# Food Products of KUMAMOTO(Kyushu)

- 2020 JETRO Food Export Business Meeting in Kumamoto -



### Agricultural Products

- -Kumamoto (Kyushu) is known for its abundance of highquality rice, veggies, fruits such as noteworthy are Kyushu's tomatoes, strawberries, melons, sweet potatoes, pears, tangerines, and tea.
- -Stringent quality control ensures product safety—Continuous quality control efforts are made in pesticide-free production

















Source: the Kyushu Regional Agricultural Administration Office



#### Shochu/Sake

- -Kumamoto (Kyushu) is a major production center for Shochu, a distilled alcoholic beverage.
- -Shochu is produced from a variety of ingredients, including rice (Kuma Shochu) barley (Iki Shochu), and sweet potatoes (Satsuma Shochu).
- -Shochu produced in Kyushu has international brand protection by WTO's designation of its place of origin.
- -Sake is produced mainly in northern and central Kyushu.







Photos taken from the website "Kyushu Tourism Information"

# Livestock/ Fisheries

- -Branded livestock products: Beef, pork, chicken, and eggs.
- -Fisheries products highly evaluated abroad: Yellowtail, mackerel, sea bream, and seaweed











Source: (Upper)Kyushu Regional Agricultural Administration Office; (Lower) "Kyushu Tourism Information"



#### Processed Food

- -Processed foods made from a variety of livestock/fisheries products in Kyushu using high-quality water
- <Examples>
- -Rich and savory condiments (soy source, miso···)
- -Variety types of sweets, both Japanese-style & Western confectionery
- Juice, dairy products, wheat flour.
- Noodles featuring pork bone broth(Tonkotsu)







#### where's KUMAMOTO?

- -Located at the center of Kyushu Island.
- -Leading farming region...the 6th largest agricultural output in 47 prefectures in Japan.
- -Produce a wide variety of processed food from diverse local ingredients
- -Yield and produce food with abundant groundwater from Aso, certificated Global Geopark -Groundwater covers entire water supply of Kumamoto city.



#### **KYUSHU** Island

- -The gateway to Asia···located in the southwestern part of Japan
- -One of leading farming regions with 1.7 billion USD agricultural output, 20% of the total in Japan.
- Area: 39,599 km² (the same size as Switzerland)
- Population: 13.2 million (approx. 10% of Japan's population)
- Gross regional product: approx. US\$400 billion (equivalent to the GDP of Turkey or Belgium)

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Click the link below for further information on food culture, natural attractions, and the history of Kumamoto and Kyushu.

Kyushu Tourism Info (JP, EN, KR, CH, TH)
<a href="http://www.welcomekyushu.jp/">http://www.welcomekyushu.jp/</a>
Official Kumamoto Tourism Guide(JP, EN, KR, CH, GE, FR)
<a href="http://kumanago.jp/">http://kumanago.jp/</a>

