

Kumamoto University Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School exhibits documents concerning the Fifth High School's history, education, student life, and graduates.

The present museum building was constructed in 1889 as the Fifth High (Higher-Middle) School's main classroom building. In 1969, the museum building was designated as a national important cultural property, together with the chemical laboratory and the front gate.



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About the Fifth High School

From 1886 to 1887, Japan was divided into five school districts, each of which established a state-run higher middle school bearing its school district number as its name. In 1894, these schools became high schools.

The high schools aimed to provide preparatory education to boys advancing to imperial universities and to give specialized education in medicine, law, and engineering. The combined enrollment capacity of the imperial universities was almost equivalent to that of the high schools.

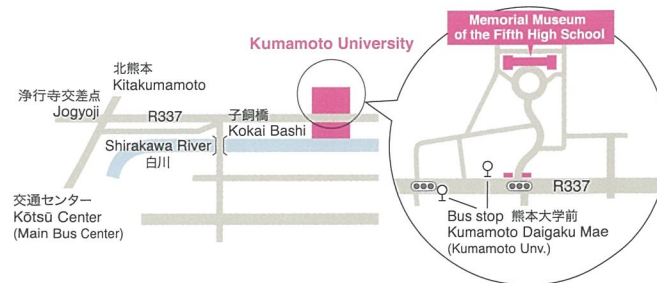
Following the educational system reforms in 1950, old-system high schools were merged into imperial universities and other higher education institutions to form our present-day universities, thus ending their long history.



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- Open** | 10:00 ~ 16:00 (Last entry 15:30)
- Closed** | Tuesdays, New Year holidays
The museum may be opened or closed on an irregular basis depending on events held at Kumamoto University.
- Admission** | Free
- Access** | 20 minutes by bus from Kōtsū Center (Main Bus Center)
25 minutes by car from the Kumamoto JR Station
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五高記念館

Memorial Museum of the Fifth High School
Kumamoto University





Original Building



Professors and Graduates



Kazuhisa Akizuki



Jigoro Kano



Patrick Lafcadio Hearn



Soseki Natsume



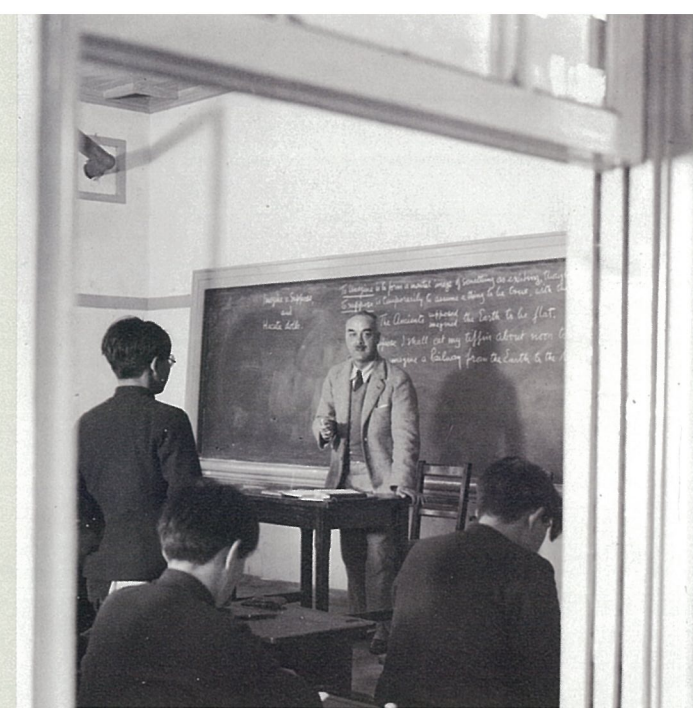
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History of the Fifth High School

- 1887** April Kumamoto is chosen as the site of the Fifth Higher Middle School.
- August The Faculty of Medicine is established in Nagasaki.
- November The first entrance ceremony is held.
- 1889** August Completion of the Fifth Higher Middle School's main building.
- 1890** September Kazuhisa Akizuki begins teaching Japanese and Classical Chinese Literature.
- October The grand opening ceremony of the school is held.
- 1891** August Ministry of Education Councilor, Jigoro Kano, the founder of judo, is appointed the third principal.
- November Lafcadio Hearn begins teaching English and Latin.
- 1894** September The school is renamed the Fifth High School.
- 1896** April Natsume Kinnosuke (Natsume Soseki) begins teaching English.
- 1897** April The Faculty of Engineering is established.
- 1901** April The Faculty of Medicine becomes autonomous and is renamed the Nagasaki School of Medicine.
- 1906** March The Faculty of Engineering becomes autonomous and is renamed the Kumamoto Higher Technical School.
- 1921** April Graduation proceedings are moved to March and admissions to April.
- 1937** October The school celebrates its 50th anniversary.
- 1943** October A send-off party for 47 students departing for the war front is held.
- 1945** August World War II ends.
- 1948** March The final announcement of the examination results. Four female students are admitted for the first time.
- 1950** March The Fifth High School is officially abolished.



English class



Study in a dormitory

Student Life



At a coffee shop

