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## Fukuoka Tower Post-Renovation Reopening

Address: 2-3-26 Momochihama, Sawara-ku, Fukuoka  
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (9:30 p.m. last entry)  
Closed on last Monday and Tuesday of June

Fukuoka Tower, built in 1989 as a monument for the Asian-Pacific Expo (Yokatopia), is 234 meters in height, the tallest seaside tower in Japan. The observation deck is 123 meters above the ground. The tower is covered with 8,000 glimmering-mirrors.

The tower was completely renovated for its 30th anniversary and remodeled to tell the story, "Ocean to the sky."

You can experience this world 123 meters above the ground using VR binoculars to virtually walk through the air to various places around Fukuoka. The VR trip includes other fun illusions, such as the Happening Window in which a home run ball comes flying or a UFO heads toward you through the tower windows.



The Lover's Sanctuary, which has always been a popular spot in Fukuoka Tower, has also been renovated. You'll find lots of heart-shaped padlocks (Love Locks) attached to fences by the photo spots. You can buy one and add an inscription to "lock in" your relationship.

There is also a huge capsule toy machine, Sky Gacha. For 500 yen you can get a figurine modeled of typical products from the prefectures of Kyushu. Or try the Omikuji Pinball that tells your fortune for 100 yen.

Admission Fee  
Adults: 800 yen  
Elementary and junior high school students: 500 yen  
Pre-schoolers (4 years old or older): 200 yen



## Best Locations for Flower Viewing

Fukuoka City Botanical Garden  
5-1-1 Ozasa, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka  
Spring Rose Festival  
April 27 – May 12  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
(admission until 4:30 p.m.)  
Closed Mondays (the following day if public holiday)  
Year-end/New Year holidays  
Admission Fee  
Adults: 600 yen  
High school students: 300 yen  
(free for junior high school students and younger)  
About 1,100 spring roses, 250 varieties.



Hakozaki Shrine  
1-22-1 Hakozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka  
Ajisai-en  
(hydrangea garden)  
June 1 – June 30  
9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
Admission Fee: 300 yen  
\*Free for junior high school students and younger if accompanied by an adult  
About 3,500 hydrangeas in 100 varieties.



Maizuru Park  
1-4 Jonai, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka  
April to September  
9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Peonies and tree peonies are at their peak in May; hydrangeas and irises in June. The farmer's market Midori no Machi Marche is held on the 4th Saturday of every month until November.



Uminonakamichi Seaside Park  
18-25 Saitozaki, Higashi-ku, Fukuoka  
Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
(March 1st – October 31st)  
Admission Fee  
Adults (15 years old or older): 450 yen, 65 years old or older: 210 yen, Junior high students or younger: free  
The Uminonakamichi Flower Picnic flower festival is followed by the Uminaka Rose Festival, held from mid-May to the end of June, with about 1,800 roses in 220 varieties.



### Consultations

Are you among the many foreigners who have come to Japan this spring or moved to Fukuoka this spring? The Fukuoka City International Center and other groups offer consultations to assist foreigners. Telephone consultations are also available, so please do not hesitate to use these services if you encounter some difficulty and need to talk to someone about it.

#### The Yoriso Hotline

This telephone counseling service includes a helpline for foreigners staffed by specialists. Don't suffer alone. Call and talk to someone.

Available 24 hours a day. Free call from a mobile phone, landline, or public phone.

Languages spoken:

English, Chinese, Korean (for South Korea, for North Korea), Thai, Tagalog, Spanish, Portuguese, Vietnamese, Nepali

How to Call

(1) Dial 0120-279-338

(2) You will hear an automated message; press "2" for the helpline for foreigners.



#### Foreign-Language Human Rights Hotline

Tel: 0570-090911

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except for the year-end/New Year holidays)

Languages spoken: English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Portuguese, Vietnamese

This is a human rights telephone consultation service for those not comfortable speaking Japanese.

\* Your call will be directed to a Legal Affairs Bureau in your jurisdiction or District Legal Affairs Bureau via a nongovernment-multilingual interpretation service provider.

#### Immigration Information Center for Foreign Nationals, Immigration Bureau

Center staff will respond to inquiries regarding immigration procedures, residence procedures, and related issues.

Tel: 0570-013904

Weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.



#### Fukuoka Asian Medical Support Center

Tel: 092-286-9595

Open all year round (24 hours/day, 365 days a year)

Free of charge (caller must pay call charges)

The center provides assistance on medical information as well as interpretation services via telephone between the doctor, foreign patient and call center interpreter.

Languages spoken: English, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Malay, Tagalog, Nepali, Spanish, Portuguese, German, French, Italian, Russian, Khmer, Burmese



#### Counseling for People Experiencing Violence from a Spouse or Romantic Partner

Japan has laws and systems to protect individuals who have been abused by their spouses or lovers. Foreigners can also receive legal support.

\* Strict confidentiality is maintained

Consultations are free of charge

\* In addition to the call desk listed below, consultation sheets are available in foreign languages at the city's Health & Welfare Center, Childcare Support Division, Counseling Room for Family and Children. Consultations are available in foreign languages, sometimes with an interpreter present.

Call Desk (Japanese)

Fukuoka City Spousal Violence Counseling and Support Centers

Tel/Fax: 092-711-7030 \* Closed on holidays

Hours: Mon. to Fri. 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Additional hours: Tuesdays 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Fukuoka Prefecture Spousal Violence Counseling Hotline

Tel: 092-663-8724

Hours: Mon. to Fri. 5:00 p.m. to midnight

Sat., Sun., holidays 9:00 a.m. to midnight

#### Hello Work Fukuoka Chuo Department of Youth/Foreigner Support, Employment Services for Foreigners

The Foreigner Employment Service Corner was set up in the Elgala Office Bldg. to provide introductions to jobs and professional consultation on work-related issues.

Location: Elgala Office Bldg., 12F, 1-4-2 Tenjin, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka Tel: 092-716-8608

Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Closed Sat., Sun., holidays and year-end/New Year holidays

Interpreter availability: English (Monday and Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.)

Chinese (Monday and Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to noon, 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

#### About Tuberculosis

Tuberculosis is primarily a disease that inflames the lungs and is usually caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis (MTB) bacteria. In 2017, there were 16,789 newly diagnosed cases in Japan and 191 in the city of Fukuoka.

The initial symptoms of tuberculosis are similar to a cold:

(1) A cough with phlegm lasts for more than 2 weeks.

(2) A slight fever and physical weakness last for more than 2 weeks.

If you experience such symptoms, don't wait; go see a doctor right away.

A cough, sneeze, or spitting that sends M. tuberculosis bacteria into the air can infect people within range.

How to Prevent Tuberculosis

• Give a child the BCG vaccine before the age of 1 (usually at 5 to 8 months old).

• Exercise moderately, get adequate sleep, eat a well-

balanced diet, and get regular health check-ups.

If You Are Diagnosed with Tuberculosis

You will get better if you take medicine every day for 6 to 9 months as directed by your doctor. But if you stop taking the medicine before the full schedule is complete, the disease may not be completely cured and the bacteria may become resistant to drugs.

Tuberculosis Telephone Consultations Service for Foreigners

The Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association provides free telephone consultations on TB for foreigners living in Japan. Languages spoken: English, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, and Burmese (only in the morning twice a month).

Tel: 03-3292-1218/03-3292-1219

Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. to noon; 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



**Dr. Nishiyama's Column A Remedy for Malaria**

For the ordinary physicians, it will not be so common to have chances to substantially help the patients. On the contrary, in the field of tropical medicine, some researchers have made marvelous contributions to millions or even hundreds millions of people, like the recent Nobel laureates Dr. Satoshi Ohmura (Japan) or Mrs. Tuo Youyou (China).

One of the representative tropical diseases; Malaria afflicts two hundreds million people with a death toll of six hundred thousand annually. Anti-malaria vaccines have not been invented so far. Among malaria-subgroups, tropical fever malaria is the most dangerous, and is sometimes fatal with high fever, encephalopathy, and renal failure.



For the treatment of malaria, the natural substance quinine or the synthesized derivative chloroquine have long been employed. In China, some plants of artemisia-genus have long been known to be effective for some parasitic diseases or even malaria. They could, however, hardly been used as standard remedies because of their unstable efficacy and side effects. In 1960s, just at that moment, China was involved in the Vietnam-War, and many Chinese soldiers suffered malaria both in Vietnam and in their homeland. That aroused China to find an effective and safe new medicine to malaria, and Mrs. Tuo started her research in the 1970s. Great numbers of herbs were examined, but most ended as futile attempts for long years. Then, Mrs. Tuo happened to find an old report on the herb effective to malaria, written as old as 1700 years ago.

The extract brewed by the authentic Chinese method was, however, not effective. Then, she tried the extraction at a low temperature just faithfully to the method described long centuries ago, and it made a great hit. It was not only effective for malaria but also showed no side effects in the animal experiments. Mrs. Tuo tried that substance in her own body,

and proved the safety of the newly found medicine.

Mrs. Tuo was not expelled from her laboratory during the devastating Cultural Revolution in Communist China, because she had neither titles nor qualifications, and was utterly obscure at that time. She could all the more continued her research without disturbances.



The effective substance extracted from the herb, artemisia-genus was named artemisinin, and was brought into the practical treatment of malaria in China. For long years, however, this herbal substance did not attract world-wide attention. It was only in 2006 when the WHO approved the use of this medicine. In Japan, even today, artemisinin is used only in limited institutes for certain reasons. Nowadays, artemisinin is the world-wide standard medicine for the treatment of malaria, composing ACT (Artemisin-based Combination Therapy) combining with some other medicines.

The research method Mrs. Tuo took in her process was the "mariage" of western and authentic Chinese medicine. That looks wonderful. Some expertise, however, warns that such a process may spoil authentic Chinese medicine, because those two are the entirely different thinking systems. For this reason, the concoction of those two may not always yield a better thing. That may be worth hearing.

The development of remedies against endemic diseases like malaria is the dearest human wish. Even though unknown side effects or resistance of pathogens may become obvious in the future, artemisinin is effective, inexpensive, and harmless; a real gift from God. It is a heart-warming story that huge drug companies started to sell cheap medicines for devastating endemic diseases, and that Nobel Award Committee paid attention to the achievements for the silent poor people in the developing countries.

**Traffic Restrictions During the Weekend of the G20 Fukuoka Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' Meeting**  
Sat. June 8 – Sun. June 9, 2019

During the weekend of the G20 meeting, substantial traffic restrictions are expected to cause heavy traffic congestion in and around the city of Fukuoka. Please use public transportation rather than private car to travel into downtown Fukuoka at this time.

Please check the website below for areas where restrictions are expected.

For more information on G20 Fukuoka-related events, please visit the following website.

<https://www.g20fukuoka.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/english/>



**Specialized Counseling**

	Legal Counseling	Immigration, Residency, and Nationality	Personal (Psychological) Counseling
	1st Saturday 3rd Wednesday	2nd Sunday of every month	Mon., Tue., Thur.
Dates	May 4th, 15th	May 12th	Monday: 8:45~17:45 Tuesday: 8:45~11:45 Thursday: 8:45~12:45
	June 1st, 19th	June 9th	
Time	Saturday 10:30~13:30 Wednesday 13:00~16:00	13:00~16:00	
Appointment	Required	Not Required (Reception until 15:30)	Required
Language	An interpreter is available upon request.	English & Chinese interpreters are available.	An English speaking professional is available.

### Fukuoka Art Museum Grand Reopening

Address: 1-6 Ohori Koen, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka

Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 (July–October Fri. and Sat. 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)  
 Admission closes 30 minutes before closing time  
 Closed on Mondays, Year-end/New Year holidays  
 (If Monday is a public holiday or an observed holiday,  
 closed the first weekday to follow)  
 The Fukuoka Art Museum reopened after renovations  
 on March 21, 2019. It had been closed since September  
 2016 for a major renovation, which included a new  
 entrance to the museum from the west side, so it is now  
 much easier to go to the museum from Ohori Park.  
 There is a new café and new restaurant, both offering a  
 relaxing atmosphere with a great view of Ohori Park.  
 A play space for children has also been created and  
 equipped with family-friendly amenities. There are an  
 art studio and a museum hall that can be used for  
 concerts.



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### Fukuoka Art Museum Grand Reopening Exhibition “This is our collection + Yinka Shonibare CBE: Flower Power”

Thurs. Mar 21, 2019 – Sun. May 26, 2019

Admission fee

Adults: 1,500 yen

65 years old and over: 1,000 yen

High school and university students: 1,000 yen

Special Admission: 200 yen

(Special Admission is valid only for “This is our collection”  
 exhibition.)

Yinka Shonibare CBE: Flower Power



Yinka Shonibare CBE Boy Sitting Besides Hibiscus Flower, 2015  
 YinkaShonibareCBE Studio, London  
 Pearl Lam Galleries, Hong Kong, Singapore and Shanghai  
 Photo Thomas Liu

This is the first solo exhibition in  
 Japan of UK-based international  
 artist Yinka Shonibare CBE.

The exhibition features the artist’s  
 flower-inspired works and selected  
 masterpieces. Shonibare has also  
 created works on a cherry blossom  
 theme in commemoration of the  
 museum’s reopening to be shown for  
 the first time.

“This is our collection” exhibition

Of the approximately 16,000 works collected by the Fukuoka  
 Art Museum over a period of four decades, approximately 300  
 representative works will be introduced. Included are works  
 by such famous artists as: Salvador Dali, Joan Miró, Marc  
 Chagall, Andy Warhol, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Yayoi  
 Kusama.

The Tokoin Temple Buddhist Art gallery has been  
 transformed into a space inspired by a Buddhist temple, where  
 visitors are given 360-degree viewing access to sublime  
 Buddhist statues, including many important cultural  
 properties.

In conjunction with the grand reopening of the Fukuoka Art  
 Museum, Ohorikoen Station  
 on the Fukuoka City Subway  
 Kuko Line will add “Fukuoka  
 Art Museum” to its name,  
 indicating an entrance to the  
 art museum. The pillars on the  
 concourse level of Ohorikoen  
 Station will be decorated with  
 artwork from the Fukuoka Art  
 Museum collection.



Sengai Gibon Dog 19th century

### Kyushu National Museum

Special Exhibition

The Buddhist Sculptures of Daiho'onji, Kyoto: Masterpieces  
 by Kaikei and Jokei

Tues. April 23, 2019 – Sun. June 16, 2019

Closed Mondays, except for April 29 and May 6 (both  
 holidays)

Hours: Sundays, Tuesdays to Thursdays

9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (admission until 4:30 p.m.)

Fridays and Saturdays (open evenings)

9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (admission until 7:30 p.m.)

Admission Fee

Adults: 1,600 yen

High school and university students: 1,000 yen

Elementary and junior high school students: 600 yen

Night discount rate: 1,400 yen

High school and university students: 800 yen

Elementary and junior high school students: 400 yen

Daiho'onji Temple celebrates its 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020.  
 Its Senbon Shakado hall is well known for the treasures it  
 houses, among them masterpieces by Buddhist sculptors of  
 the Keiha school featured in this  
 exhibition.

Featured Items

- Roku Kannon Bosatsu  
 (Six manifestations of  
 Avalokitesvara) (Important Cultural  
 Property)

Photos are allowed.

- Seated Shaka Nyorai (Sakyamuni  
 Buddha) (Important Cultural  
 Property)

First time for this statue to be shown  
 outside of the  
 temple.



Seated Shaka Nyorai (Sakyamuni Buddha) By Gyokai  
 Kamakura period, 13th century Daiho'onji, Kyoto