

Museum Information

Open Hours : 9:00-17:00(last entry by 16:30)

Closed days : Year-end and New year (December 29-January 3)

Admission fees

Adults <including University students>500 yen (400 yen)

High school students 400yen (300yen)

Elementary and junior high school students 300 yen (200 yen)

Pre-elementary is free.

The fees shown in parentheses are group rates.

<more than 15 people>

Transportation

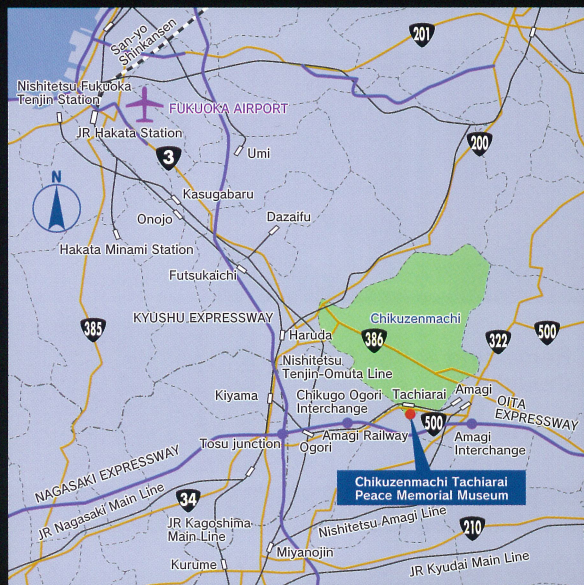
Trains: About 5 minutes walk from Tachiarai station, the closest from the museum, on the Amagi Line

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Cars: 10 minutes from the Chikugo Ogori IC or the Amagi IC of Oita Expressway

Parking (Free of charge): On-site parking available for 90 cars and 5 buses



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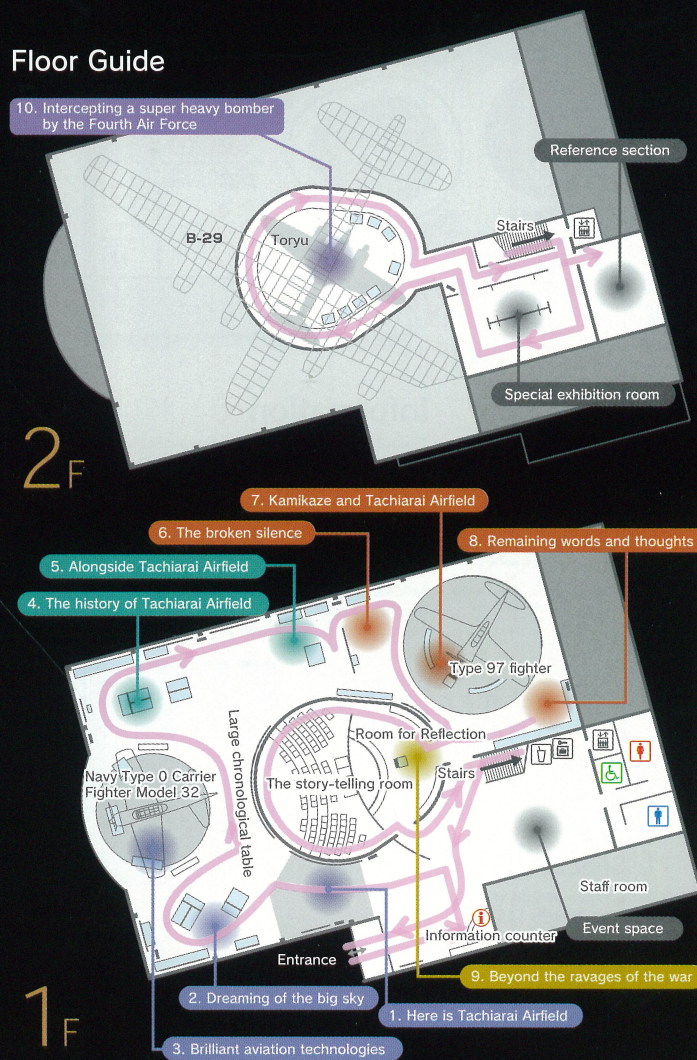
Introduction

There was once a large military garrison centered on Tachiarai Airfield which the Imperial Japanese Army boasted was the greatest airfield in the East. This big military town played an important role in history but ultimately suffered devastating damage from US military air raids resulting in many people including civilians being killed.

This airfield also acted as a place of transit for many young Kamikaze pilots destined to carry out their suicide missions.

This Chikuzenmachi Tachiarai Peace Memorial Museum, as "The station of despatching information longing for peace", will continue to provide information and send out peace messages recognizing with gratitude that our current peace and prosperity are founded on the ultimate sacrifices of those mentioned above. We hope with your heart and soul you can feel gratitude to those who made such a sacrifice and can appreciate the importance of peace.

Floor Guide



The station passing on information about the importance of peace to future generations

Chikuzenmachi Tachiarai Peace Memorial Museum

A message for future generations



Tachiarai Airfield

Introducing the history of the period between 1919 (Taisho 8) and 1945 (Showa 20) when Tachiarai Airfield existed as the air base of the army in western Japan focusing on the aviation history.

Outline of the airfield and aviation technologies

1. Here is Tachiarai Airfield

The large aerial photo spread on the floor gives you an idea of the location and scale of the airfield and surrounding facilities.

2. Dreaming of the big sky

Display of many model airplanes such as an imaginative prototype aircraft called "Shinden" which never saw active service. Introducing people's passions for airplanes.



"Shinden" (model)

3. Brilliant aviation technologies

Introducing the excellent pre-war Japanese aviation technology through a real Zero fighter which is the only one still in existence in the world.



Zero fighter undergoing maintenance in the factory



Navy Type 0 Carrier Fighter Model 32
(The only existing example of this fighter in the world)

Tachiarai Airfield and the lives of the people

4. The history of Tachiarai Airfield

Conveying the reality of the past by displaying genuine articles of the period and real people's testimony that tell the history of the airfield including its role as an aviation base and its use as an educational facility.



Tachiarai Airfield

5. Alongside Tachiarai Airfield

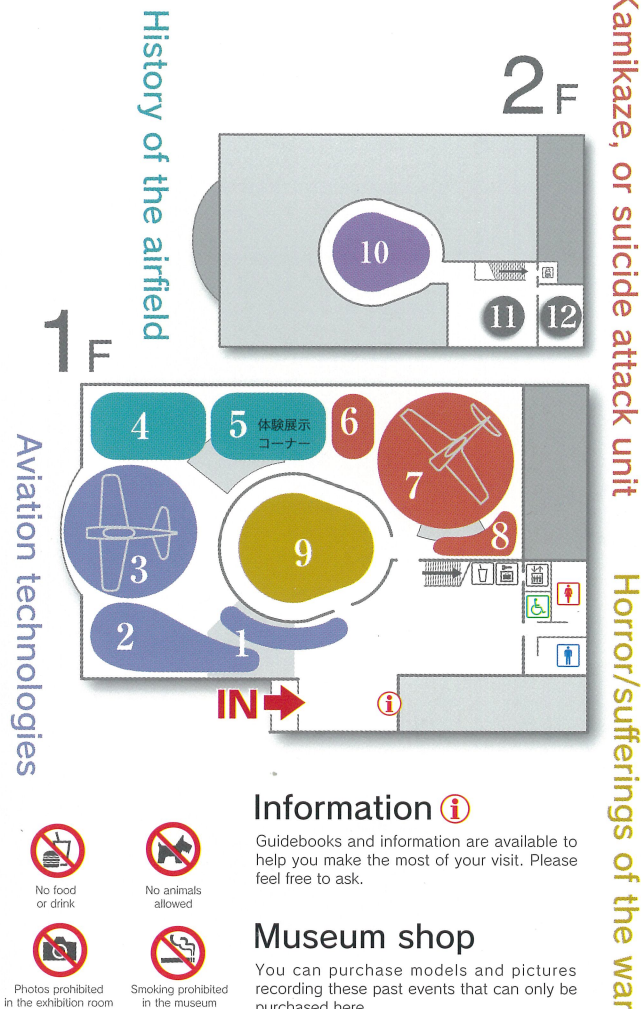
Introducing the vibrancy of the area including the busy shopping street and the well-developed train system brought about by the completion of the airfield.

Interactive exhibition space

In the tatami mat area you can get hands on experience of the textbooks and toys which children were using before and during the war.



Inter
active



No food or drink



No animals allowed



Photos prohibited in the exhibition room



Smoking prohibited in the museum

Information

Guidebooks and information are available to help you make the most of your visit. Please feel free to ask.

Museum shop

You can purchase models and pictures recording these past events that can only be purchased here.

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10. Intercepting a heavy bomber by the Fourth Air Force

You can compare the size of the B-29 hung from the ceiling with that of the interceptor called Toryu.



Toryu attacking B29

11. Special exhibition room

In this section, various projects are displayed that are periodically updated so you can see something new whenever you visit.

12. Reference section

You can read valuable books that have been donated including books about the history of the war or aviation technology.

The time of destiny

The facilities suffered devastating damages from air raids on the airfield and many lives were lost. Consider the importance of peace by reflecting on the tragedy of the war, which should never be forgotten.

Air raids on Tachiarai and the Kamikaze

6. The broken silence

Showing the base and town destroyed by air raids as well as telling the tragedy of young children's lives that were taken.



The broken silence display section

7. Kamikaze and Tachiarai Airfield

Introducing the Kamikaze pilots of Sakura-dan models that left on suicide missions from Tachiarai Airfield as well as the revived "type 97 fighter" with its dramatic destiny.

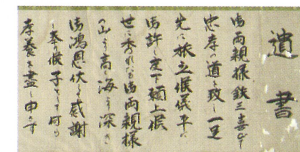


Sakuradanki, or a Japanese special aircraft with a huge built-in bomb on its back

Type 97 fighter (the only existing example of this aircraft in the world)

8. Remaining words and thoughts

Introducing the letters and suicide notes the soldiers left for their beloved families.



Room for Reflection

9. Beyond the ravages of the war

Here is a room showing portraits to commemorate victims of air raids and soldiers who died during the war and who had some connection with the airfield. Some portraits of deceased American soldiers, which are provided by bereaved families, are shown here as well.



The story-telling room / theatre

The story-telling room / video theatre

Recitals by volunteers and a showing of the video "Tachiarai 27th March 1945"