

# YOKA GOURMET



A Long-Standing  
Horse Meat Specialist

## Suganoya Airport branch (1F)

Sorayoka Dining

Phone/ 096-237-8016

Dining 11:00 - 20:00 (LO 20:00) Eat-in only  
Hours: Merchandise: 8:00 - 20:30  
Horse sashimi for purchase (shipping available)

### Curry Loaded with Chunky, Tender Horse Tendons!

At Suganoya, you can enjoy horse meat sourced from our ranch in the expansive fields of Aso, Kumamoto. One dish we highly recommend is our original Horse Tendon Curry, featuring tender, chunky pieces of horse tendon. This lunch-only item offers the perfect balance of spiciness, richness, and umami, making it popular with customers of all ages.

For a special meal—such as sending someone off or welcoming them—consider trying our Five-Cut Horse Sashimi Platter, which includes marbled cuts, loin, belly, tenderloin strip, and mane, for ¥2,300. As a long-established horse meat restaurant, we invite you to experience the unique flavors we have proudly served for many years.



▲ Horse Tendon Curry (+ salad) ¥1,700  
The deep flavor comes from a broth made with horse tendon (lunch only).



▲ From left: staff members Airi Inoue and Miho Matsuno. "Our horse sashimi is also a popular souvenir!"



▲ The Grilled Horse Set Meal (¥3,000) includes cuts like short rib and marbled meat. A version with diced steak is also available for ¥3,800.

\*Please note that menu items are subject to change.

### New Take a Moment to Relax Before Your International Flight

Saryo ITOEN, a Japanese-style café, is now open in the international departure lounge. The café highlights Japan's tea culture and the rich food traditions of Kumamoto. Its design features imagery inspired by the Aso mountain range and the stone walls of Kumamoto Castle, creating a calm and welcoming space to enjoy a special tea experience. Along with ITOEN's signature Japanese teas and matcha, the menu offers drinks made with green tea from Kumamoto and regional confections, including a modern take on the local favorite, "Ikinari Dango."

\*The café is located past international security and is only available to passengers departing on international flights.

### ITOEN Café Now Open in the International Departure Lounge!



- 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

Please use public transportation, including the airport limousine service, as airport parking will be limited during the weekends.



Find out more about accessibility, e.g. ▶

### Events Calendar

May 2025 - Jul 2025

May	3-4	Hinokuni Nagasu Goldfish Festival (Nagasu)
	4	Yotsugigu Shrine Winding Stream Party (Kumamoto)
	31	<b>The 3rd Kumamoto Airport Marathon</b> ✈️
June	31 - Jun 1	Yatsushiro Shrine Himuro Festival (Yatsushiro)
	23 - Jun 7	Takase Urakawa Iris Festival (Tamana) *The main event is held on May 31
July	15	Ingo Hyotan (Gion Festival) (Yamaga)
	23	Tonsha-e Ceremony at Honmyo-ji Temple (Kumamoto)
	28	Aso Shrine Onda Festival (Aso)
	Late July	Ayu Festival (Kosa)

\*Events are subject to weather conditions, etc.

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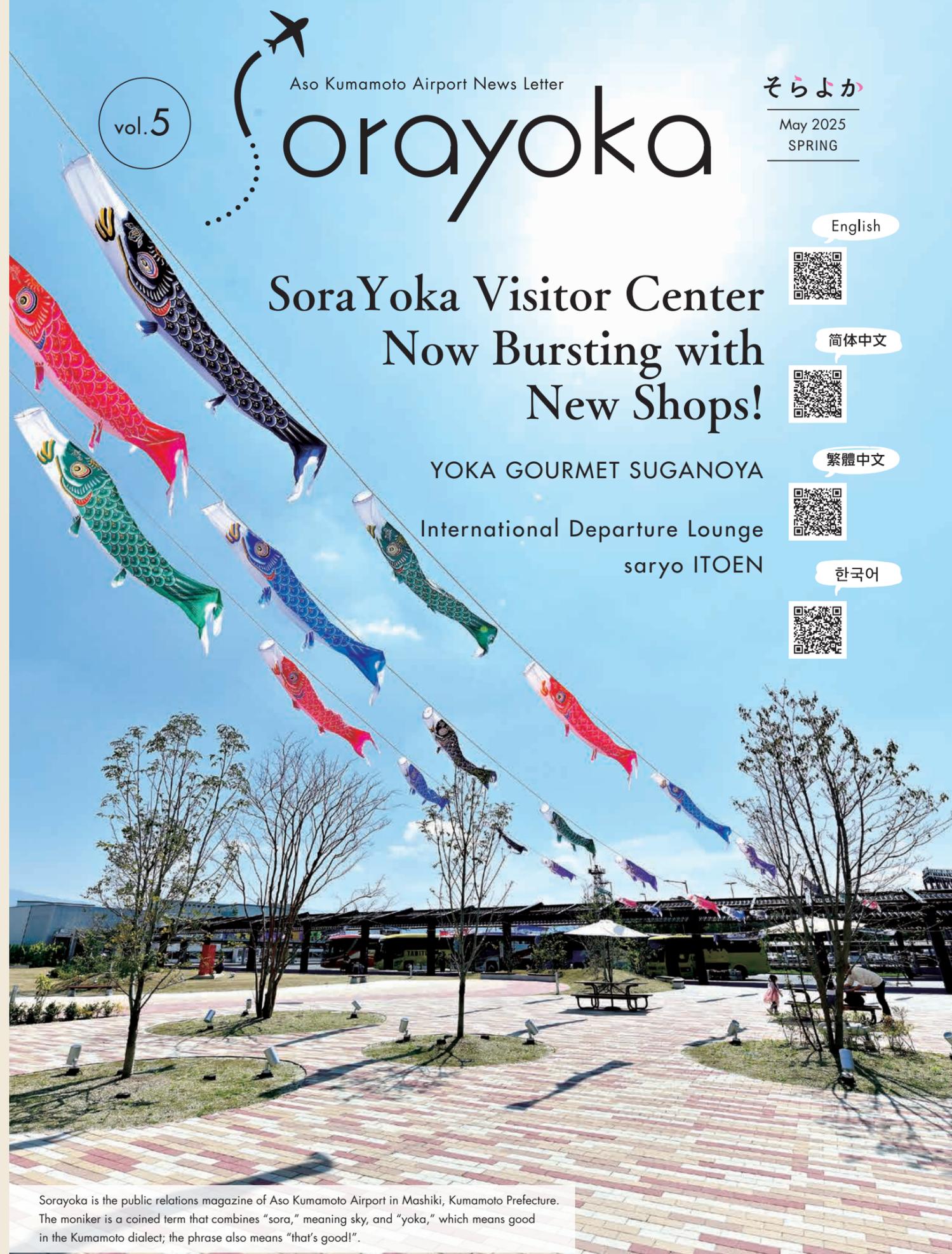
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## SoraYoka Visitor Center Now Bursting with New Shops!

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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!"



A New Hub for Learning and Play



# SoraYoka Visitor Center Now Bursting with New Shops!

At the Sorayoka Visitor Center in Aso Kumamoto Airport, a variety of new shops offering both learning and leisure experiences are opening one after another. The center is quickly becoming a new gateway for travelers, starting right from the airport. One of the highlights is the Kumamoto SDGs Mirai Park, where educational programs encourage visitors to think about a sustainable future and take meaningful action. There are also shops offering outdoor gear for activities like cycling and exploring the nearby Aso area. Whether you're looking to develop new skills or simply enjoy the outdoors, these new experiences are a fantastic way to make your time in Kumamoto even more rewarding.

## Kumamoto SDGs Mirai Park



▲An educational theme park where students on school trips and field trips from Japan and abroad can learn about the SDGs through hands-on activities. The park features workshops and corporate exhibits. [Admission: ¥500 (for primary school kids and older)]  
\*Additional fees apply for workshops.

A Look at Some of the Business Booths! / There are a total of nine booth areas!



**Addressing Disaster and Environmental Issues Nagase Sangyo**  
They showcase a full-size model of a new drainage pipe designed to replace traditional clay pipes and also introduce sustainable, bio-based paper diapers.



**Using Water Wisely Jasm**  
Learn how water used during semiconductor manufacturing is purified through panels and working models.



**The Future of Urban Farming HICOM**  
They showcase the latest agricultural technology system that combines hydroponics with artificial lighting. It enables stable, pesticide-free cultivation and also helps conserve water.



**TOPIC**  
Kumamoto International Airport, which operates Aso Kumamoto Airport, is working to achieve the SDGs. Specific environmental measures include installing solar power systems, introducing electric vehicles, and promoting closed-loop recycling of plastic bottles.



Electric vehicle used for runway inspections and other tasks

## Touch and Hop On a Motorcycle Honda Matagari IMMERSIVE

Free admission

The Honda Matagari IMMERSIVE experience opened in April, overseen by Honda's Kumamoto Factory (Ozu Town, Kumamoto Prefecture), the only facility in Japan that manufactures Honda motorcycles. The exhibit features a range of motorcycles, from large models like the Hornet to smaller ones like the Cross Cub, as well as farming equipment. Visitors are welcome to hop on the bikes and take photos freely. A 200-inch LED display showcases stunning touring locations, enhancing the overall immersive experience.



Future riders in the making!



Popular with all ages. Children take turns hopping on the bikes.



### Outdoor Travelers

The outdoor gear and vehicle rental shop offers Land Cruisers and custom Jimmys, along with picnic essentials such as tables, chairs, and a Picnic Box for preparing light meals, starting at ¥19,800 per day. Optional rentals include a Cooking Box and a Campfire Box, allowing you to enjoy a complete outdoor experience without needing to purchase your own gear.



### Sharinkan

The shop specializes in the American bike brand Trek and offers e-bike rentals (electric-assist sports bikes) starting at ¥8,000 per day. They cater to all experience levels, from beginners to seasoned riders. One of the true joys of bike travel is cycling at your own pace and taking detours as you explore. Be sure to ask the staff for recommended routes around Aso to make the most of your ride.



### Rental 819

This shop offers motorcycle rentals with models from four domestic manufacturers, as well as international brands like Ducati, Royal Enfield, and Harley-Davidson. With a wide selection of bikes available, you're sure to find the perfect one for your needs. Rental prices start at ¥12,100 for 8 hours, varying by model. Aso is celebrated as a "rider's paradise," offering an unforgettable riding experience. Feel the thrill of the wind as you ride through stunning mountain scenery.



\*SDGs stand for the Sustainable Development Goals, a set of objectives established by the United Nations. They consist of 17 goals and 169 targets to be achieved by 2030.

\*Prices are as of April 2025 and are inclusive of all taxes.