Kushiro City Museum

Kushiro City Museum presents an in-depth and fascinating look at Kushiro and its surroundings. Designed by acclaimed local architect Mozuna Kiko (1941–2001), the museum building is shaped like the open wings of a red-crowned crane. In the foyer, visitors can enjoy free art special exhibitions, while inside the museum there is a permanent collection over three floors. The first floor describes the flora and fauna of the Kushiro area, while the displays on the second floor walk visitors through Kushiro's history from prehistoric to modern times, and the top floor is dedicated to the Ainu people who once lived in the region and the red-crowned cranes.