Non-Governmental, Non-Profit-Organization TAIYOU-TO-MIDORI -NO-KAI

Activitiy Concept

Creating a Community Where Both People and Resources Can Thrive

For more than 40 years, The Sun and Green Association has operated a unique community-based recycling and reuse program in Tokushima, Japan. Our workshops and recycle shops are places where people with a wide range of disabilities work together, supported by local residents, volunteers, and public institutions.

Unlike conventional recycling businesses, we do not purchase secondhand goods. Instead, we accept donated items and collect recyclable materials free of charge. Community members can either bring unwanted items directly to us or request free pickup from their homes. These donated resources are then sorted, repaired, cleaned, and prepared for reuse by our members.

Our recycle shops welcome people of all ages and backgrounds, including children, students, families, senior citizens, and international visitors. By participating in the local circular economy, our members contribute directly to both environmental sustainability and community well-being.

Over the years, our activities have demonstrated that people with disabilities should not be limited to a choice between institutional care and conventional employment. We have developed a model that values participation, inclusion, and mutual support, breaking down traditional divisions between those who support and those who receive support.

This work is made possible through the support of local citizens, the dedication of our members, the assistance of volunteers, and the cooperation of public agencies. Although this approach remains relatively uncommon in Japan, we believe it represents an innovative social action model for future generations.

Our Mission

To create an inclusive and sustainable society where people of all abilities can contribute, work together, and participate fully in community life while protecting the environment for future generations.

"Reusing Resources. Empowering People. Building Community."

About The Sun and Green Association

Established：1 April 1971
（Activities of Recycling started in 1984）
Chairman：Sugiura Ryo
Directors：5　Auditor：1
Membership：100
Staff（salaried）：12
Handicapped Staff（salaried）：20
Volunteer Staff：20

Opening Hours

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Closed: Wednesdays

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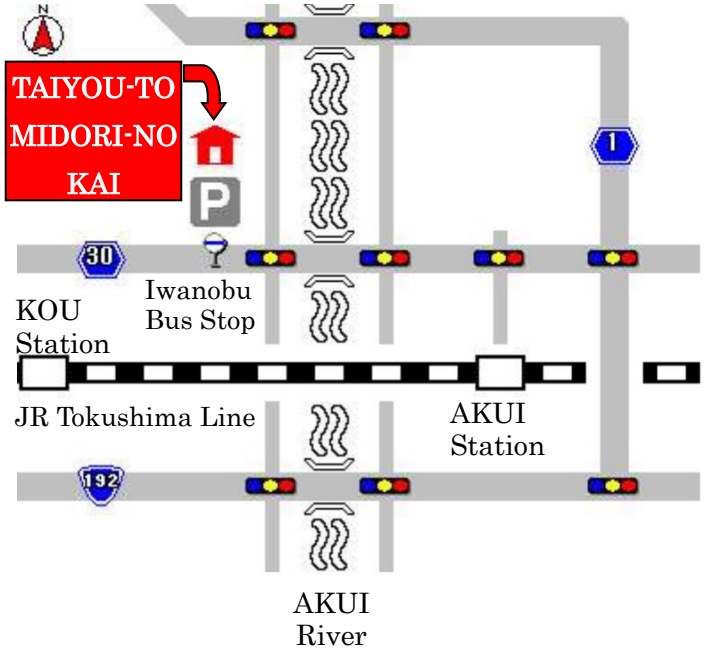
Access MAP



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How to Reach Our Headquarters

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Located approximately 50 meters west of the Naka-Akui Bridge on Prefectural Route 30. A red sign marks the entrance. Parking is available for approximately 20 vehicles.

By Bus
3 minutes on foot from Iwanobu bus stop
20 minutes on foot from Kami-Akui bus stop

By Train
15 minutes on foot from Akui Station on the JR Tokushima Line.