

## Hakata Old Town

### Decorative Manhole Cover MAP



#### 1 Traditional Crafts (Hakata Dolls, Hakata Tops, and Hakata Hariko Papier-Mâché)

Location: On the sidewalk across from the Hakata Traditional Craft and Design Museum

This manhole cover depicts Hakata dolls, Hakata tops, and Hakata Hariko papier-mâché—all traditional crafts that represent Fukuoka and Hakata. At the nearby Hakata Traditional Craft and Design Museum, visitors can enjoy exhibitions and hands-on activities showcasing the skills of local artisans.

#### 2 Hakata Sennen-no-mon Gate (Sennemon)

Location: Near Hakata Sennen-no-mon Gate

This manhole cover depicts Hakata Sennen-no-mon Gate and Sennemon, a mascot who promotes the attractive features of Hakata. Completed in March 2014, Hakata Sennen-no-mon Gate welcomes visitors to the area's temples and shrines. Its name honors Hakata's rich history and expresses a wish for prosperity for the next thousand years. Sennemon is a mascot modeled on Hakata Sennen-no-mon Gate who helps spread the word about Hakata's history and culture far and wide.

#### 3 Jotenji Temple (Sentotai Garden)

Location: On the sidewalk along Jotenji Street

This manhole cover depicts Sentotai, the rock garden at Jotenji Temple. Jotenji is a Zen temple that was founded by Shōichi Kokushi (Enni). Sentotai is a dry landscape garden with white sand representing the Genkai Sea and greenery representing mainland China. The garden can be viewed during special events.

#### 4 Tochoji Temple (Five-Story Pagoda)

Location: On the sidewalk in front of Tochoji Temple

This manhole cover depicts the five-story pagoda at Tochoji Temple. Tochoji is known as the first temple founded in Japan by Kūkai (Kōbō Daishi). Built entirely of Japanese cypress and framed by cherry blossoms in the spring, its five-story pagoda is one of Hakata Old Town's signature sights.

#### 5 Hakata Machiya Folk Museum (Machiya Townhouse, Rickshaw, and Lantern)

Location: Near Entrance 3 of Kushida Shrine Subway Station

This manhole cover depicts Hakata Machiya Folk Museum. A four-minute walk from Kushida Shrine Subway Station, this museum introduces life and culture in Hakata, focusing mainly on the Meiji and Taisho eras (1868-1926). Visitors can explore the surrounding area by rickshaw and enjoy Hakata Old Town's historic streets adorned with lanterns.

#### 6 Hakataza Theater (Kabuki Makeup and Lantern)

Location: On the sidewalk in front of Hakataza Theater

This manhole cover depicts kumadori, the distinctive makeup used in kabuki, and the lanterns that symbolize Hakataza Theater. Opened in 1999, Hakataza is one of Kyushu's largest theaters dedicated to stage performances, hosting a wide variety of productions, including kabuki and musicals.

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