



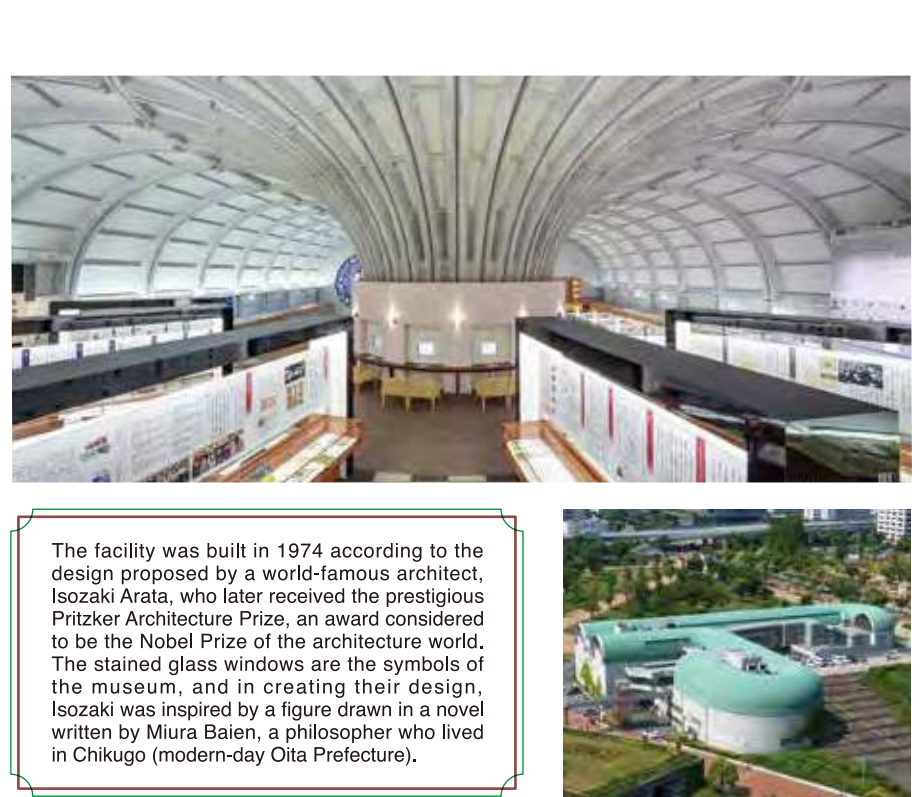
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Passing on the genes
off literature to
future generations

Mori Ogai was the pioneer who planted the seed of modern culture during the dawn of Kitakyushu, which played a central role in Japan's modernization. Haiku writers like Sugita, Hisajo and Hashimoto Takako refined female haiku, and novelists like Hayashi Fumiko wrote about the lives of the local citizens. Hino Ashihai brilliantly described the turbulent times of the Showa era. Soh Sakon composed poems about life and death. Many writers emerged and flourished in the world of literature. Even in the present, many literary figures connected to Kitakyushu are actively involved in a wide variety of genres. This rich cultural base will be passed on to future generations.

Literary figures of Kitakyushu

Writer Mori Ogai 1862—1922

The greatest writer of the Meiji era.

An army doctor and writer.

Poet Sugita Hisajo 1890—1946

A world of words full with sentiment.

Novelist Hayashi Fumiko 1903—1951

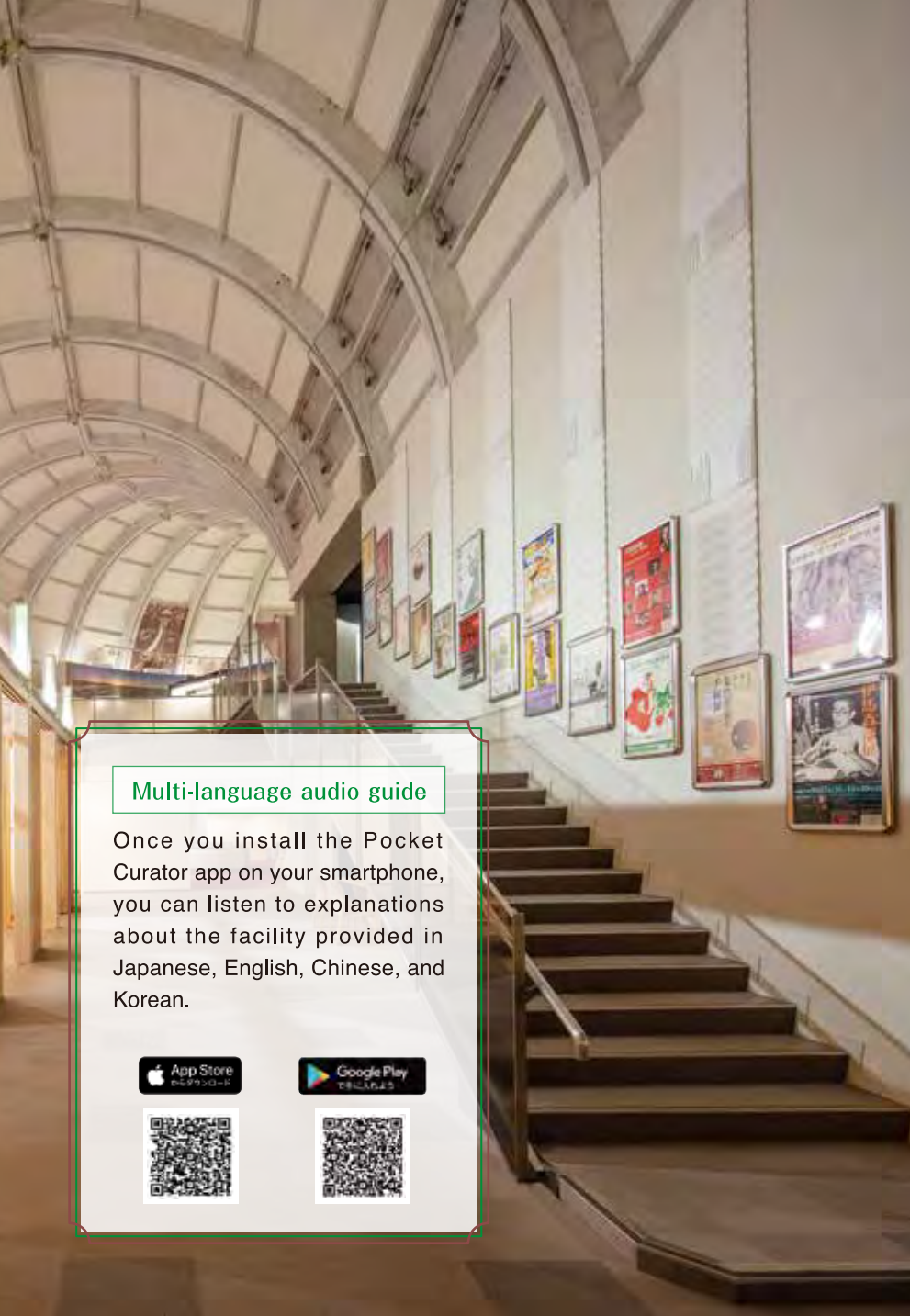
A lifelong vagabond

Novelist Hino Ashihai 1906—1960

Lived in Wakamatsu and loved Kappa.

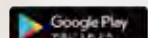
Poet Soh Sakon 1919—2006

Spun words between life and death.



Multi-language audio guide

Once you install the Pocket Curator app on your smartphone, you can listen to explanations about the facility provided in Japanese, English, Chinese, and Korean.



Kitakyushu Literature Museum Library



1 Hino Ashihei/
Iwashita Shunsaku/
Ryu Kankichi

2 Hayashi Fumiko

3 Sugita Hisajo

4 Hino Ashihei

5 Hashimoto Takako

6 Hino Ashihei

7 Mori Ogai

8 Soh Sakon

9 Mizukami Kazuyo

10 Iwashita Shunsaku

11 Ryu Kankichi

12 Ima Harube

13 Mori Ogai

14 Children's literature

15 Soh Sakon

16 Yokoyama Hakko

Sugita Hisajo

Separate
volume

More volumes coming soon.

What we recommend at the Kitakyushu Literature Museum

The history of Kitakyushu literature 3

The history of Kitakyushu literature is displayed according to genre.

Before Meiji era

Tanka

Haiku・Senryu

Prose

Children's
literature

Poems



Currently active writers 4

Kitakyushu has continuously produced many unique writers. Here, we introduce writers from various fields with a connection to Kitakyushu, including novelists, poets, and movie and stage directors and actors. Materials like their biographies, introductions to their works, original manuscripts, work notes, and their favorite items are displayed here.

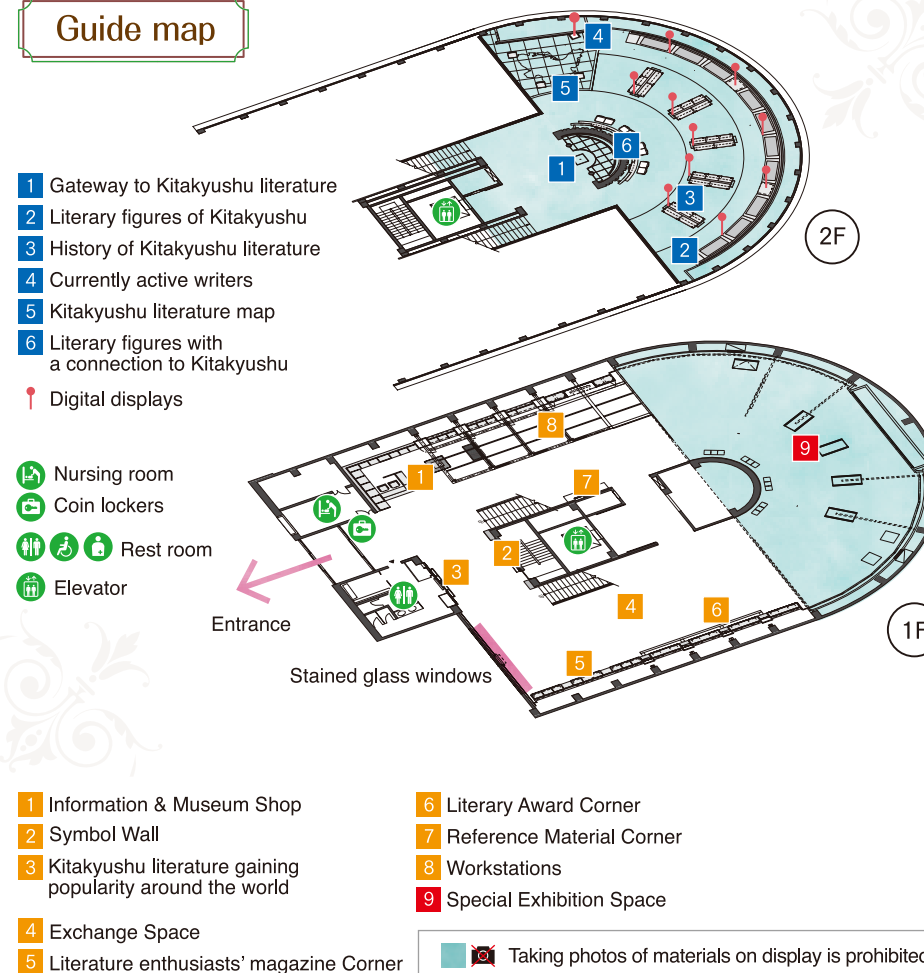


Kitakyushu literature gaining popularity around the world 3



Here, we introduce translations from all over the world of literature with a connection to Kitakyushu. We have compiled a list of 70 volumes of literature, published in 39 different countries. Please feel free to go through these actually-published translated versions. If anyone has any information about translated versions of literature connected to Kitakyushu, please do inform us.

Guide map



Enjoy the hidden side of literature

Using the 11 digital displays, visitors can turn the pages of displayed materials and other important documents, as well as zoom in. There are also areas displaying stored reference material and original video footage of writers.



Plenty of original items

Visitors can purchase exhibition photobooks, reading materials and also Literature Museum original items. Any visitors without a pass can visit the shop and other sections on the first floor, except for the Special Exhibition Space. Feel free to read translated literature or take photos in front of the stained glass. For foreign visitors, portable translator devices are available for free.



Feel the world of literature through letters and video

Kitakyushu is famous nationwide for its wonderful nature and local events. All these charms of Kitakyushu captured the hearts of literary figures and were depicted in many of their works. The depicted scenery is displayed through high-tempo, dynamic video on the second floor and by use of actual passages on the first floor.



Spaces for a wide variety of literature related events and cultural exchange

In the Special Exhibition Space, literary exhibitions are held on famous writers, not limited to those with a connection to Kitakyushu, and on various themes. The Workstations and Exchange Space are available for citizens' cultural and information exchange, including for recitals and lectures.