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Iwate's popular eatery opens its first West Japan branch!

Kakunoshin Burger Steak



Sorayoka Dining (commerce wing) Phone/ 096-232-3550 Hours/ 11:00 - 20:30 (LO 20:00) Dine-in only

The three ways to enjoy a culinary delight created with Iwate and Kumamoto ingredients

Kakunoshin Burger Steak, which opened in late April at Aso Kumamoto Airport, takes pride in its Kinkaku Burger Steak. This burger steak is crafted using Japanese beef, Hakinton pork from Iwate, koji marinade, and binder. There are three ways to enjoy it! Firstly, savor the umami of koji marinade and meat on its own, then enhance the flavor with salt and wasabi, and finally, try it with the Japanese-style sauce combined with ponzu made from Kumamoto ingredients. Alongside the Kinkaku burger steak, they also offer a Kunkaku burger steak smoked at a low temperature. They serve a harmonious blend of Iwate and Kumamoto culinary delights, including Kumamoto's Hinohikari rice and draft beer directly from the Suntory Kyushu Kumamoto brewery.



▲Plump and succulent Kinkaku Burger Steak without additives (150g/ ¥1,780) + Rice (¥200)



◀ Made with Hakinton Park, an exclusive brand from Hanamaki, Iwate Prefecture.

Kakunoshin promotes Kumamoto's culinary richness!



▲(From left) Mr Masuo Chiba, president and CEO of Kanzaki, the Kakunoshin brand, Mr Shiro Minoda of the Aso Kumamoto Airport branch, and Mr Yasushi Matsubara, president and CEO of Kyushu Sanko Retail.

Opening this autumn!

“Sorayoka Park”

Sorayoka Park, set to open this autumn on the east side of the passenger terminal building, will be accessible to both airline passengers and the general public. The open space will feature a grassy area and a children's playground and will host regular events.

The opening is approaching! Aso Kumamoto Airport is transforming into a destination where people can visit for leisure and entertainment.



Check it out!

You can find more information about Sorayoka Park in the next issue



- 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

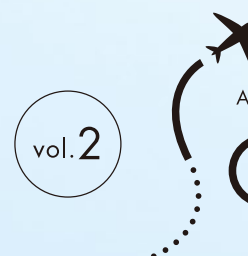
Find out more about accessibility, e.g., airport limousine bus and train services ▶



Events Calendar

Jul - Oct 2024	
July	3-7 Takamori Yusui Tunnel Tanabata Festival (Takamori) 20 Sweetfish Festival (Kosa) 28 Aso Shrine Onda Festival (Aso)
Aug	2-4 Hinokuni Festival (Kumamoto) 3 Yurei Festival (Hitoyoshi) 3 & 4 Nagomi Kofun Festival (Nagomi) 15 Kawashiri floating lanterns (Kumamoto) 15 & 16 Yamaga Lantern Festival (Yamaga)
Sep	7 & 8 Hassaku Festival (Yamato) 13-17 The Great Festival of Fujisaki Hachimangu Shrine (Kumamoto)
Oct	3-11 Okunchi Festival (Hitoyoshi) 19 Yatsushiro National Fireworks Competition (Yatsushiro)

*Events are subject to weather conditions, etc.



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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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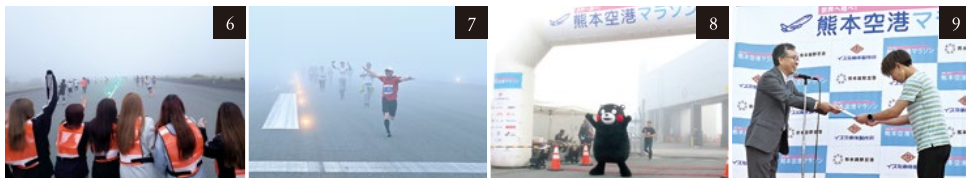
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The
2nd

Aso Kumamoto Airport Runway Marathon



The 2nd Aso Kumamoto Airport Runway Marathon took place on June 1st. Participants ran along the 3,000m runway. The special event, which permitted access to a usually restricted area, was highly popular, with all 500 entry spots filling up in about two hours. Dense fog covered the area at the beginning of the marathon, but the runners happily completed the 10km course while taking pictures on their smartphones.

- 1 Registration started at 3:30 and the runners gathered for the start of the marathon.
- 2 They were only permitted to bring smartphones onto the field, and metal detectors were used to inspect participants.
- 3 The marathon began at 4:50, and the excitement peaked.
- 4 One of the highlights was capturing photos of the taxied jet planes.
- 5 The runway and taxi strips were shrouded in thick fog, creating a mystical ambiance.
- 6 The cheers from the volunteers boosted the spirits of the runners.
- 7 The runners sprinted ahead like jets.
- 8 Kumamon also came to support them and watched as they crossed the finish line.
- 9 As an extra prize, the top three winners were presented with airline tickets.



Trivia

The runway at Aso Kumamoto Airport has a height difference of about 12 meters from east to west. The east side is approximately 12 meters higher than the west, which is equivalent to a four-story building. The incline on the runway raises the runners' heartbeat.



The prize for participating is a custom-designed towel! Why not consider taking the challenge next time?

Let's look for Kumamon at Aso Kumamoto Airport!



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Where is "hidden Kumamon"!?

The passenger terminal building and Sorayoka Dining, a commercial complex at the airport, are adorned with Kumamon decorations. This is part of the Kumamon Land concept promoted by Kumamoto Prefecture to showcase the charm of Kumamon both within Japan and around the world. Some of the "hidden Kumamon" might be a bit challenging to spot, so keep an eye out for them when you visit the airport!



7 Sorayoka Dining
It's hiding in a silhouette shaped like a plane.



2 1F, passenger terminal bldg.
Look closely at the signposts in the car park.



3 4F, passenger terminal bldg.
Kumamon in a "good luck bear" pose in an area overlooking the departure lounge.



4 4F, passenger terminal bldg.
Look for Kumamon on the observation deck, too.



5 Departure lounge
*This area is past security check.
It's sending a message from the planter.

You'll find many more Kumamon



Kumamon fortune-telling video

Departure lobby (before security check), 3F, passenger terminal bldg., etc.
Three images rotate, and the combination is determined by when you take the picture. Enjoy the amusing Kumamoto dialect.



On the airstairs and stationary gangways

Domestic and international boarding gates
*These areas are past security check.
The gangways are decorated with posters featuring Kumamon, introducing tourist attractions in Kumamoto. Kumamon can also be found hidden in the images of the tourist sights.