

Hasami Pottery

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Nagasaki Prefecture's Hasami Pottery and Mikawachi Pottery boast hundreds of years of history. While the history behind such things as dishes for everyday use, and articles for presentation is different, the passing down of the expertise behind these works of art takes place even to this day, with wonderful pottery fit for modern life continuing to be produced.

Mikawachi Pottery

The history of Hasami Pottery dates back about 400 years, with its beginning said to lie in the construction of three chambered climbing kilns in Hasami Town in the year 1599. The "Kurawanka bowl", first made in the Edo period, features simplistic blue and white porcelain, and is sturdy, thick and difficult to crack. At the time, many people considered porcelain to be a high-class product, well out of their reach, but this everyday item, which

supported the food culture of the common people, overturned that way of thinking. Even now in Hasami, bowls and vessels for regular everyday use and functional, easy-to-use dishes are being created. With white porcelain as the focus, there is a wide range of quality pottery available at reasonable prices, including pieces that feature a modern design and a whole new feel that will bring color to daily life.



Photo: Top  
 ● Comprador Bottle: These vessels were filled with soy sauce or rice wine for export. The stout form is said to have been a design requested by the Europeans.  
 Photo: Bottom  
 ● Blue and White Porcelain "Kurawanka" Bowl, painted with *reishi* plant motif: This is a Kurawanka bowl from the middle of the Edo period. With a thick form and simplistic motif, it is a bowl for the common person.  
 [Both property of Hasami Town]



Photo: Right  
 ● Blue and White Porcelain Bottle painted with Chrysanthemum & Autumn Grass Motif (18th Century): The decoration on this bottle is as beautiful as a Japanese painting, showing its status as a formal article for presentation.  
 Photo: Left  
 ● Blue and White Porcelain Platter painted with Sparrow & Bamboo Motif (mid-18th century): The beauty of this piece lies in the fine delicate brushstrokes used to paint the blue design onto the elegant off-white background.  
 [Both property of Sasebo City]

The origin of Mikawachi Pottery is thought to have been when Matsura Shigenobu, Lord of the Hirado Domain, began the use of kilns in 1598. The kilns were subsequently moved east in the search for higher-quality materials, until eventually in 1637, the kilns in the present-day Mikawachi Town were established for exclusive use by Hirado. Since the beginning, Mikawachi Pottery articles have been presented to the Imperial Court (under the patronage system) as well as to the house of the

Shogun. From articles for daily use, to decorative room ornaments, a high level of expertise was demanded of potters. As such, designs such as fretwork and openwork, thought by other producers to be utterly impossible to make, were born out of the skilled hands of expert craftsmen. Mikawachi Pottery is characterized by its outstanding beauty, exemplified by the minute and subtle brushwork of the Edo period and the light and delicate eggshell cups of the Meiji period.

## Nagasaki Crafts

In Nagasaki Prefecture, traditional handicraft techniques have been passed down through the generations since long ago. On the doorstep of the Asian continent, Nagasaki has a history and culture that has flourished through interaction and exchange with overseas countries, and the prefecture's traditional crafts, which intertwine with the social climate and spiritual features of the region, have thus been honed to perfection.

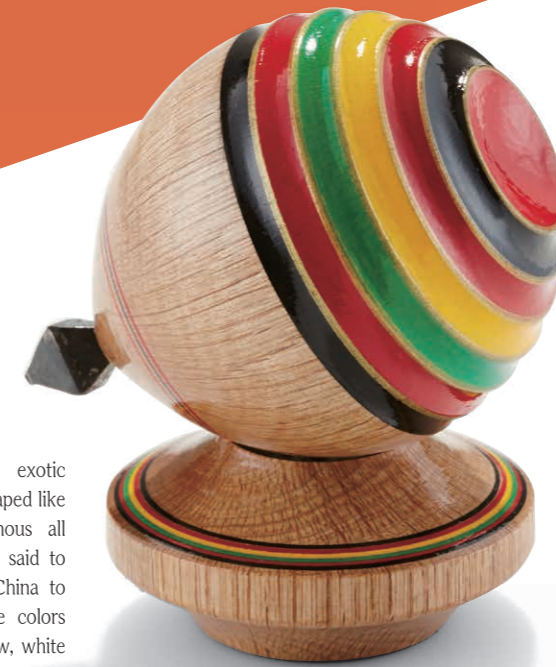
Koga Dolls



Counted as one of the three major clay dolls of Japan, these are the Koga Dolls. Their story began in 1592, affording them a history that spans over 400 years. The designs of the dolls are based on concepts such as the "Western Lady" and "Acha-San" (a nickname for Chinese people), portraying foreigners that resided in Nagasaki during the period of national isolation. The dolls are characterized by the bold use of colors and the distinct simplicity of the clay. In total there are about 90 different types of Koga Doll designs, which have been handed down from generation to generation since the Edo period. No new designs have been created, meaning that the techniques that exist now are all ones that have been carefully passed down. Today, there is only one artisan left who still makes these dolls. Koga dolls have been handed down from generation to generation in the Ogawa family of Koga Village (now Nakazato-machi, Nagasaki City). He carefully constructs each doll by hand from start to finish, from the kneading of the clay, to the firing and coloring of the dolls.

Photo: Right  
 ● Acha-san: The inspiration for this doll is the Chinese people who lived in Nagasaki during the Edo period. The figure of Acha-San has a kind, soothing facial expression, and is cradling a bantam so as to avoid feeling lonely.

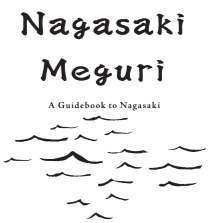
# Nagasaki Pottery & Handicrafts



Sasebo Spinning Tops



With its daintiness and exotic colors, this spinning top shaped like a Chinese onion is famous all around Japan. This top is said to have made its way via China to Nagasaki. The use of the colors blue (or green), red, yellow, white (or the natural wooden color of the top) and black are influenced by the Chinese theory of Yin-Yang and the five elements. At the tip of the top is a sharp point that has been hammered into the body. These tops are used for top fights, where two players or more battle by trying to smash the tops together.



# Key Industries in Nagasaki

Industry in Nagasaki Prefecture has continued to grow and develop with the shipbuilding industry as its basis. Additionally, the economy of Nagasaki Prefecture has been supported by the growth of the manufacturing of cutting-edge equipment such as semiconductors, which has relocated from outside the prefecture. Traditional industries such as foods and ceramics, which have been passed down over time in each region of Nagasaki, have also played a role.

Nagasaki has developed over many years due to the shipbuilding industry. In accordance with this, metalworking and the manufacturing of industrial machinery such as turbines and boilers has also grown, forming the basis for industry here. Following this, with the founding of industrial parks in each region of the prefecture, manufacturing companies and offices in fields such as semiconductor devices such as CMOS image sensors, electronic equipment such as digital cameras, food products, automobile-related equipment, etc. The current state of industry

in Nagasaki Prefecture was formed by progress and steady growth in these fields. Concurrently, the economy of Nagasaki Prefecture is also supported by traditional industries that are continue to be passed down in each region of the prefecture and even today boast some of the highest values of shipments in the entire country. These include food products with unique characteristics, such as Iki Shochu, and Hand-Stretched Shimabara Somen and Goto Udon; Hasami and Mikawachi Ceramics; amongst others.

1. Cargo ships under construction in a dock. The construction of cargo ships requires the welding of many steel plates. The picture at the bottom is a worker welding steel plates. [Image Credit: Oshima Shipbuilding Co., Ltd.]
2. Cutting-edge Equipment Manufacturing Facility and Products / A CMOS Image Sensor, with which most smartphones and cameras are equipped, and its manufacturing facility. This sensor enables higher speeds, resolution and sensitivity. [Image Credit: Sony Semiconductor Manufacturing Corporation]
3. Shimabara Hand-Stretched Somen / The manufacturing of Hand-Stretched Shimabara Somen, a traditional Nagasaki industry. From the first step, kneading the wheat flour with salt water, it takes a total of 12 steps and about 30 hours to manufacture the somen.

# Industries in Nagasaki



# Future Growth Industries

We are currently in a period of transition, in which the natures of industries are changing fundamentally on a global level due to developments in AI and IoT technology. Concurrently, it may be said that we are in a period in which society must grow while at the same time become more sustainable. Nagasaki Prefecture must also continue to adapt to changes over time and grow as industry and society evolve.

With the goal of industry that can grow and adapt to changing times, the Nagasaki Prefectural Government is implementing a multilayered strategy aimed at the creation and development in the following industries. These strategies include support for local businesses, attracting outside businesses, and support for new business creation and ventures. In terms of attracting companies, our main targets are manufacturing bases in growth fields such as semiconductors, aircraft, and medical-related industries, as well as information-related industries such as design, research and development, and system development.

- 1 Industries related to ocean renewable energy, including offshore wind power and tidal power generation, that utilize the technology and human resources cultivated in the shipbuilding industry.
- 2 Robotics and IoT-related industries that include robot manufacture and related systems development, which support innovation creation and increase productivity through the introduction of AI and IoT in industry and daily life.
- 3 Aircraft-related industries which require global market growth and a high level of technical skill.

1. Floating Wind Turbine (Goto City) / Deployed off the coast of Kabashima, Goto City in 2013 as a proof of concept by the Ministry of the Environment. Having been moved to a new location off the coast of Sakiyama, it is currently in operation as Japan's first floating wind turbine. Eight new turbines are scheduled to be installed by a private operator on Japan's first floating offshore wind farm (scheduled to begin operation in 2024).
2. A Sorting Robot / An example of a robot (aimed mainly at the food production industry) developed by a Nagasaki company. With the Nagasaki Prefecture Next-Generation IT Industry Cluster Council, founded in 2018, taking a leading role, we are making efforts to improve ties between businesses and to conduct lectures that will enable technical personnel in Nagasaki businesses to re-train in cutting-edge technologies such as robotics, AI, IoT, etc. This, in addition to support for the creation of new products and services, will help secure demand from outside the prefecture. [Image Credit: Sugihara Engineering Co.,Ltd.]
3. A Jet Engine and its Component Parts / In 2018, the Nagasaki Prefectural Airplane Industry Cluster Council was established with 59 Nagasaki business and groups involved in manufacturing jet engine parts, etc. Its aim is to achieve further growth by strengthening links between enterprises. [Image Credit: 3-1. Sojitz Aerospace Corporation, 3-2. METI Lecture Materials 3-3. URANO Co.,Ltd.]
4. Crane Harbor Nagasaki Building / Maintained by the Prefectural Government and other bodies, there are office buildings overlooking the waterfront of Nagasaki Port that have been occupied by insurance companies, etc. which have moved to Nagasaki. Going forward, we will work to attract IT and Research and Development-related companies to Nagasaki. Aside from this building, construction is proceeding on several office buildings in the center of Nagasaki City.



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# A “Once-in-a-Century Transformation” has Arrived!

Nagasaki Prefecture is currently undergoing a major transformation that only occurs once a century. We are using this major transformation as an opportunity to develop the cities and towns within Nagasaki Prefecture and revitalize the region. By making Nagasaki Prefecture easier to live in and supporting new challenges, we are working to make Nagasaki Prefecture an area that people choose to want to live in, either by moving here or by continuing to live here.

## Development Around the Shinkansen Stations

- Development is underway around each Shinkansen station to take advantage of the opening of the Shinkansen line.
- The area around Nagasaki Station is evolving as a “land gateway” with the construction of a new station building and the East Exit Station Square.
- A new exchange base centered on Isahaya Station has been created, with the opening of the Isahaya Station Redevelopment Building “iisa” and the development of the East Exit Traffic Square.
- The area around Shin-Omura Station is being developed as an area that will take advantage of the convenient and comfortable transportation system to attract people (especially young people and families) and businesses from outside the city.

## Nagasaki Stadium City Project

The Nagasaki Stadium City Project by Japanet Holdings is currently underway. In addition to the construction of a soccer stadium and arena, a hotel, commercial facilities and offices will also be built.



※Future design as it is in the conceptual stage  
There is a possibility of change including  
Provided by: Japanet Holdings

## Development of a Gateway to the Sea and Sky

### Development of an International Cruise Port

An international cruise base has been created in the Uragashira area of Sasebo Port. In addition, the Nagasaki Port Matsugae International Tourist Wharf is being upgraded to two berths, which will expand the environment to accommodate international cruise ships.



### 24-Hour Operation of Nagasaki Airport

In March 2022, some air traffic control operations at Nagasaki Airport began to be operated remotely. Taking advantage of this opportunity, we will develop a system that allows for 24-hour takeoffs and landings and expand the airline network, thereby promoting the local economy and industry in the prefecture.

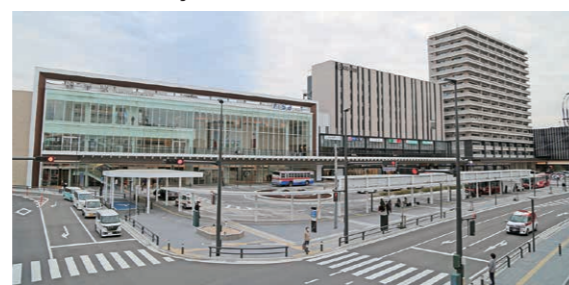
Courtesy of: Nagasaki Airport Building

## Around Nagasaki Station



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## Around Isahaya Station



## Creating an Environment Conducive to Child-Rearing

A series of facilities have been established for parents and children to easily access and enjoy, such as “Aguri Hill”, “Nagasaki Nomozaki Dinosaur Park” and “Sasebo Central Park”.



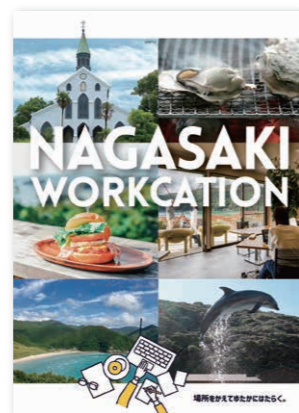
Aguri Hill (Aguri Dome)



Sasebo Central Park

## “Remote Work in Nagasaki” Project

Nagasaki Prefecture has been promoting initiatives to accept remote work and work locations where people can enjoy the natural environment of the sea and mountains, tourism resources such as World Heritage sites, and various interactions with locals. New remote work spaces are being established one after another in various parts of the prefecture. Please visit our special website for more information on remote work support.



ACB Living (Iki City)



Colorit (Goto City)

# A Vision for Nagasaki's Future

## Let's make the entire route full standard!

The West Kyushu Route of the Kyushu Shinkansen, the Nagasaki to Takeo Onsen Route, opened in 2022 as the West Kyushu Shinkansen. The Nagasaki Prefectural Governments aims to realize the full standard track of the entire route for the development of the entire Kyushu Region.



■ Shin-Tosu to Hakata About 26km Full Standard

■ Takeo Onsen to Shin-Tosu About 51km Undeveloped Section

The Nagasaki Prefectural Government is requesting that this be developed as full-standard.

■ Nagasaki to Takeo Onsen About 66km Full Standard

2022 Opening

● The West Kyushu Shinkansen Opened in 2022.

(Operating Section: Nagasaki to Takeo Onsen)

At the time of opening, the relay service using the shinkansen (Nagasaki to Takeo Onsen), and express trains on existing tracks (Takeo Onsen to Hakata) reduced the minimum required travel time to 1 hour 20min. This is 30 min less than the previous time of 1 hour 50min for one-way, and 1 hour less for a round trip.

● We are aiming for full standard track on the entire route as soon as possible.

With full standard track on the entire route, it will be possible for trains to operate directly to and from the Sanyo Shinkansen line. The completion of the Linear Chuo Shinkansen (High speed rail that will connect the Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka urban areas in about 1 hour) will enable us to take advantage of the strength of economic growth of the world's largest urban areas. Leveraging this and directly attracting foreign travellers away from the "Golden Route" will certainly contribute to the rise of Kyushu as a whole and to local development.

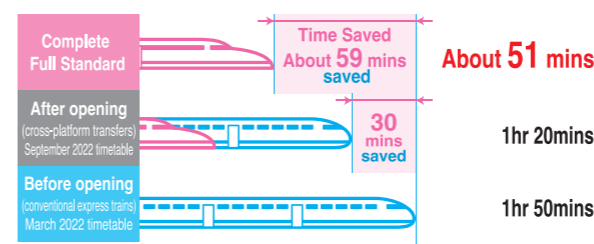


## The benefits of constructing full standard track on the entire route

### 1 Time Saved

- Minimum Travel Time from Nagasaki to Hakata will be about 51 mins.
- By allowing trains to go directly onto the Sanyo Shinkansen Line, travel to Kansai will be possible without changing trains. Minimum Travel Time from Nagasaki to Shin-Osaka will be about 3 hrs 15mins.

<Nagasaki to Hakata Travel Times (Minimum Required)> MLJIT Estimate



### 2 Safe and Comfortable Travel

- Since the shinkansen will run on special elevated tracks, they will be less prone to delays or stoppages due to accidents or natural disasters than existing tracks.

### 3 Economic Benefits from the Exchange of People

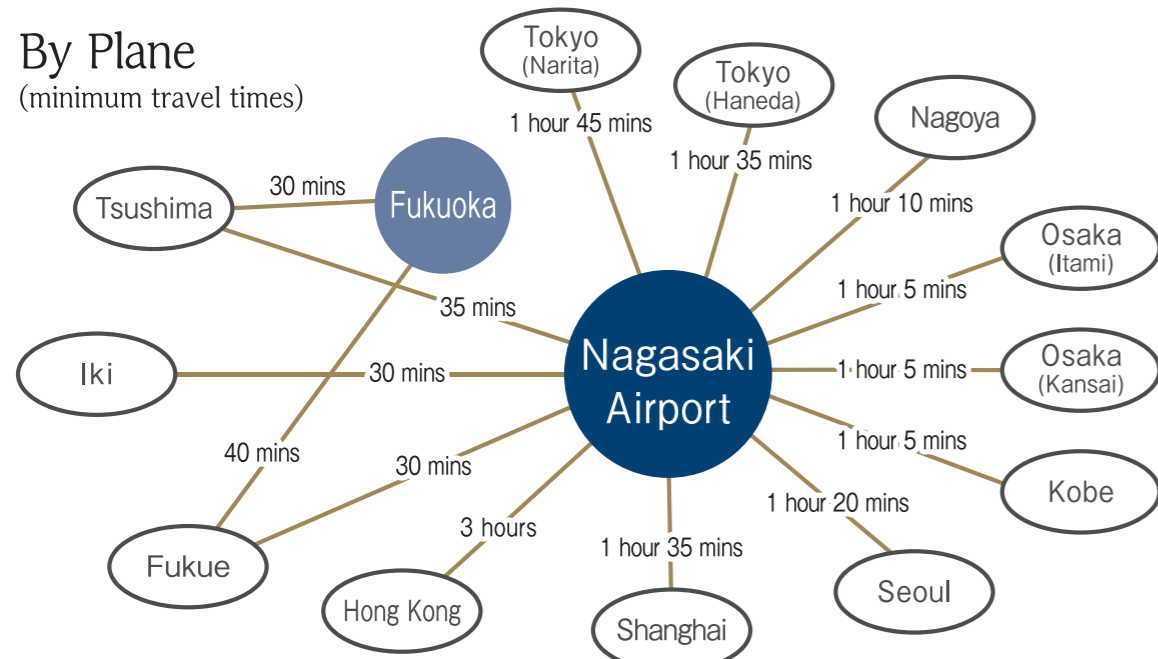
- With trains able to go directly onto the Sanyo Shinkansen Line, it is expected that the number of business travellers and tourists will increase, and the expenditure on accommodation and souvenirs will also increase.

### 4 Residency Promotion

- Areas such as Fukuoka which previously required relocation, are now within commuting distance, so the number of local residents is expected to increase.

# Nagasaki Area Access Map

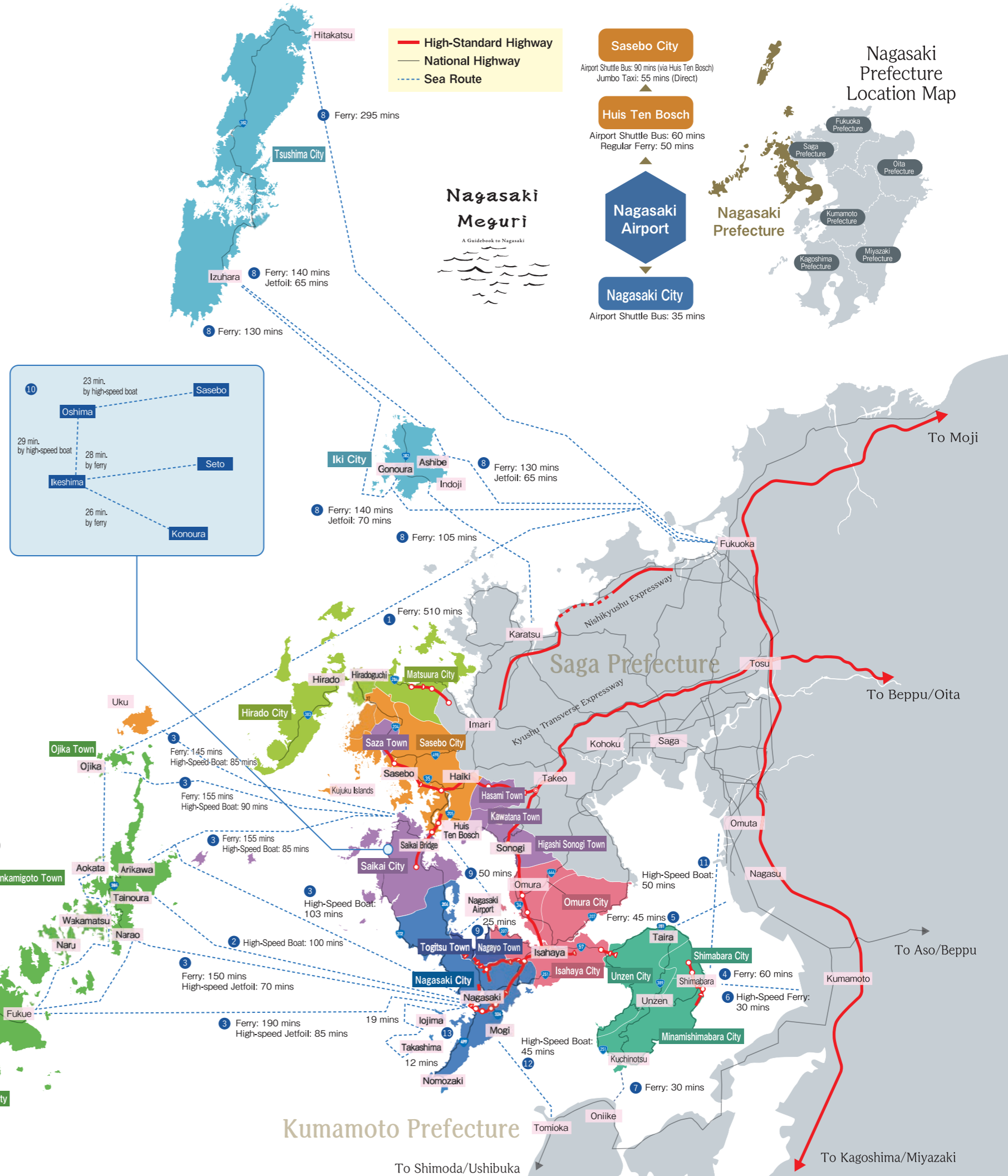
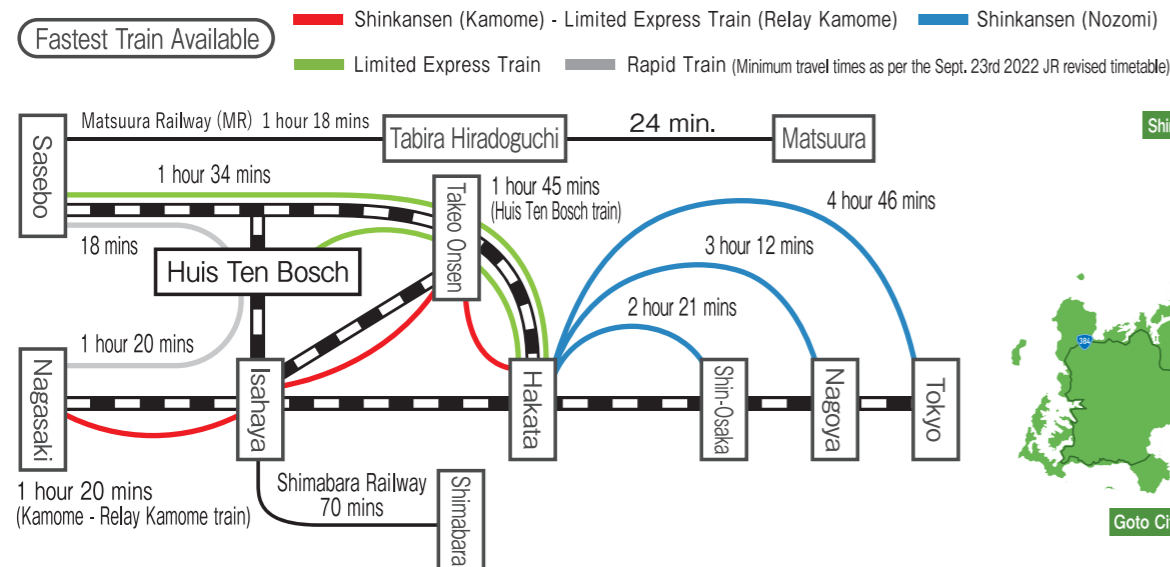
## By Plane (minimum travel times)



## By Boat (Ferry, Jetfoil, High-Speed Boat)

1 Nomo Shosen (Goto - Hakata)	TEL.0570-01-0510	7 Shimatetsu [Shimabara Railway] Ferry (Kuchinotsu - Oniike)	TEL.0957-61-0657
2 Goto Sangyo Kisen (Nagasaki - Kamigoto)	TEL.095-820-5588	8 Kyushu Yusen (Iki - Hakata)	TEL.092-281-0831
3 Kyushu Shosen (Nagasaki - Kamigoto)	TEL.0570-017-510	(Iki - Karatsu)	
(Nagasaki - Goto)		(Nagasaki [Izuhara] - Hakata)	
(Sasebo - Kamigoto)		(Tsushima [Hitakatsu] - Hakata)	
(Sasebo - Ojika)			
(Sasebo - Uku)		9 Yasuda Sangyo Kisen (Huis Ten Bosch - Nagasaki Airport)	TEL.0957-54-4740
		(Togitsu - Nagasaki Airport)	
4 Kyusho Ferry (Shimabara - Kumamoto)	TEL.0957-62-3246	10 Saikai Engan Shosen (Sasebo - Konoura)	TEL.0956-24-1004
5 Ariake Ferry (Taira - Nagasu)	TEL.0957-78-2105	11 Miike-Shimabara Line (Shimabara - Omuta)	TEL.0957-64-1515
6 Kumamoto Ferry (Shimabara - Kumamoto)	TEL.0957-63-8008	12 Reihoku Kankou Kisen (Mogi - Tomioka)	TEL.095-836-2613
		13 Nomo Shosen (Nagasaki - Ioujima - Takashima)	TEL.095-826-6238

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**“From Nagasaki, We Pray for Everlasting World Peace”**

Photo

● The Urakami Cathedral Wall

Urakami Cathedral, which at the time was the largest cathedral in East Asia, was almost completely destroyed by the blast from the atomic bomb which fell at 11:02 a.m. on August 9th, 1945. A portion of the wall that remained was moved to a new location at the Nagasaki Peace Park.



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