

History of the Kumamoto Prefectural Center of Environmental Education & Information

- May 1st, 1956** **Official discovery of Minamata Disease**
- October 1977 Start of pollution prevention projects in Minamata bay, etc.
- October 1978 Founding of National Institute for Minamata Disease
- March 1990 Establishment of basic plan for Environmental Center
- March 1990 Completion of pollution prevention projects in Minamata Bay
- October 1990 Kumamoto Pref. General Environmental Ordinance enacted
- January 1993 Minamata Disease Municipal Museum opened
- August 20th, 1993** **Environmental Center opened**
- May 1997 100,000th visitor
- October 2000 200,000th visitor
- June 2001 National Minamata Disease Information Center opened
- April 2002 Start of Kid's Eco Seminars (1/3 of pref 5th graders visit Center)
- July 2003 300,000th visitor
- February 2006 400,000th visitor
- May 2007 Renewal of 2nd floor exhibit (Eco Stage)
- October 2008 500,000th visitor
- April 2011 Start of Higokko Study in Minamata for all 5th graders in prefecture
- November 2011 600,000th visitor
- January 2015 700,000th visitor
- November 2017 800,000th visitor
- August 2018 25th anniversary of Environmental Center
- March 2019 Renewal of 2F Eco Stage, 1F Entrance Hall exhibits



Kumamoto Prefectural
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INFORMATION

HOURS

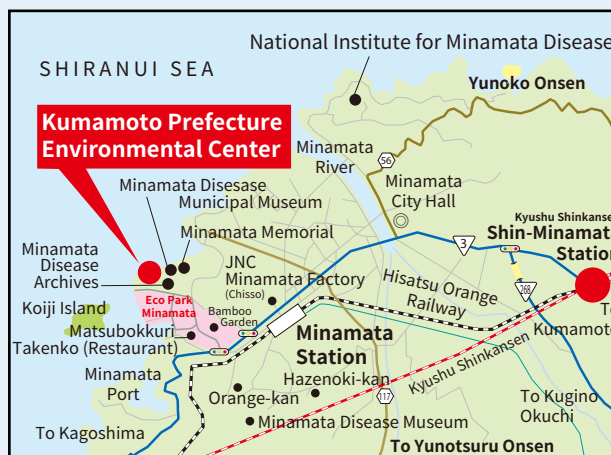
9AM-5PM (last entry 4:30PM)

CLOSED

Mondays & New Year's Eve, New Year's
(Closed the following day if Monday is a holiday or if museum is closed)

ADMISSION

Free



LEARN

FEEL

EXPERIENCE

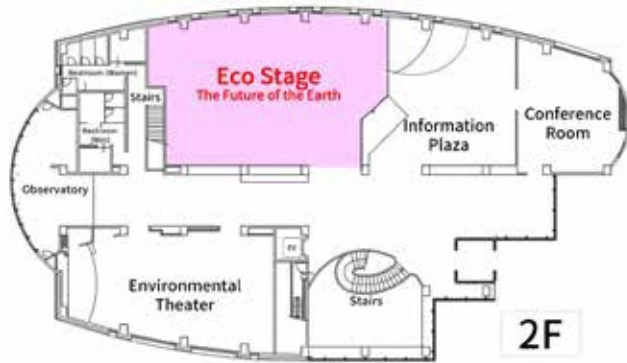
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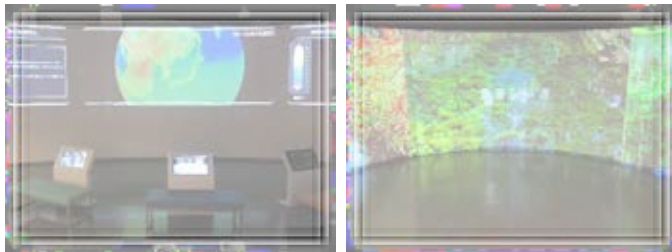


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Eco Stage - The Future of the Earth

Global warming takes a long time to occur. What will the Earth look like in 100 years? Eco Stage offers a look into the future through its Global Warming Simulation.



2F

Information Plaza

Home to over 14,000 books and magazines available for loan, as well as 600 DVDs and videos available for viewing.



1F

2F

Observatory

Offering a relaxing view of the Yatsushiro (Shiranui) Sea. The islands of Amakusa and Kagoshima are visible on clear days.



2F

Environmental Theater & Conference Room

Equipped with a projector and speaker system. Available for rent.



1F

Fun Activity Space

Featuring a variety of environmental activities, like the Kuma Eco Minamata Shop, where kids can learn how to practice ecologically minded shopping.



Environmental Seminars

Numerous seminars available at request, including on global warming, aquatic environments, garbage reduction, etc.



Crafting & Outdoor Activities

Participants can try crafting things from items other people have thrown away. Participants can also head outside to do some work in the field.



VISITING SEMINARS

Environmental Classroom on Wheels

Staff from the Environmental Center will visit you to give talks about the environment and lead crafting activities.



Environmental Specialist Talks

We can arrange environmental experts and university professors to visit you and hold seminars.



Ecologist Leader Visits

We can have an Ecologist Leader (environmental specialist from within the prefecture) visit to do a talk or lead crafting activities.

