



Access Information



By Shinkansen Komachi

About 3 hours 15 min
Tokyo Akita Shinkansen Komachi
 About 1 hour 40 min
Sendai Akita Shinkansen Komachi



Omagari Station by Komachi →
 Omagari Bus Terminal → (By bus 23 min)
 → Rokugo Komemachi Stop → (On foot 5 min)
 → Meisui-ichiba Yutaro



By Airplane

About 1 hour
Haneda Airport ANA / JAL direct flights **Akita Airport** Airport Limousine
 About 40 min



About 50 min
Akita Station Ohu Line **Omagari Station**
 Omagari Station →
 Omagari Bus Terminal → (By bus 23 min)
 → Rokugo Komemachi Stop → (On foot 5 min)
 → Meisui-ichiba Yutaro



By Car

About 2 hour 10 min
Sendai-Miyagi IC Tohoku Expressway → Akita Expressway **Yokote IC** About 15 min
 National Highway 13
Misato Roadside Station
 Get information about Misato Town at the Tourist Information Center !
 → Meisui-ichiba Yutaro



Sunset over rice fields, Misato Town

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Akita Misato Town Tourism Guidebook





The four seasons have stark contrast from one another,
the air is very fresh and clear,
the water is also delicious,
and your mind and body will be healed.
Please enjoy traveling without worrying about the time.



Misato Town
is here !

Let's travel to Misato Town, Akita !

Find your beautiful scenes in Misato

Misato Town is located in the south central eastern part of Akita Prefecture. The town is full of delicious groundwater (natural spring water), has pleasant nature close at hand, beautiful scenery in the changing seasons, and is easily accessible, making it a good place to live. Let's start by discovering beautiful scenes in Misato for yourself. A pleasure trip awaits you.



Misato Town Lavender Garden and Odaino Park



The lavender garden spreads out at the foot of the majestic Ou Mountain Range. In full bloom, 20,000 lavender plants turn the field into white and purple carpets with the refreshing fragrance in the air. During the season, visitors can enjoy picking lavender plants.



White Lavender Misato Sekka

The white lavender "Misato Sekka" was discovered in Misato Town lavender garden. It was registered as a variety in 2013, and Misato Town is now in possession of an original lavender variety. The fragrance has a gentle and lovely sweetness while possessing the freshness unique to lavender. It was named "Misato Sekka" in the hope that beautiful snow crystals (Sekka) would be seen in Misato Town in early summer.



Misato Sekka Room Fragrance

This room fragrance uses floral water extracted from "Misato Sekka" by vacuum and low temperature extraction method. The gorgeous, gentle and lovely fragrance creates a calm and healing space.



Best time lavender blossom
Mid to late June

Lavender Festival are held
in their full bloom

Multipurpose Sports Ground

The grass field can be used for one soccer field for general use and two fields for junior use.

Adventure Field

There is a lot of playground equipment for children. Let's challenge!

Grass Field

Suitable for picnics.

Park Golf and Mallet Golf Course

This is a full-scale course with 27 holes in 3 courses. Beginner to advanced players can enjoy the courses.

Ground Golf Course

Enjoy an exciting game with a magnificent view.



Nana Narisawa

A domestic variety created in about 1998, and is said to be a long eared selection of the dark purple early bloom.

It is characterized by its long flower spikes and vivid purple color.



Okamurasaki

This variety has long flower spikes and large branches. Its growth is rather slow, but it has a good fragrance.



Noushihayazaki

This variety was donated by Nakafurano Town, Hokkaido, which has been in exchange with Misato Town through the town flower of lavender.

The flower spikes are short and turn dark purple from bud stage, and bloom early, just before flowering. It keeps its beautiful color in dried flowers.



Lavandin

This variety was also donated by Nakafurano Town.

It is a late blooming variety with a light purple color and a clean fragrance.



Super Sevillian Blue

Not only suitable for the hot and humid climate of Japan, it can also endure the cold of winter. It is a late bloomer in our garden, but has beautiful blue-purple flower spikes and strong fragrance.



Sakigake

This variety blooms earlier than Noushihayazaki and features a pale light blue flower color.



Go for a walk around spring waters!
Stroll and feel the healing power of the springs.



Let's go for a walk around Rokugo Springs, selected as one of the 100 Exquisite Waters in Japan!

There are 114 springs in Misato Town.
Among them, Rokugo Springs blend into local people's life.
Stroll slowly and be healed by the springs.

4 Odaidokoro Spring

It is called Odaidokoro because Akita Domain Lord Satake Yoshitaka used it for cooking and tea.



3 Kume Spring

The name Kume comes from the nearby Kume family who used it as their kitchen, also known as Toba Spring.



5 Capeco Spring

There is no origin, but "Cape" means male organ in dialect, and "co" is a familiar name in Akita.

1 Meisuiichiba Yutaro Start!

Yutaro is the best spot to explore Rokugo Springs. You can also have lunch or buy souvenirs.
Opening hours and holidays depend on the tenant.
TEL/0187-84-0020



Multi purpose space Mizutamari

2 Hatachiya Spring

This Spring located in Hatachiya liquor store. You can see it bubbling up, so please ask Hatachiya before you see it.



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Spring water learning and information center Mizunoyasumiba



Tourist information on spring water is displayed with illustrations and plain text. There is also a water station for visitors to get free Misato spring water..



8 Niteko spring

It is named from the Ainu words Nitai (forest) and Kotsu (puddle). It is also known as Gozensui, as this water was given to the Emperor Meiji when he visited here.



7 Fuji Spring

In early summer, wisteria flowers bloom and look beautiful reflected on the water surface, so it is now called Fuji (Wisteria) spring.



Nitekomeisui Kura Cafe

You can enjoy coffee made with spring water, lunch, and Nagashi Somen noodles (summer only).

Sales/11:00~17:00
●Lunch time (LO) 13:30
●Tea time (LO) 16:00
Closed/Thursday
TEL/0187-84-0062



Goal

Outdoor Activities in Misato

Let's walk around Misato Town full of nature as we please!



The mountains centered on Mt. Mahiru that stretch between Misato Town in Akita and Nishiwaga Town in Iwate offer a spectacular view of the Semboku Plain on the Akita side. Depending on the season, you can also enjoy various alpine plants, autumn leaves, and other sceneries.



Minekoshi Route

The easiest route to reach Mt. Mahiru. From the trailhead, you will follow the border of the prefecture, and soon climb steeply up to Mt. Kitanomata from a good view point. As you walk along the ridge line, you can feel the grandeur of the Ou Mountain Range. Since the trail is in the forest limit area, you will be walking through small shrubs and bamboo grass on the ridge line.



Akakura Route

Crossing the subterranean Akakura River from the trailhead, walk along the stream. Leaving the stream, you will take the route to Ishidai, which is a wonderful course when the Mahiru beech forest is in fresh green and autumn colors.



Uto Route

The course takes you through a beautiful deep V-shaped canyon and along the banks of a stream. There are some steep climbs, but you can enjoy the great nature. When you reach Usagidaira, the view opens up and you can enjoy a spectacular view.

Nanataki Route

Mt. Nanataki is 776.3 m high in the Ou mountain range. The area is 2.6 km long and 1.5 km wide and shaped like a tree leaf. In addition to planted cedar trees, broad-leaved trees such as beech, mizunara (*Quercus crispula*), ash, and zelkova spread out.



Mt. Megami "Behind Crane" Route

Mt. Megami is 955m high, and there is a third class triangle point at the summit. On the way there is the site of Yuda Shrine and the triangle point of Otoshi (478m), and the Kumami where you can see Mt. Nanataki, Kuromori, and Chokai.



Mt. Megami "Dotemori" Route

On the way there is Mt. Dotemori summit with a 740m triangle point, and a spot where you can see the Semboku Plain at the prefectural ridge called "Shishipage". You can enjoy beech and other broad-leaved forests.



Hot Springs and Lodging Leisure Spots!

Introducing 3 hot springs and lodging recreation spots in Misato town.



Senhata Hot Spring San-R

The view from the all-glass bathroom is amazing, reflecting the changing seasons. The open-air bath provides additional relaxation, changing its aspect from day to night.

Spring quality :

Sodium sulfate hot spring, effective for arteriosclerosis, cuts, burns, and chronic dermatosis.

10-1 Hotokezawa, Kanezawahigashine, Misato Town

TEL/0187-84-3983

Hot Spring : 8:00 - 21:00

Rest Area : 9:00 - 16:00

Closed :

3rd Tuesday of every month

Stay : in 15:30 / out 10:00



Rokugo Hot Spring Atakayama

The quiet environment in harmony with the beautiful natural surroundings will warm your body and soul in all seasons. There are 10 cottages where you can stay, and 3 of them are pet-friendly cottages (with private dog runs).

Cottage Stay : in 15:30 / out 9:30

Spring quality :

Sodium and calcium sulfate hot spring with one of the highest calcium ion contents in Japan, effective for arth

120 Shimoumakorobashi, Rokugohigashine, Misato Town

TEL/0187-84-2641

Open : 6:00 (April-November)

/ 7:00 (December-March)

Close : 22:00

Bathing :

From opening hours to closing hours

Closed :

2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month



Karinosato Hot Spring Yutopia is a recreational spot to enjoy nature in all seasons!

Karinosato Yamamoto
Camping Ground

Park Golf Ground

Gosannen
Ski Area

Karinosato Hot Spring Yutopia



Karinosato Hot Spring Yutopia

Located on the hill overlooking the ancient battlefield of the Gosannen War, the facility is surrounded by a Camping Ground, a Ski Area, a Park Golf Ground, and a forest where you can enjoy strolling through the seasonal colors.

Spring quality :

Sodium chloride and hydrogen carbonate hot spring, effective for neuralgia, muscle pain, joint pain and stiff shoulders.

181-2 Higashisaihouji, Iizume, Misato Town

TEL/0187-83-3210

Hot Spring : 8:30 - 21:00

Closed : Every Monday

Karinosato Yamamoto Park



Gosannen Ski Area

The gentle slopes are popular with snowboarding beginners and children. Use is Free.



Karinosato Fureainomori Campground

There are tent sites, bungalows, and auto campsites.

Misato Town Lodging Facilities Wakuas



Stay, Arena, Multi Purpose room
22-1 Shimotsuruda, Iizume, Misato Town

TEL/0187-88-8870

Stay : in 15:00 / out 10:00 (book 3 days in advance)

It has 4 Western-style rooms, 10 Japanese-style rooms, a coin laundry room, and Arena. Nearby are sports facilities such as the Misato Town General Gymnasium Lirios, and it can be used for various occasions such as training camps.

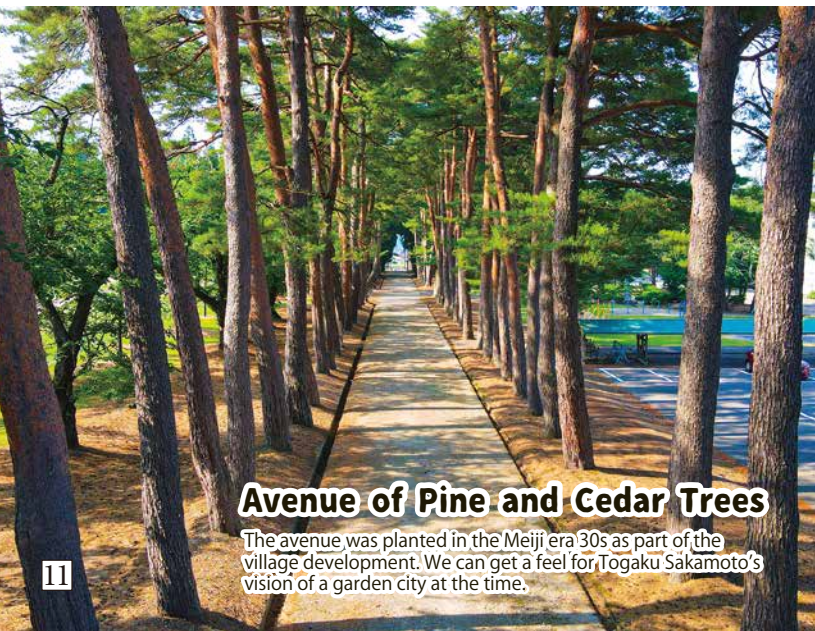




Explore history
and culture !
Misato Town is full of places where
you can feel the fascinating history

Nationally Registered Tangible Cultural Property "Sekita Circular Water Distribution Facility"

This facility was constructed in 1938 to ensure the rational distribution of agricultural water, primarily for the Rokugo area. A portion of the distributed water is further divided at the "Iizume Circular Water Distribution Facility," located to the southwest.



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Avenue of Pine and Cedar Trees

The avenue was planted in the Meiji era 30s as part of the village development. We can get a feel for Togaku Sakamoto's vision of a garden city at the time.



Togaku Sakamoto Residence and Senya Fault Study Hall

Shows the collection related to Togaku Sakamoto, a pioneer of the Meiji era.
Entrance fee : 300 yen (General)
※Free for high school students and younger
The Senya Fault, which was the origin of the Rikuu Earthquake in 1896, is exhibited.

Open : 9:00 - 17:00 Parking / Free
Closed: Mondays and Tuesdays
(Open if Monday or Tuesday falls on a public holiday, etc.)
※Winter Closure: November 16 – April 15
TEL/0187-85-3008

The separate tatami room can be rented out for 1 hour on the 1st and 2nd floors for 500 yen each.



1 Interior of the main building

2 separate tatami room

3 Storehouse (collection)

4 Senya Fault Study Hall



Misato Town History and Folklore Museum Takeshi Sasaki Memorial Room

Entrance fee : 300 yen (General) Free for high school students and younger



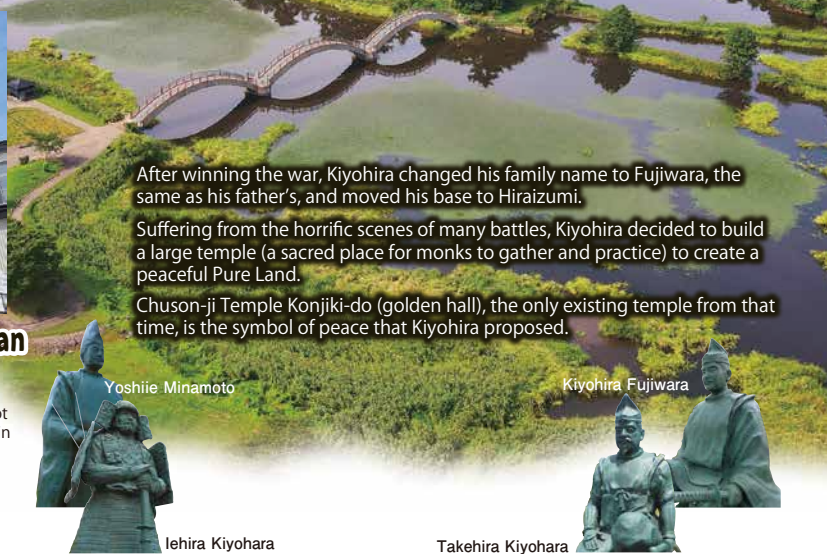
Sato Family Storehouse Hishokan

•Parking / Free •Entrance fee / Free
The museum was rebuilt from the storehouse of the birthplace of Akira Sato, who was the first civil flight pilot in Akita Prefecture and established many flight records in the early days of Japanese aviation, and its beams and pillars are lacquered. There is also an exhibition of items from the Sato family collection.
Open : 9:00 - 17:00
Closed / Not regular (Please contact us in advance.)
TEL/0187-88-8870

The museum exhibits and collects local history and folklore items, allowing visitors to learn about the wisdom of the ancestors who pioneered the region and the history of the town.
In particular, the museum exhibits and has one of the largest collections of straw crafts in Japan (about 600 items), some of which are designated as Tangible Folk Cultural Properties by Akita Prefecture in 2017.
The museum also has a memorial room for Takeshi Sasaki, former president of the University of Tokyo and Misato ambassador, where visitors can learn about his achievements and personality.
Open : 9:00 - 16:00 Parking / Free
Closed: Mondays and Tuesdays
(Open if Monday or Tuesday falls on a public holiday, etc.)
TEL/0187-88-8706

About 930 years ago The site of the Gosannen War

A battle that originated in the internal conflicts of the Kiyohara clan, who ruled the Oh region, later developed into the Gosannen War through the intervention of the Minamoto clan.
Iehira Kiyohara defeated Kiyohira Kiyohara and Yoshiie Minamoto's allied powers at Numa Castle (Omonogawa Town, Yokote City), and moved his base with Takehira Kiyohara to Kanezawa Castle (Kanezawa, Yokote City), which was said to be stronger and a natural fortress.
The main battlefield for the war was the Kanezawa area, which stretched across Yokote City and Misato Town.



After winning the war, Kiyohira changed his family name to Fujiwara, the same as his father's, and moved his base to Hiraizumi.
Suffering from the horrific scenes of many battles, Kiyohira decided to build a large temple (a sacred place for monks to gather and practice) to create a peaceful Pure Land.
Chuson-ji Temple Konjiki-do (golden hall), the only existing temple from that time, is the symbol of peace that Kiyohira proposed.



Yoshiie Minamoto



Kiyohira Fujiwara

Iehira Kiyohara

Takehira Kiyohara



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- 5 Straw and Life Reproduction Exhibition Room
- 6 Takeshi Sasaki Memorial Room
- 7 History Exhibition Hall (1F)
- 8 Straw Craft Exhibition Room (1F)

There is a space that introduces the history of the town through artifacts excavated in the town, and another space that introduces the history of the school that used to exist in the town.

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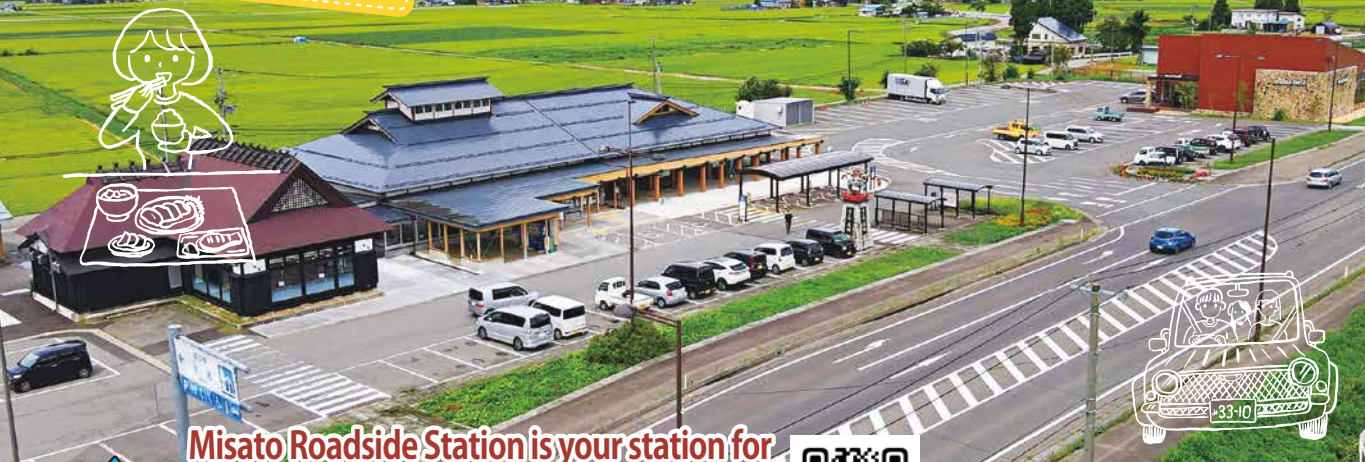
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Eating in Misato!

Start with Misato Roadside Station to get to know Misato



Misato Roadside Station is your station for everything Misato.

Here you will find many local products such as fresh vegetables, rice, pickles, sweets, local sake, local soda pop, miso and soy sauce, and Akebi vine crafts in Misato Town, Akita, blessed with various spring waters. If you're planning a trip to Misato, start here to get a lot of information!



Open : Farm stand and store 9:00-18:00
(17:00 in winter) Restaurant 11:00-14:00

019-1302
124 Shimodate, Kanezawa, Misato Town
TEL/0182-37-3000



Farm stand and store Misato no Megumi



Restaurant Misato no Gohan



Restaurant's most popular menu ! Set menu with silver polished rice cooked in an iron pot (Only 20 servings a day)

This menu includes side dishes
and miso soup made with food
produced in Misato Town.



Local Sake

It is made with selected sake rice and spring water in Misato Town. There are many local sake brewed with the craftsmanship of the brewers.



The outside is crispy and the inside is fluffy and delicious. It is a very popular product that has many fans.

Okara Donuts



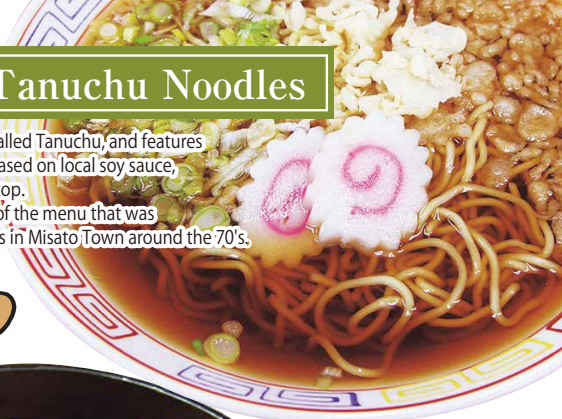
Niteko Soda Pop

Local soda pop with a tradition of over 100 years. You must drink it when you come to Misato Town !



Misato Tanuchu Noodles

This chinese noodle is called Tanuchu, and features a Japanese-style soup based on local soy sauce, and tempura batter on top. It is a reprinted version of the menu that was popular among students in Misato Town around the 70's.



Misato Manma beef bowl

This is mixed rice named Misato Manma which uses Japanese beef raised in the Ohu mountain ranges and local ingredients.



Niteko Nagashi Somen Noodles

This noodle is served with flowing Niteko Spring Water. Niteko Meisui-an's popular summer menu.



019-1404
59 Omachi, Rokugo, Misato Town
TEL/0187-84-0062



Traditional events and festivals in Misato

Misato's traditional festivals have been held with great passion. A variety of events rooted in the local community. Misato's festivals are sure to cheer you up.



Mid to late June

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Lavender Festival

Food stands, various lavender picking experiences, and the Koguma-chan bus that circles the park will run.



(Oisedo River)

First Sunday in August

Funekkonagashi Festival

Local children pull small boats decorated with paper strips and bamboo grass and parade them along the Oisedo River, creating a fantastic glowing Tanabata event.



23 August

All Prefecture Kakeuta

(Precincts of Kumano Shrine)

In this contest, the poems are improvised on the Semboku-Nikatabushi and performed in pairs. It's a fun contest with excellent dialogue that reflects the current issues.



Held in October

Misato Festa

(Misato Town Community Hall, Lirios Gymnasium)

The autumn festival on a town-wide scale. You can enjoy agricultural and art exhibitions with farm stands of locally grown vegetables and competitions.



Mid-October

Folk Song Chojanoyama National Contest

This is a national contest for the folk song Chojanoyama born in the Semboku region, Akita where folk songs are particularly popular.



The Takeuchi bamboo battle is the climax of the Rokugo Kamakura Festival, which has been held for over 700 years. The Rokugo District is divided into two teams, north and south, and they fight each other with seven to eight meter long bamboo poles. It is said that if the north team wins, there will be a good harvest and if the south team wins, the price of rice will increase.

In between the Takeuchi, the Tenpitsuyaki ceremony is held to pray for good health and family safety by burning five-colored strips of paper written with wishes as well as New Year's ornaments and Kadomatsu.



The Tenpitsuyaki ceremony



Last day of Kamakura event in Rokugo

National Important Intangible Folk Cultural Asset

Rokugo Kamakura Festival

Every February

The Takeuchi bamboo battle



Misato Town MAP

A town of energy and healing



Misato Town Bicycle Stadium

The only bicycle Stadium in the prefecture. It is also used for various competitions and for professional bicycle racers to practice.
Misato Town Lifelong Learning Division, Sports Promotion Section
TEL/0187-84-4916



Misato Town Library, Gakuyukan

Misato Town Office, Rokugo Branch Library and Exhibition Room (special exhibitions, temporary exhibitions)
TEL/0187-84-4040



Misato Town General Gymnasium Lirios

Basketball, badminton, and other sports can be played at the gymnasium, which has over 600 seats.
Misato Town Lifelong Learning Division, Sports Promotion Section
TEL/0187-84-4916



Misato Town Public hall

Misato Town Office, Sennan Branch Hall (400 seats), Conference Room, etc.
TEL/0187-84-4915

The area of the Rokugo Springs, selected as one of the 100 Exquisite Waters in Japan

