

Learn about Global Issues in the Minamata-Ashikita Area

The Mountain Bell

*No change in the color of the sky, it's the same old blue.
The sea stretches as blue as we have always known it.
The mountain forests seem as green as ever
Life shines bright, its radiance unchanged
Let us keep protecting, now and in the years to come
These immutable treasures
And the radiant beauty of life.*

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*Livia Monnet: translator of Kugai jodo
and Tsubaki no umi no ki by Michiko Ishimure*

Learn from our experiences to create a brighter future!

About 950,000 people from 176 countries have come here
to learn about the impacts of Minamata Disease



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◆ Experience Local Culture Choose from a wide range of activities

Try Sea Kayaking!
(Limit 10 people)

Explore the sea or a lake in a sea kayak

"Utasebune" Sailboat Experience
(Limited to 36 people)

Take a relaxing ocean cruise and try traditional fishing methods
※ Optional meal onboard

Japanese Candle Making
(Limited to 40 people)

Make your own candles using local tree nuts

◆ Sample Itinerary

★Includes guided tour

Day 1

Shoreline Fieldwork
Go on a tour with a field guide who will bring you to places related to Minamata Disease. Learn about the history of Minamata from a local's point of view.

★Includes guided tour

Tour of Minamata Disease Municipal Museum

★Includes guided tour

Learn about People's Experiences of Minamata Disease
Listen to stories from locals, researchers, journalists and municipal employees.

★Includes guided tour

Memorial Service

★Includes guided tour

Day 2

Tour of an Eco Town
Take a tour of a recycling facility and learn about garbage separation and how the town disposes of items such as electrical appliances, bottles, and motor oil.

★Includes guided tour

Experience Local Culture

Make Lasting Memories!

Japanese Inn with an Onsen Hot Spring and Ocean Views

Yunoko Umi to Yuuyake

Kumamoto Castle

An Important Cultural Property of Japan
View the reconstruction progress of the earthquake-damaged castle

Japanese Cuisine: Washoku

A UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

● Previously hosted delegations from:

JICA, The National University of Singapore, The Nanyang Polytechnic, Taiwan, The Japan Korea Environmental Youth Exchange, The Chinese YMCA of Hong Kong, The Government of Thailand, The National Chung Cheng University

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