



YOKA GOURMET



Piping Hot
Pork and egg rice balls

Potama



Sorayoka Dining [commerce wing] **1F** Phone/ 096-201-8880 Hours/ 7:00 - 19:00 Eat-in or takeaway

Only available here!

Akaushi Beef Steak is #1 in popularity!

Potama, which specializes in Okinawa-style pork and egg rice balls, is dedicated to serving freshly prepared food. The Akaushi Beef Steak (¥1,200) is the most popular dish at the Aso Kumamoto Airport branch, while children love the Chikuwa Salad (¥750). These two dishes, along with the Karashi Renkon (¥700), are exclusive to the branch and must be tried! In addition to the famous Potama (¥390), they offer 12 more rice ball varieties. All of them are made with Koshihikari rice farmed with water from the River Shirakawa in Aso, Kumamoto, and nori from the Ariake Sea.



Enjoy pairing the succulent and tender Akaushi Beef Steak with Potama.

Stop by even if you're not flying♪

The rice, cooked within four days of milling, has a stronger aroma, umami, and sweetness. ▶



"Come and try our great Potama" Hiroko Yanaka (left) and staff

Information

Apr - Jul 2024

Events Calendar

April	6-16	2nd Aso Lantern Festival [Aso]
	19-21	Ushibuka Haiya Festival [Amakusa]
	20-21	Yamaga Onsen Festival [Yamaga]
	21	Otsu Azalea Festival [Otsu]
May	3-4	Hino Kuni Nagasu Goldfish Festival [Nagasu]
	17May-1Jun	Takase Urakawa Iris Festival [Tamana]
	The main event is on 25 May	
June	1	2nd Kumamoto Airport Marathon
July	28	Aso Shrine Onda Festival [Aso]
	Late July	Sweetfish Festival [Kosa]

*Events are subject to weather conditions, etc.



The 2nd Kumamoto Airport Marathon Sat. **1 June** 2024

The marathon takes place on the airport's 10km runway.

*General entry is closed.

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- Approx. 60 mins by car from JR Kumamoto Station
- Approx. 15 mins by car from Kyushu Expressway Mashiki-Kumamoto Airport I.C.
- Approx. 50 mins by airport limousine bus from Sakura Machi Kumamoto

Find out more about accessibility, e.g., airport limousine bus and train services ▶



On Launching Sorayoka



President and CEO
Kyushu Kumamoto
International Airport Co., Ltd.
Hideaki Yamakawa

We are excited to announce the launch of Aso Kumamoto Airport's new public relations magazine. Visitors will be provided with information on airport amenities, staff, dining and more to help them familiarize themselves with the redesigned airport. We aim to provide information that visitors will appreciate and respond to positively by saying "sorayoka" or "That's great!" Please pick up a copy!



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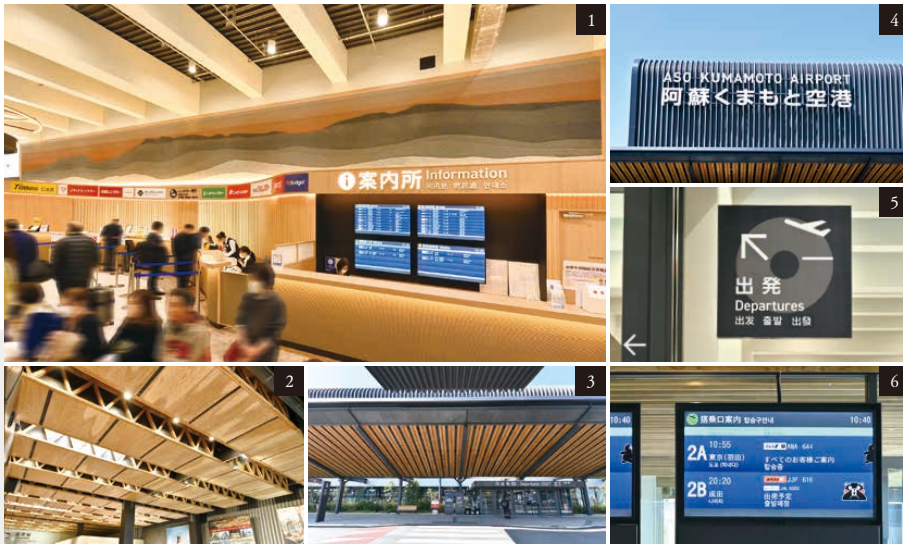
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Sorayoka is the public relations magazine of Aso Kumamoto Airport in Mashiki, Kumamoto Prefecture. The moniker is a coined term that combines "sora," meaning sky, and "yoka," which means good in the Kumamoto dialect; the phrase also means "that's good!". Scan the QR code for English, Simplified and Traditional Chinese, and Korean versions.



Aspiring to be a Welcoming Airport The 1st Anniversary of the Terminal Building

The passenger terminal building at Kumamoto Airport opened on 23 March 2023, a symbol of creative reconstruction following the Kumamoto Earthquake. The integration of domestic and international flight facilities has made it more user-friendly, and the improvement of the passenger waiting space for those boarding the planes has also received widespread notice. On the occasion of the first anniversary of the terminal building, we would like to provide a review of its features.

K Kumamoto Focus on Kumamoto's uniqueness

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The mural of Mount Aso greets passengers arriving in Kumamoto by plane. Plasterers built the artwork with gravel from Kumamoto's River Shirakawa. The ceiling is made of Oguni cedarwood, a softwood with brand status in Kumamoto, creating a warm ambiance. The timber produced in the prefecture is also used for the exterior awnings and the front entrance. The total amount of wood used for the entire passenger terminal structure is 694 cubic meters, with 82%, or 568 cubic meters, produced within the prefecture.

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The new passenger terminal building won the Kumamoto Association of Wood Society Award at the 29th Kumamoto Prefecture Competition for Outstanding Facilities Utilizing Timber! The airport received recognition for its extensive use of locally sourced wood.



- 4 The building's exterior, modeled on Kumamoto Castle, features black and white lines that create shading. The eye-catching curved design is inspired by Kumamoto Castle's "Musha-gaeshi" stone wall.
- 5 Doughnut-shaped icons can be spotted in different places, especially on information boards (signs). These icons have various meanings like "snake's eye," which is the family crest of Kato Kiyomasa, the builder of Kumamoto Castle, "the center of Kyushu," which simply indicates Kumamoto's location, "ripples of water," symbolizing the abundant water resources, and "the caldera of Aso."
- 6 The Flight Information System (FIS) features Kumamon and provides flight schedules. Enjoy his various expressions!



S Shopping Well-designed boarding area

The boarding area beyond security checks offers 25 stores with Kumamoto cuisine and souvenirs. The boarding and retail space at the airport is 46 times larger than the typical counterparts, measuring around 2,500 square meters. It is a rare example of an integrated facility that can be used by passengers on both domestic and international flights and has attracted a steady stream of visitors from all over the country.



The Food Court offers a variety of popular foods from Aso as well as fresh seafood from Amakusa. In the Depachika area, visitors can enjoy demonstrations of karashi renkon - a dish made of lotus root with mustard. The range of items available is diverse, ranging from fashion accessories to games.



Many seats have power sockets or USB ports, and there are also sofas for relaxing while enjoying the plane's view.



*Fire drill (March 2024)

S Safety Ensuring safety and security

The building is designed to withstand multiple major earthquakes that occur in quick succession, drawing on lessons learned from the Kumamoto Earthquake. Multiple systems can provide electricity, and an emergency generator is operational for 72 hours in the event of an emergency. Efforts to maintain safety and security continue, including fire drills in case of a fire in the terminal building.

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The Sorayoka Area, consisting of commercial facilities, a plaza, and a tourist center adjacent to the passenger terminal building, will open this autumn. It will be a destination for all airport visitors to enjoy!

