

## Shikokuchuo City-the City of Paper

To the south, nestled in steep mountainous terrain, is Mt Ishizuchi, the highest peak in Western Japan. To the north is the mirror-like Hiuchi-Nada. Our city is located between these features on the coastline of the Seto Inland Sea.

From its source deep in the Ho-o Range, the Kinsei River provides a plentiful supply of clean water. The mountains are also home to the *kozo* and *mitsumata* shrubs, which are the traditional materials for paper making in this area. Blessed by these natural phenomena, Shikokuchuo City has flourished as a center of paper production since ancient times.

A diverse range of products is manufactured here, from traditional paper to synthetic fabrics to machine made paper goods. On a national level, Shikokuchuo City is highly regarded as one of the leading producers of *mizuhiki* (decorative paper twine).



● Making paper by hand



● Mizuhiki craft



● Paper processing



● Paper factory



● Synthetic (non-woven) fabrics

### 《Shikokuchuo Paper Festival》

Held on the last weekend in July each year, the Shikokuchuo Paper Festival is the biggest event in the social calendar of the Kawano district of Shikokuchuo City. It features exhibitions and markets, and the "Paper Dance" throughout the city center. Come and party with us!



Mitsumata (raw material of Japanese paper)

## PAPER MUSEUM

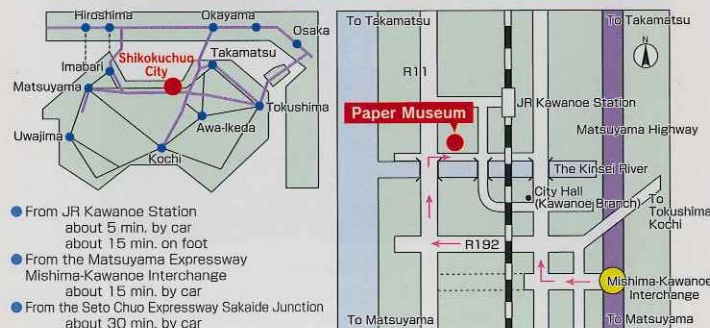
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- Opening hours 9:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM
- Admission free
- Closed on Mondays, the day following any Public Holiday and from December 29 to January 3

### ● try your hand at making Japanese paper

Participants	Opening hours	Application
Individual	Sun, Tue, Thu, Sat 13:00 ~ 16:00	Anytime
Group (more than 5)	Anytime	By appointment

### Transportation Guide



- From JR Kawano Station about 5 min. by car about 15 min. on foot
- From the Matsuyama Expressway Mishima-Kawano Interchange about 15 min. by car
- From the Seto Chuo Expressway Sakai Junction about 30 min. by car

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## The History and Culture of Paper

From the newspapers and magazines essential to today's information based society to the paper you put into your fax machine; from traditional paper Japanese decorations, to everyday necessities such as toilet paper and disposable nappies or diapers; from the paper arts and crafts which enrich our daily life to the high tech worlds of electronics and medicine, the role of paper is ever expanding.



《Exhibition Space》

Changing exhibitions show the diversity of paper and its uses. We regularly hold exhibitions of art made from *washi* (Japanese paper), as well as staging unique events relating to paper.



《The Paper Museum》

On the first floor is a display of the various paper products made in Shikokuchuo City, including synthetic (non-woven) fabrics and machine made paper.

On the second floor is a display which explains the paper-making process, and facilities where you can try making paper by hand. There is also a classroom for various courses.

On the third floor is a gallery of local paper craft and other exhibitions on the theme of paper. Please pay us a visit and experience the fascinating world of paper!



《Study room》

We host courses in a range of paper-related arts and crafts including *mizuhiki* craft, layered *washi* pictures etc. Feel free to join in!



《Display Room 3 : The journey from raw material to finished product.》

This display shows how "*washi*" (traditional Japanese paper) is made. There are also examples of hand-made paper.



《Display Room 1 : Paper products》

See the various products made in Shikokuchuo City including the world's largest sheet of newspaper and goods made from "*mizuhiki*" (decorative paper twine). A selection of those goods are for sale.



《Make your own paper!》

Scoop up the floating paper fibres with a traditional frame, then tilt it gently to spread the fibres evenly across the base. Drain off the water, take it out of the frame and dry it. At the Paper Museum you can try this yourself. A postcard only takes 10 minutes to make!



《Display Room 2 : Synthetic fabrics and machine made paper.》

Non-woven fabrics play an important role in the fields of medicine and industry. Machine made paper is important to the fields of electronics and biotechnology. Together they have unleashed new potential for paper.

