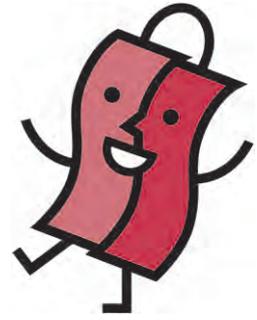


## INFORMATION NOTE



### ▪ Kumamoto

Kumamoto is located in the south of Japan, in the center area of Kyushu. Kumamoto is blessed with old history, culture, and the rich nature, including two National Parks, Unzen Amakusa to the west, and Aso Kuju to the east. Kumamoto city, currently with a population of over 740,000, is the capital of the prefecture.

<More information about Kumamoto>

<https://kumamoto-guide.jp/en/>

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### ▪ Smoking

Smoking is not permitted in the conference venues, or in any other public indoor establishments such as restaurants, bars etc., except in smoking area.

### ▪ Climate

In the late March, maximum temperatures average around 15C° and lowest is around 5C°.

### ▪ Shopping

Downtown area is around 10 minutes walking distance from KKR hotel. There are three sections: Kamitori, Shimotori, Shinshigai. You can enjoy shopping at boutiques and department stores which line the streets along with plenty of diverse restaurants and cafes.

### ▪ Currency & Credit Cards

Japanese yen (JPY) is the official currency in Japan.

You can use major international credit cards in most hotels or restaurant. However, small restaurants or shops accept only cash.

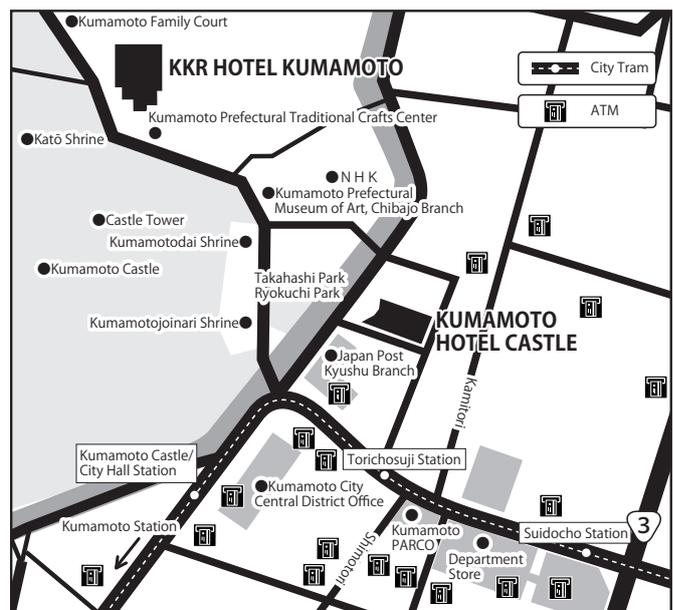
### ▪ Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs)

ATMs are at convenience stores, department stores, banks and post offices. The map on P26 as well.

### ▪ Money Changers

You can exchange your money to yen at only limited banks. It depends on your currency so it is better to check before you go.

Also, main post offices and some large hotels provide currency exchange services; however, the type of handled currency is limited.



### ▪ **Tap Water**

Kumamoto City is able to provide all of its water needs from the natural groundwater resource. Quality mineral water is available right at your faucet every day for all your life necessities including drinking, cooking, and bathing.

### ▪ **Taxis & Transport**

Taxi cost from Aso Kumamoto airport to the central of Kumamoto city is approximately JPY6,000 – 7,000, takes 40-45mins.

Bus cost from the airport to the central of Kumamoto city is JPY730, takes 40-50mins

### ▪ **Time**

GMT +9hours

### ▪ **Taxes and Tipping**

A value added tax of 8% is added to bills. You can also enjoy tax-free shopping at some of the stores in the city.

Tipping is not necessary.

### ▪ **Electricity**

Electrical power in Japan is at 100 Volts (50 Hertz in Eastern Japan, 60 Hertz in Western Japan including Kumamoto). Most equipment is not affected by this Hertz difference. Japanese electrical plugs have two, non-polarized pins.

### ▪ **Emergency call**

Call 110 to report an accident or crime to the police call center.

Call 119 to report a fire or to ask for an ambulance or rescue service or to contact an emergency call center (a fire station).

Emergency telephone numbers can be called from home phones, mobile phones and public phones.

### ▪ **Hotels**

Hotels information from ‘Kumamoto Nagomi Tourism Site’

[http://kumanago.jp/en/spots/accommodation/search/?area\\_id=1](http://kumanago.jp/en/spots/accommodation/search/?area_id=1)

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