

KYUSHU CALLING

The devastating earthquakes of April 2016 brought Kumamoto Prefecture and the wider Kyushu region to the attention of the world. Six months on we visit Kyushu to check on the status of recovery in Kumamoto and find out more about what makes this island special. Each story in the issue introduces aspects of life in Kyushu today, from cutting-edge research and development in the fields of blood medicine and magnesium alloys to the cultural legacy of the Sagara clan and the revival of the lost art of Satsuma button making.