FY 2024 REGIONAL PROMOTION SEMINAR

Monday, January 20, 2025 Venue: Happo-en

15:30∼ Doors open 16:00∼ Presentations 17:10∼ visiting booths 19:00 Closing

Sakai City of Osaka Prefecture

Pride of Sakai: Long History and Diverse Culture

Outline of the PR event Sakai City is home to the world's largest ancient mounded tomb "Nintoku-tenno-ryo Kofun", which is a component part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site "Mozu-Furuichi Kofun Group" registered in 2019. Iron processing techniques developed through the manufacturing of hoes and other tools used in the construction of these tombs were utilized for making tabaco knives and guns during the medieval period and have been passed down till the present day in industries, such as Sakai hand-forged knives and bicycles and bicycle parts. Sakai is also known as the hometown of grand tea master Sen no Rikyu, so Chanoyu tea ceremony is a central piece of our culture. We will be introducing the appeal of Sakai City, including its unique history and culture. Also, there will be a demonstration displaying the sharpness of Sakai knives loved by chefs all across Japan.



Okinawa Prefecture

Okinawa, the 21st century Bridge between Nations



Outline of the PR event

Okinawa Prefecture consists of many islands and is blessed with beautiful seas and subtropical forests. It has developed a unique culture during the Ryukyu Kingdom period (around the 14th century) through trade and exchange with China and Southeast Asia. Karate said to have originated in Okinawa, traditional performing arts such as Ryukyuan dance and Eisa, traditional crafts such as Bingata (weaving) and Yachimun (pottery), local sake Awamori and Ryukyu cuisine are all examples of major attractions. We aim to create and promote industries that will lead the next generation through organic collaboration between industry, government, and academia with the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST). The various charms of Okinawa and initiatives taken by Okinawa will be introduced at the seminar.

Nikko City of Tochigi Prefecture

The Charm of Nikko, An International Tourism and Culture City

Outline of the PR event Nikko City is easily accessible from Tokyo. We are blessed with many landmarks of international renown: the rich nature of Nikko National Park and Oku-Nikko-Shitsugen (wetlands); the valuable cultural heritage of the "Shrines and Temples of Nikko", a UNESCO World Heritage Site; and high-quality hot springs including Kinugawa Onsen and Yunishigawa Onsen.

The area around Lake Chuzenji was once developed as an international summer resort where the villas of foreign embassies and individuals alike were established. In June 2023, Japan's first "G7 Ministerial Meeting on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment" was held there.

We welcome you to experience our many tourist attractions and various traditional crafts. and initiatives taken by Okinawa will be introduced at the seminar.



Kamikatsu Town of Tokushima Prefecture

Kamikatsu, a town of color



Outline of the PR event

Kamikatsu is the town with the lowest population in Shikoku region and famous for "Kashihara Rice Terraces", which has been selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Rice Terraces (Please see the photo), "Kamikatsu Awa Bancha" tea, which has been designated as a national important intangible folk cultural property, "Yamainudake" mountain, where a colony of sphagnum moss grows, and "Yuko", a mythical fruit. You will find that the town still retains beautiful Japanese scenery, food and culture today. Meanwhile, it is also a very progressive town engaged in the development of sustainable products as a leader in waste management in Japan. In this event, we will introduce sustainable initiatives, products, and specialties from this small but innovative town.

令和6年度 地域の魅力発信セミナー

令和7年1月20日(月) 場所:八芳園

•15:30~ 開場

・16:00~ 第一部 プレゼンテーション・17:10~ 第二部 交流会(ブース展示)

•19:00 閉会

大阪府堺市

堺が誇る多様な歴史文化

堺市には世界最大級の墳墓「仁徳天皇陵古墳」をはじめとする百舌 鳥古墳群があり、古市古墳群と併せ、「百舌鳥・古市古墳群」として 2019年に世界遺産となりました。

PR 内容 古代、この古墳築造に用いられた鍬等の製造で培われた鉄の加工技術は、中世にはタバコ包丁、鉄砲等の製造、近代には堺刃物や自転車・部品製造等の産業に繋がっています。また、堺市は茶道を大成したわび茶の祖、千利休のふるさとであり、茶の湯文化も盛んです。当日は類いまれな歴史や文化を有する堺市の魅力をご紹介するほか、全国の料理人に愛用される堺刃物の切れ味を実演します。ぜひお越しください!



沖縄県

21世紀の万国津梁の島 沖縄



PR 内容 沖縄県は、美しい海や亜熱帯の森などに恵まれた多数の島々からなる、日本有数の観光地です。

琉球王国時代(14世紀頃)には中国や東南アジアとの交易・交流により独自の文化を創り上げました。沖縄発祥とされる空手のほか、琉球舞踊やエイサー等の伝統芸能、紅型(織物)、やちむん(焼物)等の伝統工芸、地酒の泡盛や琉球料理は大きな魅力です。また、沖縄科学技術大学院大学(OIST)等と産官学で連携し、次世代を担う産業の創出と振興を目指しています。本セミナーでは、このような沖縄県の魅力や取組等についてご紹介します。

栃木県日光市

国際観光文化都市・日光市の魅力体感

PR 内容 日光市は東京からのアクセスが容易で、日光国立公園や奥日光の 湿原などの豊かな自然、世界遺産「日光の社寺」をはじめとする貴 重な文化遺産、鬼怒川温泉や湯西川温泉などの良質な温泉など多 くの観光資源に恵まれています。

中禅寺湖畔はかつて各国大使館の別荘や外国人別荘が建つ国際 避暑地として発展し、2023年6月には我が国初の「G7男女共同参 画・女性活躍担当大臣会合」も開催されました。

こうした観光資源を活用した取組や伝統工芸を是非ご体感ください。



徳島県上勝町

彩りの町 上勝



PR 内容 上勝町は、日本の棚田百選に選定されている「樫原の棚田」、国の重要無形民俗文化財に指定された「上勝阿波晩茶」、水苔の群生地「山犬嶽」、幻の果実「ゆこう」などで有名な、四国で一番人口が少ない町です。昔ながらの美しい景観・食・文化の残る町である一方、国内における廃棄物対策の先進地として、サステナブルな商品開発を行っています。この小さい町から生まれるサステナブルな取組・商品や特産品などをご紹介します。