

Kumamon Stage
Every Saturday
Starts at 1:00 p.m.

New “Kumamon Airport” Event Space Now Open!

A new performance area has opened inside Sorayoka Dining for Kumamon Airport, Kumamon’s weekly stage event at Aso Kumamoto Airport, held every Saturday from 1:00 p.m. for approximately 30 minutes. The venue features playful touches, including an exterior design based on Kumamon’s signature black, red, and white colors, an eye-catching entrance sign, and footprint markers along the walkway. Enjoy the world of Kumamon at the new venue.



Take a moment to relax,
surrounded by Kumamon

Follow the footprint
markers...



Scenes from
the opening event



Event Report

4th Kumamoto Airport Marathon

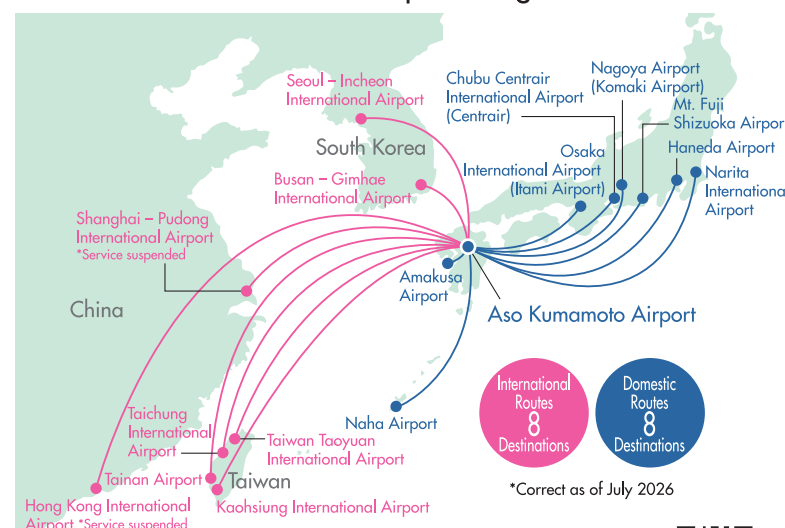
The 4th Kumamoto Airport Marathon (organized by the Executive Committee; co-hosted by the towns of Mashiki, Kikuyo, and Ozu and Nishihara Village; with special sponsorship from Izumi Shatai Co., Ltd.; and supported by Kumamoto Prefecture) was held on May 30. Approximately 800 runners from Japan and abroad took part, running a ten-kilometer course that included the runway and taxiways. Many volunteers, including members of the JGSDF Western Army Aviation Group (Takayubaru Sub-Camp) and university students, cheered on the runners. The beautiful sunrise over the Aso area made the event a memorable one.



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. ▶

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Food Capital Kumamoto Fair Debuts

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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!”

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Kumamoto: A Food Capital Fair at Aso Kumamoto Airport

Aso Kumamoto Airport will host the Food Capital Kumamoto fair from July 24, 2026, through March 31, 2027, celebrating Kumamoto's local ingredients and food culture. During the event, airport restaurants and shops will offer limited-time menu items and exclusive products featuring locally produced agricultural, livestock, and seafood products. Decorations throughout the airport and specially designed product packaging inspired by the Food Capital Kumamoto Prefecture campaign will also highlight the richness of Kumamoto's food culture.

The fair is a joint initiative between Kumamoto Prefecture and Kumamoto DMC, a food and tourism strategy company. Limited-time menu offerings will change with the seasons—summer (July–September), fall (October–December), and winter (January–March). Horse meat sashimi, Akaushi beef, mustard-filled lotus roots—discover once again the flavors that have made Kumamoto famous, right here at the airport.

Everyone!
Come On Over Dig In

As part of Food Capital Kumamoto at Aso Kumamoto Airport, here are some of the limited-time menu items and exclusive products developed by the airport's restaurants and retail shops.



Horse Meat Tortilla

¥730 (tax included)

- The rich flavor of horse meat pairs perfectly with spicy salsa and rich, savory cheese. It's easy to enjoy and surprisingly filling.

Suganoya Horse Meat Restaurant
(inside Sorayoka Dining)
☎ 11:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m. (Last order: 8:00 p.m.)
Retail shop: 8:00 a.m.–8:30 p.m.
TEL 096-237-8016

Mini Rice Bowl Set with Kumamoto Sea Bream and Horse Meat Sashimi

¥3,000 (tax included)

Enjoy two mini rice bowls featuring sea bream raised in the waters off Amakusa and Kumamoto's famous horse meat sashimi. This special meal also includes dumpling soup, a local specialty, so you can enjoy all three dishes in one meal.

Washoku Rindo
(Passenger Terminal Building, First Floor)
☎ 11:00 a.m.–until the last flight departs
(Last order 30 minutes before closing)
TEL 096-232-2865



Take-out available

About Food Capital Kumamoto Prefecture

Kumamoto is one of Japan's leading agricultural prefectures. Under the Food Capital Kumamoto Prefecture slogan, the prefecture is working to add value to its locally produced agricultural, forestry, livestock, and fisheries products while expanding their markets. Kumamon, Kumamoto Prefecture's official mascot, has been appointed Foodie Ambassador and helps promote the magic of Kumamoto's food culture.

One of Japan's Leading Agricultural Prefectures

Agricultural Output	¥411.6 billion (6th in Japan, 2024)
Agricultural Production Income	¥174.4 billion (3rd in Japan, 2024)
Exports of Agricultural, Forestry, Livestock, and Fisheries Products	¥15.1 billion (Record High, FY2024)

*Value added generated through agricultural production

Kumamoto Brands



Yubeni
(Strawberry)

Named after the kanji yu (熊) from Kumamoto and beni (紅), meaning crimson, this strawberry variety offers a perfect balance of sweetness and acidity.



Kumamoto Akaushi
(Japanese Brown Cattle)

Compared with Japanese Black cattle, Kumamoto Akaushi contains higher levels of free amino acids, which contribute to its rich umami flavor. It is also high in glycogen, which gives the meat its natural sweetness.



Kuma Shochu

Made from rice grown in the Hitoyoshi-Kuma region, nourished by abundant water and fertile land. The region's 27 distilleries continue to preserve traditional production methods while producing a wide variety of flavors.

No. 1 in Japan for Production



Tomatoes

Production: 129.4 thousand tons (2024)



Watermelons

Production: 42.1 thousand tons (2024)

Shiranui
(Dekopon®)*

Production: 17.7 thousand tons (2023)

Horse Meat Two-Style Rice Bowl Set

¥3,480 (tax included)



*Serving suggestion shown.

Bring home the popular Horse Meat Two-Style Rice Bowl Set, served at two locations in the airport. This set for two includes horse meat yukhoe and thinly sliced horse meat sashimi.

Suganoya Horse Meat Specialty Shop / Gift Shop
(Passenger Terminal Building, Third Floor, after the security checkpoint)
☎ 8:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. TEL 096-233-1135

Kumamoto's Hottest New Fish



Cherry Salmon Kosode Sushi

¥1,980 (tax included)

Pressed sushi made with farm-raised cherry salmon, Kumamoto's new premium fish brand. Its tender flesh and the delicate sweetness of its rich, flavorful fat create a wonderfully refined taste.

Sushi Fukushima
(Passenger Terminal Building, Third Floor, after the security checkpoint)
☎ 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
TEL 096-201-5056



Chilled Udon with Horse Meat

¥1,250 (tax included)

Chilled udon topped with a generous serving of seasoned horse meat miso, a soft-cooked egg, chopped mustard green pickles, pickled plum, and white sesame seeds.

Suganoya Horse Meat Specialty Shop / Food Court (Passenger Terminal Building, Third Floor, after the security checkpoint)
☎ 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m. TEL 096-285-1665

Perfect for Summer!

First-Harvest Green Laver Blend Roasted Nori "Wa"

¥972 (tax included)

Roasted nori made from first-harvest seaweed from Okinoshinmachi in Nishi Ward, Kumamoto City, generously blended with green laver. Enjoy the rich aroma of the sea in every bite.

QSHU HUB
(Passenger Terminal Building, Third Floor, after the security checkpoint)
☎ 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m.
TEL 090-8510-9113

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