Kitakyushu Manga Museum
Leiji Matsumoto, Honorary Director

Kitakyushu is the entranceway to Kyushu, through which various types of culture, art, and education enter the island. There are also a lot of newspaper companies in the city, including the west Japan regional headquarters of the national press, so there are lots of different kinds of people doing lots of different jobs there too. When I was growing up, there were many book shops and movie theaters in the city and we were able to read and see everything. Culturally, the city was blessed, and it had the heavy industrial area where the steelmakers of Yahata and Kokura spewed out their black smoke too. Culture and industry - we were able to come in contact with both and have taste experiences that could not be sampled in any other town on an everyday basis.

Because of this, many scholars, writers and manga artists have been born in Kitakyushu. This museum mainly introduces the works of manga artists associated with the local area.

The word “manga” is written with two kanji characters, “man” and “ga”, in Japanese. If you break down the first of these, “man”, it contains elements meaning “water”, “sun” and “eye”. I think that manga are fresh like water, warm like the sun and drawn with young eyes. Please enjoy the power of the town of Kitakyushu, where so many manga artists have been born.

August 3, 2012

Manga artists associated with Kitakyushu (As of August 2012)

Yumiko Akimoto Tashiki Rurika Fujikake
Masaharu Honda Midori Tsuchie Tsukasa Hojo
Shinichiro Ueda Shinichi Tanaka Ryo Masaoka
Masayuki Kikuchi Toshio Tanaka Ryo Masaoka
Shinobu Kageyama Hitoshi Tanaka Leiji Matsumoto
Shinya Suzuki Hiroyuki Taniura Leiji Matsumoto
Makoto Ueda Kyoji Tanaka Hiroyuki Taniura
Hisakazu Kuroki Koji Tanaka Yuki Matsumoto
Yuki Sato Fumio Nakajima Mariya
Hiromu Shinozaki Takeru Nagayoshi Eiko Mutsu
Kazuhiko Suematsu Takeru Nagayoshi Eiko Mutsu
Keiko Suenobu Mutsumi Hagiwara Katsumi Yamaguchi
Masaaki Suenobu Mutsumi Hagiwara Katsumi Yamaguchi
Tetsuya Suenobu Mutsumi Hagiwara Katsumi Yamaguchi
Hitoshi Sonoda Tetsuya Suenobu Mutsumi Hagiwara Katsumi Yamaguchi

And many more!

Permanent exhibition admission fee

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* Prices in brackets are for groups of 30 or more people.

Opening hours 11:00 – 19:00
Admission is possible up to 30 minutes prior to closing.
Closed Tuesdays (the following day if Tuesday is a holiday), year end, New Year, etc.
Visiting Tips
Re-entry is possible up to 30 minutes prior to the museum closing.
At the planning exhibition area, the museum staff will hold a variety of exhibitions according to different periods. The latest planning information of the exhibition will be published on the official website of the Kitakyushu Manga Museum.

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