

Come and enjoy metal crafts in Tsubame city Niigata



About Tsubame

Tsubame has been widely known for its metalworking industry represented by metal cutlery.

The history dates back to the early Edo period (1603-1868). Since Tsubame was prone to flooding, in order to rescue rice farmers of the area, making Japanese-style nails as a side business was encouraged. Then the farmers expanded into the production of Tsuiki Copperware, files, kiseru tobacco pipes and so on. In the Taisho period (1912-1926), production of metal cutlery began thriving, and introduction of machines allowed stable manufacturing.

Today, high-quality products made in Tsubame continue to fascinate people around the world.

Here's the venue for the workshops!

Tsubame Industrial Materials Museum



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Tsubame

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Creating hammered patterns on a copper beer cup



In this workshop, hammering the surface of a copper beer cup, you make hammered patterns on it. You can try one of the processes of Tsuiki Copperware which is a traditional handicraft of Tsubame. Enjoy making your very original cup!

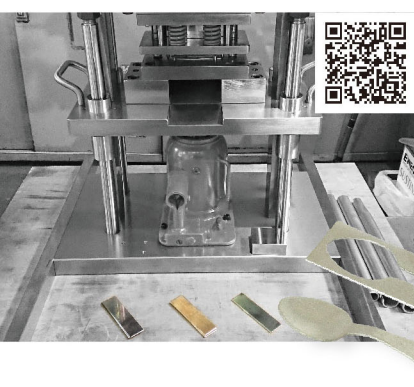
Fees	2,200yen
Required time	Approx. 30min
Capacity	20 people per session
Admission is separate.	

Creating hammered patterns on a nickel silver shot cup



Make patterns on the surface of a shot cup with a hammer. Nickel silver has been used as a valuable material in Tsubame since the Taisho period.

Fees	2,000yen
Required time	Approx. 30min
Capacity	3 people per session
Admission is separate.	



Making a nickel silver coffee spoon

Die-cut the body shape of the spoon, and dent the flat spoon to make a bowl with a manual press machine. Enjoy making a little coffee spoon in simple processes.

Fees	300yen
Required time	Approx. 10min
Capacity	3 people
Admission is separate.	



Anodizing a titanium spoon

When the current is passed through the titanium, it is anodized. This process makes the titanium color. The color of titanium changes depending on the strength of the voltage. 24 color variation is available.

coffee spoon	
Fees	700yen
Required time	Approx. 5min
Capacity	3 people
Admission is separate.	

ice cream spoon	
Fees	450yen
Required time	Approx. 5min
Capacity	3 people
Admission is separate.	

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Address	4330-1 Omagari, Tsubame, Niigata 959-1263, Japan
Tel	+81-256-63-7666
Admission	Adults: 400yen/Elementary to high school students: 100yen Group (10 or more) Adults: 300yen/Elementary to high school students: 80yen
Opening Hours	9:00am-4:30pm
Closed on	Mondays and December 29 - January 3 (If Monday is a national holiday, the museum is open on Monday and closed the following Tuesday.)
Access	○5 min by car from Joetsu Shinkansen Tsubame-Sanjo Station ○5 min by car from Hokuriku Expressway Sanjo-Tsubame IC

