



The train tracks of Mojiko Station as seen from the top of the former JR Kyushu Headquarters building



The large clock on the roof

Mojiko Station

The stateliness of the good-old-days has been revived

As the city of Kitakyushu modernized during the Meiji era, it was given an important position as the gateway to Kyushu and a home for the steel industry that supported the nation.

Since Mojiko Station, the starting station for train services in Kyushu, was designed with toothed platforms, a rarity in Japan, it is configured in a dramatic fashion whereby you see the heads of trains first as you enter the building from the front. The layout, with a restaurant at the end, commonly seen in European stations, induces wanderlust.

Another noteworthy aspect is the plaza outside the station, which comprises the former JR Kyushu headquarters building and the Moji Yusen building directly opposite.

The station building was restored to its former glory of 1914 after conservation work, and through extremely difficult restoration using old archives, wallpapers, external walls, and chandeliers were replicated.

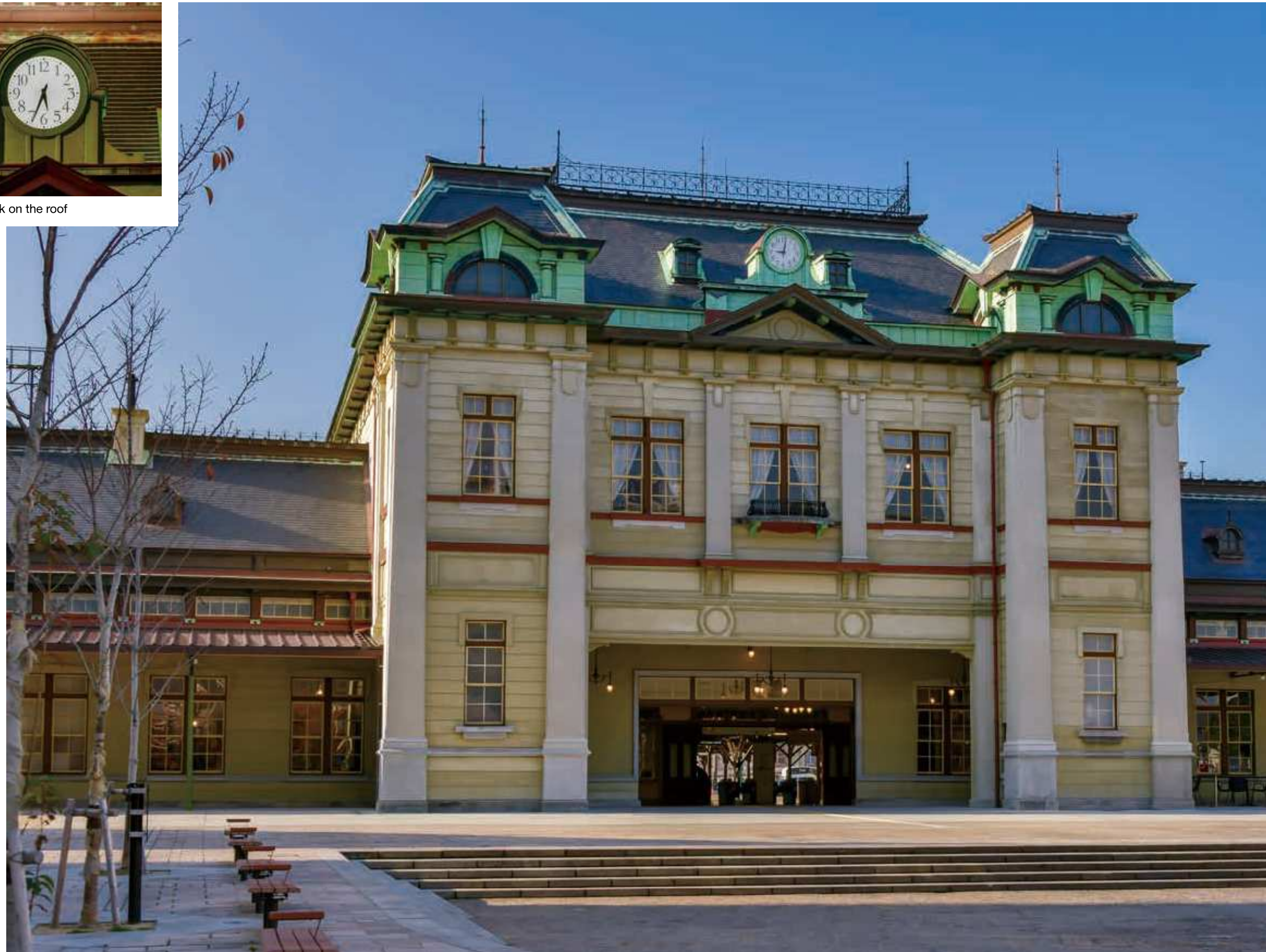
The large clock on the roof proved to be from 1918, and it has been preserved as the first electrical clock in Kyushu.

The passage that stretched from Mojiko Station to the Kanmon Ferry landing pier still exists, suggesting continuity with mainland Japan.

Akagawa Takao



Mojiko Station lit up at night



11 JR Mojiko Station (Former Moji Station)

Address: 1-5-31, Nishikaigan, Moji-ku Built in 1914 Blueprint: Railway Authority, Kyushu Railway Bureau Civil Engineering Division



12 A view of the Kanmon Strait
(as seen from the Hinoyama Park observatory, Shimonoseki City)



13 Former Mitsui
O.S.K. Line building
Address:
7-18, Minatomachi, Moji-ku
Built in 1917
Blueprint: Kawai Ikuji



14 Former Moji Mitsui Club (Former Montetsu Kaikan)
Address: 7-1, Minatomachi, Moji-ku Built in 1921 Blueprint: Matsuda Shohei



15 Former Moji Customs building
Address: 1-24, Higashiminatomachi, Moji-ku Built in 1912 Blueprint: Tsumaki Yorinaka / Sakuju Eiichi (Ministry of Finance Architecture Division)



16 Moji Telecommunication Museum (Former Moji Post Office Electrical Division)
Address: 4-1, Hamamachi, Moji-ku Built in 1924
Blueprint: Yamada Mamoru (Ministry of Communications)



17 Moji Yusen building (Former Moji branch of Nippon Yusen)
Address: 7-8, Minatomachi, Moji-ku Built in 1927
Blueprint: Yashima Tomo



18 Mojiko Ryozaitei (Former Maruyama Villa)
Address: 2-12-6, Maruyama, Moji-ku Built in 1925-1934
Blueprint: unknown



19 Former JR Kyushu Headquarters building (Former Moji branch of Mitsui & Co.)
Address: 1-6-2, Nishikaigan, Moji-ku Built in 1937
Blueprint: Matsuda Gunpei



20 Sankiro [historic Japanese restaurant]
Address: 3-6-8, Kiyotaki, Moji-ku Built in 1931 Blueprint: unknown



21 Moji Ward Office (Former Moji City Hall)
Address: 1-1-1, Kiyotaki, Moji-ku
Built in 1930 Blueprint: Kurata Ken



22 Moji branch of Kitakyushu Bank (Former Moji branch of Yokohama Specie Bank)
Address: 2-3-4, Kiyotaki, Moji-ku
Built in 1934 Blueprint: Sakurai Kotaro



23 Former Dalian Sea Route Warehouse (Former Moji Customs House Warehouse 1)
Address: 1-3-5, Nishikaigan, Moji-ku Built in 1929
Blueprint: Okuma Yoshikuni (Engineering Section, Building, Repairs and Administration Bureau of the Ministry of Finance.)



24 Hesaki Lighthouse
 Address: Oaza Shiranoe, Moji-ku Built in 1872
 Blueprint: Richard Henry Brunton



25 Kyushu Railway History Museum (Former Kyushu Railway Headquarters)
 Address: 2-3-29, Kiyotaki, Moji-ku Built in 1891 Blueprint: unknown



Office building



Warehouses



Union building



26 Nikka Whisky Moji Distillery Warehouses (Former Daiiri Mill Repository)
 Address: 2-1, Dairimotomachi, Moji-ku Built in 1916 Blueprint: unknown *Closed to the public.



Brewery

27 Former Sapporo Breweries Kyushu Plant (Imperial Beer Moji Brewery)
 Address: 3-6-1, Dairihonmachi, Moji-ku, etc. Office building, Brewery, Warehouses: Built in 1913 Union building: Built in 1917
 Blueprint: Office building: Hayashi Eijiro Brewery, Union building: Hayashi Eijiro (probably) Warehouses: unknown



28 Former Furukawa Mining, Wakamatsu building
Address: 1-11-18, Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku
Built in 1919 Blueprint: unknown



29 Ueno building
(Former Mitsubishi Limited Partnership Company Wakamatsu branch)
Address: 1-10-17, Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku
Built in 1913 Blueprint: Yasuoka Katsuya



30 Sekitan Kaikan (Former Wakamatsu Miners' Union)
Address: 1-13-15, Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku Built in 1905 Blueprint: unknown



31 Hino Ashihei Residence "Kahaku Do"
Address: 1-16-18, Hakusan, Wakamatsu-ku
Built in 1940 Blueprint: unknown



32 Tochiki building
Address: 1-15-10, Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku
Built in 1920 Blueprint: Matsuda Shohei



33 Main building of Kinnabe restaurant, front entrance
Address: 2-4-22, Honmachi, Wakamatsu-ku
Built in around 1917 Blueprint: unknown



Minamikawachi Bridge



Saruwatari Bridge



Nakakawachi Bridge



Kitakawachi Bridge

34 Minamikawachi Bridge, Kitakawachi Bridge, Nakakawachi Bridge, Saruwatari Bridge
 Address: 3, Oaza Kawachi, Yahatahigashi-ku
 Minamikawachi Bridge: Built in 1926
 Kitakawachi Bridge, Nakakawachi Bridge, Saruwatari Bridge: Built in 1927
 Blueprint: Yahata Steel Works

A city with world heritage sites

On July 5, 2015, “Sites of Japan’s Meiji Industrial Revolution: Iron and Steel, Shipbuilding and Coal Mining,” which contributed to Japan’s modernization from the last days of the Tokugawa shogunate to the Meiji era, were registered as World Heritage sites at UNESCO’s 39th session of the World Heritage Committee.

The historic sites comprise 23 properties across eight prefectures and eleven cities, including Kitakyushu City, and they include the facilities of our Imperial Steel Works, Japan.



Repair Shop



Former Forge Shop



First Head Office

35 The Imperial Steel Works, Japan (First Head Office/Repair Shop/Former Forge Shop)
 Address: Oaza Ogura, Yahatahigashi-ku The first head office: Built in 1899 The repair shop, The former forge shop: Built in 1900 Blueprint: unknown
 *The facilities are closed to the public. You can view the buildings from an observation space.
 Photo credit: Nippon Steel Corporation, Kyushu Steel Works



36 Ohtani Kaikan
 Address: 1-2-4, Otani, Yahatahigashi-ku
 Built in 1927 Blueprint: Yahata Steel Works



37 Orio Aishin Gakuen Museum (Former Orio Police Station building)
 Address: 12-10, Horikawamachi, Yahatanishi-ku
 Built in 1909 Blueprint: unknown



38 Haruyoshi Megane Bridge | Address: 397-7, Haruyoshi, Kokuraminami-ku | Built in 1919 | Blueprint: unknown



41 BLUE BLUE KOKURA
(Former Kokura Police Station building)
Address: 2-2-1, Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku
Built in 1890 | Blueprint: Shirouzu Sekijiro (probably)



42 Mori Ogai Residence
Address: 1-7-2, Kajimachi, Kokurakita-ku
Built in around 1897 | Blueprint: unknown



39 Tobata Public Library
(Former Tobata City Hall)
Address: 1-1-1, Shin-ike, Tobata-ku | Renovation 2014 | Blueprint: Shigeru Aoki Architect & Associates
Address: Same as above | Built in 1933 | Blueprint: Fukuoka Prefecture Repair Division



40 Former Yasukawa family residence parlor
Address: 1-4-23, Ichieda, Tobata-ku
Built in 1912(Relocation) | Blueprint: unknown



43 Nissui Tobata building (Former Kyodo Gyogyo building)
Address: 2-6-27, Ginza, Tobata-ku
Built in 1936 | Blueprint: Takenaka Corporation

Buildings designed by Tatsuno Kingo



Front Gate



Learning Support Plaza



Memorial Hall



Houryuu Hall

44 Kyushu Institute of Technology
(Former Meiji Vocational School)
Front Gate, Learning Support Plaza,
Memorial Hall, Houryuu Hall
Address: 1-1, Sensuicho, Tobata-ku
Front Gate: Built in 1909
Learning Support Plaza: Built in 1927 (2007 Renovation)
Memorial Hall: Built in 1960
Houryuu Hall: Built in 1961
Blueprint: Front Gate, Learning Support Plaza: unknown
Memorial Hall, Houryuu Hall: Seike Kiyoshi



45 The Industry Club of West Japan Western-style Building (Former Matsumoto family residence)
Address: 1-4-33, Ichieda, Tobata-ku Built in 1912 Blueprint: The offices of Tatsuno and Kataoka (architects)



46 Kyushu Institute of Technology
(Former Meiji Vocational School) Front Gate Guard House
Address: 1-1, Sensuicho, Tobata-ku
Built in 1909 Blueprint: Tatsuno Kingo, Kasai Manji



47 Former Hyakusanju Bank Yahata branch
Address: 1-20-2, Nishihonmachi, Yahatahigashi-ku
Built in 1915 Blueprint: The offices of Tatsuno and Kataoka (architects)