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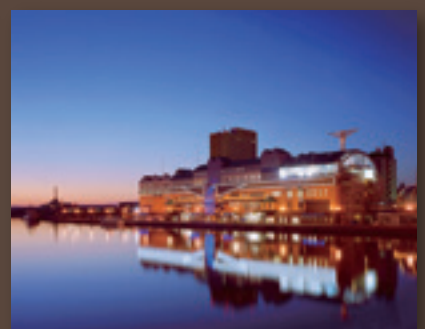
Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition



Kushiro



International Convention City
KUSHIRO





MICE in Kushiro

Kushiro, known for its urban functions and hot spring resorts, is the perfect venue for MICE.

Compact city Kushiro

There are several MICE facilities within a 10-minute walking distance of the Kushiro Tourism and International Relations Center, which can accommodate 1,600 people and serve as the main facility. These facilities are close to transportation systems, accommodation facilities and restaurants, creating a convenient environment for MICE.



A wealth of tourism resources and delicious food

Kushiro is located within 30 minutes of Kushiro-Shitsugen National Park and within 90 minutes of Akan-Mashu National Park. Surrounded by these two national parks, the city boasts a wealth of tourism resources backed by Japan's foremost natural surroundings. Visitors can savor gourmet food in Kushiro, one of Japan's leading food bases.



Local resources for MICE

Key industries ranging from agriculture, forestry and fishery to coal mining and paper as well as rich natural surroundings provide unique resources for meetings and excursions.



Kushiro Coal Mine - Japan's only underground coal mine

MICE at a hot spring resort near Lake Akan

Lake Akan is known for marimo moss balls, a Special Natural Monument. A comforting environment surrounded by forests and the lake as well as a unique atmosphere created by the Ainu culture provide a new experience.



1st Japan-China-South Korea Tourism Ministers' Meeting

A variety of summer and winter sport facilities

There are excellent venues for skating, skiing and other winter sports. The largest gymnasium in eastern Hokkaido and various stadiums are available for competitions and training camps throughout the year. Golf courses with spectacular scenery are also popular.



Escape the heat

MICE in Kushiro

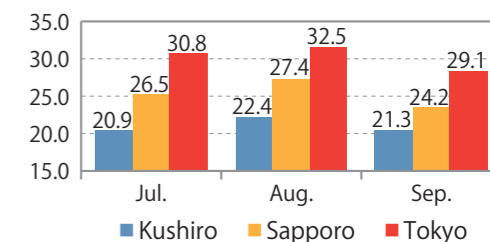
Kushiro, which is affected by the Oyashiro Current, has a cool climate, with its average highest temperature in summer being approximately 21°C. The city has no cedar pollen nor a rainy season. Compared with other cities in Hokkaido, Kushiro has light snowfall.

In addition to excellent urban functions, including convention halls, accommodation facilities, shops, gourmet restaurants and medical institutions, it also functions as a summer retreat.

No sweltering nights

Number of days on which the temperature exceeds 30°C per year: 0.2

Average highest temperature in summer



DATA

By air

Tokyo ⇄ Kushiro	
ANA (ADO)	3 round trips per day
JAL	3 round trips per day
New Chitose ⇄ Kushiro	
ANA	3 round trips per day
Okadama ⇄ Kushiro	
JAL (HAC)	4 round trips per day
Kansai ⇄ Kushiro	
APJ	1 round trip per day
Itami ⇄ Kushiro*1	
ANA	1 round trip per day
Chubu ⇄ Kushiro*2	
JAL	1 round trip per day

*1 Operated between Mid-July and August
*2 Operated on Tue., Thu. and Sat. between August 1 and 31

By JR

Sapporo ⇄ Kushiro	
6 round trips per day, approx. 4 hr.	
Nemuro	6 trains/day, approx. 2 hr.
Kushiro	6 trains/day
Abashiri	5 trains/day, approx. 3 hr.
Kushiro	5 trains/day

By bus

Sapporo ⇄ Kushiro	
Starlight Kushiro	5 round trips per day
New Star	4 or 5 round trips per day
Asahikawa ⇄ Kushiro	
Sunrise Asahikawa	2 round trips per day
Nemuro ⇄ Kushiro	
Limited Express Nemuro	2 or 3 round trips per day
Kitami ⇄ Kushiro	
Limited Express Senpoku	2 round trips per day

By car

Sapporo	301 km	approx. 4 hr. 10 min.
New Chitose Airport	265 km	approx. 3 hr. 30 min.
Asahikawa	280 km	approx. 5 hr.
Obihiro	134 km	approx. 2 hr.
Kitami	160 km	approx. 2 hr. 50 min.
Abashiri	152 km	approx. 2 hr. 40 min.
Nemuro	124 km	approx. 2 hr. 20 min.

*Expressways are used between Sapporo and Kushiro and between New Chitose Airport and Kushiro.



90 min. from Tokyo
45 min. from Sapporo

Information on rental facilities inside the Kushiro Airport Building

The Kushiro Airport Building has fee-based conference rooms and group waiting rooms that can accommodate 24 to 45 people.



Fee-based group waiting room (45 seats)



Fee-based conference room (24 seats)

Past conventions



5th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

International conferences/conventions

- 2015
8th Meeting of Partners of the East Asian-Australasian Flyway Partnership
Approx. 100 people
- 2014
International Roundtable on Automotive Recycling
Approx. 200 people
- 2013
Kushiro International Symposium on Bioethics
Approx. 100 People
- 2013
24th International Society of Takuboku Studies Kushiro Meeting
Approx. 500 people
- 2009
2009 CIGRE SC C4 Meeting & Colloquium in Japan
Approx. 150 people
- 2006
1st Japan-China-South Korea Tourism Ministers' Meeting
- 1993
5th Meeting of the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands
Approx. 1,200 people

International sports meetings/events

- 2014
27th Goldwin Cup Akan SL Race
Approx. 250 people
- 2007
Tour de Hokkaido
Approx. 300 people

Kushiro Tourism and International Relations Center



Large hall

Saiwai-cho 3-3, Kushiro, 085-0017
Tel: 0154-31-1993

- Approx. 1 km/10 min. on foot or 5 min. by taxi from JR Kushiro Station
- 45 min. by bus from Kushiro Airport, then 3 min. on foot from MOO Bus Terminal
- Parking: unavailable (please use a pay parking lot near the center)
- Closed: Dec. 29 – Jan. 3
- Hours: 9:00 – 21:00

Located in the center of the city, the facility has a hall covering an area of approximately 1,800 m² that can be divided into three spaces.



Training room



Kushiro Tourism and International Relations Center

	Room name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
1F	Large hall	1,793.49 m ²	1,600 people	Can be divided into three spaces
2F	Audiovisual room	123.26 m ²	63 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
3F	Training room 1	62.10 m ²	30 people	Can be connected to neighboring room
	Training room 2	62.10 m ²	30 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Training room 3	64.66 m ²	30 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Conference room	60.02 m ²	20 people	Round table cannot be moved
	Japanese-style room	6 tatami mats		Can be used as a tea-ceremony room
	Reception room	47.56 m ²	14 people	

Coach & Four Kushiro Culture Hall



Large hall



Jisui-cho 12-10, Kushiro, 085-0055
Tel: 0154-24-5005

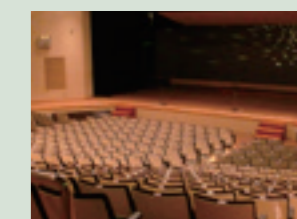
- Approx. 3.2 km/15 min. by bus or 10 min. by taxi from JR Kushiro Station
- 30 min. by taxi from Kushiro Airport
- Parking: 360 vehicles
- Closed: Mon., Dec. 29 – Jan. 3
- Hours: 9:00 – 21:00

The large theater-style hall, which is capable of accommodating 1,500 people, is used as a venue for opening and other ceremonies.

Coach & Four Kushiro Culture Hall

	Room name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
1F	Large hall	1540.80 m ²	1,524 people	Theater (fixed seating)
	Small hall	537.08 m ²	372 people	Theater (fixed seating)
	Conference room 1	75.72 m ²	40 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
2F	Exhibition hall	391.00 m ²		
B1F	Conference room 2	35.88 m ²	20 people	Desks and chairs can be moved

*Three practice rooms and a Japanese-style room are also available.



Small hall

Kushiro Lifelong Learning Center (MANABOTTO NUSAMAI)



Large hall

Nusamai-cho 4-28, Kushiro, 085-0836
Tel: 0154-41-8181

- Approx. 1.4 km/20 min. on foot or 5 min. by taxi from JR Kushiro Station
- 45 min. by bus from Kushiro Airport, then 5 min. on foot from MOO Bus Terminal
- Parking: 250 vehicles
- Closed: Mon., Dec. 29 – Jan. 3
- Hours: 9:00 – 22:00

In addition to a theater-style large hall, this center has many conference rooms, making it convenient as a venue for sectional meetings.



Multipurpose hall

Kushiro Lifelong Learning Center (MANABOTTO NUSAMAI)

	Room name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
1F	Large hall	558.50 m ²	806 people	Theater (fixed seating)
	Exhibition hall	271.00 m ²		Flexible walls available
2F	Multipurpose hall	315.06 m ²	300 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
4F	Japanese-style rooms 1-3	28/20/20 tatami mats		Can be connected to each other
5F	High-vision theater	129.10 m ²	70 people	Theater (fixed seating)
6F	Room 601	86.20 m ²	48 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Room 602	99.60 m ²	48 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
7F	Room 703	69.20 m ²	36 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Room 704	76.70 m ²	36 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Room 705	86.20 m ²	45 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Room 706	99.60 m ²	45 people	Can be connected to neighboring room
8F	Room 801	195.90 m ²	56 people	Round table cannot be moved
	Room 802	69.20 m ²	36 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Room 803	76.70 m ²	36 people	Can be connected to neighboring room

*A cooking studio, an art studio, a craft studio and a tea-ceremony room (8 tatami mats) are also available.

Doto Keizai Center Building



Training room

Omachi 1-1-1, Kushiro, 085-0847 Tel: 0154-41-4141

- Approx. 1.1 km/15 min. on foot or 5 min. by taxi from JR Kushiro Station
- 45 min. by bus from Kushiro Airport, then 3 min. on foot from MOO Bus Terminal
- Parking: 10 vehicles
- Closed: year-end and New Year holidays
- Hours: 9:00 – 21:00

Doto Keizai Center Building

	Room name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
3F	Small conference room	122.23 m ²	36 people	Enclosure style
	Small conference room 1	47.05 m ²	30 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Small conference room 2	66.05 m ²	45 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Training room	116.35 m ²	72 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
5F	Large conference room	246.36 m ²	240 people	Can be divided into two spaces; desks and chairs can be moved
	Medium-sized conference room 1	159.31 m ²	120 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Medium-sized conference room 2	87.05 m ²	45 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Japanese-style room	27.32 m ²	18 people	Enclosure style

Kushiro Koryu Plaza Saiwai



Large hall

Saiwai-cho 9-1, Kushiro, 085-0017 Tel: 0154-64-9471

- Approx. 0.7 km/10 min. on foot or 5 min. by taxi from JR Kushiro Station
- 50 min. by bus from Kushiro Airport, then 1 min. on foot from the shiyakushomae (city hall) bus stop
- Parking: 73 vehicles
- Closed: Sun., Dec. 29 – Jan. 3
- Hours: 9:00 – 21:00

Kushiro Koryu Plaza Saiwai

	Room name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
1F	Multipurpose hall	152–240 m ²	90–138 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
2F	Western-style room	16–93 m ²	12–45 people	9 rooms
3F	Large hall	139 m ²	75 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Small hall	93 m ²	45 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Western-style room	23–33 m ²	12–18 people	3 rooms
	Japanese-style room	26 m ²	12 people	3 rooms
4F	Western-style room	16–35 m ²	12–18 people	7 rooms

*There are seven other rooms including a cooking room and a flower arrangement room.

Accommodation facilities

Central Kushiro area

The maximum capacity of hotels in the central area shown below is 4,230 people, and the total number of hotel rooms (including single use) is 2,582. The maximum capacity of accommodation facilities in the Kushiro area (including those shown below) is 4,905 people, and the total number of rooms in these accommodation facilities is 2,835.

*For details, please see the Kushiro Tourism and Convention Association website.

① ANA Crowne Plaza Hotel Kushiro Tel: 0154-31-4111								⑪ Hotel Area One Kushiro Tel: 0154-31-0946																
Size	Single	Twin	Double	Suite	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3	Size	Single	Twin	Double	Triple	Japanese-style	Other rooms			Size	Single	Twin	Double	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3	
	74 rooms	100	4	2	600 m ²	315 m ²	48 m ²		20 rooms	7	7	3	1	2				126 rooms	20	7	260 m ²	110 m ²	50 m ²	
② Kushiro Prince Hotel Tel: 0154-31-1111								⑫ Kushiro Royal Inn Tel: 0154-31-2121																
Size	Single	Twin	Double	Suite	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3	Size	Single	Twin	Double	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3										
	177 rooms	174	10	8	610 m ²	610 m ²	47 m ²		165 rooms	55														
③ Kushiro Century Castle Hotel Tel: 0154-43-2111								⑬ Hotel Route Inn Kushiro Ekimae Tel: 0154-32-1112																
Size	Single	Twin	Other rooms	Suite	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3	Hall 4	Size	Single	Twin													
	11 rooms	20	16	1	759 m ²	429 m ²	264 m ²	231 m ²		165 rooms	55													
④ La Vista Kushirogawa Tel: 0154-31-5489								⑭ Hotel Crown Hills Kushiro Tel: 0154-22-0109																
Size	Double	Japanese-style twin	Western-style twin	Queen	Suite			Size	Single	Twin	Double	Other rooms	Hall 1	Hall 2	Hall 3									
	95 rooms	36	72	21	1				64 rooms	67	17	17	350 m ²	145 m ²	55 m ²									
⑤ Hotel Paco Kushiro Tel: 0154-23-8585								⑮ Comfort Hotel Kushiro Tel: 0154-21-5711																
Size	Single	Twin	Double	Triple	Japanese-style	Conference room		Size	Single	Twin														
	135 rooms	42	36	5	3	36.5 m ²			117 rooms	9														
⑥ Hotel WBF Kushiro Tel: 0154-23-3311								⑯ Ekimae Hotel Palude Kushiro Tel: 0154-22-3111																
Size	Single	Twin	DX twin	Double				Size	Single	Twin	Double	Triple												
	81 rooms	2	2	15					80 rooms	9	1	1												
⑦ Toyoko Inn Kushiro Jujigai Tel: 0154-23-1045								⑰ Lasting Hotel Tel: 0154-21-9111																
Size	Single	Twin	Double	Conference room 1	Conference room 2			Size	Single	Twin	Triple	Conference room												
	153 rooms	22	22	10 people	10				60 rooms	12	12	65 m ²												
⑧ Hotel AXIA Inn Kushiro Tel: 0154-24-5000								⑱ Sumire Ryokan Tel: 0154-23-1285																
Size	Single	Twin	Triple	Japanese-style				Size	Japanese-style															
	59 rooms	14	1	1					13 rooms															
⑨ Super Hotel Kushiro Tel: 0154-24-9000								⑲ Rider House Ginrinso Tel: 0154-23-8512																
Size	Single	Super						Size	Japanese-style															
	76 rooms	26							5 rooms															
⑩ Super Hotel Kushiro Ekimae Tel: 0154-25-9000								⑳ Ryokan Taikikan Tel: 0154-25-1934																
Size	Single	Twin	Super					Size	Single	Twin	Japanese-style													
	48 rooms	6	30						45 rooms	13	1													

Kushiro area

● Business Hotel Nakazono Daiichi Tel: 0154-23-1764 ● Single 8 ● Twin 2 ● Japanese- and Western-style 2	● Minshuku Family House Tel: 0154-22-0208 ● Single 6 ● Japanese- and Western-style 4
● Business Hotel Frontier Tel: 0154-24-3557 ● Single 20 ● Twin 2 ● Double 20 ● Japanese-style 2	● Pension Green Park Tel: 0154-41-2685 ● Single 24
● Hotel Senyukan Tel: 0154-51-5867 ● Single 12 ● Twin 4 ● Japanese-style 13	● Yamahana Onsen Refre Tel: 0154-56-2233 ● Twin 7 ● Japanese- and Western-style 3 ● Japanese-style 6 ● Training room ① 131m ² ● Training room ② 50m ² ● Training room ③ 46m ² ● Training room ④ 43m ²
● Hotel Marshland Tel: 0154-51-5557 ● Single 27 ● Twin 6 ● Double 1 ● Japanese- and Western-style 3 ● Japanese-style 29 ● Hall 1/119m ² ● Hall 2/75m ²	● Tancho no Sato Akai Beret Tel: 0154-66-2330 ● Twin 4 ● Japanese-style 10 ● Japanese- and Western-style 1 ● Banquet hall Conference room 50m ²
● Hotel Marshland Bekkan Tel: 0154-51-6791 ● Single 12 ● Japanese-style 24	● Athlete Inn Tel: 0154-65-5216 ● Japanese-style 2 ● Japanese- and Western-style 15
● Minshuku Takahashi Tel: 0154-25-3767 ● Japanese-style 9	● Taikiyu Harutori Branch Tel: 0154-46-5558 ● Japanese-style 9

Facilities in the Akan area

There are also MICE and accommodation facilities at Akanko Onsen, which is one and a half hours by car from central Kushiro and a 50-minute drive from Kushiro Airport.

Akanko Marimukan



Multipurpose hall (Marimoru)

Akanko Marimukan				
	Room name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
2F	Multipurpose hall	434.18 m ²	480 people	
	Training room	72.51 m ²	48 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Conference room 1	45.20 m ²	27 people	Desks and chairs can be moved
	Conference room 2	52.18 m ²	27 people	Can be connected to each other
	Japanese-style room1	18 tatami mats		
	Japanese-style room2	18 tatami mats		

*A cooking studio is also available.

Akan-cho, Kushiro, 085-0467
Akanko Onsen 2-6-20
Tel.: 0154-67-4400
(Kushiro Akan Administration Center Akano Onsen Branch)

- Approx. 74 km from JR Kushiro Station
- 2 hr. by bus, 1 hr. 10 min. by bus from Kushiro Airport
- Parking: 24 vehicles
- Closed: year-end and New Year holidays (Dec. 31 - Jan. 5)
- Hours: 9:00 - 22:00



Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition Accommodation facilities in the Akan area

The maximum capacity of accommodation facilities in the Akan area is 5,228 people, and the total number of rooms is 1,329.

*For details, please see the Akan Tourism Association website.

● New Akan Hotel Tel: 0154-67-2121	● Akan Tsuruga Besso Hinanoza Tel: 0154-67-5500
Guestrooms Shangri-la Building 202 rooms 988 people Crystal Building 164 527	Guestrooms 25 rooms 94 people
Rental rooms Large banquet hall 360 tatami mats/1 room Medium-size banquet hall 25-55/5 Small banquet hall 25-26/7 Conference room 1 252.9 m ² Conference room 2 82.6 m ²	● Hotel Gozensui Tel: 0154-67-2031
● Akan Yuku no Sato Tsuruga Tel: 0154-67-4000	Guestrooms 109 rooms 487 people
Guestrooms Bekkan 57 rooms 228 people Rera 55 204 Shiori 36 144 Honkan 132 532	Rental rooms Banquet hall 1 180 tatami mats Banquet hall 2 80 Dance hall 40 tsubo (≒132 m ²)
Rental rooms Large banquet hall 140 tatami mats Large hall 167 Medium-size hall 55-60 Conference room 18 seats	● Hotel Akankoso Tel: 0154-67-2231
● Lake Akan Tsuruga Wings Tel: 0154-67-4000	Guestrooms 90 rooms 407 people
Guestrooms 127 rooms 530 people	Rental rooms Large banquet hall 154 tatami mats Small banquet hall 20-21 tatami mats/2 rooms
Rental rooms Large hall 210 m ² Small hall 200 m ²	● Forest of Akan Tsuruga Resort Hanayuka Tel: 0154-67-2500
● Tsuruga Lake Akan Lodge Turano Tel: 0154-67-4000	Guestrooms 95 rooms 412 people
● Tohokan Tel: 0154-67-2050	Rental rooms Small banquet hall 80 seats
● Sansuiso Tel: 0154-67-2101	● Minshuku Ryogoku Tel: 0154-67-2773 ● Onsen Minshuku Yamaguchi Tel: 0154-67-2555
● Hachiya Ryokan Tel: 0154-67-2747	● Minshuku Ginrei Tel: 0154-67-2597
● Hoyuso Tel: 0154-67-2728	● Minshuku Kiri Tel: 0154-67-2755
● Akanko Bus Center Shukuhakubu Tel: 0154-67-2655	● Business Hotel Matsuoka Tel: 0154-67-2746
	● La Vista Akangawa Tel: 0154-67-5566

Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition Sport facilities

Kushiro Sports Park

This large-scale sports park in Kushiro features baseball fields, athletics track fields and other outdoor sports facilities.



Hirosato, Kushiro, 085-0064
Tel: 0154-31-1230
(Kushiro Sports Promotion Foundation)

● 7 km/20 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station

- Shitsugen-no-Kaze Sports Arena Kushiro
- Municipal baseball field, annexed baseball field, indoor practice area
- Municipal softball field
- Municipal athletic track field, annexed athletic track field
- Municipal soccer field
- Municipal tennis court
- Municipal gate ball field

Shitsugen-no-Kaze Sports Arena Kushiro



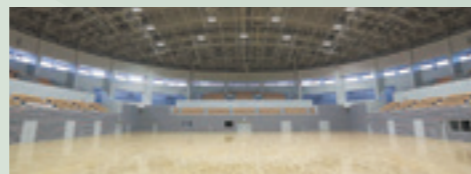
Hirosato 18, Kushiro, 085-0064
Tel: 0154-38-9800

- 7 km/20 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station
- 30 min. by car from Kushiro Airport
- Parking: 411 vehicles
- Closed: year-end and New Year holidays, third Wednesday of every month
- Hours: 9:00 – 22:00

Shitsugen-no-Kaze Sports Arena Kushiro

	Facility name	Area	Capacity	Remarks
1F 2F	Main arena	2,806 m ²	3,016 people	1,416 fixed seats
	Sub-arena	874 m ²		100 fixed seats
	Multipurpose room	60 m ²		
	Conference room	202.3 m ²	120 people	Can be divided into 3 spaces

*A training room, a running course and a climbing wall are also available.



Main arena

Winter sports

Nippon Paper Industries Ice Arena Tel: 0154-54-2345
● 7 km/20 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Jul. – Mar.

Harutori Ice Arena Tel: 0154-46-5115
● 3 km/10 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Apr. – May, Aug. – Mar.

Yanagimachi Speed Skating Rink Tel: 0154-22-3876
● 2.5 km/6 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Nov. – mid-Mar.

Yanagimachi Ice Hockey Rink Tel: 0154-25-4592
● 2.5 km/6 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Jun. – Mar.

Akankohan National Ski Area Tel: 0154-25-4592
● 75 km/90 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: early Dec. – early Apr.

Other sports facilities

Tottori Dome (all-weather court) Tel: 0154-53-5125
● 6.5 km/20 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Closed: year-end and New Year holidays

Golf courses

Kushiro Country Club Tel: 0154-65-2331
● 25 km/40 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Apr. – Nov.

Akan Country Club Tel: 0154-66-3833
● 31 km/50 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Apr. – Nov.

Kushiro Airport Golf Club Tel: 01547-5-3131
● 22 km/35 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Apr. – Nov.

Kushiro Furin Country Club Tel: 0154-65-2121
● 25 km/40 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Apr. – Nov.

Shin Kushiro Golf Club Tel: 0153-56-2141
● 35 km/45 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Period: Apr. – Nov.

Moo Multipurpose Arena (recreational sports) Tel: 0154-23-8281
● 1 km/5 min. by car from JR Kushiro Station ● Closed: year-end and New Year holidays, third Monday of every month

Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition Information on support services

Kushiro City welcomes conventions and conferences held at facilities in the city and provides tools to support the operation of such events. There are requirements depending on the scale and venue. For details, please contact us.

1. Support in preparation

① Hosting of inspection tours

We will assist with inspection tours, including the preview of convention halls and accommodation facilities.

② Provision of information tools

We will provide information tools that are useful for preparation.

- Materials on conference and public facilities
- Sightseeing brochures (available in other languages)
- Sightseeing images, DVD, etc.

③ Proposal and introduction of attractions and post-MICE activities

We will provide information on local entertainment, introduce local lecturers and propose unique local tours.

④ Introduction and arrangement of MICE-related business operators

We will introduce business operators who are well-versed in stage production, acoustics, MC, printing, advertisement, catering and local facilities.



2. Support during the event

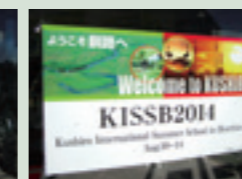
① Installation and lending of welcome tools

We will display and lend tools that can be used to welcome participants.



Posters

(including the name of the convention; vertical / horizontal versions)
Places where posters are put up: venue, airport, station, sightseeing facilities



Flags

Places where flags are put up: area around the venue



Rolling screens

Places where rolling screens are put up: inside the venue



Convention bags

② Provision of convention bags

We will provide two kinds of special bags featuring the nature and scenery of Kushiro for a fee.

- Large (H 45 cm × W 32 cm × D 11 cm)
- Small (H 35 cm × W 28 cm × D 7 cm)

④ Fisherman's Wharf MOO event support tool

We will issue stamp cards that can be used to get a good deal on dining and shopping (free; some requirements such as the number of participants apply).

⑥ Other support

- Provision of meals made with local ingredients
- Preparation of a restaurant map for free time after the event
- Sale of special discount passes that can be used at tourist facilities

③ Support by the mayor and PR by the press

- Welcome message and participation by the mayor of Kushiro
- Request for promotion by local media
- Participation in programs by the local FM station

⑤ Establishment of local product / tourist information booths

We will establish temporary booths where gifts/souvenirs from Kushiro are sold and tourist information is provided.

3. Convention support subsidy system

Kushiro City has a subsidy system for international and national conventions.

We also provide financial support for attractions, excursions, transportation and printing within a maximum limit.

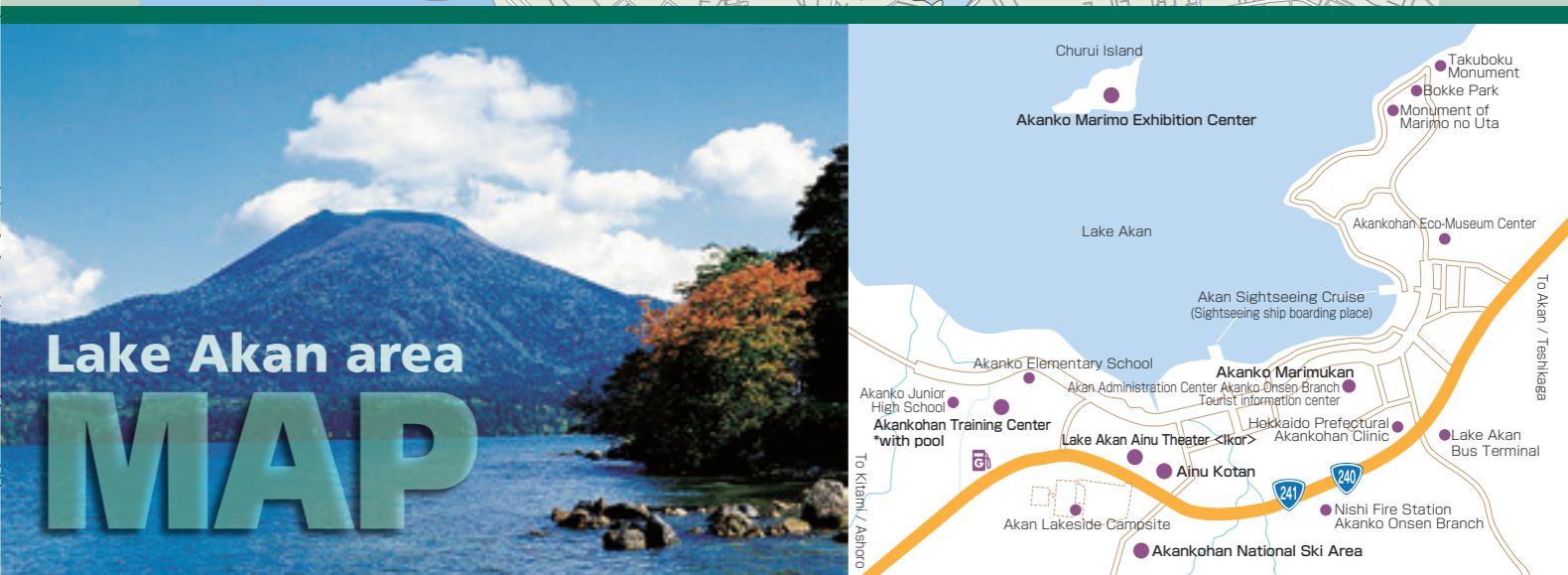
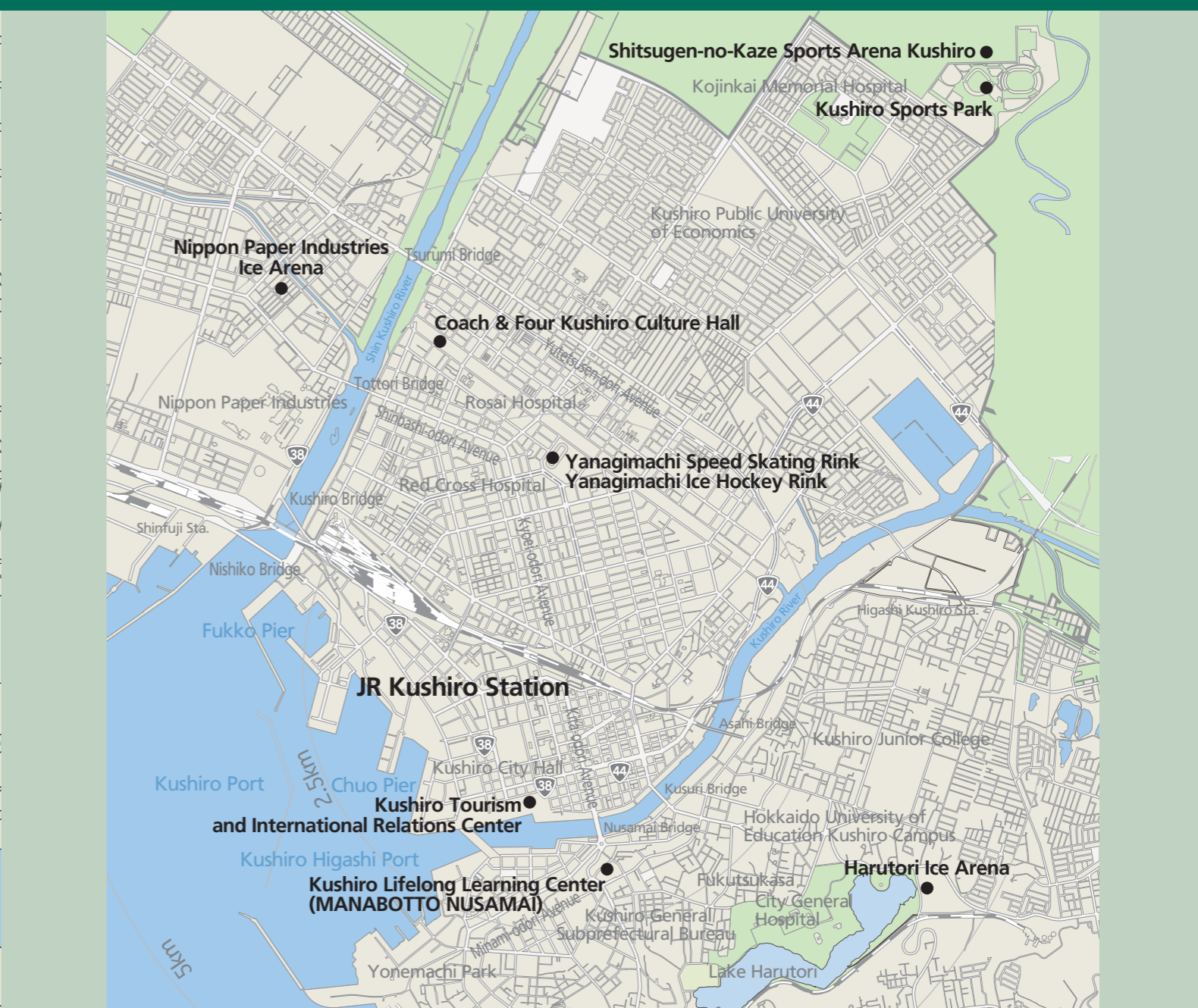
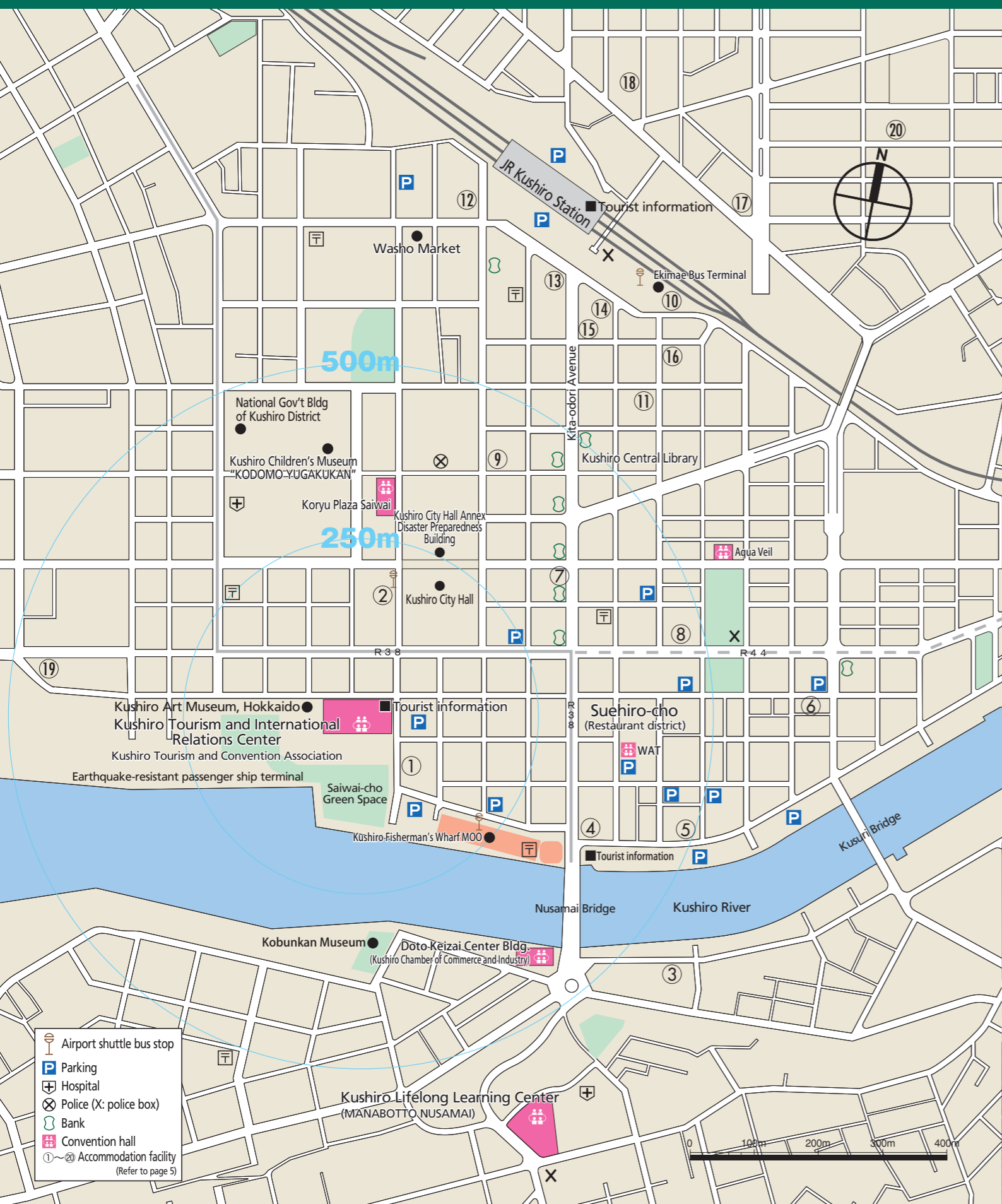
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Classification	International convention	National convention
Price per person	500 yen (participants from Japan) 5,000 yen (participants from overseas)	500 yen
Maximum limit	1 million yen	1 million yen
Subsidy requirements	Participants from at least 2 countries including Japan At least 10 participants from overseas	At least 50 participants staying at hotels in the city

*Participants exclude visitors to exhibitions and other events.

Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition
MAP KUSHIRO DOWNTOWN

Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition
 KUSHIRO CITY **MAP**



Meeting Incentive Convention Exhibition
Three national parks

Eastern Hokkaido, which is blessed with rich natural surroundings, is home to three national parks. Two of these parks cover an extensive area that includes Kushiro.

Here, residents and visitors can enjoy the beautiful natural scenery of forests, rivers and lakes as well as various activities such as canoeing, horseback riding and mountain climbing. Hot springs with high-quality water dot the area, providing an experience of comfort and relaxation.



Kushiro-Shitsugen National Park

Kushiro Shitsugen (wetland), which was designated as a national park in 1987, was covered with seawater approximately 6,000 years ago. It is said to have reached its current state roughly 3,000 years ago.

Known as Japan's largest wetland, the park straddles four municipalities (1 city, 2 towns, 1 village) and covers an area of 220.7 km². The designated park area is 287.8 km².

The wetland provides a habitat for approximately 2,000 species of animals and plants, including Red Crowned Cranes and Blakiston's fish owls, both of which are endangered species designated as Special Natural Monuments.

It was the first wetland in Japan* to be inscribed on the list under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands of International Importance as Waterfowl Habitat and is recognized internationally.

*Of 46 Ramsar wetlands in Japan, seven sites are located in eastern Hokkaido.



Akan-Mashu National Park

This is one of 12 sites designated as national parks before the Second World War, and was inscribed on the list in 1934 along with Daisetsuzan in Hokkaido. The park encompasses the three caldera lakes of Akan, Kussharo and Mashu and has primitive scenery created by volcanoes, forests and lakes.

In addition to Lake Akan (which has marimo, a Special Natural Monument), Lake Kussharo (Japan's largest caldera lake) and Lake Mashu (a lake boasting water that is among the clearest in the world), the park is full of must-see sights that include Mt. Iwo spewing smoke. Hot spring resorts with abundant water are situated around the park.



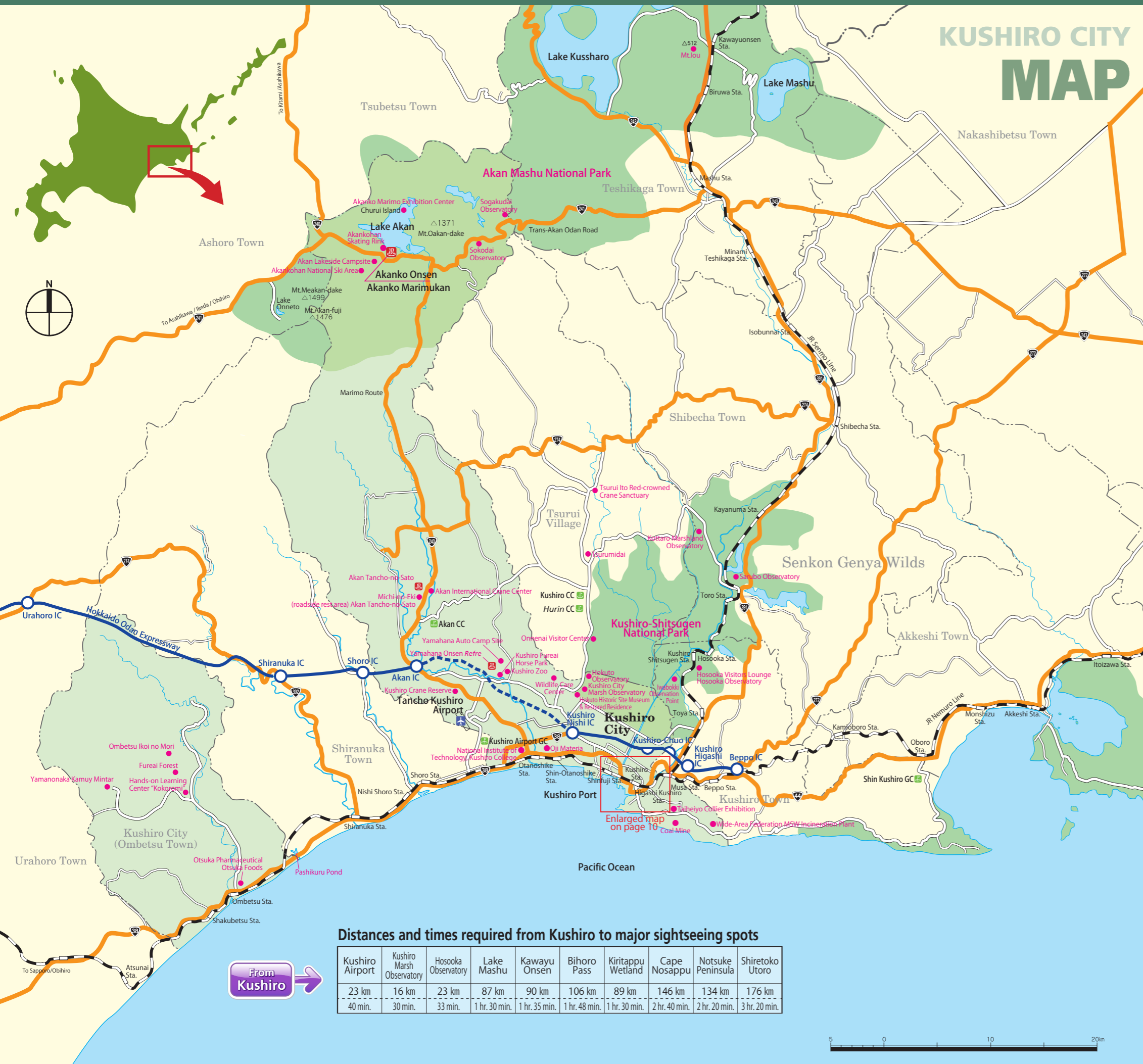
Shiretoko National Park

Located in the northeastern end of Hokkaido, this natural park is on the Shiretoko Peninsula measuring approximately 70 km in length and roughly 25 km in width. It was designated as a national park in 1964 and covers an area of 38,633 ha (land area). Forbidding volcanoes, virgin forests and majestic cliffed coastlines continue to protect the area's primitive scenery and unspoiled nature.

The park provides a habitat for brown bears, Hokkaido Sika deer, Blakiston's fish owls, black woodpeckers, white-tailed sea eagles and many other wild birds and mammals. In the sea area, sea lions and seals are found.

Shiretoko is characterized by its biodiversity; diverse flora and fauna inhabit the coasts, rivers, forests and high mountains.

It was designated as Hokkaido's first and Japan's third World Natural Heritage site in July 2005.



Distances and times required from Kushiro to major sightseeing spots

From Kushiro	Kushiro Airport	Kushiro Marsh Observatory	Hosooka Observatory	Lake Mashu	Kawayu Onsen	Bihoro Pass	Kiritappu Wetland	Cape Nosappu	Notsuke Peninsula	Shiretoko Utoro
	23 km	16 km	23 km	87 km	90 km	106 km	89 km	146 km	134 km	176 km
	40 min.	30 min.	33 min.	1 hr. 30 min.	1 hr. 35 min.	1 hr. 48 min.	1 hr. 30 min.	2 hr. 40 min.	2 hr. 20 min.	3 hr. 20 min.



After MICE in Kushiro

KUSHIRO

Information on pre- and post-MICE tours at two national parks

Located in eastern Hokkaido, Kushiro is a city surrounded by the beautiful nature of two national parks: Kushiro-Shitsugen National Park and Akan-Mashu National Park.

The city center is close to a fishing port, allowing people to enjoy fresh seafood throughout the year.

If you make a little side trip, you can see marimo moss balls, a Special Natural Monument, and experience the Ainu culture at Akanko Onsen.

After a conference or other event, participants can delight in the area's magnificent nature, delicious food and hot springs.

At central Kushiro and the Kushiro Wetland

Stroll around Kushiro's historic sites (available throughout the year)

Course Kushiro Tourism and International Relations Center → Kushiro Fisherman's Wharf MOO pier → Nusamai Bridge → Shussezaka Slope → Nusamai Park → Kobunkan (Museum of Literature) → Kushiro Tourism and International Relations Center

Time | Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.

Stroll along the boardwalk at Kushiro Marsh Observatory and participate in a facility tour (available throughout the year)

Course Kushiro Marsh Observatory → Stroll along the boardwalk → Turn around at Satellite Viewpoint → Tour of the Kushiro Marsh Observatory building

Time | Approx. 1 hr. 30 min.

*Both courses are guided by the Kushiro Sightseeing Guide Association.



① Fisherman's Wharf MOO

This tourist facility is packed with fresh fish markets, gift / souvenir shops, stores selling local products and restaurants. At Ganpeki Robata and Minato no Yatai, two restaurants unique to Kushiro, visitors can savor food from the sea and mountains while cooking it themselves.
Closed: New Year Day



② Kushiro Washo Market

This is Kushiro's largest fish market. Lined with fresh seasonal seafood, the market is filled with energy and raucous cries. Located near JR Kushiro Station, visitors to the market can enjoy shopping casually.
Closed: Sun. (with the exception of Sundays designated as temporary business days), New Year Day



③ Nusamai Bridge

This is Japan's first bridge with sculptures. The bronze statues representing each of the four seasons combine with the scenery of mist and the evening sun to create an exotic photo spot.
Available throughout the year



④ Kushiro-Shitsugen National Park

This is Japan's largest wetland covering an area of 22,000 ha. The wetland provides a habitat for more than 2,000 species of animals and plants and allows visitors to delight in the magnificent scenery as well as to participate in various activities. It is a Ramsar wetland attracting numerous visitors.
Available throughout the year



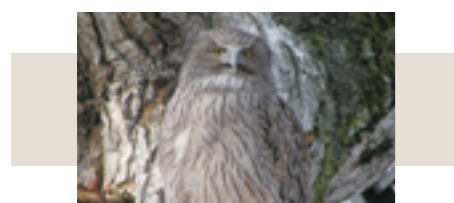
⑤ Kushiro Marsh Observatory

This uniquely shaped observatory is designed in the motif of tussock, which grows in clusters in the wetland. It is a gateway to the Kushiro Wetland, and houses an exhibition room introducing the appeal of nature, a museum shop and a restaurant. Situated around the observatory is a boardwalk that leads to Satellite Square with its panoramic vistas.
Closed: year-end and New Year holidays



⑥ Kushiro Crane Reserve

This is Japan's first crane park, where Red Crowned Cranes, a Special Natural Monument, have been raised and their artificial incubation has been conducted. It attracts numerous visitors as a facility where Red Crowned Cranes can be seen throughout the year.
Closed: year-end and New Year holidays



⑦ Kushiro City Zoo

The Hokkaido Zone of this zoo is the only place in Japan where Blakiston's fish owls, a Special Natural Monument, are raised. The zone is also home to brown bears, Steller's sea eagles and other animals associated with Hokkaido. Cocoa, an Amur tiger, and Tsuyoshi, a white bear, as well as other popular animals await you at this zoo.
Closed: Wed. from Dec. to Feb., year-end and New Year holidays



⑧ Outdoor experience

Visitors can experience various activities in the rich natural surroundings represented by the Kushiro Wetland. Canoeing down the gently flowing Kushiro River is especially popular. Since the area used to be called the kingdom of horse breeding, horse trekking along mountain paths is also popular.
Available throughout the year



⑨ Taiheiyo Collier Exhibition

This facility exhibits and outlines the history of Taiheiyo Coal Mine, where mining still continues today, and the inside of the pit. Reproductions of mining equipment and the workplace are on display, allowing visitors to experience the atmosphere of the pit.
Closed: Wed., year-end and New Year holidays

We estimate prices for the above courses after consultation. Please feel free to inquire about sightseeing and accommodation.

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After MICE in Kushiro

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At Akanko Onsen with its abundant resources

Relaxing course

(Available throughout the year. Please note, however, it is impossible to visit Onneto during the snowfall period.)

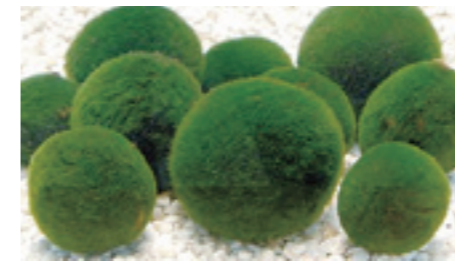
Course Or [Day one] Downtown Kushiro → Kushiro Marsh Observatory → Akan International Crane Center → Akanko Onsen (stay overnight)
[Day two] (Afternoon) Akanko Onsen → Akan International Crane Center → Kushiro Airport – Kushiro Station

Course touring two national parks

(Available throughout the year. Please note, however, it is impossible to visit Onneto during the snowfall period.)

Course Or Downtown Kushiro → Kushiro Marsh Observatory → Akan International Crane Center → Akanko Onsen → Ainu Theater <Ikor> → Kushiro Airport – Kushiro Station
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*Guided tours are provided at the Akan International Crane Center.



① Marimo moss ball

Marimo was designated as a Special Natural Monument in 1952. It is a velvety, green spherical plant, and the beautiful spherical form of marimo in Lake Akan cannot be seen anywhere else in the world.
Available throughout the year



② Red Crowned Crane

The Red Crowned Crane was designated as a Special Natural Monument in 1952. The population of Red Crowned Cranes, which were on the verge of extinction, has increased since Mr. Sadajiro Yamazaki, who lived in Akan-cho's Kamiakan, successfully fed them in 1950. Artificial feeding is still conducted to protect Red Crowned Cranes.
Available throughout the year



③ Traditional Ainu dancing

This National Important Intangible Cultural Property was inscribed on the UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage list in 2009. The Ainu culture has long respected and coexisted with nature. Visitors can experience both the nature of Akan and the Ainu culture through dance.
Available throughout the year



④ Mt. Meakandake (mountain climbing, trekking)

This is one of the 100 Famous Japanese Mountains and the highest active volcano in Akan. The foot of the mountain is covered with virgin forests, which turn to the creeping pine zone halfway. Visitors will feel the energy of the volcano when they see the rising smoke and crater at a height of more than 1,000 m. *Meakanbanai (Sibbaldia miyabei)*, *Meakanfunmasu* and other alpine plants are also seen here.
Unavailable during the snowfall period



⑤ Mt. Oakandake (mountain climbing, trekking)

This is one of the 100 Famous Japanese Mountains and a cone-shaped active volcano. The mixed forests of conifers and broad-leaved trees of Ezo spruce, Sakhalin fir and Erman's birch are known as Japan's foremost virgin forests. Alpine flower fields are found near the summit, from which 360-degree panoramic views of Akan-Mashu National Park can be enjoyed.
Unavailable during the snowfall period



⑥ Hakuto Viewpoint (trekking)

This viewpoint is located in the middle of Mt. Hakuto, home to Akanko National Ski Area. It commands panoramic views of Akan Caldera, including Mt. Meakandake, Mt. Oakandake and Lake Akan, from a height of 650 m (approx. 1 hr. 30 min. on foot from the ski area parking lot).
Unavailable during the snowfall period



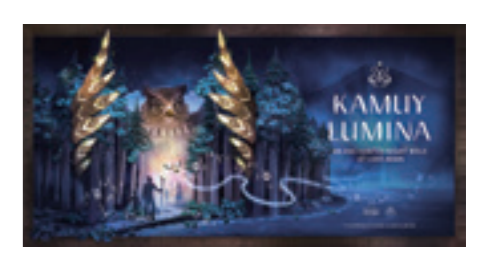
⑦ Lake Taro and Lake Jiro (trekking)

These small lakes are surrounded by virgin forests at the foot of Mt. Oakandake and are almost identical in size to a school ground. The sound of water running from Lake Akan is refreshing (approx. 10 min. on foot from the start of the Mt. Oakandake trail).
Unavailable during the snowfall period



⑧ Lost Kamuy

Lost Kamuy, Akan yukar (saga), is a new program created at Lake Akan by high-profile creators in fields like digital art, sound design and dancing. It is a combination of traditional dancing, modern dancing, 3DCG and 7.1 ch surround sound. Five projectors are used to make it three-dimensional.



⑨ Kamuy Lumina

A digital experience in conjunction with rhythm sticks, lighting set up in the beautiful forest of Akan, sound blending into nature, and a projected Ainu story that has been handed down for generations at Lake Akan. Now you can reach out to the characters and move forward with the story.

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Food in Kushiro and Akan

Food of Kushiro and Akan

Kushiro is a fishing town. In addition to sashimi and sushi, char-broiling robatayaki is a good choice for savoring seasonal seafood. Kushiro is said to be the birthplace of robatayaki. The city is known for not only seafood but also Kushiro ramen, which is made with extremely thin, curly noodles and a plain soup, and soba noodles (some soba restaurants date back to the Meiji period).

At Akanko Onsen, visitors can savor unique food that differs from that in Kushiro, including wakasagi smelt, kokanee, signal crayfish and other food from the lake, Hokkaido Sika venison and traditional Ainu cuisine.



Sushi

With options ranging from Edomae-zushi and Kansai-style sushi to casual revolving sushi, visitors can enjoy seasonal sushi in their favorite style.



Robatayaki

Broiling meat and seafood over the far infrared rays of a charcoal fire adds umami. This is why robatayaki originating in Kushiro makes food tastier.



Soba

Soba noodles at Chikuroen Azumaya, a long-established soba restaurant, are characterized by their green color derived from the chlorella kneaded into the noodles. The soba is well known because the Showa Emperor ate it when he visited Kushiro.



Kushiro ramen

Kushiro-style ramen is known for its dried bonito-based plain soup and extremely thin, curly noodles.



Kokanee

The flavorful fatty meat melts in your mouth and can be eaten either raw or cooked. Lake Akan is where these fish originate.



Wakasagi smelt tempura

Crispy wakasagi smelt tempura should be eaten while it is hot. Its simple taste makes it difficult to put down your chopsticks.



Signal crayfish

This is a large crayfish that can grow to more than 10 cm in length. Signal crayfish at Lake Akan are larger than other crayfish and are filled with meat. The bright red color is sure to stimulate your appetite, and it has a light, sophisticated flavor.



Fukutsukasa Shuzo

Sake brewed using subsoil water flowing under the Kushiro Wetland is popular for its sharp flavor. Hanahana Junmaishu is sake brewed using Fukutsukasa's unique yeast that is separated from flowers, which is the first of its kind in Hokkaido. This makes the perfect gift.



Kattedon

Washo Market, which is referred to as the "kitchen of residents," is filled with seasonal seafood. Here you can make and enjoy your own bowl of rice topped with your favorite sashimi and roe.



Zangi (fried chicken)

Kushiro Zangi is sizzling fried chicken served with a special sauce.



Galette

Kita no Galette is a new dish made with buckwheat flour crepes, as well as local meat, fish and vegetables.



Griddle spaghetti

Spaghetti served on a hot griddle is incredibly delicious.

What is "MICE" ?

MICE is the abbreviation for Meeting, Incentive, Congress & Convention, Event & Exhibition. This term refers to a gathering of people for the purpose of a conference, an academic meeting, an event, an exhibition, a sport meeting, etc.

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