



A filming location of TV show "Ama-Chan"

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Main Attractions

Kuji city is famous for "Ama-Chan". "Ama-Chan" is a Japanese TV drama series on NHK, Japanese national public broadcasting organization. Kuji is now known to nationwide as a main filming location for this TV show. Kuji city was appeared in this drama as a fictional town called "Kitasanriku city" and it was filmed in 5 cities of the north part of Iwate prefecture coastline. Why don't you come to Kuji to experience the world of "Ama-Chan"?

Location/View	24-110-2,Ube-cho,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-8111 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 20 min. via car from port (9km)		
Season	Summer	Parking for tour buses	3 buses
Related links	KUJI,Iwate Tourist Information Site http://www.visit-kuji.jp/index.html		

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Hiraniwa Kougen

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Hiraniwa Kougen is a plateau spreading through the city boundary with Kuzumaki-Mach and has an elevation of 800 meters. In Hiraniwa Kogen, a forest of birch trees spread across 4km along both sides of National Route 281 and it features an area of approximately 300 hectare filled with more than 3,000,000 white birch trees. Hiraniwa Kougen is a place of scenic beauty designated as the prefectural nature park where you can enjoy the beauty of nature throughout the year.

Location/View	20-13-1,Rainai,Yamagata-cho,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-8605 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 60 min. via car from port (39km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	5 buses
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Kosode Ama Center

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Ama in Kuji is known as the female divers of the northern limit. Ama means female divers who dive into the ocean to catch sea urchins. Some of experienced female divers can dive 10 meters deep with one breath. Kosode Ama center is the place you can see the actual diving demonstrations by those female divers. They do demonstration diving for tourists for 3 month from July to September.

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Mifune Judan Memorial Hall

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This is a Memorial Hall of Kyuzo Mifune who is known for his invention of superhuman feat called "Kuki Nage". He was local of Kuji city and awarded the 10th grade which is the highest rank of Kodokan(the worldwide headquarters of Judo sect). At the memorial hall, you can learn about Mifune's achievement of building the foundation of modern Judo and his life and history. There is also a Judo gymnasium right next to the memorial hall where you can watch locals take lessons in Judo every day.

Location/View	5-20-230,Kawanuki,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-8605 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 18 min. via car from port (6km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	4 buses
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Kuji Amber Museum

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Shopping

Kuji Amber Museum is the only amber museum in Japan where you can learn about Amber through various aspects of nature, culture or art. They have Amber Lab where you can actually see, touch and feel the fascination of Amber. The amber of Kuji city is about 85million years old from the latter part of Cretaceous period of Mesozoic era. This is the amber of the oldest of its kind in the world to be used in making jewelries. At the museum, not only you can enjoy shopping for beautiful accessories or crafts but also you can actually experience an excavation and making accessories of your own.

Location/View	19-156-133,Kokuji-cho,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-0056 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 20 min. via car from port (10km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	10 buses
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ICHIBI

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"ICHIBI" is a morning market, opens six days a month (3rd/8th/13th/18th/23rd/28th) and has more than 370 years of history. The market hands down the history of Kuji City flourished as the important place of transportation and culture. You can find various regional food and special products particular to the area. The best part of visiting Ichibi is chatting with local vendors.

Location/View	2-21,Nijuhachinichi-machi,Kuji-shi,Iwate MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 15 min. via car from port (4km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	
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Yamase Dofukan

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Yamase Dofukan is a road side station (Michi No Eki) located in the center of Kuji City. This is a great tourism facility with souvenir store with farm-fresh product section, restaurant and village of food stalls. It has two different buildings: "Tsuchi No Yakata"(House of Earth) where you can buy fresh local products or souvenirs and "Kaze No Yakata" (House of Wind) where you can see the gigantic float(Dashi) of Kuji Autumn Festival.

Location/View	2-5-6,Naka-machi,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-0056 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 15 min. via car from port (4km)		
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	14 buses
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Kuji Autumn Festival

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Kuji Autumn Festival is the largest autumn festival in the northern part of Iwate prefecture and known for its more than 640 years of history and tradition. It is held for 3 days from the 3rd Friday of September. There are 8 different floats and they parade the road in the central part of the city with portable shrines on the first and the last day. And the local folk entertainment/performing arts parade will be held on the 2nd day. All of the parades are so spectacular. The eve of the festival will be held on Thursday.

Location/View	1-1,Yoka-cho,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-8042 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 15 min. via car from port (4.9km)		
Season	3rd Friday-Sunday in September	Parking for tour buses	16 buses
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Hokugen no Ama festival

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It is a summer festival held in Kosode Kaigan (Kosode Shore) where uniquely shaped rocks create beautiful and magnificent scenery along the coast. There are various events at the festival such as "Sea Urchin Catching Expert contest" which you compete for the number of sea urchins you catch with small spoon net within a minute or you can see the woman diver's diving demonstration. Also there will be various seafood sales available at a reasonable price. You can enjoy so much of fresh seafood at this event.

Location/View	24-110-2,Ube-cho,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-8111 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 20 min. via car from port (9km)		
Season	1st Sunday in August	Parking for tour buses	3 buses
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Hiraniwa Bullfighting

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Hiraniwa Bullfighting is held three times a year at Hiraniwa Kougen (Hiraniwa Highland). Kuji is the only place in Tohoku region where you can see the bullfighting. The bullfighting in Kuji has 200 years of history and it dates back to Edo period. Back in the days, people used cows to carry the salt which was made at the shore nearby. When they travel, they needed a leader of the herd so the owner let cows fight to determine who the leader was and it is said that this is the origin of how bullfighting in Kuji started.

Location/View	20-13-1,Rainai,Yamagata-cho,Kuji-shi,Iwate,028-8605 MAP		
Access	Individual travel : 60 min. via car from port (39km)		
Season	Mid-May, Early June , Mid-August , Mid-October	Parking for tour buses	5 buses
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Mamebu

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Dining

It is a traditional food that is prepared for special occasion such as New Year's day or wedding. It is a soup made by boiling various vegetables and small dumplings filled with walnuts and brown sugar inside. It became famous throughout Japan when it was featured in NHK(Japan Broadcasting Corporation) TV drama series called "Ama-chan".

Location/View			
Access			
Season	Year-round	Parking for tour buses	
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Seafood

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Dining

The Offshore of Sanriku is one of the largest fishing grounds in the world. The coastal area of Kuji is great fishery of various seaweeds such as Wakame and Kombu (Kelp). And those make great seaweed bed for sea urchins or abalones to sleep and eat. There is countless number of various fishes like pacific saury or salmon caught every day at Kuji Fishing Port.

Location/View			
Access			
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FUKURAI (Sake)

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Dining

FUKURAI is the finest sake made by the local Kuramoto (sake brewer) which was founded in 1907. It has various flavors and you can experience the outstanding craftsmanship of Nanbu Toji (chief sake brewer) which is one of the three great Toji guilds in Japan. The name of this sake “Fukurai” means “Good fortune will come to you” in Japanese. I’m sure drinking Fukurai will bring you a good fortune and put a smile on your face. :-)

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