

ROKKASHO

The Charter of Rokkasho Village

We hereby establish the Charter of Rokkasho Village with the aim of working together to preserve the lush natural environment and continuing our ancestors' endeavors, and aspire to further develop our hometown and build ourselves as a new community where industry, science and culture prosper in harmony.

(Established on November 3, 1980)(Revised on November 3, 2005)

- 1 : We promise to have hearts as big as the Pacific Ocean,
filled with love for humanity.
- 1 : We promise to hold as much hope as Lake Ogawara,
and voluntarily cooperate with others.
- 1 : We promise to be as noble as Mount Kiho,
and stay physically and mentally healthy.
- 1 : We promise to have hearts as pure as Oippe River,
and be kind and polite to others.
- 1 : We promise to be as placid as Nanakuradaira,
and love our hometown.



The Seal of Rokkasho Village

The Seal of the village features a stylized "六 (Roku)" character as in "六ヶ所村(Rokkasho Village)." The upper part and the two curved lines in the lower part of the seal are powerful representations of remarkable progress and development, and of cooperation and harmony among locals, respectively.

(Adopted in February 1966)



■ The official bird of the village:
White-tailed sea eagle



■ The official tree of the village:
Japanese black pine



■ The official flower of the village:
Daylily

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Our love for our hometown will always prevail with locals determined to pass the torch to future generations.

Beautiful Nature Rokkasho Village is surrounded by lush nature with beautiful mountains, lakes and marshes that are home to rare animals and plants. We enjoy the blessings of this natural environment while protecting it at the same time.

Creating a Future Rokkasho Village is home to clusters of industrial facilities dedicated to the planning, research and development of next-generation energy sources. So to speak, it plays a role in creating the future of humankind.

Quality of Life One of our priorities is to build a strong infrastructure for medical care, welfare, employment and education to ensure a fulfilling life for residents of all ages.

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Loving Nature



We will continue to protect and live in harmony with the beautiful nature as well as the rare animals and plants that live in the natural environment of the village.

Rokkasho will continue to cherish and protect nature that has been preserved through the generations

The area around Rokkasho Village has always enjoyed lush nature long before humans migrated here. While the village has been transformed significantly over time, the local natural environment has always remained pristine.

For many centuries, the inhabitants of Rokkasho lived by farming and fishing, as they cherished nature for the abundance it provided. This sentiment has been passed on through the generations and endures to this day. In order to live in harmony with nature rather than simply pursuing human convenience and modernization, the village has protected and prepared habitats for worldwide endangered animals and plants, thereby preserving the beautiful landscape.

Many animals and magnificent natural landscapes can still be seen in Rokkasho today.



The Japanese Alpine Club has created trails through Mt. Bonten, whose summit bestows a magnificent view of the entire village.



Lighthouse at Monomisaki

Beautiful Water Landscape Featuring a Lake and Marshes

Rokkasho Village stretches from the North to the South along the Pacific Ocean and has many marshes: the Obuchi Marsh, the Takahoko Marsh, the Ichiyonagi Marsh, the Tamogi Marsh, and the Uchi Marsh. There is also one lake, Lake Ogawara. The Obuchi Marsh and parts of Takahoko Marsh and Lake Ogawara contain brackish waters where freshwater and seawater intermingle, while the Ichiyonagi Marsh, the Tamogi Marsh and the Uchi Marsh are freshwater marshes. Because of this, the area is a paradise for rare animals and plants.

Rokkasho also features rock formations called tatami (folded) rocks on the coast of the Tomari area. Close to these is the Takinoshiri Waterfall and a place where tidal eruptions from a cleft in the rocks called "Botto-age" can be observed. Recently, a cavern formed by huge old rocks called "Yajiro Cavern" is trending among tourists because it looks like Totoro, the main character of the animated film "My Neighbor Totoro."

The north of Tomari features Monomisaki, which was shaped by erosion from waves. The white lighthouse serves as a signal for passing ships.



Takahoko Wild Bird Forest Park oversees the Takahoko Marsh



Takinoshiri Waterfall, located next to the coast of Tomari, 6-7 meters in height (The sound of the ocean waves and the waterfall blend to create a refreshing landscape)



Grazing cattle are raised freely in this magnificent natural environment



Tidal eruptions from a cleft in the rocks called "Botto-age"



The beautiful coastline stretches as far as the eye can see



Yajiro Cavern looks like a side view of Totoro



Many water birds migrate to the Obuchi Marsh during the winter



Tatami (folded) rocks (These wonders, created by erosion and geologic upheaval, can be found in number along the Tomari coast)



The Takahoko Marsh shines dark red under the sunset

A Paradise for Rare Animals

Many rare birds live in Rokkasho, mainly around the marshes and the lake. In 1972 the Great Crested Grebe was found to be breeding at Ichiyonagi Marsh for the first time in Japan. Following this, a report in 2016 found that the White-tailed Sea-Eagle was breeding in this area for the first time in mainland Japan. Other birds on the Red List of Endangered Species, such as the Steller's sea eagle, the marsh grassbird, and the osprey, can also be found in number. Nationally, the herrings that make their habitat in the Obuchi Marsh are said to be rare, because it is a brackish marsh.

Rokkasho is home to many rare species of animals and plants such as designated endangered birds (including the marsh grassbird), insects (including the damselfly) and plants (including the Japanese lobelia) that are said to be able to live only in clean water.

Rokkasho Village also has academic importance, because plants from both the southern and northern hemispheres can be seen here.



■The Obuchi Marsh: Home to wild birds such as swans, ducks, and geese, this brackish marsh in central Rokkasho is known for herring fishing.



■The Takahoko Marsh: Being Rokkasho's biggest marsh and serving as a home to water birds, the Takahoko Marsh is divided with a tide gate into brackish and freshwater areas.



■The Ichiyonagi Marsh: This freshwater marsh is known as the habitat of rare species such as the Fuji moss ball (Aegagropila linnaei var. yamanakaensis), the Japanese gliding frog (Zhangixalus schlegelii) and the great crested grebe.



■The Tamogi Marsh: This lagoon is separated by sand dunes from the Hiranuma River, and is the habitat of the Fuji moss ball



■The Uchi Marsh: This freshwater marsh is the smallest in Rokkasho. It freezes in the winter, attracting many people who seek to enjoy wakasagi fishing.



Japanese daylilies, the village flower



Wild animals prospering in the beautiful natural environment. (Photos: Kazuaki Ichinohe)



■Lake Ogawara and mategoya (fishing huts): The fishing huts are no longer in use, but they remain at the lake.

Preserving Our History



The history of our village has been preserved across the generations since ancient times, and we will continue to protect and pass on this history.

Rokkasho Village—a Combination of Six Communities

Rokkasho Village, which translates as "six places," was created by the merger of six communities. According to the Kimura Documents, which have been passed down through generations within the Kimura family in the former Kurauchi Hamlet for some 200 years, the name of each hamlet has a connection to a specific horse. Since ancient times, Rokkasho Village has been known as a producer of fine horses—it produced a legendary horse called Ikezuki during the Kamakura period, which became the war horse of Minamoto Yoritomo. It is said that each hamlet's name has a connection to this horse. The area where Ikezuki departed from was named "Deto" meaning "place of origin." Another hamlet, "Takahoko" or "hawk stand" was so named because Ikezuki's height was about as tall as the stands for hawks to perch on in Takamachiba. "Hiranuma," meaning "flat marsh," derives from the horse's back being as flat as marshland while "Obuchi," translated as "mottled tail," was named after the pattern on the horse's tail. "Kurauchi," meaning "to make a saddle" was the location where Ikezuki's saddle was produced, and finally, "Tomari," or "overnight stay," is the area where the people who came to collect Ikezuki stayed.



Curved-nose clay mask from the late Jōmon period (Kamiobuchi Site). *There is a replica in the Rokkasho Village Museum.

Nationally-designated Important Cultural Property (in the category of archaeological materials): Red-lacquered pottery with lid from the late Jōmon period found at the Ōshitai Site (housed at the Aomori Prefectural Archaeological Artifacts Research Center). *There is a replica in the Rokkasho Village Museum.



Rokkasho Village Museum Website: <http://www.r-kk.com/>
In Rokkasho Village, many sites from the Jōmon, Yayoi, and Heian periods have been excavated. The museum offers special exhibitions based on the history and culture of Rokkasho Village, trekking tours along the Tomari Coast, and fun hands-on workshops where participants can learn how to make earthenware or build fires.

Life in the Jōmon Period

Rokkasho Village is home to as many as 150 archaeological sites, including the Tominosawa Site and Ōshitai Site. In particular, the former is thought to have been a large settlement with approximately 500 households between 4,000 and 4,700 years ago. The Ōshitai Site was a settlement in the Jōmon period, and children's handprints and footprints have been discovered there.

It is said that Rokkasho Village is home to many archaeological sites from prehistoric times. Excavations carried out under the Mutsu Ogawara Development Plan revealed valuable archaeological sites and artifacts, including earthenware from the beginning of the Jōmon period. In addition to these excavated artifacts, other valuable items are preserved in the public museum, including log boats that were used to catch abalone and seaweed until the 1950s. These archaeological sites are very valuable sources for learning about locals' lifestyles in the Jōmon period.

Sugae Masumi and Obuchi no Maki

In the winter of 1793, a man visited Rokkasho Village to see Obuchi no Maki, the farm of Obuchi as featured in the Gosen Wakashū anthology of traditional Japanese poems from the mid-Heian period. This man's name was Sugae Masumi (1754-1829), a traveler in the Edo period. He spent about two weeks in this village starting on the 30th day of the 11th month in the lunar calendar, while making poems and paintings about local nature and people in this village coated by blankets of snow.

Log Boats

In Tomari District, log boats were used to catch abalone and seaweed until the 1950s. They were most commonly made and used from the Meiji to Taisho periods. This type of boat has a shallow bottom, making it resistant to wind and therefore more convenient for fishing than other types of boats. Indeed, log boats are a testament to our ancestors' wisdom and creativity. One log boat has been designated as a National Important Tangible Folk Cultural Property.

Passing Down Traditional Performing Arts and Culture

Rokkasho Village preserves and passes on our historical and cultural resources. Traditional performing arts, including Kagura dance, have been passed down through the generations in Tomari, Deto, Tokusari, Chitose, Chitosetai, Hiranuma, Kurauchi, Nakashi, Obuchi, Obuchihama, Futamata, and Muro-nokubo, each of which has a preservation society engaged in protecting these cultural assets and bringing them to future generations.

Every spring, Rokkasho Village holds a performance festival with folk performing arts to promote the local forms of Kagura and lion dances to people from other districts while strengthening the ties among the preservation societies. Featuring dance performances by members of the societies and local children, the festival is popular among residents.



Masumi Sugae, Obuchi no Maki (Manuscript copy housed at the Akita Prefectural Museum) Illustrations of 'The Geysers of Tomari' and 'The Fishing Huts of Obuchi'

Portrait of Masumi Sugae (Housed at the Akita Prefecture Odate City Chuo Library)



Log boat (Housed at the Rokkasho Museum)

Kagura

Rokkasho Village is home to Kagura dance, which has been passed down in each hamlet through the generations since ancient times.

The major categories of Kagura dance are "Dai Kagura" and "Yamabushi Kagura," which have further subdivisions such as "Hayachine" and "Nohmai" that vary by hamlet.

Kagura dance is performed as a dedication to the shrine on festival days. On New Year's Day, Kagura dancers go around the neighborhood, wishing prosperity for each household. To protect this traditional culture, the village has designated Kagura dance as an intangible cultural asset. Members of these preservation societies are working to pass this practice down to the next generation.



Hiranuma Kagura Dance Preservation Society



Hiranuma Kagura Dance Preservation Society



Shinzan Gongen Dance Preservation Society



Kurauchi Children's Kagura Training Society



Hiranuma Children's Kagura Society



Tomari Kagura Society



Tomari Ondo Nagashi Odori Dance Preservation Society



Rokkasho Ondo Dance Music Preservation Society



Kurauchi Children's Kagura Training Society

Enjoying Festivals



Salmon catching (Rokkasho Industry Festival)

At Rokkasho's festivals, we enjoy the four seasons and praise nature while filled with happiness. We deepen our bonds by sharing joys and delights as we widen our circle of interactions.



Fireworks and a laser lightshow illuminate the night sky (Tanoshimube! Festival)

Besides local traditional occasions, Rokkasho Village accommodates many events with international flair attracting visitors of different nationalities. There are festivals where the whole village comes alive and festivals that deepen the exchange between residents, leading to a high number of visitors every year.



Stage dance performance (Rokkasho Industry Festival)



Parade of floats (Tomari Annual Festival)



Festival-eve vigil (Tomari Annual Festival)

Tanoshimube! Festival (early June)

Tanoshimube! Festival is Rokkasho's flagship spring festival that accommodates people of all ages, featuring a fireworks and laser light show with music, the Tanoshimube Kids' Marathon, the Rokushu Special Lottery, comedy shows, and much more.

Tomari Annual Festival (July 18th-20th)

This festival is jointly held by the Kihozan Shrine and the Suwa Shrine to pray for maritime safety and a good haul of fish. Parades of mikoshi (divine palanquins) and floats tour around the town, starting from the Suwa Shrine on the first day and from the Kihozan Shrine on the last day. The port festival is held on the middle day, when Tomari Fishing Port is lined with rows of stalls and adorned with fireworks. Here, people can get a full taste of the port's traditions and charm.

Energy Park Marathon (last Sunday of September)

Many participants from across Japan run through a local trail featuring energy-related facilities for nuclear, solar, and wind power that exist in harmony with the mountains, ocean, and rivers within lush nature. This event qualifies for Japan's official half-marathon rankings.

International Cultural Exchange Fair (mid-October)

This event is representative of the international flavor of the village, where foreign residents introduce the culture of their countries. At booths set up for each country, visitors can greet and chat with foreign residents in their native language, play games, and participate in various other activities.

Rokkasho Cultural Festival (end of October)

This popular cultural festival offers a stage for performers to show off their dance, music, and choral performances as well as the art they have worked on for the past year.

Tokusari New Soba Festival (late October)

This festival is held right after the buckwheat harvest in autumn and features soba (buckwheat noodles) handmade by local residents. While enjoying the view of an idyllic rural landscape featuring a water mill called "Ikko-an" with a thatched roof, visitors can get a taste of the aromatic soba made with the newly harvested buckwheat. These noodles are made from freshly-ground buckwheat, and are prepared and cooked on-site.

Rokkasho Industry Festival (early November)

In this festival, visitors can fully enjoy Rokkasho's agricultural and marine products through a wide range of hands-on experiences. Activities include bare-handed salmon catching in the festival's signature event, savoring barbecued dishes featuring generous portions of Ogawara Beef, and enjoying the morning market.

Recreational Sports Festival (Date varies)

This festival provides opportunities for people to enjoy playing new sports such as shuffleboard and ground golf. These new sports accommodate people of all ages and levels of fitness owing to their recreational nature.



Energetic kids running through the park (Tanoshimube! Festival)



Many runners participate from across Japan (Energy Park Marathon)



Culmination of a year-long practice (Rokkasho Cultural Festival)



International culture and theatrical performances (International Cultural Exchange Fair)



Enjoy various new sports (Recreational Sports Festival)



Savor aromatic soba noodles (Tokusari New Soba Festival)



Exhibition booth by country/International Cultural Exchange Fair

Promoting Exchange



The whole of Rokkasho Village promotes international exchange utilizing its unique, appealing environment. These initiatives nurture curiosity about other countries.

Various Cultural Exchange Activities

In Rokkasho Village, the International Cultural Exchange Plaza "SWANY," the International Education and Training Center, and the community centers are used for cultural lessons such as language, tea ceremony, and calligraphy classes. The public library adjacent to SWANY holds some 49,000 books and hosts events including storytelling for kindergarteners and younger elementary school students.

Promoting International Exchange

Since 1994, Rokkasho Village has been in a city partnership with the town of Waren (Müritz) in Germany. The village has also engaged in continued cultural exchange with Yangyang,

South Korea through the soccer exchange program for elementary school students and intercultural exchange programs for high school students. In addition, the village offers homestay opportunities in Australia and America for elementary school students and junior high school students, respectively. Through these programs, we promote opportunities for international exchange and cultural learning.

The International Education and Training Center provides free English, German, Korean, and French lessons as well as Japanese lessons for foreign residents in the village.

The "World Kitchen" cooking classes for international cuisine, and the International Cultural Exchange Fair held during the Halloween season every year, are also very popular.



Dance performance by a delegation from Yangyang County, South Korea



Cultural exchange delegation from Waren, Germany

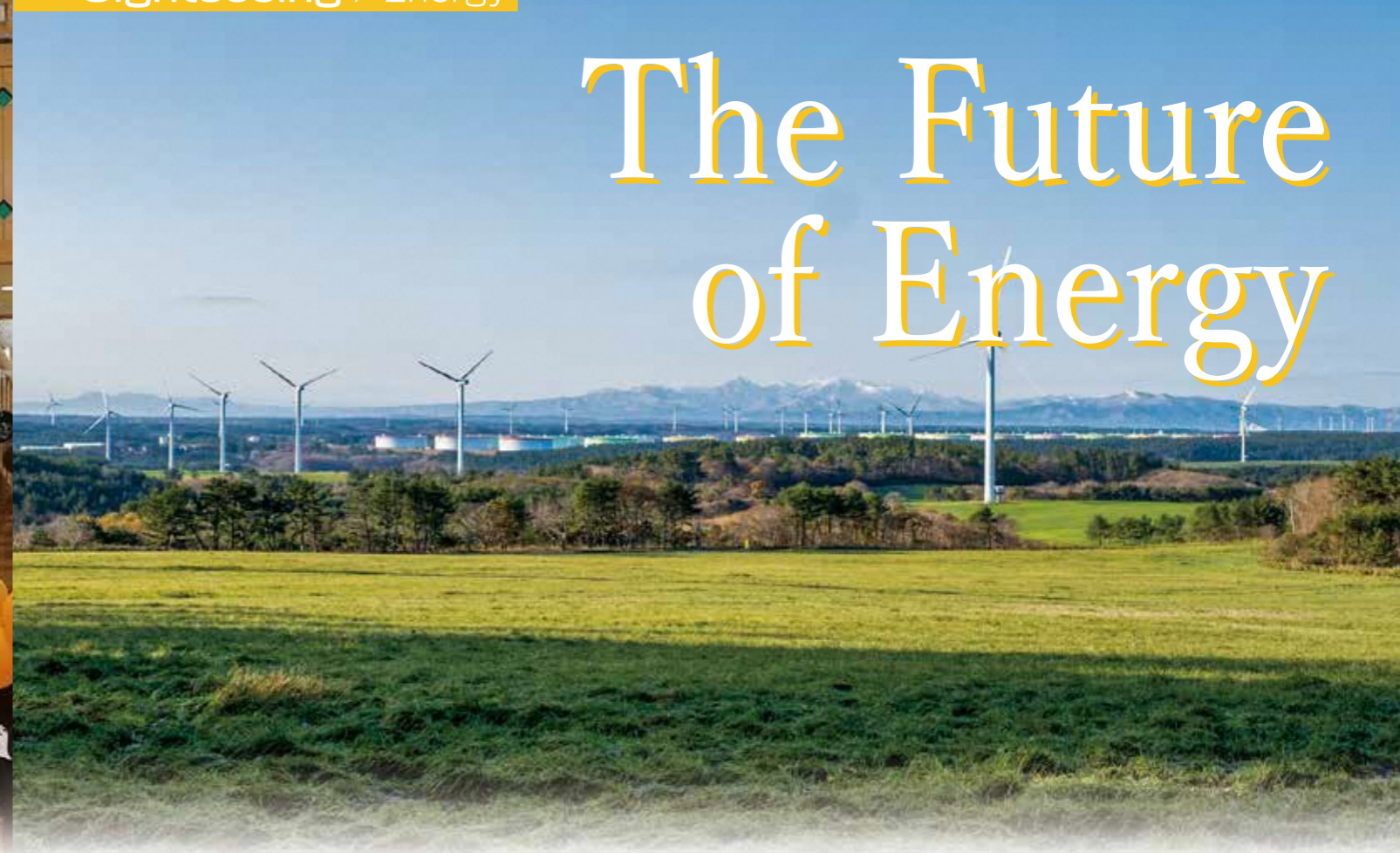


Overseas homestay program



Children having fun as they learn at an international school

The Future of Energy



We will continuously strive to build the future of Japan's energy infrastructure with initiatives to combat global warming, energy issues, and the SDGs.

Global Energy and Rokkasho Village

Initiatives are being carried out around the world for realizing carbon neutrality and decarbonized societies by 2050 and for overcoming challenges regarding the energy demand structure based on the Sixth Strategic Energy Plan.

The village has formulated the Rokkasho Village New Energy Promotion Plan to serve as the basis of our energy-related initiatives. We are working under this plan to promote measures centered on new energy sources so as to address local challenges related to industry, tourism, welfare, education, disaster prevention, and community development, as well as to realize sustainability in the local environment, society and economy, with the aim to enhance the quality of locals' lives. Because Japan has limited natural resources, the government,

academia, and industry need to cooperate in efforts to develop new energy sources. As a "Village of Energy" with a plentiful environment, it is our mission to responsibly continue our efforts in utilizing new energy sources.

Efforts for Energy and for Promoting Industry

Some 100 companies have established their offices in the village since the inception of the Mutsu Ogawara Development Plan as a national project, and they all help drive the formation of a creative area that uses science and technology to make global contributions. Energy-related companies are invited to Rokkasho Village and are building offices here, bringing new jobs and sparking interpersonal exchanges that help nurture the energy industry in the village and neighboring regions.



Visitors can see a real wind power generator



Expansive mega solar panels

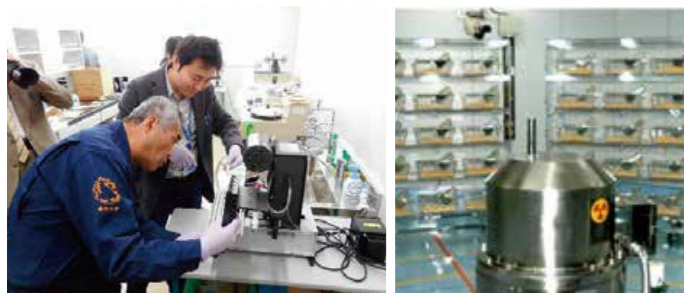


An electric vehicle



Nurturing Talent to Sustain the Village of Energy

Rokkasho Village is actively engaged in talent development by utilizing our favorable business environment featuring clusters of energy-related facilities from different fields. In collaboration with the Tōhoku University Graduate School of Engineering, which has built a site in Rokkasho Village, we visit local elementary, junior high, and high schools to teach the students about energy, radiation, and other topics. We also offer opportunities for junior high school students to visit the university on its open campus days and participate in exchange programs with its students. For local elementary and junior high schools, we offer tours of energy-related facilities in the prefecture, as well as lectures. Through these activities that promote education about the environment and energy, we provide ample learning opportunities to help diversify the knowledge of local children who will become the future leaders of the village.

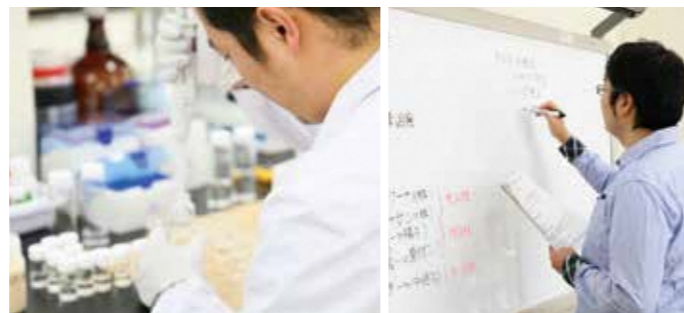


There are also state-of-the-art R&D initiatives underway for advanced uses of radiation. (Rokkasho Branch, Department of Quantum Science and Energy Engineering, School of Engineering, Tōhoku University Graduate School)

Equipment used for irradiating mice



Remote experiment with Cadarache of the French Alternative Energies and Atomic Energy Commission, at the International Fusion Energy Research Centre



Rokkasho Branch, School of Engineering, Tōhoku University Graduate School: This location is used for research activities to utilize new sources of nuclear power, including advanced separation techniques for high-level radioactive waste and advanced uses of radioisotopes, as well as programs for professionals studying in the Department of Quantum Science and Energy Engineering.



Opportunities for Next-Generation Science

Rokkasho Village is home to a wide range of ongoing state-of-the-art R&D initiatives. There are many R&D projects ongoing with the aim to realize fusion power—a next-generation energy source that is trending worldwide—in Rokkasho, which serves as the hub for the Broader Approach (BA) Activities, which is a joint program between Japan and Europe, and Japan's blanket development initiatives. A new hub has been established for talent development, research, and development in the field of quantum science, including work in nuclear power. This hub is being used for initiatives to utilize nuclear power for medicine and engineering using cyclotrons (and accelerators) and to develop new technologies. Being one of the few places in Japan with clusters of multiple energy-related facilities, we will continuously engage in state-of-the-art research for next-generation energy sources.

REP Rokkasho Next Generation Energy Park

In light of accelerating global warming and soaring fuel prices, there is a need to expand the adoption of new energy sources such as solar power, wind, and biomass. This demand has prompted the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) to work in designating districts with high concentrations of relevant facilities as "Next-Generation Energy Parks" to bring opportunities for many people to witness and learn about new and next-generation energy sources, and to help them better understand how next-generation energy sources should be used.



Rokkasho Next Generation Energy Park serves as the entrance to the Village of Energy. It runs a center as a point of contact for visitors and provides a park tour connecting all the facilities in the premises.

Rokkasho Village is one of the few places in Japan with high concentrations of energy-related facilities. We are home to a large number of wind power generation plants, nuclear fuel cycle-related facilities, the International Fusion Energy Research Centre, and a petroleum stockpiling base. With certification as a Next Generation Energy Park, this unique industrial zone helps locals and all residents in Japan learn about energy. We also help drive the local tourism industry and regional development by attracting people and industrial businesses from all over Japan.



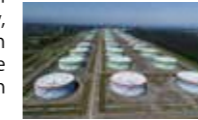
The three concepts at the Rokkasho Next Generation Energy Park

- 1. Provision of Firsthand Information**
A park where visitors can deepen their understanding by viewing and handling next-generation energy forms in "hands-on" experiences.
- 2. Former, Present, and Future Forms of Energy**
A park where visitors can understand the importance of energy by learning about the historical background and structure of energy, as well as the transitions relative to past, present and future forms of energy.
- 3. Autonomous and Cooperative Park Operation**
A park operated by facilities that maintain autonomy, yet cooperate with each other closely in terms of relaying services and information to visitors.

List of Facilities in the Next Generation Energy Park

Mutsu-Ogawara National Petroleum Reserve Base

This facility was the first petroleum reserve base in Japan and began operating in 1983 to secure a stable supply of petroleum for emergencies. Currently, this base holds enough petroleum to secure nationwide consumption for twelve days.



Rokkasho Visitors Center

Using large models and videos, this center provides easy-to-understand guides on nuclear fuel cycle-related facilities such as the Uranium Enrichment Plant, the Low-level Radioactive Waste Disposal Center, and the Reprocessing Plant.



Futamata Wind Development Co., Ltd.

This power plant consists of 34 large wind turbines with a total power output capacity of 51,000 kW. It is located near a wind turbine maintenance company and is adjacent to a training center for learning techniques to efficiently maintain wind turbines.



Institute for Environmental Sciences

This institute conducts research on the safety of nuclear fuel cycle-related facilities. It also holds experiments on the behavior of radioactive substances that emitted into the atmosphere from reprocessing plants, and it studies their impact on nature and ecosystems.



Solar-Energy Power Generation System at Rokushu Shōchū Brewery

The Rokushu Shōchū Brewery is actively engaged in wind power generation utilizing cutting-edge science and technology. The company operates a solar power generation system that utilizes polycrystalline solar modules installed on premises.



Ene One Solar Park in Rokkasho

This large-scale solar power plant (mega solar) is jointly operated by Saisan Co., Ltd., which is engaged in lifestyle-related industrial businesses centered around gas and energy, and Shinwa Energy Inc., which is engaged in the construction and operation of power plants.



Mutsusakae Wind Farm

This wind farm operates five large domestic wind turbines, generating enough electricity to power all households in the village for one year. It also has wind turbines installed on agricultural land, allowing it to coexist in harmony with local agricultural workers as it contributes to the community.



Kamikita Rokkasho Solar Power Plant

This plant is located in the development zone of the Mutsu Ogawara Development Plan in Rokkasho Village. Its panel capacity is 71 megawatts and its annual power output is equivalent to the amount consumed by approximately 13.3 thousand households.



Mutsu-Ogawara Wind Farm

Taking advantage of the region's strong wind throughout the year, this wind farm operates 21 windmills and boasts one of the largest power output capacities in Japan, with a total output capacity of 31,500 kW (approximately 58 million kWh per year).



Rokkasho Fusion Institute, National Institutes for Quantum Science and Technology (International Fusion Energy Research Centre)

This facility is engaged in state-of-the-art research and development initiatives in nuclear fusion to provide support for the experimental reactor ITER in France, and for the next prototype reactor scheduled for power generation tests to follow after ITER, with the aim to realize fusion energy as soon as possible.



Eurus Rokkasho Solar Park

This is one of Japan's largest solar power plants, with approximately 510 thousand solar panels installed across 253 hectares—equivalent to about 50 Tokyo Domes—in the Takahoko district and Chitosei-kita district of Rokkasho Village.



Aomori Prefecture Quantum Science Center

This facility was established by Aomori Prefecture as a hub for talent development and R&D programs in a wide range of fields within quantum science, including nuclear power. The center is dedicated to developing talent with expertise in nuclear safety, disaster prevention, radiation control, and other areas.



Finely Selected Specialty Products

Rokkasho is proud of its specialty products made with dedication using carefully selected ingredients sourced from nature.



Thanks to its geographical benefits, Rokkasho Village has established various great specialties featuring the produce of its agricultural, marine, and livestock industries. The village offers seasonal cuisine while proactively developing novel processed products. Rokkasho's specialties include marine processed products such as calamari marinated in soy sauce right on the ship as they are caught and salted sea urchins from the Tomari area that are famed

for their sweet and strong flavor; products made with Chinese yams grown in Rokkasho such as Rokushu (shochu) and "Tororo-Manju" (steamed bun filled with a mixture of white bean paste and steamed and mashed Chinese yams); and "Uni-Yokan" and "Kombu-Yokan," jellied beans made with sea urchin or kombu-seaweed. Enjoy excellent products that are the pride of Rokkasho.



Rokushu (shochu made from Chinese yams)
Rokushu is a rare shochu made from locally produced Chinese yams. Enjoy its smooth texture and subtle sweet flavor.



Rokushu Shochu Brewery



Salted Sea Urchins/Rice Bowl with Sea Urchin
Savor the sweet and strong flavor of exquisite salted sea urchins sourced from the Tomari area, a well-known sea urchin producer.



Rokkasho Seafood Champon Noodles
With plenty of locally sourced burdock and calamari, these exquisite champon noodles make for a popular seasonal dish.



Blueberry Juices and Jams
These juices and jams are produced with locally sourced blueberries and strawberries. They are perfect for gifts.



Happy Berry Cheese Cake and Cream Puffs
Made from milk sourced from the prefecture, the cheese and pastry create perfect harmony with a mildly sweet, light-flavored jam.



Tokusari Soba
At the New Soba Festival held in October, visitors can enjoy the taste of freshly prepared aromatic soba (buckwheat noodles).



Kue Lapis
This spicy and elegantly-flavored confection has been developed as a snack that goes well with alcoholic beverages.



Burdock Arare Crackers
This popular and moreish snack simply can't be beat.

Seafood Rice Bowl
This rice bowl is topped with Tomari's sea urchins and other fresh seafood.



Rocco Rice
Salad with locally sourced Chinese yam, minced calamari outlets, curry with squid ink, and calamari pasta are all served on one plate.



Rokkasho's Unique Dressings
Featuring the authentic flavors of Chinese yam, blueberry, and burdock, these savory dressings are perfect for use at home or as gifts.



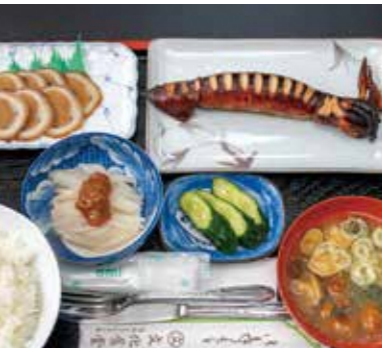
Apple Spring Roll
The combination of crunchy wrapper, soft custard, and crisp apple is truly appetizing.



Moromi Baked Cheese Cake
This rich flavored cheese cake is made using the fermented mash for Rokushu, a shochu made from Chinese yams.



Shibori Shiokara/Baked Shellfish
Shiokara (fermented seafood) contains plenty of calamari, salmon, and shellfish baked in miso, and is a perfect snack for the evening. The plump pickled flounder is also an addictive delicacy.



Meal Set with Pickled Calamari
This luxurious meal set includes a whole Japanese flying squid processed on board fishing ships.



Fisherman's Octopus Tsukune
Featuring a generous portion of locally sourced octopus, this tsukune (Japanese grilled meat-ball) dish is perfect for nibbles or as a children's snack.



Nanakura Etto Carrot Juice
This juice is made with 100% Hitomi carrots that boast an exquisite level of sweetness achieved by leaving them in the ground over the winter. Enjoy the sweet and mild yet fruity flavor.

"Obuchi no maki" Packed Lunches
These gorgeous bento boxes are packed with plenty of seafood and mountain food, and are available in three different types: "Oku no maki," "Nogai," and "Arano."

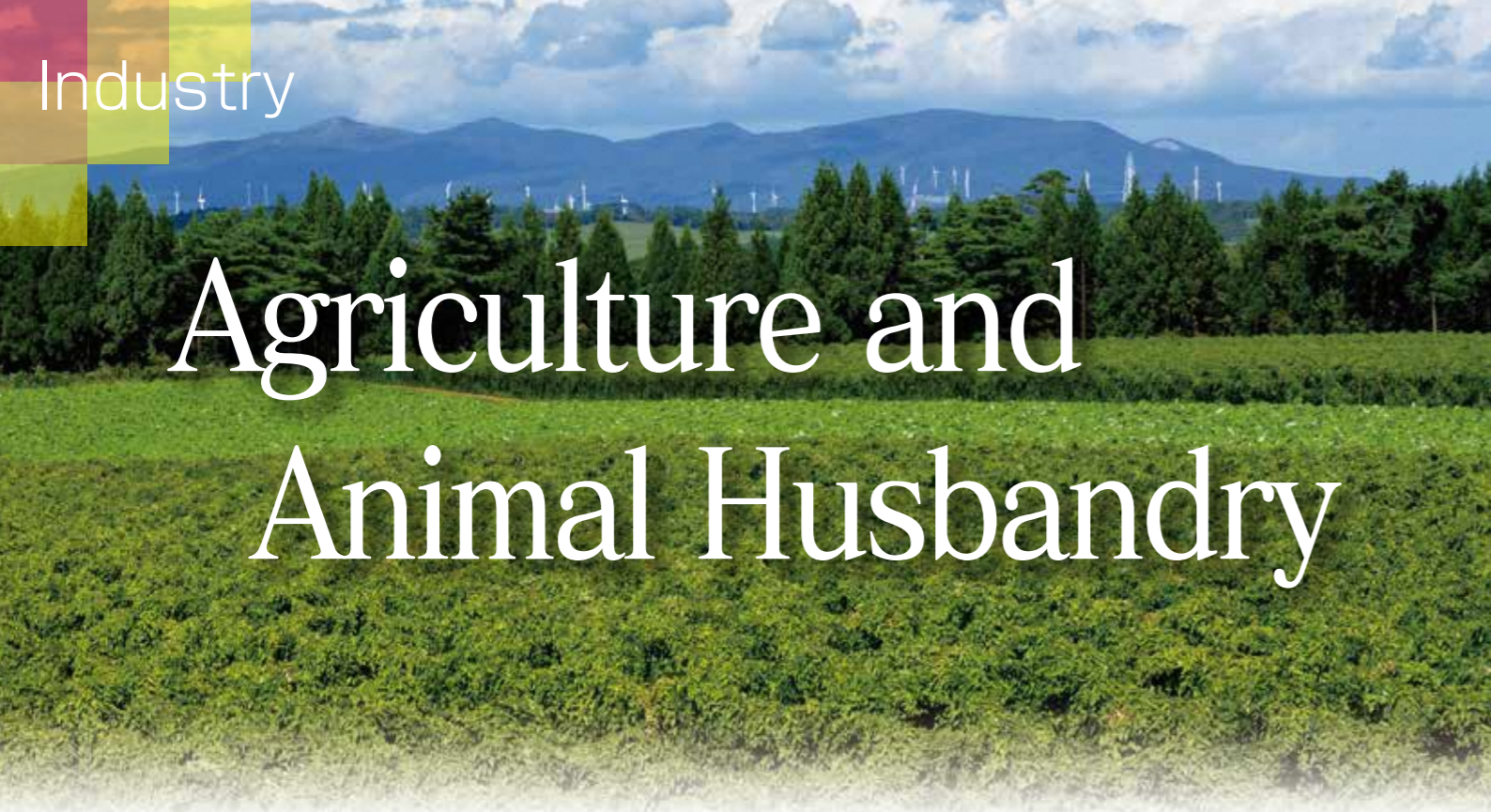


The "Aomori Variety" Packed Lunches
A large rice bowl with a crunchy mix of deep-fried calamari and vegetables sourced from Rokkasho.



"Bikkuri Gyoten Don" (surprisingly big bowl of rice)
This lunch box is packed with colorful ingredients sourced from Rokkasho and other parts of Aomori Prefecture.

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry



Field of Chinese yams

Our agricultural and animal husbandry industries are blessed with the local geographical features and vast natural land. We are committed to building sustainable industrial systems by utilizing smart agricultural technologies and nurturing future generations of talent.

Due to the influence of cold northeasterly Pacific winds, or yamase, Rokkasho Village has been concentrating on growing winter-hardy crops such as Chinese yams and burdock for a long time. Aomori Prefecture ranks first in Japan in both production area size and shipment of Chinese yams, which are the village's signature specialty. Root vegetables such as burdock are also commonly grown in Rokkasho. Locally sourced Chinese yams and burdock are processed into different products such as shochu, snacks and dressings, which are the village's popular signature specialties. In an effort to save manpower and secure labor for the agricultural industry, we are promoting smart farming initiatives, including the automation of agricultural machinery and utilization of drones. Rokkasho has also launched the Council of Young Farming Business Owners to nurture future generations of talent and promote the sustainability of the industry. Rokkasho Village is home to the largest dairy production area in the prefecture, where cattle are raised freely surrounded by lush and tranquil nature before they and their milk are shipped across the country.



Dairy cattle grazing freely in a vast natural environment



Rice harvesting



Elementary school students harvesting Chinese yams in a program organized by the youth league



The rotary parlor system can milk a large number of cows at the same time



Daikon radish harvesting



Automated cow milking machines automatically detect the presence of cows

Fishing Industry



Tomari Fishing Port

In Rokkasho, the fishing industry has developed from solely catching fish to sustainably raising them. In this way, the blessings of the ocean are passed on to the next generation.

Rokkasho's coastal waters, characterized by the intermingling of warm and cold currents, are a paradise for sealife. From summer to the beginning of autumn, Japanese flying squid, mackerel, and other fish are collected, while in the autumn and winter, salmon and spear squid can be caught. There are also marshes and streams in Rokkasho in which salmon, trout, Japanese dace, and other fish wandering in from the Pacific Ocean can be found. Basket clam fishing is practiced in the Takase River, and wakasagi fishing is held at the Uchi and Tamogi Marshes. The Tomari area features high quality sea urchins and abalone as well as abundant edible seaweed species such as "kombu," "wakame," and "funori." In an effort to promote sustainable fishing practices, the village has launched the Council of Young Fishing Business Owners, which is engaged in initiatives for securing successors and acquiring state-of-the-art technologies. To recover the amount of caught fish, we are focused on efforts to raise the sealife population, such as by releasing basket clams, cultivating abalone seedlings, and installing fish reefs for spear squid to spawn on.



Squid fishing boats preserved through the generations



Ice manufacturing plant



Pulling up fish nets in fixed-net fishing



Sea urchin catching in the Tomari area on the first day of the season



Sorting a big haul of mackerel



Releasing young salmon

Commerce and Industry



Rokushunkan, a specialty product store

We are working on the development of distribution channels for shipping local products across Japan, but our first priority is to optimize our commercial system for local residents.

For example, the Shopping Mall "REEV" was built in Obuchi Laketown with the convenience of village residents in mind. The newly opened local specialty store Rokushunkan has also made locally sourced delicacies available for a wider range of people, including Chinese yams along with other vegetables and seafood. The morning markets held in the Tomari and Obuchi areas attract many visitors seeking fresh vegetables and seafood in the early morning. The mobile supermarket Ojiro was launched to help locals who cannot easily access grocery stores and to revitalize the local economy, and it has gained strong popularity across the village. We are also actively inviting companies from Aomori and other prefectures to establish their operations in Rokkasho to create jobs and contribute to the growth of companies in the surrounding regions.



Rokushunkan hosts various fairs



Amori Hana Kobo



A morning market with many visitors



Shopping mall "REEV"



This store cultivates flowering plants throughout the year



Mobile store "Ojiro"



Lounge space (Nihongennen Fureai Plaza) at REEV

Initiatives for the SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) at Rokkasho Village

Rokkasho Village aims to achieve sustainability in the local environment, society, and economy.

Having declared our aim to build a SDG-focused community through the "Declaration on SDGs Japan Model," the 4th Rokkasho Village Comprehensive Promotion Plan, and the Rokkasho Village Town, People and Work Creation Comprehensive Strategy, Rokkasho Village is committed towards comprehensively addressing various social, environmental, and economic problems. In the energy field, we have formulated the Rokkasho Village New Energy Promotion Plan, which lays the foundation for the entire

village's efforts to promote new energy sources. This plan outlines our initiatives to build a sustainable community by solving local issues in a wide range of areas, including the new energy industry, sightseeing, welfare, education, the environment, disaster prevention, and community building, with the aim to improve the quality of locals' lives.



1	Strengthen the economy by fostering unique and diverse industries	2	2030 Climate Action	8	Decent Work and Economic Growth	9	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	14	Life Below Water	15	Life on Land
2	Enhance human resources by nurturing talent and culture that will support our future	4	Quality Education	[Overall goal] Nurture talent to build a sustainable society							
3	Enhance our sense of security by creating lifestyles where people can stay healthy and active	1	Peace and Justice	2	Zero Hunger	3	Good Health and Well-being	10	Reduced Inequalities		
4	Enhance our capabilities for safety by preparing for all possible types of disasters	11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	16	Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	3	Good Health and Well-being				
5	Enhance the power of the natural environment by protecting, nurturing, and passing on the precious nature around us	12	Responsible Consumption and Production	6	Clean Water and Sanitation	7	Affordable and Clean Energy	13	Climate Action		
6	Enhance the living environment by building a convenient and comfortable community	11	Sustainable Cities and Communities	9	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	6	Clean Water and Sanitation				
7	Improve our capability to collaborate through cooperation between the government and private sector to promote sustainable business operations	17	Partnerships for the Goals	5	Gender Equality	10	Reduced Inequalities				

"Find the treasures of your hometown"—Education for a Sustainable Future

As part of our efforts to drive a self-sustaining virtuous cycle and build a sustainable community, we are integrating the SDGs into school education. In particular, Rokkasho Village Minami Elementary School offers unique educational programs under the initiative "Project MINAMI."

In the class of integrated studies, children are tasked with finding the strengths of Rokkasho Village under the following motto: "Find good things about our friends and treasures of our hometown. Work in a team. Present information clearly and concisely."

As part of these initiatives to promote the strengths of Rokkasho, children in a joint school excursion between Minami Elementary School and Chitose Tai Elementary School shared information on Rokkasho that they had collected with their schoolmates, and they created their own unique advertisement brochures after discussions. These brochures are available in two types: one with a jigsaw-puzzle-style that features six (or "roku" as in "Rokkasho") recommended destinations and the other one with a Snakes-and-Ladders-style board game layout where each space features a recommended local spot. Both brochures are charming and are brimming with the children's love for their hometown.

Local schools also offer programs for children to learn about electricity and energy, letting them tour local energy facilities, make motor cars that run on batteries, and try riding in an EV.

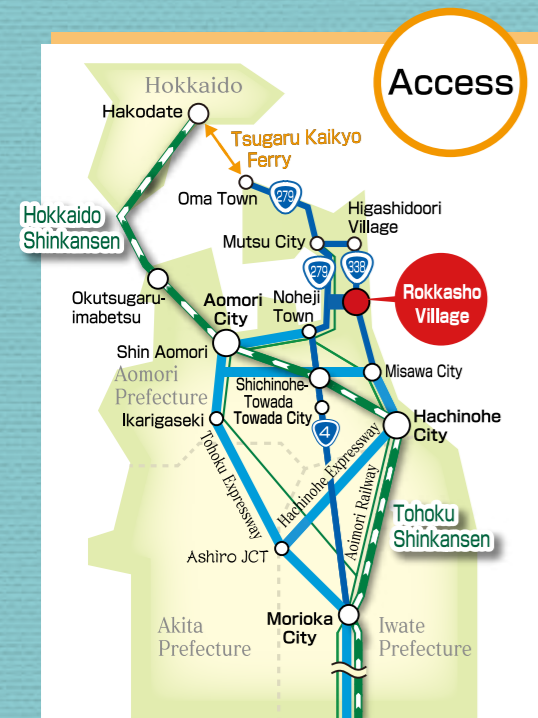
Through these experiences, children learn about the connections between the environment, economy, and society as well as about the SDGs.

These initiatives to nurture talent are "local treasures" that are essential for building a sustainable community in Rokkasho Village.



Map of Rokkasho Village, a nature-rich location filled with smiles

Mutsu Bay



Access

By Car		By Tohoku Shinkansen (bullet train)	
Aomori - Rokkasho:	1h 40min	Tokyo - Shichinohe-Towada:	3h 10min
Noheji - Rokkasho:	40min	Sendai - Shichinohe-Towada:	1h 30min
Shichinohe - Rokkasho:	60min	By Local Train	
Misawa - Rokkasho:	50min	Hachinohe - Noheji:	45min
Hachinohe - Rokkasho:	1h 20min	Aomori - Noheji:	45min
Via Tohoku Expressway		By Ferry	
Morioka - Hachinohe:	1h 30min	Hakodate - Oma:	90min
Sendai - Hachinohe:	3h 30min		

Shared Taxi (one way, per person)
 Fare Adult: 3,500 yen
 *1,750 yen for elementary school students, free for children under 6 years old.
 Booking Tel.: 0175-77-3086
 *Bookings are accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the day before your trip.

Taxi Services

Tomari Kanko Taxi (Tomari)	☎0175(77)2270
Tomari Kanko Taxi (Obuchi)	☎0175(72)2224
Jukan Taxi (Obuchi)	☎0175(72)2339
Miyago Taxi Rokkasho Office (Obuchi)	☎0175(72)4455
Towada Taxi (Obuchi)	☎0175(72)2270
Ozora Kotsu Rokkasho Office (Obuchi)	☎0175(73)8573
Iyasaka Kanko Taxi (Obuchi)	☎0175(73)8656

Automotive Rental

Iyasaka Automobile Shop (Obuchi)	☎0175(72)3434
Toyota Rent-A-Lease (Noheji)	☎0175(64)0100
JR Rent-A-Car Shichinohe-Towada (Shichinohe)	☎0176(62)5150
ORIX Rent-A-Car Oma Ferry Futo (Oma Town)	☎0175(32)1555
Toyota Rent-A-Car Misawa Airport (Misawa City)	☎0176(57)0100
Toyota Rent-A-Car Aomori Airport (Aomori City)	☎017(739)0115



Greeting



Located along the border between the mainland and Shimokita Peninsula in the eastern part of Aomori Prefecture, Rokkasho Village is home to lush nature and energy businesses that exist in harmony.

Since ancient times, the village has been known as a producer of famous breeds of horses, The famous horses Obuchi no Koma, which was featured in ancient poems, and Ikezuki, which was owned by Minamoto Yoritomo, are known to have originated here. Rokkasho Village was founded by combining six villages, including some locations with close connections to horses, when the municipality system was enforced in the Meiji period.

Our primary industries have been passed down from preceding generations and are still prospering. Meanwhile, locals have also been practicing dairy and root vegetable farming, as these efforts suit the cool temperatures in this region that frequently used to suffer cold damage from an easterly wind called Yamase. Today, the village is home to a leading dairy area in Aomori Prefecture. It is also a large producer of Chinese yams, burdock, and other vegetables. Our marine products include squid, salmon and clams, which are our signature primary products.

Rokkasho Village is one of the few places in Japan with clusters of multiple energy sectors together. We are committed to actively adopting the nuclear fuel cycle, solar power, wind power, hydrogen and other clean energies as we develop our village around the energy industry.

Rokkasho Village will continue its endeavors to protect the magnificent nature around us as well as industries passed down from the generations before us. We will attend to the life of each villager and bring peace and happiness to our community.

I hope this village guide will help you to understand Rokkasho Village better. I look forward to your visit to Rokkasho Village, a community full of enchantment.

Mamoru Toda, Mayor of Rokkasho Village

