

ISATE 2010 Educational Tour

Date: 30 September, 2010

Tour Duration: 9:00 to 16:00

Pick up and drop off point: Hotel Kyocera (Main bldg.1F Lobby)

Kyocera Museum of Fine Ceramics

Kyocera is one of the leading industrial ceramics manufacturers in Japan.

The Educational tour features visit to their Museum of Fine Ceramics located at Kyocera Kokubu plant in Kirishima-city. The museum showcases the growth of Kyocera's fine ceramic technology since the company's founding in 1959. You can also learn about the history of Kyocera's business development and see their latest products in a wide range of fields.



Sakurajima

Mt. Sakurajima is one of the most famous active volcanoes in the world, located just 4 kilometers away from the city of Kagoshima. Ever since the beginning of its volcanic activity several tens of thousands of years ago, Mt. Sakurajima has been erupting almost constantly. The most violent eruption in the recorded history of Sakurajima was the Taisho eruption of 1914. It is estimated that nearly three billion tons of lava poured out, burying nearby villages and filled the 400-meter-wide strait that once separated the island of Sakurajima from the mainland. You can enjoy spectacular view of lava fields created by the past eruptions.

Sengan-en (Japanese Style Garden) and Shokoshuseikan

Senganen, also called Iso-teien, was constructed in 1660 by the Shimadzu, the lord of the family clan which ruled Kagoshima for almost 700 years until the end of Japan's feudal age in 1868. The garden contains Japanese style former residential buildings and a beautiful landscape garden overlooking magnificent Mt.Sakurajima and Kinko bay. The view from this garden is one of the most popular scenery in Kagoshima.

In 1851 Shimadzu Nariakira became the feudal lord of Satsuma and launched the Shuseikan Modernization and Industrialization Project around Iso area to enrich and strengthen the country. The project included various fields of industry such as shipbuilding, cannon manufacturing, iron manufacturing, spinning, glass manufacturing, printing, telegraphic communication, medical-care industry, and the welfare work. We can see the remains of the reverberatory furnace for cannon casting and the former machinery factory.

The historical museum Shokoshuseikan houses various exhibitions capturing the history of Kagoshima in the former building of Japan's first Western style factory.

In 2008, the group of modernization industrial heritage in Kyushu Island and Yamaguchi Prefecture, including Sengan-en and the "Shuseikan" industrial complex, was mentioned in the domestic provisional list of the World Heritage. Please feel the spirit of engineers of the time who dedicated themselves to establishing foundations of modern Japan.

