

Tsubamesanjo “Open-Factory” Map

Meet the craftsmanship
of Tsubamesanjo.

What is “Open-Factory”?

Open Factory is an initiative that enables customers to take a close look at the sites where craftspeople work and create things.

Experiencing the craftsmanship, which you cannot usually do, must be valuable entertainment, and you will also learn about the appeal and value of the products you use.

By opening up the factories where people are normally not invited, workers can reaffirm the value of their work and products, and gain joy and satisfaction by interacting with customers and listening to them. The connection between the manufacturers and the customers will create a new community in the local area. Enjoy your factory tour of the Tsubamesanjo area!

1.TOJIRO OPEN FACTORY, Tojiro Co., Ltd.



Business details
Kitchen knives (for business and general household use) and cooking utensils
Manufacture and sale of special blades for machinery, kitchen utensils and kitchen scissors

Among the traditional and technical Japanese kitchen knives, we are skilled at producing stamped knives. We are one of the top-rated manufacturers of knives using compound material. Tojiro Knife Gallery carries the entire product lineup and provides maintenance.

■ 9-5 Higashisakae-cho, Yoshida, Tsubame, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-93-4195 ■ <https://tojiro.net/>
■ About 15 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 10-minute walk from JR Yoshida St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Not required except for guided tours / Parking for 10 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 10:00-17:00 [Shop]10:00-18:00
Closed: Sundays and national holidays (sometimes on Saturdays)

2.MINORU METAL WORKS



Business details
Specializing in metal spinning, handling from trial to medium-lot production

Metal spinning is a process to mold a single metal plate into axially symmetric parts by manipulating a metal rod, utilizing the principle of leverage. We are striving to train new craftspeople to prevent our techniques from disappearing due to a shortage of successors. We are a group of young people in our 20s and 30s. We value building long-lasting relationships with our clients.

■ 995 Kotaka, Tsubame, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-47-1364 ■ <https://minoruseisakusyuo.jp/>
■ About 8 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 15-minute walk from JR Tsubame St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Required / Parking for 5 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 9:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays

3.Tsubame-City Migakiya Ichibankan



Business details
Training successors of the metal polishing industry / Offering workshops

We are a facility that offers training for future successors of metal polishing industry, which has laid the foundation for the metal processing industry in Tsubame city. We also aim to encourage entrepreneurship in the area and disseminate the metal polishing techniques. The instructors are certified as prominent engineers by the local government. With a reservation in advance, you can tour the facility and experience metal polishing.

■ 3633-7 Koike, Tsubame, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-61-6701 ■ <http://www.tsubamekenma.com/>
■ About 10 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Required / Parking for 3 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 9:00-12:00, 13:00-16:00
Closed: Sundays and national holidays (sometimes on Saturdays)

4.MGNET Co., Ltd. / Takeda Kanagata Seisakusho Co., Ltd.



Business details
Sale of the original brand, FOR / Offering workshops for experiencing some copperware techniques and making Western tableware

Based in Tsubamesanjo, we provide social design and promote creating an environment that brings about a fun and interesting virtuous cycle for the region. Our specialty shop, FACTORY FRONT, sells selected products from the region and holds workshops.

■ 14-3 Higashi-ota, Tsubame, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-46-8720 ■ <https://mgnet-office.com/>
■ About 15 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 15-minute walk from JR Nishi-Tsubame St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Required / Parking for 3 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 10:00-15:00
Closed: Not fixed (Factory tour is available only on weekdays.)

5.GYOKUSENDO




Business details
Production of copperware

Since our foundation in 1816, we have been producing Tsuki Copperware, which paved the way for Tsubame's metal processing industry. The copperware is made by hammering and squeezing a copper plate with an iron or wooden hammer. The more you use the copperware, the more it will increase its charm. Our workshop and shop are designated as a national registered tangible cultural property.

■ 2-2-21 Chuo-dori, Tsubame, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-62-2015 ■ <https://www.gyokusendo.com/>
■ About 10 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 5-minute walk from JR Tsubame St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Not required except for groups of five or more / Parking for 30 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 10:00, 11:00, 13:00, 14:00, 15:10
Closed: Sundays and national holidays

6.Kondo Mfg. Co., Ltd.




Business details
Production, repair and sale of hoes and gardening equipment

We are a blacksmith specializing in forging hoes for over 100 years. Continuing the wisdom and techniques that our predecessors cultivated throughout history, we pursue high-quality products with robustness and durability that can withstand any type of duty. We value the production of genuine tools which fit in your hand better so that you can use them longer.

■ 2165-9 Inokoba-shinden, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-45-2269 ■ <http://www.kuwa-kaji.com/>
■ About 10 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About 10 minutes by car from Sakae Smart IC.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Required / Parking for 5 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 8:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
Closed: Sundays and national holidays (sometimes on Saturdays)

7.Sanjo Blacksmith Training Hall



Business details
Continuing traditional blacksmithing techniques / Offering workshops

We are established in 2005 as a training facility to pass on the traditional techniques and craftsmanship of Sanjo to the next generation. We aim to make people aware of what blacksmithing is, pass on our knowledge and revitalize the area. You can experience making Japanese nails.

■ 11-53 Moto-machi, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-34-8080 ■ https://kajidojo.com
■ About 10 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 3-minute walk from JR Kita-Sanjo St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Not required except for groups of four or more / Parking for 30 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 9:00-17:00 (Last entry is 15:30)
Closed: Mondays (if Monday falls on a national holiday, the next day is closed) and year-end and New Year holidays

8.Leger Co., Ltd




Business details
Planning, production and sales of titanium accessories

Founded in 1997, we plan, produce and sell titanium cast accessories, which are rarely seen anywhere in the world. Our artisans explain the production process in the factory tour. In the workshop, visitors can enjoy making earrings or bracelets.

■ 6-16 Minami-shimbo, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-34-9150 ■ <https://www.leger.co.jp/corp/>
■ About 20 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 5-minute walk from JR Sanjo St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Required / Parking for 7 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 10:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and National holidays (Open on the third Saturday of each month)

9.Hocho-kobo TADAFUSA




Business details
Integrated production and sales of household and commercial kitchen knives

Since our foundation in 1948, we have been wholeheartedly implementing each production process by hand in order to provide excellent products. We are proud to have many loyal users domestically and internationally for our Hocho-kobo Tadafusa series represented by the bread knife whose blade has little waves, household knives, professional knives and soba knives, as well as other products.

■ 27-16 Higashi-Honjjo, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-32-2184 ■ <http://www.tadafusa.com/>
■ About 20 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About 15 minutes by car from Sakae Smart IC.

Factory tour: Contact required / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Please contact us in advance to check if a factory tour is available since our tours are not always available. / Parking for 10 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 9:00-11:30, 13:00-16:30 [Shop] 9:00-17:00
Closed: Sundays, year-end and New Year holidays and during the Obon holiday in August

10.SUWADA OPEN FACTORY




Business details
Production and sales of plier-shaped nail clippers

We strive to produce nail clippers focusing on the function inherent in edged tools, namely sharpness. You can freely observe the handwork of our experienced craftspeople in the factory. In the shop neighboring to the factory, international travelers can receive tax-free service and purchase great-value outlet goods and our original products. You can also savor wonderful meals and coffee while enjoying the magnificent scenery of Niigata.

■ 1332 Koanji, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-45-6111 ■ <https://www.suwada.co.jp/>
■ About 20 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About 15 minutes by car from Sakae Smart IC.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Not required / Parking for 40 cars
Opening hours: [Factory] 10:10-12:10, 13:00-17:30 [Shop] 10:00-18:00 [Cafe] 10:00-17:00 [Restaurant] 12:30-14:00
Factory and restaurant closed: Sundays, Mondays, national holidays, April 1, during the Obon holiday in August and year-end and New Year holidays Shop and cafe closed: April 1 and year-end and New Year holidays

11.MARUNAO CO., LTD.




Business details
Production of chopsticks, cutlery and stationery

Founded in 1939, we have been producing chopsticks out of hardwood such as ebony and rosewood, taking full advantage of their characteristics. Following the trajectory of our predecessors who made wood sculptures that decorated temples and shrines, we are further exploring the possibilities of wood. We devote ourselves to producing highly elaborate products by using our outstanding skills.

■ 1662-1 Yada, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-45-7001 ■ <http://www.marunao.com>
■ About 20 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About 10 minutes by car from Sakae Smart IC.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Not required / Parking for 80 cars (Motorcoach parking available)
Opening hours: [Factory] 9:00-12:00, 13:00-17:30 on weekdays, 10:00-12:00, 13:00-17:30 on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays
[Shop] 10:00-19:00 Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays (Please check with us in advance)

12.Aida Godo Factory Co.,Ltd.



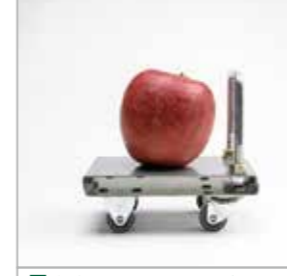
Business details
Planning, development and production of farm and gardening tools

We continue to produce best-quality farm and gardening tools suitable for the climate of Japan, pursuing the craftsmanship of Tsubamesanjo's blacksmiths that has been passed down for generations. Taking pride in being a master of hoe making, we stubbornly stick to work on each product by hand even in the modern age of mechanization. We carefully forge steel and produce only what we believe will satisfy customers.

■ 1-7-4 Tajima, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-33-0192 ■ <http://www.kuwaya.com>
■ About 10 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 15-minute walk from JR Higashi-Sanjo St.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Required / Parking for 5 cars
Opening hours: 9:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays

13.NOZAKI Limited



Business details
Manufacture of metal and resin products

Founded in 1902, we handle hardware parts for household furniture, ping pong tables and wheelchairs. Currently we are manufacturing agricultural and architectural parts. Focusing on metal pressing and spot welding, we aim to provide entertainment that makes both buyers and producers happy.

■ 2134-1 Tsukanome, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-32-3667
■ <https://nozakilimited.co.jp/>
■ About 13 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.

Factory tour: Yes / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Required / Parking for 5 cars
Opening hours: 9:00-12:00, 13:00-17:00
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays

Please note the following points when you visit factories.

- Please follow the instructions of staff and enter designated areas only.
- Consumption of alcohol prior to a visit to factories is prohibited.
- From the viewpoint of safety, please wear clothes and shoes that are easy to work in.
- Please do not wear high heels or sandals because they may cause a fall. Please refrain from wearing skirts or loose clothes that may get caught in operating machinery.
- Please avoid wearing clothing that leaves your skin exposed as some machinery will generate a considerable amount of heat.
- Please follow the instruction of staff regarding the procedure of the factory tour and handling of your baggage.
- Please check with staff before taking photographs.
- Eating, drinking and smoking are permitted only in designated areas.

Factories take no responsibility for any injuries or accidents caused by visitors' careless actions.
Please pay enough attention to prevent accidents.

14.Tsubame Industrial Materials Museum




Business details
Conveying the history of the development of the metal processing industry in Tsubame

We convey the history of Tsubame's industry that began in the early Edo period with Japanese nail making by exhibiting many artifacts such as a restoration of former Tsuki copperware workshop, artworks of skilled artisans and so on. You can appreciate the 400-year history of the industry of Tsubame's metal processing techniques through our latest video. Visitors can also experience the artisan skills at the workshop hall by applying for activities such as creating hammered patterns on a copper beer cup, anodizing a titanium spoon and so on.

■ 4330-1 Omagari, Tsubame, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-63-7666 ■ <http://tsubame-shiryukan.jp/>
■ About 5 minutes by car from JR Tsubamesanjo St. and Sanjo-Tsubame IC.

Factory tour: No / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Not required / Parking for 167 cars (Motorcoach parking available)
Opening hours: 9:00-16:30
Closed: Mondays (if Monday falls on a national holiday, the next day is closed), the day after a national holiday and year-end and New Year holidays

15.Tsubamesanjo Regional Industries Promotion Center




Business details
Sales of a variety of products made in the Tsubamesanjo area

We work as a hub to develop new products and techniques for the industry in the Tsubamesanjo area, one of the world's leading metal processing areas. We also provide information for visitors on the area's industry and tourism. Our store carries approximately 10,000 products made locally, ranging from those made with traditional techniques to ones with cutting-edge technology.

■ 1-17 Sugoro, Sanjo, Niigata ■ +81-(0)256-32-2311 ■ <https://www.tsjiba.or.jp/>
■ About 5 minutes by car from Sanjo-Tsubame IC.
■ About a 5-minute walk from JR Tsubamesanjo St.

Factory tour: No / Shop: Yes / Experience: Yes / Reservation: Not required except for knife sharpening workshop/
Parking for 350 cars (Motorcoach parking available) Opening hours: 9:30-17:30
Closed: The first Wednesday of each month and year-end and New Year holidays

16.Tsubamesanjo Wing



Business details
Providing information on Tsubamesanjo's industry and tourism

We exhibit and sell Tsubamesanjo products, which boast excellent designs and high quality, including Good Design Award winning goods. We also provide free Wi-Fi network, computers and videos, so that visitors can relax and obtain tourism information.

■ 502-3 Shimosugoro, Sanjo, Niigata (2nd Floor of JR Tsubamesanjo Station)
■ +81-(0)256-34-7310
■ <http://www.tsubamesanjo.jp/wing/> ■ 2nd Floor of JR Tsubamesanjo Station

Factory tour: No / Shop: Yes / Experience: No / Reservation: Not required
No parking (Please use the paid parking lot at the station.)
Opening hours: 10:00-18:30
Closed: December 30-January 1

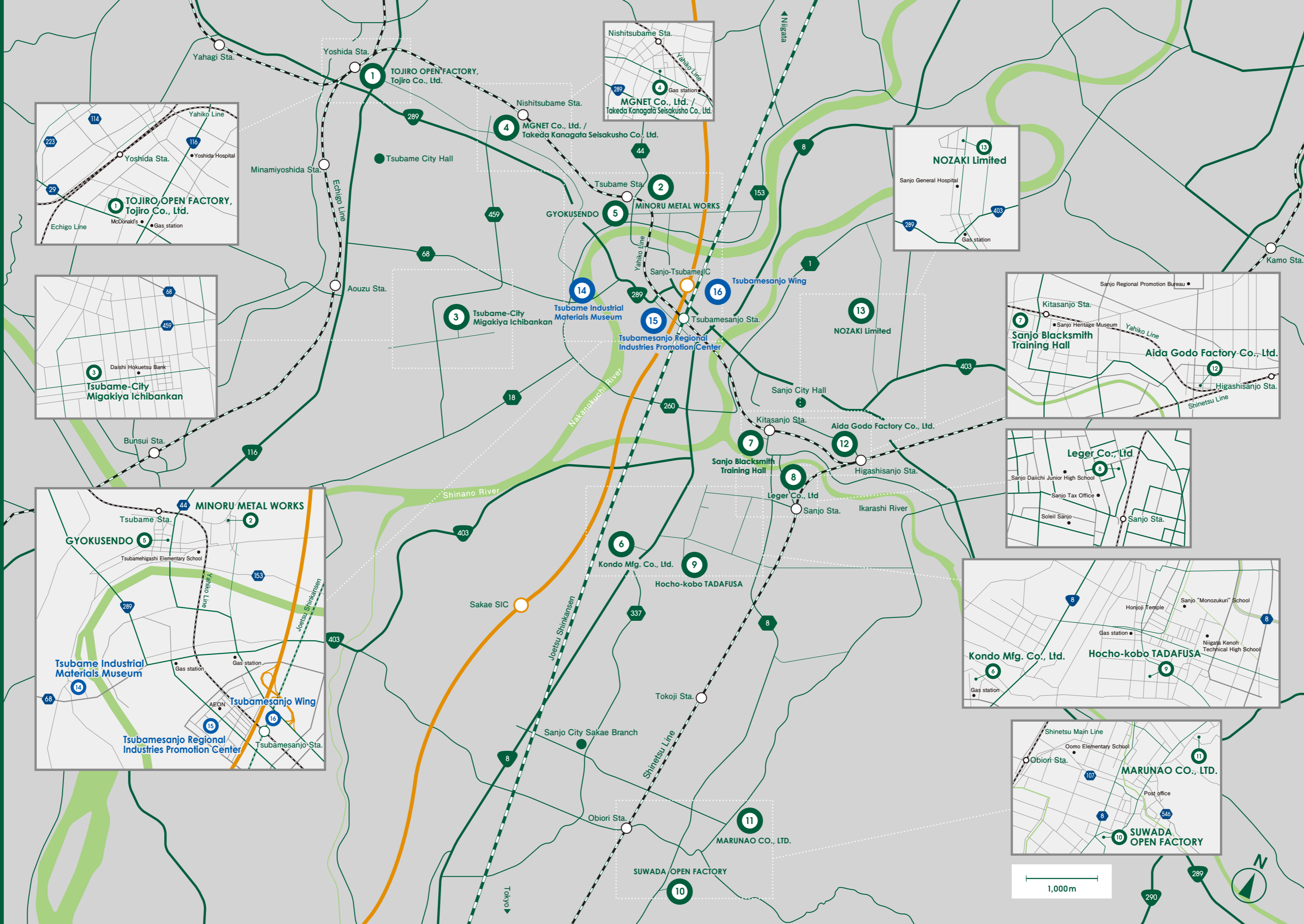
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