following working day), end-of-year holidays

Admission Information (Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall)

Admission Fees: ¥700 for adults, ¥350 for university students

Free admission for students of high school level and lower, visitors under the age of 18, and visitors aged 70 and above. Please present an original photo ID indicating date of birth at the gallery entrance.

Free admission for individuals with disability documentation, and up to one accompanying person. Please present relevant documents at the gallery entrance.

Free admission for students with school level and fees, and visitors aged 16 and older. Please present a photo ID indicating date of birth at the gallery entrance.

Separate admission fees apply for Special Exhibitions.

Getting to the Museum

By Fukuoka Urban Expressway

Museum entrance for cars

About 15 min. by car

By Kyushu Expressway

Museum entrance for cars

About 20 min. from the Mizuki exit via the Takao interchange via the Takao intersection

Parking Fee Machine

There are a limited number of parking lots (fees applicable) available at the museum.

Contact Us

For inquiries, please contact us via our online form accessible through our official website, or call us at the following number: 050-5542-8600 (only in Japanese, operating hours: 08:00–18:00)

Admission Information

Free admission for students and teachers from schools in the Campus Members program. Please present your student or staff card at the gallery entrance.

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Third Floor: Special Exhibition Hall

The flexible exhibition space transforms to fit the requirements of the exhibitions that run here. The admission charge is free, and we welcome your visits year-round to enjoy the displays.

Five Big Themes

This gallery is divided into five examine halls that trace Japan’s history from antiquity to near modernity. Each theme is marked by its own color, allowing visitors to see how each exhibit fits into the larger narrative.

1. Green: Paleolithic Age to Jōmon period
2. Red: Yayoi to Kofun period
3. Purple: Asuka to Heian period
4. Blue: Kamakura to Muromachi period
5. Orange: Azuchi-Momoyama to Edo period

Fourth Floor: Cultural Exchange Exhibition Hall (Permanent Exhibition)

Subtitled “Ocean Ways, Asian Paths,” Kyushu National Museum’s permanent exhibition allows visitors to travel back in time to experience Japan’s history of cultural exchange with East and Southeast Asia.

Dono’s Recognition Room

This exhibition room features valuable objects that have been generously donated to the museum. The donor’s name is displayed on a medallion hanging above each exhibit. The theme features some of the world’s finest jade rings, sausages, and tiles.

KANEKO Kazushige Memorial Gallery

—Asian Ethno-Forms—

This gallery is permanently dedicated to displaying a collection of Asian objects that will paint a colorful picture of Asian cultures.

Museum Etiquette

- Please keep your voices down.
- Please do not touch the exhibits or the glass display cases.
- Please do not talk loudly in the galleries.
- Please switch off your mobile phones, or set them to silent mode while in the galleries.
- Food and beverages are not allowed in the galleries.

- Please do not use flashlights in the galleries. Photographs of objects in permanent exhibitions (exceptions apply) and photography rules for Special Exhibitions vary among exhibitions.
- Please do not bring food and beverages, including candy, gum, and bottled beverages, into the galleries. Please use the designated areas to protect cultural properties from harmful insects and mold.
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- Please do not wear any香水 in the museum, except for guide and service dogs.
- Smoking is prohibited in the museum.
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