

Post 1990s

RIVERWALK Kitakyushu

A “town” within a city in traditional Japanese colors



62 RIVERWALK Kitakyushu
Address: 1-1-1, Muromachi, Kokurakita-ku Built in 2003 Blueprint: NIHON SEKKEI, INC. Architectural design: The Jerde Partnership, INC.

After the 1990s, the urban landscape of Kitakyushu City took on a variety of looks at once. The change was due to projects such as the Mojiko Retro District development and the Imperial Steel Works' site redevelopment in Higashida dynamically converting the structure of the city's districts, while keeping their historical narratives alive, based on Kitakyushu's Renaissance Scheme. The most symbolic of them all must be the Murasaki River My Town/My River development and the project's key element, RIVERWALK Kitakyushu.

RIVERWALK Kitakyushu comprises a commercial complex designed by Jon Jerde and a university building designed by Michael Graves. The former contains a variety

of cultural facilities, including an art museum and a broadcasting station, and the latter is home to the Nishinippon Institute of Technology. They, together with Kokura Castle and Katsuyama Park, form the bustling center of the city. Although the complex looks audacious on the outside, it reflects the historical narratives of the region through its use of traditional motifs such as lacquer and rice ears and forms that are metaphors of the archetypal scenery of the industrial city. The complex, coupled with the surrounding nature, is much loved by the city's residents as an urban landscape that represents the city of Kitakyushu.

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Nishinippon Institute of Technology
Kokura campus



Christmas illumination of RIVERWALK Kitakyushu



63 Premier Hotel Mojiko (Former Mojiko Hotel)
 Address: 9-11, Minatomachi, Moji-ku Built in 1998 Blueprint: Rossi/Adjmi/Horiguchi+SDA/R.E.C. Inc./Shigeru Uchida + STUDIO 80



66 Kitakyushu Airport Passenger Terminal
 Address: 6, Kukokitamachi, Kokuraminami-ku Built in 2006 Blueprint: Azusa/HOK JV



64 Mojiko Retro Highmart
 Address: 1-32, Higashiminatomachi, Moji-ku Built in 1999 Blueprint: Kurokawa Kisho



65 Kanmon Strait Museum
 Address: 1-3-3, Nishikaigan, Moji-ku Built in 2003
 Blueprint: Environment Design Institute/ Oosaki/Integrated Facility Toho Setsubi/ Morikawa Design business consortium



67 The University of Kitakyushu, Main Tower
 Address: 4-2-1, Kitagata, Kokuraminami-ku Built in 1995
 Blueprint: Yoshiro Ikehara Architectural design office Inc. Kozo Keikaku Engineering Inc.



68 Kokura Horse Racing Track
 Address: 4-5-1, Kitagata, Kokuraminami-ku Built in 1999
 Blueprint: JRA Facilities Co. Ltd. / Tohata Architects & Engineers



69 Murasaki River, My Town/My River
Address: Murasaki River estuary – Kifune Bridge area Built in 1990



70 Kokura Castle Japanese Garden
Address: 1-2, Jonai, Kokurakita-ku Built in 1998
Blueprint: Sawa Yoshio / Hyuga Susumu (supervision)



71 Matsumoto Seicho Memorial Museum
Address: 2-3, Jonai, Kokurakita-ku Built in 1998
Blueprint: Tadanaga Miyamoto Architect & Associates



73 Katsuyama Park area
Address: Jonai, Kokurakita-ku Built in 2006



74 TOTO Museum
Address: 2-1-1, Nakashima, Kokurakita-ku Built in 2015 Blueprint: Azusa Sekkei



72 Kitakyushu Media Dome
Address: 3-1-1, Mihagino, Kokurakita-ku Built in 1998 Blueprint: Kikutake Kiyonori Architectural design office



75 Mikuni World Stadium Kitakyushu
Address: 3-9-33, Asano, Kokurakita-ku Built in 2017 Blueprint: Azusa Sekkei Kyushu branch



76 International Village Center
Address: 1-1, Hirano, Yahatahigashi-ku Built in 1993 Blueprint: Ishii, Sum design JV



79 Hotel Crown Palais Kitakyushu (Former Kitakyushu Prince Hotel)
Address: 3-1, Higashimagarimachi, Yahatanishi-ku Built in 1989
Blueprint: Yoshiro Ikehara Architectural design office Inc.



80 YASKAWA Innovation Center
Address: 2-1, Kurosakishiroishi, Yahatanishi-ku Built in 2015 Blueprint: Mitsubishi Jisho Sekkei Inc.
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77 Kitakyushu Museum of Natural History & Human History
Address: 2-4-1, Higashida, Yahatahigashi-ku Built in 2001 Blueprint: Kume Sekkei



81 A street in Koyanose



78 Kyushu Golf Club Yahata Course and Clubhouse
Address: 1467, Oaza Kogumano, Yahatahigashi-ku Built in 1992
Blueprint: Kurokawa Kisho
*Closed to the public.



Michi no Kyodo Shiryokan [local history museum]



Koyanoseza playhouse

82 Nagasaki Kaido Koyanose Shuku Memorial Museum
Address: 3-16-26, Koyanose, Yahatanishi-ku Built in 2000 Blueprint: Sum Architecture Research Institute