

# Schedule for the Minamata Visit **Half-Day Programme** on 9 October 2013

- On Wednesday, 9 October 2013, the Government of Japan will organize a one-day 'Minamata Visit' programme, during which participants are able to visit Minamata city, the site of the Minamata Disease outbreak caused by contamination from methyl mercury-containing effluent from chemical plants that occurred more than fifty years ago.
- Among the many events, a "remembrance" and a "floral tribute" are planned at the Cenotaph for Minamata Disease Victims in Eco-Park in Minamata city. Also, there will be an opportunity to learn the history and lessons of Minamata Disease and current activities for revitalization of Minamata through a visit to the Minamata Disease Archive, Municipal Museum, and Prefectural Environmental Center.
- In the evening of 9 October, a Ceremonial Opening of the Diplomatic Conference will be held, where a "Lecture by storyteller" will be performed. A reception hosted by Japan will follow the Ceremonial Opening.

## Note

- The display of conference badges is mandatory to gain access to the venues in Minamata city. Participants are requested to register and receive their badges at the registration counter of the Hotel Nikko Kumamoto before departure to Minamata.
- Dress Code: Business casual, but walking attire is preferable since Eco-park is a wide-open coastal space.
- Transportation between Kumamoto and Minamata will be provided by the Japanese Government.

## [Group1] Others' Half-Day Programme

10:30 Pick up at the following five hotels (by chartered bus)  
Please come to the closest Hotel by 10:00.

- Hotel Nikko Kumamoto
- Kumamoto Hotel Castle
- ANA Hotel Kumamoto Newsky
- Kumamoto Kotsu Center Hotel
- Mitsui Garden Hotel Kumamoto

\*Those who stay at Hotel New Otani can come to the west exit of Kumamoto st. at 11:00 on foot.

11:30 Departure from Kumamoto St. to Shin-Minamata St.  
(by Shinkansen bullet train)

11:55 Arrival at Shin-Minamata St.

12:20 Arrival at Eco-Park  
(by chartered bus from Shin-Minamata St.)

\*There will be two bullet trains. The first train will depart at 11:30 and the second will depart at 12:20 from Kumamoto St. VIPs are expected to take the second train, while others are to take the first train in principle. VIPs can be accompanied by up to two persons who received Half-Day [Group2] tickets.

## [Group2] **VIP** Half-Day Programme

11:20 Pick up at the following five hotels (by chartered bus)  
Please come to the closest Hotel by 10:50.

- Hotel Nikko Kumamoto
- Kumamoto Hotel Castle
- ANA Hotel Kumamoto Newsky
- Kumamoto Kotsu Center Hotel
- Mitsui Garden Hotel Kumamoto

\*Those who stay at Hotel New Otani can come to the west exit of Kumamoto st. at 11:50 on foot.

12:20 Departure from Kumamoto St. to Shin-Minamata St.  
(by Shinkansen bullet train)

\*The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> coaches are reserved for Head of State and Minister, who can be accompanied by one person)

12:45 Arrival at Shin-Minamata St.

\*Lunch will be planned from 13:15 to 13:50 in National Institute for Minamata Disease in case of rain

13:10 Arrival at Eco-Park  
(by chartered bus from Shin-Minamata St.)

Arrival(12:20-13:10) – 16:00 (This programme will start at around 14:10 in case of rain)

### - **Remembrance at Eco-Park**

- **Floral Tribute** at the Cenotaph for Minamata Disease Victims (This programme will be canceled in case of rain)

- **Tree-planting ceremony (only head of state and ministers)** (This programme will be canceled in case of rain)

### - **Lunch and Tour**

Visit Minamata Disease Archives, Municipal Museum, and Prefectural Environmental Center to learn the history of Minamata Disease and current activities for revitalization of Minamata.

\* Exhibitions by patient groups will also be presented.

\* Lunch box and drink will be served in the main tent in Eco-park. Please enjoy the Minamata-Ashikita local food. There will be an opportunity to meet the Minamata citizens, to try Origami and Bamboo Dragonfly and to buy local products as well in the tent.

## **14:00-and 15:00-Parallel Event "Lecture on the Experience of Minamata" by Storytellers**

(at Minamata Disease Archives, multipurpose hall) 【Speakers】 Ms. Rimiko YOSHINAGA and Mr. Hajime SUGIMOTO

16:00 – Proceed to Culture Center, the venue for the Ceremonial Opening (by chartered bus from Parking B)

## **Ceremonial Opening at Minamata City Culture Center (Organized by UNEP and the Government of Japan)**

17:00 – 17:15 Movie "Outline of Minamata Disease" (Pre-opening movie)

17:15 – 17:40 Remarks by representatives of UNEP and the host country

17:40 – 18:10 Lecture by storyteller, Minamata Disease Municipal Museum 【Speaker】 Mr. Masami OGATA

18:10 – 18:15 Short message by Mr. Gunther

18:15 – Walk to the reception place at Moyaikan

## **Reception at Moyaikan**

**(Hosted by the Ministry of the Environment and the Kumamoto Promotion Council for the Diplomatic Conference)**

18:15 – 18:30 Welcome drink

18:30 – 18:40 Welcome remarks by representatives of the host country

19:30 – Closure of the reception

Departure from Moyaikan, back to Kumamoto (by chartered bus)

\* Buses will depart from the premise at 19:15, 19:40 and 20:00.

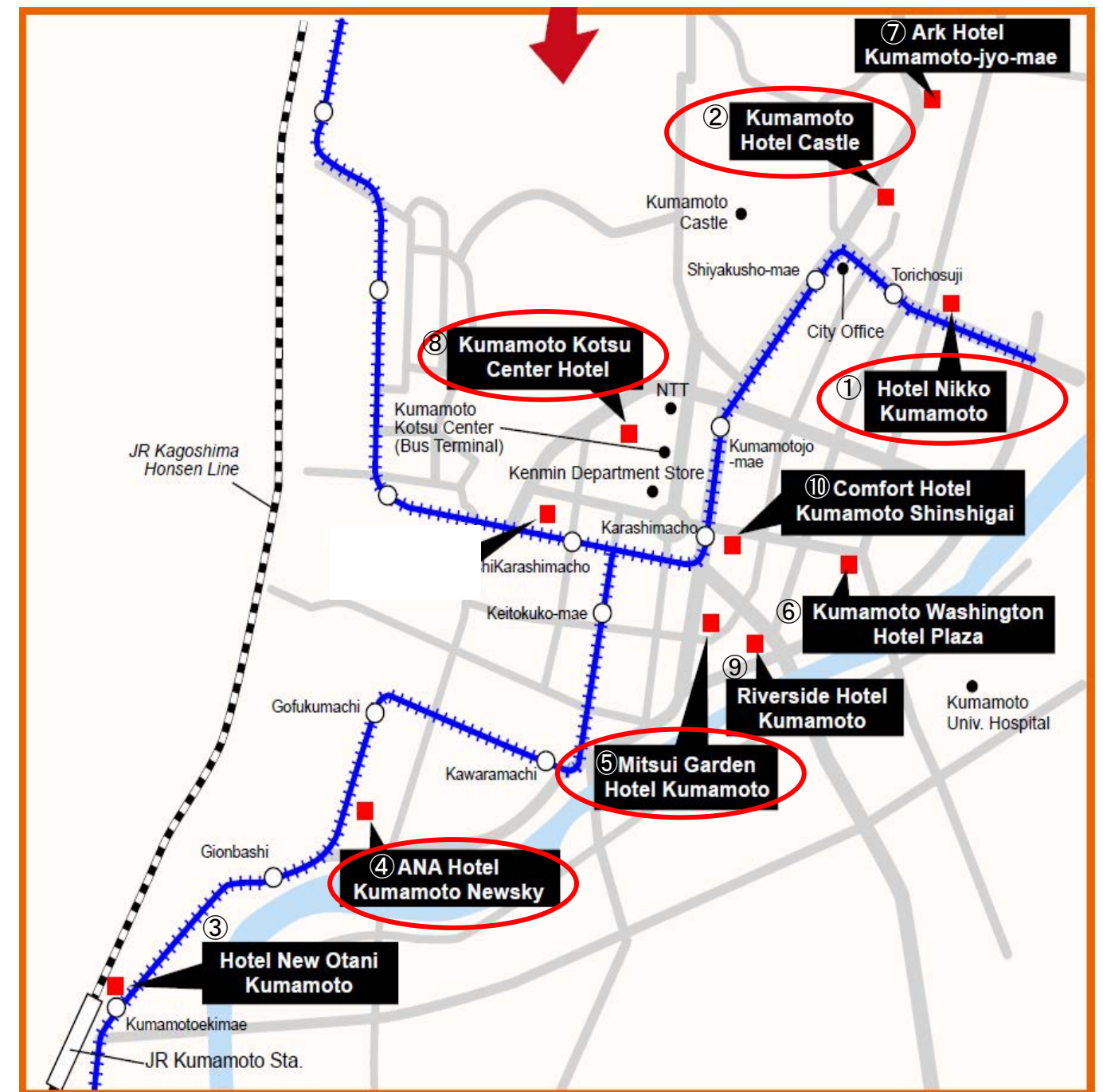
\*To reduce environmental impacts, participants are expected to bring with them a tumbler as well as a textile congress bag, which will be distributed in Hotel Nikko Kumamoto. Heartfelt, hand-made souvenir gifts from the Minamata people will be prepared for participants.

\*If the visit is called off due to heavy rain, a notice will be displayed in the main lobbies of the ten hotels printed on the reverse side of this paper.

List of the ten hotels

Hotel Name	Address, Tel, URL
① Hotel Nikko Kumamoto	Address: 2-1, Kamitori-cho, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, 860-8536, Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96-211-1111 URL: <a href="http://www.jalhotels.com/domestic/kyusyu/kumamoto/">http://www.jalhotels.com/domestic/kyusyu/kumamoto/</a>
② Kumamoto Hotel Castle	Address: 4-2 Jyoto-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto shi, Kumamoto , 860-8565 Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96-326-3311 URL: <a href="http://www.hotel-castle.co.jp/en/">http://www.hotel-castle.co.jp/en/</a>
③ Hotel New Otani Kumamoto	Address: 1-13-1 Kasuga, Nishi-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto 860-0047, Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96-326-1111 URL: <a href="http://www.newotani.co.jp/en/kumamoto/index.html">http://www.newotani.co.jp/en/kumamoto/index.html</a>
④ ANA Hotel Kumamoto Newsky	Address: 2 Higashi-Amidajicho Chuo-Ku Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto , 860-8575, Japan Tel: +81 (0)96-354-2111 URL: <a href="http://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/kumamoto.-kumamoto/kmjja/hoteldetail">http://www.ihg.com/hotels/us/en/kumamoto.-kumamoto/kmjja/hoteldetail</a>
⑤ Mitsui Garden Hotel Kumamoto	Address: 1-20 Konyaima-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, 860-0012, Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96-352-1131. URL: <a href="http://www.gardenhotels.co.jp/eng/kumamoto/">http://www.gardenhotels.co.jp/eng/kumamoto/</a>
⑥ Kumamoto Washington Hotel Plaza	Address: 2-3-10 Shimotori, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi,,Kumamoto, 860-0807, JapanTel: +81 (0)96-355-0410 URL: <a href="http://kumamoto.washington.jp/en/">http://kumamoto.washington.jp/en/</a>
⑦ Ark Hotel Kumamoto-jyo-mae	Address: 5-16 Joto-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, 860-0846, Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96-351-2222 URL: <a href="http://www.ark-hotel.co.jp/kumamoto/">http://www.ark-hotel.co.jp/kumamoto/</a>
⑧ Kumamoto Kotsu Center Hotel	Address: 3-10, Sakura-machi, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, 860-8577, JapanTel: +81 (0)96-326-8828 URL: <a href="http://www.kyusanko.co.jp/hotel/english/">http://www.kyusanko.co.jp/hotel/english/</a>
⑨ Riverside Hotel Kumamoto	Address: 4-12 Kouyaima-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, 860-0012, Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96-355-3110 URL: <a href="http://www.riverside-hotel.co.jp/english/toppage/toppage.html">http://www.riverside-hotel.co.jp/english/toppage/toppage.html</a>
⑩ Comfort Hotel Kumamoto Shinshigai	Address: 2-10 Shinshigai, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto-shi, Kumamoto, 860-0803, Japan Tel: +81 (0) 96 -211-8411 URL: <a href="http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-kumamoto-japan-JP066">http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-kumamoto-japan-JP066</a>

Map of the ten hotels



Pick up Points: Chartered buses will depart  
-at 10:30 for the first group  
-at 11:20 for the second group

Those who taking Shinkansen from Shin-Minamata back to Kumamoto (at your own expense\*) can take a taxi to Shin-Minamata station by calling:

- MINAMATA TAXI:0966-63-1228,
- KIMISHIMA TAXI: 0966-63-4141,
- TAIYO TAXI:0966-63-2151,
- MUTSUMI KOUTSU: 0966-78-4123

\* There is a taxi information counter on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

\* Making a Shinkansen reservation in advance is recommended.