Experience the history of Kumamoto through virtual reality “Kumamoto through the ages” See, hear, and touch the Story Palace as you enjoy a drama that crosses time and space.

Before you visit the castle, experience the history and culture of the region.
Slip back in time to the old Kumamoto Castle, and discover the Heart of Higo

Wakuwaku Za - Kumamoto through the ages
An easy-to-understand introduction to Kumamoto’s fascinating history and the castle town, from Kato Kiyomasa’s entry into Higo to the Satsuma Rebellion.

Introduction to Kumamoto Castle
Discover the spiritual core of the Kumamoto people hidden in the “six ornamental flowers” of Higo, and see Kumamoto Castle in all its glory.

1. Overview of Kumamoto Castle
2. The warrior garden “Higo’s six ornamental flowers”
   The exclusive garden that nurtured the warriors of Higo.

Lounge with the view of Kumamoto Castle

A story of nation building—The era of Kato Kiyomasa
Who was Kato Kiyomasa, recognized as a leading politician and one of the key figures in the development of modern Japan? An introduction to the man and his achievements.

Kiyomasa enters the Kumamoto domain
Based on in-depth research of the history of Kumamoto, from the collection of Kato’s historical materials to the magnificent frescoes of the central hall, the three-floor turf, the battle before Kumamoto Castle.

The story of Kiyomasa:
The story of Kumamoto Castle through the ages
The story of Kiyomasa’s rise to power, his battles, and the fall of the castle.

The story of Higo’s next improvement

A story of culture and the sword—The era of the Hosokawa clan
This exhibit introduces the achievements of the Hosokawa clan, nurturing the people and culture and spreading the foundations laid by Kato Kiyomasa. The Hosokawa clan brought a balance of literary and military arts, setting the direction of future Higo history and cultural development.

1. Restoration Image of Kumamoto Castle
2. Sunshin-dō (The Life and Legacy of Sunshin)
3. Experience the life of Kumamoto royalty
4. Blossoming Hosokawa culture

A story of culture and the sword—The era of Kato Kiyomasa

Wakuwaku Za Story Palace
An entertaining combination of videos, historical materials and live performances, sure to delight.

The broad canvas of history centered on Kumamoto Castle is presented in theatrical form:

- Half a Century of General Kato Kiyomasa, valiant for his loyalty, over the 15th century, as the symbol of the Satsuma Rebellion.
- The story of Kato’s rise to power and the building of Kumamoto Castle.
- The story of the Ronin and the battle for independence.
- The story of the battle against the Satsuma Rebellion.

- Hosokawa Clan’s Sakin Kōtai Kingdom By Sea
   - The story of Kiyomasa’s rise to power and the rise of the Hosokawa Clan.
   - The story of the Hosokawa family and their contributions to the story of Kumamoto.

- Great Men of Kumamoto
   - The story of the great men who shaped Kumamoto Castle over time, and the many events that took place there.

Lounge with the view of Kumamoto Castle

The story of Kumamoto Castle through the ages
Tales of Kumamoto Castle during and after the Meiji Restoration, concentrating on the Satsuma Rebellion.

1. Satsuma Rebellion
2. Famous historic person with a story
3. A year in Kumamoto Castle
4. Kumamoto Castle revival

Visit the transformation of Kumamoto Castle over time, and the many events that took place there.